

## **Information note 3: Disseminating the 1996 EHCS**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This is the third of a series of Information Notes produced by the Research Analysis and Evaluation Division for users of the 1996 English House Condition Survey (EHCS). This note provides information on where users can find results from the survey or obtain extracts of the data for their own analysis.

## 2. WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

2.1 The Department is committed to the wide scale dissemination of information from the EHCS and wishes to make the survey accessible to as wide an audience as possible in both hard copy and electronic formats. Information is available to all users both inside and outside the Department in a number of forms:

- Published reports
- Supplementary tabulations
- Information notes
- Data extracts
- Bespoke tabulations/analysis

Each of these items is described more fully below and a chart summarising what is available and where to locate it is given at Appendix A . Contact details are given at the end of this note.

### **3. PUBLISHED REPORTS**

3.1 The main results from the 1996 survey have been published by the Stationery Office 'English House Condition Survey 1996' (ISBN 0-110-753458 7) Price £50 The report is available from SO bookshops or you may contact them at The Publications Centre. (General Enquiries 0171 873 0011, Telephone orders 0171 873 9090). Copies may also be available at your local library.

3.2 A summary of the key findings from this report is available from the Department free of charge. Alternatively it may be viewed on the Departments Internet site<sup>1</sup> and via the Department's internal Info Net system.

3.3 The Department plans to produce further topic reports during 1998/9. Details will be available on the Internet site and via Info Net.

## **4. SUPPORTING TABULATIONS**

4.1 A set of tabulations has been produced which are designed to provide users with supporting statistics covering all the findings of the main published report. These tabulations are referenced to the main report and include a short introduction and a Glossary to help users interpret the information correctly. Paper copies of the tabulations are available free on request from the Department and may also be viewed on the DETR web site. Internal users may also view the tables via Info Net. Tables supporting subsequent reports will be made available in the same way.

## 5. EHCS INFORMATION NOTES

5.1 RAE have produced a series of Information Notes to provide users with background information on what the survey covers, how it is conducted and details of the models used in analysing the information. Information notes available to date are:

- 1. What's in the EHCS?
- 2. Introduction to the EHCS
- 3. Disseminating the EHCS
- 4. EHCS Data Quality
- 5. Estimating EHCS Repair Costs

Further Notes may be prepared as further modelling work and analysis is completed.

5.2 EHCS Information Notes are available free on request from the Department or may be viewed on the Department's web site. Internal users may also view the Notes via the Info Net system

## 6. DATA EXTRACTS

6.1 Some users may wish to undertake analyses which are not covered by the published report or the supporting tables. In order to meet this demand, the Department will be filing 1996 EHCS data on the Data Archive at the University of Essex. The Archive will disseminate extracts of the data as required to any non-commercial users for their own internal analysis. Academic users can obtain this information free of charge. Other organisations will be charged an administration fee by the Archive to cover their handling costs which will vary with the type of organisation involved. Documentation in the form of a User Guide and annotated copies of the survey questionnaires will also be available. The files will be available as SPSS portable files and can be supplied on a variety of electronic media. Users wishing to publish results of their analyses undertaken on the EHCS data files should obtain the prior agreement of the Department.

6.2 Information will be transferred to the Archive over the course of 1998 and will initially cover all those topics covered by the main report. This will include both base data as collected during the survey fieldwork as well as derived variables used in analysis. As further analysis and modelling is completed further data files will be transferred.

6.3 Users wishing to obtain further information about this service should contact the Data Archive direct at:

ESRC Data Archive  
University of Essex  
Wivenhoe Park  
Colchester  
Essex CO4 3SQ

Tel: 01206 872001  
E-mail: [archive@essex.ac.uk](mailto:archive@essex.ac.uk)  
Fax: 01206 872003

## 7. BESPOKE TABULATIONS FOR EXTERNAL USERS

7.1 For external users, the Department has also agreed with the Building Research Establishment Ltd (BRE) that they will provide a tabulation service. This service will initially cover any topics covered in the first published report but will be extended to cover the full data set once further modelling and internal analysis work is completed.

7.2 Charges for this service will be made on an hourly rate which varies with the type of organisation concerned. There is a minimum charge of £60 and the average cost per tabulation is expected to be in the region of £60 depending on the complexity of the output required. Requests involving up to 15 minutes of staff time will be handled free of charge.

7.3 All information is subject to Crown Copyright and is provided for users own internal use and is not for resale.

7.4 Users requiring further information about this service should contact BRE at:

Housing Centre (Housing Stock Data Service)  
Building Research Establishment  
Bucknalls Lane  
Watford  
Herts WD2 7JR

Tel: 01923 664140  
Fax: 01923 664095

7.5 Internal users requiring further EHCS analysis should contact RAE division (0171 890 3523 or 3522)

## **8. FURTHER INFORMATION**

8.1 Please contact RAE division for further information on any of the issues covered in this note or copies of other information notes. (tel: 0171 890 3528).

## Appendix A

### Availability Of EHCS Information

PRODUCT	CONTENTS	HOW AVAILABLE	WHERE AVAILABLE FROM	COST
Published report 'English House Condition survey 1996'	Results and analysis on changing stock condition and housing characteristics	Printed report only	The Stationery Office (ISBN 0-110-753458 7) Tel 0171 873 0011	£50
EHCS 1996 - a summary	Summary of main report	Printed copy	DETR, RAE division Tel 0171 890 3528	Free
		Via Internet*	This website.	Free
Supporting tabulations	Background tables to supplement analysis in the main report. A Glossary and Introduction are included	Printed	DETR, RAE division Tel 0171 890 3528	Free
		Via Internet*	This website.	Free
Information Notes	Background information on the content of the survey and its methodology: <i>What's in the EHCS;</i> <i>Introduction to the EHCS;</i> <i>Disseminating the EHCS;</i> <i>EHCS Data Quality;</i> <i>Estimating EHCS Repair Costs</i>	Printed copies	DETR, RAE division Tel 0171 890 3528	Free
		Via Internet*	This website.	Free
Data Extracts	Extracts from the data base as required by user together	SPSS portable files on disc etc	Data Archive at Essex University. (Tel 01206 872001)	Handling charge-varies with type

	with User Guide and copies of questionnaires			of organisation
Bespoke Tabulations for external users	Tabulations produced to users' specifications	Printed output	Housing Centre at the Building Research Establishment (tel: 01923 664140)	Up to 15 minutes of staff time free of charge, then approximately £60 per table. £60 min charge.

\* all information on the Internet is also available to internal DETR users via the Info Net system

