



The Questions Asked - what's new since 2001

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Changes



- New Household Questions

- **Residents definition now includes:**
 - Overseas visitors staying 3+ months (*6+ in Scotland*)
 - People temporarily abroad for up to 12 months
- **Visitors** – name, usual address, sex, date of birth
- **Number of Bedrooms** (*Eng. & Wales*)
- **Accommodation adapted** for people with disabilities (*Northern Ireland*)

Changes



- New Individual Questions

- Other address (30+ days) & type (*Eng. & Wales*)
- When arrived in UK & how long staying
- National Identity (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British, Other - write in)
- Main Language (English, Other - write in)
- How well can you speak English?
- Passports held (UK, Irish, Other - write in) (*not Scotland*)
- Types of Disability (*Scotland & N. Ireland*)

Changes

- Altered Questions



- **Central Heating** – individual fuel types coded separately (Gas, Electric, Oil, Solid Fuel, Other, None)
- **Working last week** – individual activity types coded separately (Employee, Govt. training, Self-employed, Family business, Temp. off work, Other, None)

Changes

- Deleted Questions



- Household has own Bath & Toilet
- Lowest Floor Occupied by household
- Number of people at workplace
- Professional qualifications (*Eng. & Wales*)
- Whether rented accommodation furnished (*Scotland*)
- Religion brought up in (*Scotland*)
- Whether accommodation on more than one floor (*Northern Ireland*)



Questionnaire Content - Household Questions (i)



- Address
 - Names, Number & Types of Residents
 - Number & Types of Visitors
 - Relationships between Residents
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- Visitors: Name, Sex, Date of Birth & Usual Address

Questionnaire Content - Household Questions (ii)



- Accommodation Type
- Whether Self-contained
- Number of Rooms
- Number of Bedrooms
- Type of Central Heating
- Tenure
- Type of Landlord
- Number of Cars



Questionnaire Content - Individual Questions (i)

- Name, Sex, Date of Birth
- Marital / Civil Partnership Status
- Other Address for 30+ days a year
- Type of Other Address (Armed Forces, Work, Student home, Student term time, Another parent's, Holiday home, Other)
- Whether student
- Where live in term time (Here, Other address as above, Another address)

Questionnaire Content - Individual Questions (ii)



- Country of Birth (England, Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Other - write in)
- If not UK, when last arrived here
- If arrived in last year, how long intend to stay
- How is your health in general?
- Hours spent caring for others
- Daily activities limited by health or disability?



Questionnaire Content - Individual Questions (iii)

- National Identity
- Ethnic Group (White, Mixed, Asian, Black, Other)
- Main Language
- How well can you speak English?
- Religion (None, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other - write in)
- Usual Address one year ago
- Passports held



Questionnaire Content

- Individual Questions (iv)

- Qualifications held
- Work activity last week
- If not working last week:
 - Whether actively looking for work in last 4 weeks
 - Whether available for work within 2 weeks
 - Whether waiting to start a new job
 - Non-work activity last week (Retired, Student, Looking after family/home, Sick/Disabled, Other)
 - Year last worked, if any

Questionnaire Content - Individual Questions (v)



FOR MAIN JOB or LAST MAIN JOB:

- Type of job (Employee, Self employed - with or without employees)
- Job Title
- Job Description
- Whether supervise others
- Main activity of employer
- Name of employer

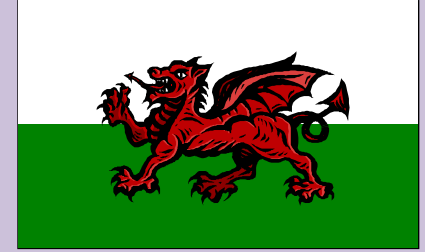
Questionnaire Content - Individual Questions (vi)



FOR JOB LAST WEEK:

- Address of Workplace
- How usually travel to work (Work at home, Underground, Train, Bus, Taxi, Motorbike, Car - driver or passenger, Bike, Walk, Other)
- Hours usually worked (≤ 15 , 16-30, 31-48, 49+)

Regional Variations - Wales



QUESTIONNAIRE AS FOR ENGLAND, except:

- Extra question: Can you understand, speak, read or write Welsh?
- Answers to Main Language question changed to: **English or Welsh, Other - write in**

Regional Variations - Scotland (i)



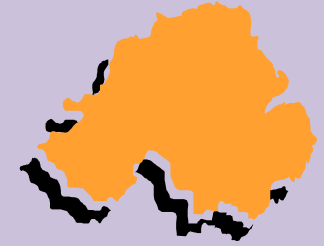
- Overseas Visitors only qualify as Residents if staying for 6 months, not 3
- Address of Workplace and Method of Travel questions expanded to include Place of Study
- Qualifications question: Answers amended to reflect Scottish exams
- Extra Question: Can you understand, speak, read or write: - English, Scottish Gaelic, Scots

Regional Variations - Scotland (ii)



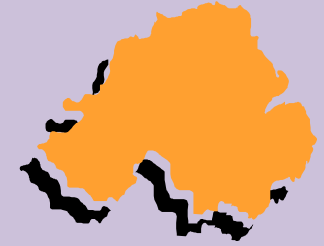
- Religion question:
 - ‘Christian’ expanded to: Church of Scotland, Roman Catholic, Other Christian
- Ethnic Group question:
 - Extra sub-categories for ‘White’: - Scottish, Other British, Polish
 - ‘African’ and ‘Caribbean or Black’ become main categories, not sub-categories
 - Various other minor differences
- Extra question: Types of Disability

Regional Variations - Northern Ireland (i)



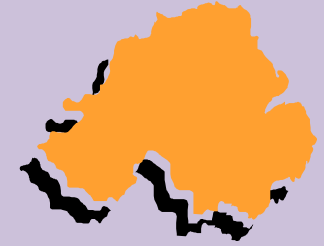
- People in Residential Establishments for under 6 months qualify as Residents
- Extra question: Accommodation adapted for people with disabilities
- Landlord question: 'NI Housing Executive' replaces 'Council'

Regional Variations - Northern Ireland (ii)



- National Identity: 'Irish' added
- Ethnic Group: Similar list to Eng. & Wales, but sub-category answers become main categories
- Answers to Religion question: Catholic, Presbyterian, Church of Ireland, Methodist, Other - write in
- Extra question: Religion brought up in
- Extra Question: Can you understand, speak, read or write: - Irish, Ulster-Scots

Regional Variations - Northern Ireland (iii)



- Extra questions: Whether lived outside NI, where & when last returned
- Extra question: Types of Disability
- Address of Workplace and Method of Travel questions expanded to include Place of Study

Conclusions



- Extensive process of user consultation & testing for new and changed questions
- Questionnaire changes mean more individual questions, though maybe of limited value to business users?
- Good harmonised set of questions now available across UK, though users will still need to take account of regional differences in questions and outputs.