

Scottish Household Survey

2007/2008 Analysis and Data Summary

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Overview

This release summarises the full range of analysis and data available from the Scottish Household Survey (SHS) main survey 2007/2008 and announces the release of the SHS Local Authority (LA) Tables 2007/2008.

In summary, the following resources are available for use:

Publications and Reports

- SHS Annual Report 2007/2008
- SHS Web Tables 2007/2008
- SHS LA Tables 2007/2008

Microdata Releases

- SHS Main 2007/2008
- SHS Lite 2007/2008

Other Resources

- Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics Indicators
- Data Access Procedures

More detailed information on the full range of SHS publication and data releases can be accessed from:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/SHSPublications
- www.scotland.gov.uk/SHSData

The remainder of this report will provide a brief background to the survey to offer context and a summary of each of the resources listed and how they can be used.

Background to the Survey

The SHS was commissioned in 1998 to improve the evidence base for policy making in Scotland and to meet the information needs of the government. The project is a continuous survey based predominantly on a sample of the general adult population in private residences in Scotland. It is designed to provide accurate, up-to-date information about the characteristics, attitudes and behaviour of Scottish households and individuals on a range of issues, both nationally and at a sub-national level.

The survey provides up-to-date evidence to assist with the development and evaluation of policies across the whole of the Government with particular focus on Transport, Communities and Local Government. It covers a wide range of topics including household composition, housing, neighbourhoods and communities, economic activity, finance and childcare, education, transport, internet, health and caring, local services, volunteering, and culture and sport.

As a wide-reaching cross-cutting survey, the SHS is used extensively by a wide body of external users. In particular, Local Authorities are a key user in using the SHS within the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework and Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) commitments (www.scotland.gov.uk/ScotlandPerforms). The survey supports the National Performance Framework directly by measuring five National Indicators:

- Improve people's perceptions of the quality of public services delivered;
- Increase the percentage of adults who rate their neighbourhood as a good place to live;
- Reduce the percentage of the adult population who smoke to 22% by 2010;
- Increase the proportion of journeys to work made by public or active transport;
- Reduce the proportion of driver journeys delayed due to traffic congestion.

The SHS provides up-to-date evidence to assist with the development and evaluation of policies across the whole of the Government and is a vital source of information about what the people of Scotland think about their neighbourhoods, their services and their lives and about what the Government does.

Results are reported in a series of annual reports, topic reports and other Scottish government publications which can be found on the survey's website at www.scotland.gov.uk/SHS

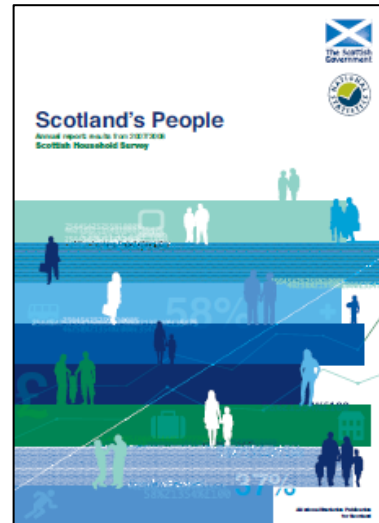
The 2007/2008 release covers 27,238 household interviews and 24,614 random adult interviews, with around 2,500 variables.

SHS Annual Report 2007/2008

SHS results have been reported in a series of ten Annual Reports between 1999 and 2008. The annual report is designed to act as an introduction to the survey and to present and interpret some of the key policy-relevant results.

The Scottish Government's ambition is to extend the use of the SHS data and this has involved an extensive revision to the structure of the annual report. For the 2007 report, the revision included cutting the number of tables and moving them to supporting web-tables, while at the same time providing extended commentary on those that remained. It was also visually updated.

The remit was taken further in the 2007/2008 report through the introduction of multivariate analysis, to model the factors that are important in predicting particular variables of interest.



Further Information

The latest publication can be accessed from:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/09/01114213

For background information on the report series and links to all previous reports, please see:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/SHSAnnualReport

SHS Web Tables 2007/2008

Results at a national level were published in August 2009 in the National Statistics publication *Scotland's People Annual Report: Results from 2007/2008 Scottish Household Survey*.

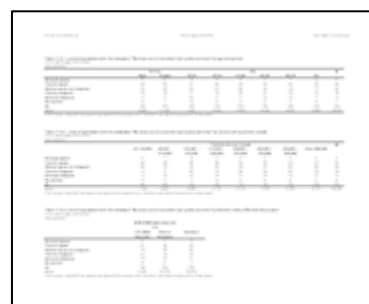
This is supported by a series of Web Tables which present more detailed analysis not covered within the main report typically at a national level though some at a sub-national level.

The SHS Web Tables 2007/2008 contain approximately 850 tables across all the main topic areas within the SHS.

Further analysis is available upon request if needed – please see the Data Access Procedures section for further information.



The screenshot shows the top portion of a web page. It includes a title bar with 'SHS Web Tables 2007/2008' and a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Scottish Household Survey Annual Report 2007/2008 > Web Tables > Local Statistics'. Below this is a paragraph of introductory text explaining the purpose of the tables. A 'Download' section follows, listing the title 'Web Tables 2007/2008', the date '2009-07-20', and the file size '1.2 MB'. There is also a 'View all Web Tables' link.



The screenshot shows a data table with multiple columns and rows. The columns represent different categories, and the rows represent different data points. The table is presented in a standard tabular format with a header row and several data rows.

Further Information

The latest web tables can be accessed from:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/16002/WebTablesAnnual2008

For background information on the annual report series and comparable information to the web tables in all previous releases, please see:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/SHSAnnualReport

SHS Local Authority Tables 2007/2008

Results at a national level were published in August 2009 in the National Statistics publication *Scotland's People Annual Report: Results from 2007/2008 Scottish Household Survey*. These were in turn supported by a series of Web Tables which provided more in-depth analysis at a national level, along with some analysis at a sub-national level.



The SHS LA Tables 2007/2008 are the first time such detailed results have been presented in a report at an LA-level using SHS data. Results are presented in the format of tables and charts, without narrative, showing the results separately for each local authority alongside comparisons against the national average. These are available either through an interactive Excel workbook or as standalone PDF documents for each local authority.

This release contains over 5,000 tables and charts providing a comprehensive picture of data from the SHS for local authorities. We recognise that not all possible analysis is presented, though consider that further analysis can be derived by analysts undertaking their own work on the microdata or through requesting ad-hoc analysis from the SHS Project Team.

Further Information

The SHS Local Authority Tables 2007/2008 can be accessed from:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/16002/LATablesAnnual2007-2008

For background information on the annual report series and comparable information to the local authority tables in all previous releases, please see:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/SHSAnnualReport

SHS Main 2007/2008 Dataset

Anonymised copies of the survey are deposited with the UK Data Archive after each calendar year, together with supporting documentation to facilitate wider access to, and analysis of, the information gathered.

The SHS 2007/2008 main dataset is available through the UK Data Archive, which includes data from both the Travel Diary component of the survey and the SHS Culture and Sport Module 2007/2008.

The UK Data Archive itself houses several thousand datasets of interest to a wide range of researchers and provides resource discovery and support for secondary use of quantitative and qualitative data in research, learning and teaching. SHS data is available for download from the archive to registered users.



Further Information

For further information about accessing SHS data through the UK Data Archive please see:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/16002/ResultsData

You can also access the data directly at:

- www.data-archive.ac.uk/findingData/shsTitles.asp

SHS Lite 2007/2008 Dataset

To stimulate the use of SHS data, particularly amongst local authorities, voluntary organisations and academia, we make available a simplified dataset called SHS Lite. It is formatted in SPSS to provide all the necessary statistical functions for useful analysis in a form that is easy to navigate.

The SHS Lite dataset is a simplified version of the full survey data collected, with the main features being:

- The number of variables is substantially reduced;
- Complex data loops have been removed, and the original variables summarised in new variables;
- Variables have been organised into 'sets' of related variables – which can be used to further simplify accessing variables through SPSS dialog boxes.

SHS Lite is available upon request in CD format, which contains the SHS Lite data files, a copy of the shortened questionnaire, a variable database, and an index of variable names. An SHS Lite User Guide is also available, which provides potential users and other interested parties with self-directed study of the equivalent of a full-day course.



Further Information

A pro-forma for requesting access to SHS Lite 2007/2008 is available through the SHS website:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/16002/SHSLite

Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics Indicators

A series of indicators have been made available through the Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics website.

Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics (SNS) is the Scottish Governments on-going programme to improve the availability, consistency and accessibility of small area statistics in Scotland.



Any indicators based on SHS data available through the SNS are presented either at a national or local authority level. Most indicators have been made available through the Local Outcome Indicators standard report.

Further Information

Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics can be accessed from:

- www.sns.gov.uk

Data Access Procedures

To stimulate use of SHS data a number of data access procedures have been in place to allow access to detailed information.

Follow-up surveys provide opportunities to researchers to use the SHS to identify a sample for follow-up research. This may allow more detailed probing of certain sub-groups or variables of interest, and to examine under-lying issues within the data.

Similarly, a request to be provided with a **special dataset** can be submitted where the standard publicly available and anonymised datasets does not contain all the information researchers require. This should allow users to undertake more detailed analyses for a specific project.

An **ad-hoc request service** is also available allowing requests for analysis to be submitted to the SHS Project Team.

Further Information

For information on how to access SHS data please see

- www.scotland.gov.uk/SHSDataAccess

To request any ad-hoc analysis or any other general enquiries please either use the feedback form on the SHS website or e-mail the SHS Project Team directly:

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/16002/Contacts
- shs@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

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ScotStat

If you would like to be consulted about new or existing statistical collections or receive notification of forthcoming statistical publications, please register your interest on the Scottish Government ScotStat website at www.scotland.gov.uk/scotstat

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