

Annex B: FRS Tables

Table	Key variables ¹	Description
Accounts	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, ACCOUNT (<i>account type, held by each person</i>)	Income from interest/dividend bearing assets and savings together with (for a subset of records) the value of National Savings products for the accounts/investments held by adults. Each record relates to a type of investment (current account, savings account etc). Adults may have more than one type of investment, each record giving the total interest/dividends received (if they have more than one account of that type). For National Savings products, if the adult is not routed into the assets questions, a banded figure for the value of the investment is collected (those entering the assets block will have an accounts record but with this variable skipped).
Admin	SERNUM	Household level fieldwork admin data, e.g. final outcome codes. Each record relates to a household in the sample.
Adult	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON	Responses to various questions asked of adults. Each record relates to an adult in the sample (complete coverage of all adults).
Assets	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, ASSETYPE (<i>asset type</i>), SEQ (<i>sequence number for that group of assets</i>)	Value and other information about assets and savings held by adults. Unlike the accounts table, each record relates to an individual investment (savings account, ISA, PEP, shares with a single company etc), except for certain National Savings Products where the total value of specific types (e.g. income bonds, capital/deposit bonds) are recorded together. Adults may hold more than one investment of the same type. Data are collected for the subset of adults routed into the assets block of the FRS questionnaire. Assetype has the same coding frame as account on the accounts table. Seq is the sequence number through one or a group of assets, as determined by the block of the questionnaire, e.g., one block covers, NSB ordinary and investment accounts, TESSAs, Gilts, and other types of saving. Please refer to more detailed documentation for the maximum number of records per asset type.
Benefits	SERNUM, BENUNIT,	Amount and other information on State and non State benefits received by adults in the

¹ to identify individual records – in order of hierarchy

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	PERSON, BENEFIT <i>(benefit type, held by each person)</i>	sample. Also includes information on the total amount of direct payments as part of IS/JSA, as well as information on Social Fund loans held and future receipt of some benefits. Each record relates to an individual benefit. An adult may receive more than one benefit but not more than one of the same type.
Benunit	SERNUM, BENUNIT	Benefit unit level data. Each record relates to a benefit unit in the sample (complete coverage of all benefit units). Up to 7 benefit units.
Care	SERNUM, BENUNIT, NEEDPER <i>(person receiving the care)</i>	Information on those needing care. Each record relates to an individual in the household or various categories of individual outside the household (e.g. parent or child outside the household/client of a voluntary organisation). Needper is therefore equivalent to person for household members, but has additional codes for non-household members. For these cases, benunit is set to 1.
Child	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON	Responses to various questions relating to children. Each record relates to a child in the sample (complete coverage of all children). Information is collected by proxy from responsible adults.
Chldcare	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, CHLOOK	Information on hours and cost for each type of childcare used per child.
Endowmnt	SERNUM, MORTSEQ <i>(mortgage sequence number),</i> ENDOWSEQ <i>(endowment policy sequence number, within each mortgage)</i>	Information on endowments/pension plans/PEPs/Unit Trusts etc being used to cover the mortgage. Each record relates to an individual policy. A household buying their property with a mortgage may have more than one policy covering more than one loan (to a maximum of 4 policies per loan).
Extchild	SERNUM, BENUNIT, EXTSEQ <i>(sequence number of children living</i>	Information on children aged 16-24 living outside the household/benefit unit who are currently receiving full or part time education. Each record relates to an external child to a benefit unit. Each benefit unit may have more than one 16-24 year old living outside the

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	<i>outside the benefit unit)</i>	household (to a maximum of 4).
Govpay	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, BENEFIT, GOVPAY (<i>type of direct payment, within each benefit</i>)	Information on the payments deducted from Income Support/Jobseeker's Allowance to pay directly for different items (rent arrears, water charges, fines, maintenance payments etc). Each record relates to a type of deduction. Benefit type is either IS or JSA direct payments, using the same keys as in the benefits table. All variables in this table are key variables. Up to 10 different direct payment types can be identified.
Househol	SERNUM	Information collected at the household level. Each record relates to a household (complete coverage of all households).
Job	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, JOBTYPE (<i>jobs held by each adult</i>)	Information on jobs held by an adult as an employee or self employed. Each record relates to an individual job. Up to 3 jobs may be identified. Also includes details of the last job held for those not currently working but who have worked in the last 12 months.
Maint	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, MAINTSEQ (<i>sequence number of maintenance payments made by each person</i>)	Information on maintenance payments made by adults. Each record relates to an individual maintenance payment. An adult may have more than one payment (to a maximum of 4).
Mortcont	SERNUM, MORTSEQ (<i>mortgage sequence number</i>), CONTSEQ (<i>contribution sequence number, within each mortgage</i>)	Information on contributions made by someone outside the household towards mortgage payments of owner occupiers. Each record relates to an individual contribution. Each mortgage (mortseq) may have more than one contribution (contseq), to a maximum of 6.
Mortgage	SERNUM, MORTSEQ (<i>mortgage sequence number</i>)	Information on mortgages held on the property for house purchase or essential repairs. Each record relates to an individual mortgage. The full set of questions are asked separately for each purchase loan (to a maximum of 2). Mortseq does not necessarily take consecutive values: 1 and 2 relate to

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		house purchase and will be consecutive, i.e. no household has mortseq=2 without mortseq=1. However, mortseq=3 relates to loans for essential repairs (including for those who own their property outright). A household may have mortseq=3 only, or mortseq=1 and mortseq=3. Whether a household has taken out loans other than for house purchase (and reason why) is held on the owner table.
Nimigr	SERNUM	Introduced for 08-09. Information on migration questions asked in Northern Ireland only.
Oddjob	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, ODDSEQ (<i>odd job sequence number, odd jobs held by an adult</i>)	Information on odd jobs or occasional fees for work or professional advice carried out in the last four weeks by an adult (includes work as a babysitter or mail order agent). Each record relates to an individual odd job/work as babysitter/mail order agent. This does not include any regular commitment. Information is held on up to 3 odd jobs, plus one record for babysitting and/or mail order work.
Owner	SERNUM	Information on owner occupiers (those buying with a mortgage and owned outright). Each record relates to such a household. Includes those who part own/part rent (shared ownership), who will also have a renter record.
Penamt	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, BENEFIT (<i>benefit type</i>), AMTTYPE (<i>amount type for each benefit</i>)	For those who are in receipt of retirement pension or widow's benefits (Widow's Pension, Widowed Mother's Allowance, Bereavement benefit) and who consult an order book, details of pension components as recorded on their order book. Each record relates to one component (e.g. Basic pension, age addition, Attendance Allowance). An adult may be in receipt of more than one benefit and each benefit may have more than one component. Up to 18 components can be identified at amtttype.
Penprov	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, STEMPPAY, PROVSEQ	Introduced for 2001-02. Holds details of pension provision. Each record relates to one pension – stemppay describes the type of pension (occupational/personal/stakeholder).
Pension	SERNUM, BENUNIT, PERSON, PENSEQ (<i>pension</i>)	Information on non-State pensions held by an adult. Each record relates to an individual pension. Like mortseq, penseq may not have consecutive values, since it relates to the routing of individual pension types. Please

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	<i>sequence number</i>)	see more detailed documentation for the maximum number of records per pension type.
Rentcont	SERNUM, RENTSEQ (<i>sequence number for contribution to rent</i>)	Information on contributions made by someone outside the household towards rent of those renting their property. Each record relates to an individual contribution. Each household may have more than one contribution (rentseq), to a maximum of 5.
Renter	SERNUM	Information on renters (shared ownership, renting, rent free and squatting tenure types). Each record relates to such a household. Those who part own/part rent will also have an owner record.