

Revisions to interview 07/08 data file, October/November 2015: Variables 'Weekly rent' (rentwkx), 'Weekly housing benefit' (Amthbenx) and 'Household receives any housing benefit' (housbenx).

Contractors working on the English Housing Survey have identified and corrected an error in the 2007 Interview file for the English House Condition Survey (a predecessor survey to the EHS).

The cases affected were shared owners (those that part-own, part-rent their homes). It was necessary to revise these cases following some late changes to the data from ONS and it appears that in the course of this an error was introduced which was not there previously. The error is limited to the following variables:

- i) Weekly rent (rentwkx)
- ii) Weekly housing benefit (Amthbenx)
- iii) Household receives any housing benefit (housbenx)

Twenty shared-owner cases had been incorrectly coded as 'not applicable' for the above instead of what was recorded in survey. All 20 of these cases now have rent greater than £0. Two of these cases are now coded as 'yes' for receiving any housing benefit (the remaining 18 are coded as 'no') and also now have housing benefit greater than £0 (the remaining 18 are £0).

The contractor has also taken the opportunity to alter the above variables for owner-occupiers from £0 or "not receiving housing benefit" to "not applicable" as this is more appropriate for these households. This affects 3,799 cases.