

Statistics Publication Notice

Scottish Household Survey First Release (2002 – Quarters 1, 2 and 3)

This is the first in a series of quarterly publication notices that will announce the availability of the Scottish Household Survey for a particular quarter and thus place the survey for that period in the public domain. In accordance with National Statistics, this will help to ensure orderly and open access to the Scottish Household Survey (SHS) to users both within and outwith the Scottish Executive.

The SHS is a rich source of information covering social justice, transport and housing. The intention is that future publication notices in this series will also present a range of results from the SHS. This could include the main findings from the survey and also results from new questions. Users of the SHS are welcome to provide views on this approach.

Detailed results from the 2002 survey will be available in the Annual Report, which will be published in August 2003.

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Background

The Scottish Household Survey is a continuous survey based on a sample of the general population in private residences in Scotland. The survey started in 1999 and is financed by the Scottish Executive and undertaken by a partnership of NFO Social Research and MORI Scotland.

The aim of the survey is to provide representative information about the composition, characteristics and behaviours of Scottish households, both nationally and at a more local level. The survey covers a wide range of topics to allow links to be made between different policy areas. There is a particular focus on information to inform policy on Transport and Social Justice. Results are reported in a series of bulletins, annual reports and other Scottish Executive publications which are available from the survey's website at

www.scotland.gov.uk/shs.

Methodological details of the survey can be obtained in the most recent SHS Annual and Technical Reports which are freely available from the above website.

Copies of *Scotland's People: Results from the 2001 Scottish Household Survey (Volume 5: Annual Report)* priced at £20 and *Scotland's People: Results from the 2001 Scottish Household Survey (Volume 6: Technical Report)* priced at £15 are available from:

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Anonymised annual copies of the data collected in the survey are deposited with the [UK Data Archive](http://www.ukdataarchive.ac.uk), together with supporting documentation to facilitate wider access to, and analysis of, the information gathered.