

FAMILY RESOURCES SURVEY

2014/15

Dataset and Changes Summary

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INTRODUCTION

This summary report is produced in conjunction with the 2014/15 Family Resources Survey (FRS) and provides users with detailed information on proposed changes to:-

- Dataset structure
- Variables
- Treatment within processing (validation, editing, and derivation of variables)
- Methodology

The information provided in this report should be used in conjunction with the standard FRS documentation, which can be accessed via the UK Data Service.

If at any point you would like to discuss any issues or require further information or clarification, please contact the FRS team in Surveys Branch (via email to: team.frs@dwp.gsi.gov.uk).

DATA STRUCTURE

There were no major structural changes made to the Family Resources Survey dataset in 2014/15.

OVERVIEW OF VARIABLE CHANGES

The variable changes are listed below with reference to the relevant page in the **'Interviewers Guide to Changes'** listed in brackets, which will provide further detail.

Changes in the Family Resources Survey (FRS) data can affect three main areas of processing:-

- Editing
- Imputation
- Derived Variables

Information on all the changes to the questionnaire for 2014/15 can be found in the document **'Interviewers Guide to Changes'**. New and deleted questions are highlighted below (i.e. new variables and removed variables). Full details on how changes to the questionnaire have been treated within the dataset are provided in the 'Treatment within processing' section of this report. Significant changes to sections of the FRS questionnaire include the following;

New/changed sections

- Education, awards and loans (page 9)
- Maintenance, allowances and other sources of income (page 31)
- Adult and child social deprivation and household items (page 36)

Deleted sections

- Well-being (page 42)

TREATMENT WITHIN PROCESSING

Changes in the data collected and the structure of that data needs to be taken into account within the processing of the FRS dataset. Most of these changes can be treated by introducing new systems or through extending our current methodologies, and are detailed in this section across the four processing areas:-

- Benefit Editing
- Non-Benefit Editing
- Imputation
- Derived Variables

BENEFIT EDITING

No changes were made to benefit editing processing for 2014/15.

NON-BENEFIT EDITING

No changes were made to any of the processing stages for 2014/15.

IMPUTATION

The following changes have been made to the imputation process.

Bulk Edits

Changes to existing edits

No changes to existing bulk edits.

New edits

TABLE	VARIABLE	LABEL	DESCRIPTION
HOUSEHOL	SERPAY1- SERPAY4	Services paid for: electricity; gas; heating/hot water; liquid/solid fuel	Impute to "No" if missing

Algorithms

Changes to existing edits

No significant changes were made to existing algorithms.

Hotdecks

Changes to existing edits

No changes to existing hotdecks.

New edits

TABLE	VARIABLE	LABEL
HOUSEHOL	SERAMT1-SERAMT4	Amount paid for services: electricity; gas; heating/hot water; liquid/solid fuel

DERIVED VARIABLES

The following DVs have been changed to account for the introduction of repayments from Universal Credit (benefits 110 and 111):

TABLE	VARIABLE	LABEL
ADULT	INIRBEN	Income related benefit
ADULT	INOTHBEN	Adult - Other benefits (gross)
ADULT	NINOTHBN	Adult - Other benefits (net)
BENUNIT	BUIRBEN	BU - income related benefits
BENUNIT	BUOTHBEN	BU - Other benefits (gross)
BENUNIT	NBUOTHBN	BU - Other benefits (net)
HOUSEHOL	HBENINC	HH - Benefit income (gross)
HOUSEHOL	HHIRBEN	HH - income related benefits
HOUSEHOL	HHOTHBEN	HH - Other benefits (gross)
HOUSEHOL	NHBENINC	HH - Benefit income (net)
HOUSEHOL	NHHOTHBN	HH - Other benefits (net)

The following DVs have been introduced to simplify coding for ethnicity:

TABLE	VARIABLE	LABEL
ADULT	INDETH	Ethnicity of individual (as used in publication)
BENUNIT	BUETH	Ethnicity of head of benefit unit (as used in publication)
HOUSEHOL	HHETH	Ethnicity of head of household (as used in publication)

Absence from work

The codes of several DVs have been amended to account for the change to the question ABSPAY. Affected DVs are: EMPSTATC, NINARNS, SAPADJ, SMPADJ, SPPADJ, SSPADJ, UGRSPAY.