

Annual Population Survey Three-Year Pooled Dataset

The APS 3 year pooled dataset is designed to allow more robust analysis at lower level geographies, that isn't always possible using the single year APS dataset, especially for certain topics whose achieved sample size is smaller. As this is a fairly new APS product, to assist you in its usage please read the following key characteristics of this dataset:

- The 3 year dataset will contain a sample size of around 550,000 respondents;
- The dataset will largely only include variables that appear in all of the 3 years it covers (there are a few exceptions where almost 3 years' information is available and due to its importance to users of the variables, they have been included);
- There are various weights available on the dataset. The main pooled person weight is **PWTA17C**;
- Any analysis produced from the pooled dataset should be treated solely as point-in-time estimates. The use of the pooled datasets is not recommended for any time series analysis;
- It is planned that a pooled APS dataset to be released around the same time every year;
- The pooled dataset does not currently include the Sexual Identity variable and weight. These will be released after the ONS 2016 Sexual Identity Statistical Bulletin is published sometime in October.