

Core Socio Economic Questions

People and Places – Finalised Socio-Economic Core Questions

Harmonised Core Question Name	Gender
Question : Are you male or female?	
Answer:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Male2. Female

Harmonised Core Question Name	Age Last Birthday
Question: What was your age last birthday?	
Answer:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Range of years from 0 – 1202. Don't Know3. Refuse

Harmonised Core Question Name	Date of birth
Question: What is your date of birth?	

Identity – Finalised Socio-Economic Core Questions

The Scottish Government is producing a series of guides for collecting equality information, including ethnic group and religion. These guides can be accessed [here](#).

The Office for National Statistics has produced a guide for collecting sexual orientation information. This guide is available [here](#).

Harmonised Core Question Name	Religion/Belief
Question :	What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?
Answer:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. None2. Church of Scotland3. Roman Catholic4. Other Christian5. Muslim6. Buddhist7. Sikh8. Jewish9. Hindu10. Pagan11. Another religion, please write in.

Harmonised Core Question Name	Sexual Orientation
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Notes: This question should never be asked by proxy.
This question should only be asked of those aged 16 years and older.

Face to face interviewing

For interviewer lead mode of delivery this questions should be asked using randomised show cards. The numbers on each show card should be different.

Question : Which of the options on this card best describes how you think of yourself? Please just read out the number next to the description.

Answer: 27. Heterosexual / Straight
21. Gay / Lesbian
24. Bisexual
29. Other
(Spontaneous Don't Know/ Refusal)

Telephone surveys

Question : I will now read out a list of terms people sometimes use to describe how they think of themselves.

INTERVIEWER: READ LIST TO END WITHOUT PAUSING

1. Heterosexual or Straight
2. Gay or Lesbian
3. Bisexual
4. Other

As I read the list again please say 'yes' when you hear the option that best describes how you think of yourself.

INTERVIEWER: PAUSE BRIEFLY AFTER EACH OPTION DURING SECOND READING.

INTERVIEWER: RECORD SPONTANEOUS DON'T KNOW/ REFUSAL

Postal or internet surveys

Question : Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

Answer: 1. Heterosexual or Straight
2. Gay or Lesbian
3. Bisexual
4. Other

Health – Finalised Socio-Economic Core Questions

Harmonised Core Question Name	Self Perception of General Health
Question:	How is your health in general? Would you say it was....
Answer:	1. ...very good, 2. good, 3. fair, 4. bad, or 5. very bad?

Housing – Finalised Socio-Economic Core Questions

Harmonised Core Question Name	Tenure
Question:	In which of these ways do you occupy this accommodation?
Answer:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buying with mortgage/loan 2. Own it outright 3. Part rent/part mortgage 4. Rents (including rents paid by housing benefit) 5. Living here rent free

Harmonised Core Question Name	Accommodation Size (Rooms)
Question:	How many rooms are there in your home?
	(Scottish House Condition Survey physical survey shows “Total number of habitable rooms plus kitchen”)

Harmonised Core Question Name	Accommodation Size (Bedrooms)
Question:	How many bedrooms are there in your home?
	(Scottish House Condition Survey physical survey section F shows – Room by room record)

Harmonised Core Question Name	Accommodation type
Question 1:	<p>Basic Question</p> <p>Is the household’s accommodation?:</p>
Answer 1:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a house or bungalow 2. a flat, maisonette or apartment 3. a room/rooms 4. other? <p><u>Interviewer instructions:</u> If the household occupies a flat in a converted house, code 2.</p>
Question 2:	If a house or bungalow at basic question is it:
Answer 2:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. detached 2. semi-detached 3. or terraced/end of terrace?

Interviewer instructions

A semi-detached house is one of a pair which are joined together. A house at the end of a terrace must be coded 3 even if there are only three houses in the terrace.

Houses which are joined only by a garage (link-detached) should be coded as detached.

Question 3: If a flat, maisonette or apartment at basic question is it

Answer 3:

1. Tenement
2. 4-in-a block
3. In a purpose built block of flats
4. Part of a converted or shared house
5. In a commercial building?

Question 4: If other at basic question is it:

Answer 4:

1. a caravan, mobile home or houseboat
2. some other kind of accommodation

Education – Finalised Socio-Economic Core Questions

Harmonised Core Question Name	Qualifications Held
This question can be used to analyse highest qualification held.	
Question:	Please look at this card and tell me which, if any, of the following qualifications you have. Answer all that apply.
Answer:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. School leaving certificate, National Qualification Access Unit2. O Grade, Standard Grade, GCSE, GCE O Level, CSE, National Qualification Access 3 Cluster, Intermediate 1 or 2, Senior Certificate or equivalent.3. GNVQ/GSVQ Foundation or Intermediate, SVQ Level 1 or 2, SCOTVEC/National Certificate Module, City and Guilds Craft, RSA Diploma or equivalent4. Higher Grade, Advanced Higher, CSYS, A Level, AS Level, Advanced Senior Certificate or equivalent5. GNVQ/GSVQ Advanced, SVQ Level 3, ONC, OND, SCOTVEC National Diploma, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, RSA Advanced Diploma or equivalent6. HNC, HND, SVQ Level 4, RSA Higher Diploma or equivalent7. First Degree, Higher Degree, SVQ Level 5 or equivalent8. Professional qualifications e.g. teaching, accountancy9. Other school examinations not already mentioned10. Other post-school but pre Higher education examinations not already mentioned11. Other Higher education qualifications not already mentioned12. No qualifications