

Section

2

Household Characteristics

Introduction

This section contains information on the main characteristics of households, benefit units and individuals with splits for age, ethnic group, sex and region.

The information shown is important for interpreting tables in other chapters of the report.

For example, characteristics such as the size and age distribution of the household will affect income and housing costs. Please see Methodology for further information on the nature of the sample and data quality.

Contents and points to note when interpreting tables

Tables 2.1 to 2.7 analyse households by size, region, composition and age of head. Tables showing the composition of households are extended to include, for example, households with one or more sick or disabled adults under pension age.

Tables 2.8 and 2.9 refer to information on consumer durables. Questions on consumer durables have been rotated off for the 2002-03 survey year

Table 2.10 refers to households by Council Tax band. Since this information has not been collected in Northern Ireland, this table has been omitted.

Table 2.11 looks at the number of benefit units in a household by Government Office Region.

Table 2.12 to 2.19 look at benefit units by family and economic status, region and age and marital status of head.

Table 2.20 provides analysis of individuals by sex, age and region.

Table 2.21 contains information on medical treatment, age and sex.

Key definitions used

(for a full explanation of all definitions please refer to the Glossary)

- Economic status
- Ethnic group
- Family status
- Head of household
- Head of benefit unit
- Marital status
- Sick or disabled adults

Section 2 Summary

The average number of persons per household is 2.6 in NI compared to 2.3 in the UK.

NI has a lower percentage of single-person households (24%) compared to the UK (32%).

NI has the highest percentage of households with children (36%), with the next highest region being London (30%) and the UK average is 28%.

There are also more households with sick or disabled adults under pension age in NI (25%), compared to the UK average (23%).

NI has however a lower percentage of households with one or more adults over pension age (29%), compared to the UK average (30%).

There are also less households in NI with unemployed adults under pension age (3%), compared to the UK average (5%).

NI has a higher percentage of households with 2 benefit units or more (22%), compared to the UK (17%).

NI has a higher percentage of households with 'Couple with children' (21%) and 'Single with children' (7%), compared to in the UK (17% and 6% respectively).

NI has a lower percentage of households with 'Single or Couple, all in full time work' (28%), compared to the UK (31%).

There are however, more 'Self-employed' households in NI (10%), compared to the UK (7%).

54% of heads of households are aged 44 or under in NI compared to 49% in the UK.

NI has a higher percentage of 'Married' benefit units (43%) and 'Single' benefit units (34%), compared to the UK averages (39% and 32% respectively).

There were less prescriptions received in NI (28%) compared to the UK (31%).

Females received more prescriptions (31%) compared to males (25%).

Table 2.1: Households by size and region

Size	Government Office Region							Percentage of households
	North East	North West	Yorkshire	East Midlands	West	Eastern	London	
		and Merseyside	and the Humber		Midlands			
1 person	32	33	33	32	30	33	34	
2 persons	34	34	36	34	34	34	29	
3 persons	16	15	13	15	15	14	16	
4 persons	11	12	13	13	13	14	13	
5 or more persons	7	6	5	6	8	5	8	
Average number of persons per household	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	
Sample size (=100%)	1,166	2,967	2,269	1,822	2,182	2,239	2,690	

Table 2.1: Continued

Size	Government Office Region						United Kingdom	Percentage of households
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland		
	1 person	30	32	32	32	34	24	32
2 persons	35	38	34	36	34	34	34	
3 persons	15	14	15	14	14	16	15	
4 persons	14	11	13	12	12	15	13	
5 or more persons	6	5	6	5	5	10	6	
Average number of persons per household	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.3	
Sample size (=100%)	3,468	2,138	20,941	1,324	4,695	1,750	28,710	

The information presented in Table 2.2 has been omitted from NI Report due to small sample size of ethnic groups.

Table 2.3: Households by age of head and size

Percentage of households

Age	Number of persons					Sample size (=100%)
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or more	
16 to 24	.	.	.	.	.	69
25 to 29	26	36	23	12	4	116
30 to 34	16	26	24	23	12	210
35 to 39	13	29	15	26	17	177
40 to 44	12	18	18	28	25	189
45 to 49	12	19	17	28	25	160
50 to 54	19	26	20	22	13	142
55 to 59	20	47	20	7	6	143
60 to 64	25	54	16	5	0	121
65 to 69	37	54	8	1	0	124
70 to 74	44	44	9	3	0	113
75 and Over	54	41	4	1	0	186
All households	24	34	16	15	10	1,750

Table 2.4: Households by age of head and region

Age	Government Office Region							Percentage of households
	North East	North West	Yorkshire	East Midlands	West	Eastern	London	
		and Merseyside	and the Humber		Midlands			
16 to 19	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
20 to 24	4	3	5	6	4	3	4	
25 to 29	7	7	6	6	6	7	9	
30 to 34	8	9	10	9	9	10	12	
35 to 39	7	10	11	11	10	9	11	
40 to 44	10	10	9	10	10	9	10	
45 to 49	10	10	9	8	9	10	9	
50 to 54	10	9	9	9	10	9	8	
55 to 59	9	9	9	10	9	8	9	
60 to 64	9	8	7	8	8	9	6	
65 to 69	8	7	7	6	7	7	6	
70 to 74	7	6	6	6	6	7	5	
75 to 79	6	6	6	5	5	5	4	
80 to 84	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	
85 or over	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	
Sample size (=100%)	1,166	2,967	2,269	1,822	2,182	2,239	2,690	

Table 2.4: Continued

Age	Government Office Region						Percentage of households
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
	16 to 19	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 24	3	4	4	3	5	4	4
25 to 29	6	5	7	6	7	8	7
30 to 34	9	8	10	8	9	11	10
35 to 39	11	10	10	8	10	11	10
40 to 44	10	9	10	9	9	11	10
45 to 49	10	10	9	10	9	10	9
50 to 54	9	9	9	10	9	8	9
55 to 59	10	9	9	11	9	8	9
60 to 64	8	8	8	8	8	7	8
65 to 69	6	6	6	7	7	6	7
70 to 74	5	7	6	6	7	6	6
75 to 79	5	6	5	6	5	4	5
80 to 84	4	5	4	4	3	4	4
85 or over	3	3	2	3	2	2	2
Sample size (=100%)	3,468	2,138	20,941	1,324	4,695	1,750	28,710

Table 2.5: Households by composition and region

Household composition	Government Office Region						
	North East	North West and Merseyside	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London
Households without children							
One adult							
adult male over pension age	5	4	4	4	4	4	3
adult female over pension age	10	11	10	9	10	10	9
adult male under pension age	11	12	12	13	11	13	14
adult female under pension age	6	7	6	6	6	5	8
Two adults							
both over pension age	10	8	10	9	9	9	7
one over pension age	5	5	4	4	5	5	4
both under pension age	17	17	18	19	17	18	16
Three or more adults	9	8	8	8	10	8	10
Households with children							
One adult							
one child	2	4	3	3	3	2	3
two children	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
three or more children	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Two adults							
one child	6	6	6	7	7	6	7
two children	7	8	8	9	8	9	8
three or more children	3	4	3	3	4	3	4
Three or more adults							
one child	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
two children	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
three or more children	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
All households without children	73	71	73	72	71	73	70
All households with children	27	29	27	28	29	27	30
<i>Households with one or more adults over pension age</i>	33	31	30	28	31	30	27
<i>Households with one or more sick or disabled adults under pension age</i>	31	24	25	24	23	18	20
<i>Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age</i>	7	4	5	4	6	4	6
Sample size (=100%)	1,166	2,967	2,269	1,822	2,182	2,239	2,690

Table 2.5: Households by composition and region (continued)

Household composition	Government Office Region						United Kingdom
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
Percentage of households							
Households without children							
One adult							
adult male over pension age	4	4	4	5	3	3	4
adult female over pension age	10	11	10	10	11	9	10
adult male under pension age	11	13	12	12	12	8	12
adult female under pension age	6	5	6	6	7	4	6
Two adults							
both over pension age	10	12	9	11	9	9	9
one over pension age	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
both under pension age	19	18	18	17	17	18	18
Three or more adults	9	8	9	8	8	9	9
Households with children							
One adult							
one child	2	2	3	4	3	3	3
two children	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
three or more children	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Two adults							
one child	7	6	6	7	6	8	6
two children	10	8	8	7	8	10	8
three or more children	4	3	3	3	3	6	3
Three or more adults							
one child	2	1	2	2	2	3	2
two children	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
three or more children	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total households without children	71	75	72	72	74	64	72
Total households with children	29	25	28	28	26	36	28
<i>Households with one or more adults over pension age</i>	29	33	30	33	30	29	30
<i>Households with one or more sick or disabled adults under pension age</i>	19	21	22	30	22	25	23
<i>Households with one or more unemployed adults under pension age</i>	4	3	5	4	6	3	5
Sample size (=100%)	3,468	2,138	20,941	1,324	4,695	1,750	28,710

The information presented in Table 2.6 has been omitted from NI Report due to small sample size of ethnic groups.

Table 2.7: Households by ethnic group of head and region

Percentage of households

Ethnic group	Government Office Region						
	North East	North West and Merseyside	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London
White	98	96	96	94	93	96	75
Mixed	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Asian or Asian British	1	2	2	3	4	2	10
Black or Black British	-	1	1	1	2	1	9
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1	1	-	1	1	1	5
Sample size (=100%)	1,166	2,967	2,269	1,822	2,182	2,239	2,690

Table 2.7: Continued

Percentage of households

Ethnic group	Government Office Region						Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland			
White	96	98	92	98	98	100	93	
Mixed	1	-	1	-	-	0	1	
Asian or Asian British	2	-	3	-	1	-	3	
Black or Black British	1	1	2	-	-	-	2	
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	
Sample size (=100%)	3,468	2,138	20,941	1,324	4,695	1,750	28,710	

**The information presented in Table 2.8 has been rotated off for the
2002-03 survey year**

**The information presented in Table 2.9 has been rotated off for the
2002-03 survey year**

The information presented in Table 2.10 on Council Tax is not applicable to NI

Table 2.11: Number of benefit units per household by region

Number of benefit units	Government Office Region							Percentage of households
	North East	North West and Merseyside	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London	
1 benefit unit	82	83	83	84	81	85	78	
2 benefit units	13	13	12	12	14	11	16	
3 benefit units	4	3	3	3	4	3	5	
4 benefit units	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
5 benefit units or more	-	-	1	1	-	0	-	
Average number of benefit units per household	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	
Sample size (=100%)	1,166	2,967	2,269	1,822	2,182	2,239	2,690	

Table 2.11: Continued

Number of benefit units	Government Office Region						Percentage of households
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
1 benefit unit	83	85	83	84	83	78	83
2 benefit units	12	11	13	13	13	15	13
3 benefit units	3	3	3	2	4	5	3
4 benefit units	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
5 benefit units or more	-	-	-	0	-	-	-
Average number of benefit units per household	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
Sample size (=100%)	3,468	2,138	20,941	1,324	4,695	1,750	28,710

Table 2.12: Benefit units by family status and region

Family status	Government Office Region						
	North East	North West	Yorkshire	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London
		Merseyside	and the Humber		Midlands		
Pensioner couple	10	9	9	9	9	10	7
Single male pensioner	4	4	4	3	3	4	3
Single female pensioner	10	11	10	9	10	10	9
Couple w ith children	15	16	16	17	18	17	16
Couple w ithout children	19	19	19	20	20	21	15
Single w ith children	6	7	6	6	6	5	7
Single male w ithout children	22	22	24	23	22	22	26
Single female w ithout children	13	13	13	13	13	12	16
Sample size (=100%)	1,385	3,476	2,670	2,136	2,614	2,589	3,402

Table 2.12: Continued

Family status	Government Office Region						Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland			
	Pensioner couple	9	12	9	11	9			8	9
Single male pensioner	3	3	4	5	3	3	4	
Single female pensioner	9	11	10	10	11	10	10	
Couple w ith children	19	16	17	16	16	21	17	
Couple w ithout children	21	21	19	19	19	18	19	
Single w ith children	5	5	6	7	6	7	6	
Single male w ithout children	22	22	23	20	22	20	23	
Single female w ithout children	12	10	13	12	13	13	13	
Sample size (=100%)	4,069	2,458	24,799	1,540	5,534	2,123	33,996	

Table 2.13: Benefit units by economic status and region

Economic status	Government Office Region							Percentage of benefit units
	North West and Merseyside		Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London	
	North East							
Self employed	4	7	6	7	6	8	7	
Single or couple, all in full time work	26	30	31	30	30	33	33	
Couple, one in full time work, one in part time work	7	8	8	8	9	10	6	
Couple, one in full time work, one not working	7	7	6	8	7	7	8	
One or more in part time work	8	9	9	9	9	8	10	
Head or spouse aged 60 or over	26	23	23	21	23	23	18	
Head or spouse unemployed	6	3	4	3	4	3	4	
Head or spouse sick/disabled	11	7	7	6	7	4	6	
Others	5	5	7	7	6	4	8	
Sample size (=100%)	1,385	3,476	2,670	2,136	2,614	2,589	3,402	

Table 2.13: Continued

Economic status	Government Office Region						Percentage of benefit units
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
Self employed	9	7	7	5	6	10	7
Single or couple, all in full time work	32	30	31	28	30	28	31
Couple, one in full time work, one in part time work	10	9	8	7	8	7	8
Couple, one in full time work, one not working	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
One or more in part time work	9	10	9	9	8	9	9
Head or spouse aged 60 or over	21	26	22	26	23	21	22
Head or spouse unemployed	2	2	3	3	5	3	4
Head or spouse sick/disabled	4	5	6	10	7	8	6
Others	5	4	6	4	6	7	6
Sample size (=100%)	4,069	2,458	24,799	1,540	5,534	2,123	33,996

Table 2.14: Benefit units by ethnic group of head and region

Percentage of benefit units

Ethnic group	Government Office Region						
	North East	North West	Yorkshire	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London
		and Merseyside	and the Humber		Midlands		
White	98	95	96	93	92	95	72
Mixed	-	1	1	1	-	-	2
Asian or Asian British	1	2	2	3	5	3	13
Black or Black British	-	1	1	2	2	1	9
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1	1	-	1	1	1	5
Sample size (=100%)	1,385	3,476	2,670	2,136	2,614	2,589	3,402

Table 2.14 Continued

Percentage of benefit units

Ethnic group	Government Office Region						Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland			
	White	95	98	91	98	98			99	92
Mixed	1	-	1	-	-	.	1	
Asian or Asian British	3	1	4	1	1	-	4	
Black or Black British	1	1	2	-	-	-	2	
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	
Sample size (=100%)	4,069	2,458	24,799	1,540	5,534	2,123	33,996	

Table 2.15: Benefit units by age of head and family status

Percentage of benefit units

Age	Family status								All benefit units
	Pensioner couple	Single male pensioner	Single female pensioner	Couple with children	Couple without children	Single with children	Single male without children	Single female without children	
16 to 19	0	.	0	0	-	4	18	14	6
20 to 24	0	.	0	2	5	13	25	36	12
25 to 29	0	.	0	9	9	16	16	10	9
30 to 34	0	.	0	19	9	13	10	7	9
35 to 39	0	.	0	19	9	21	8	5	9
40 to 44	0	.	0	23	6	18	6	6	9
45 to 49	0	.	0	17	10	11	4	7	8
50 to 54	0	.	0	8	15	5	5	9	7
55 to 59	0	.	0	3	20	0	5	7	6
60 to 64	5	.	13	1	17	0	4	0	6
65 to 69	33	.	19	0	0	0	0	0	5
70 to 74	30	.	22	0	0	0	0	0	5
75 and Over	33	.	46	0	0	0	0	0	8
Sample size (=100%)	182	74	242	449	344	198	379	255	2,123

Table 2.16: Benefit units by age of head and region

Age	Government Office Region							Percentage of benefit units
	North East	North West and Merseyside	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London	
16 to 19	7	4	6	4	5	5	4	
20 to 24	10	10	12	14	11	9	11	
25 to 29	9	8	7	6	8	8	12	
30 to 34	7	9	9	9	9	9	11	
35 to 39	6	9	9	10	8	8	10	
40 to 44	8	9	8	8	9	8	9	
45 to 49	9	9	8	7	8	8	7	
50 to 54	9	7	8	8	8	8	7	
55 to 59	7	8	7	8	7	7	7	
60 to 64	7	7	6	6	7	7	5	
65 to 69	6	6	6	5	6	5	5	
70 to 74	6	5	5	5	5	6	4	
75 to 79	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	
80 to 84	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	
85 or over	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Sample size (=100%)	1,385	3,476	2,670	2,136	2,614	2,589	3,402	

Table 2.16: Continued

Age	Government Office Region						Percentage of benefit units
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
16 to 19	5	5	5	4	5	6	5
20 to 24	9	9	11	8	11	12	10
25 to 29	8	6	8	7	8	9	8
30 to 34	9	8	9	9	9	9	9
35 to 39	9	9	9	7	9	9	9
40 to 44	9	8	8	8	8	9	8
45 to 49	8	8	8	9	8	8	8
50 to 54	8	8	8	9	8	7	8
55 to 59	8	8	8	9	8	6	8
60 to 64	6	7	6	7	7	6	6
65 to 69	5	5	5	6	6	5	5
70 to 74	4	6	5	6	6	5	5
75 to 79	4	5	5	5	4	4	4
80 to 84	3	5	3	4	3	3	3
85 or over	3	3	2	3	2	2	2
Sample size (=100%)	4,069	2,458	24,799	1,540	5,534	2,123	33,996

Table 2.17 Benefit units by age of head and economic status

Age	Percentage of benefit units				
	Economic status				
	Self employed	Single or couple, all in full time work	Couple, one in full time work, one in part time work	Couple, one in full time work, one not working	One or more in part time work
16 to 19	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 24	2	49	1	1	15
25 to 29	7	49	6	7	6
30 to 34	19	43	11	8	6
35 to 39	17	29	12	13	7
40 to 44	19	36	11	11	7
45 to 49	19	30	13	12	4
50 to 54	12	24	12	16	8
55 to 59	10	16	11	16	14
60 to 64	9	8	3	6	11
65 to 69	4	2	1	1	9
70 to 74	1	0	0	1	7
75 and Over	1	0	0	0	1
All benefit units	10	28	7	7	9

Table 2.17: Continued

Age	Percentage of benefit units				Sample size (=100%)
	Head or spouse aged 60 or over	Head or spouse unemployed	Head or spouse sick or disabled	Others	
16 to 19	.	.	.	.	93
20 to 24	0	6	7	18	202
25 to 29	0	5	10	10	158
30 to 34	0	2	7	4	236
35 to 39	0	5	11	6	189
40 to 44	0	1	9	6	198
45 to 49	0	5	14	2	166
50 to 54	0	6	19	3	150
55 to 59	2	2	23	5	145
60 to 64	64	0	0	0	128
65 to 69	82	0	0	0	134
70 to 74	91	0	0	0	122
75 and Over	98	0	0	0	202
All benefit units	21	3	8	7	2,123

Table 2.18: Benefit units by marital status of head and family status

Percentage of benefit units

Marital status	Family status							Single male without children	Single female without children	All benefit units
	Pensioner couple	Single male pensioner	Single female pensioner	Couple with children	Couple without children	Single with children				
Married	99	.	0	93	86	0	0	0	43	
Cohabiting	1	.	0	7	14	0	0	0	4	
Single	0	.	22	0	0	47	87	80	34	
Widow ed	0	.	70	0	0	6	2	4	10	
Separated	0	.	3	0	0	26	5	5	4	
Divorced	0	.	4	0	0	21	5	12	5	
Sample size (=100%)	182	74	242	449	344	198	379	255	2,123	

Table 2.19: Benefit units by marital status of head and economic status

Percentage of benefit units

Marital status	Economic status				
	Self employed	Single or couple, all in full time work	Couple, one in full-time work, one in part time work	Couple, one in full-time work, one not working	One or more in part-time work
Married	74	31	92	93	35
Cohabiting	6	7	8	7	1
Single	15	52	0	0	45
Widow ed	1	1	0	0	6
Separated	3	2	0	0	7
Divorced	1	6	0	0	7
Sample size (=100%)	204	548	134	145	182

Table 2.19: Continued

Percentage of benefit units

Marital status	Economic status				All benefit units
	Head or spouse aged 60 or over	Head or spouse unemployed	Head or spouse sick or disabled	Others	
Married	41	.	21	2	43
Cohabiting	0	.	2	2	4
Single	14	.	44	83	34
Widow ed	39	.	5	1	10
Separated	2	.	14	9	4
Divorced	4	.	13	3	5
Sample size (=100%)	510	67	189	144	2,123

Table 2.20: Individuals by sex, age and region

Percentage of individuals

Individuals by age and sex	Government Office Region						
	North East	North West and Merseyside	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London
Male							
4 and under	7	6	6	7	7	6	7
5 to 10	7	8	7	7	9	8	8
11 to 15	7	7	7	7	6	6	6
16 to 19	6	5	6	5	6	5	5
20 to 24	6	6	8	8	7	6	8
25 to 29	6	5	5	5	6	6	9
30 to 34	6	7	8	8	7	7	8
35 to 39	6	8	8	8	7	8	8
40 to 44	7	8	7	7	8	7	7
45 to 49	8	7	7	6	6	7	6
50 to 54	7	6	7	7	7	7	5
55 to 59	7	7	7	7	6	6	6
60 to 64	5	6	5	6	6	6	4
65 to 69	6	4	4	4	4	5	4
70 to 74	4	4	3	3	3	4	3
75 to 79	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
80 to 84	1	1	2	2	2	1	2
85 or over	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sample size (=100%)	1,296	3,210	2,486	2,056	2,560	2,514	3,120

Individuals by age and sex	Government Office Region						
	North East	North West and Merseyside	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London
Female							
4 and under	6	5	5	6	5	6	7
5 to 10	7	8	7	7	7	7	7
11 to 15	6	7	7	7	8	7	7
16 to 19	5	4	5	4	4	5	4
20 to 24	6	6	7	8	6	5	7
25 to 29	6	6	5	5	6	6	9
30 to 34	6	7	8	8	8	7	9
35 to 39	6	7	7	8	7	7	9
40 to 44	8	8	6	7	7	7	7
45 to 49	6	7	7	6	7	7	6
50 to 54	9	6	7	7	7	7	6
55 to 59	6	7	6	7	6	7	5
60 to 64	6	5	5	5	5	5	4
65 to 69	6	5	5	3	5	4	4
70 to 74	5	4	4	4	4	5	4
75 to 79	4	4	4	3	3	4	3
80 to 84	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
85 or over	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
Sample size (=100%)	1,418	3,670	2,738	2,256	2,766	2,701	3,417

Table 2.20: Individuals by sex, age and region (continued)

Percentage of individuals

Individuals by age and sex	Government Office Region						
	North East	North West and Merseyside	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	Eastern	London
Total individuals							
4 and under	6	5	6	6	6	6	7
5 to 10	7	8	7	7	8	7	8
11 to 15	7	7	7	7	7	6	7
16 to 19	6	5	5	4	5	5	5
20 to 24	6	6	8	8	6	6	7
25 to 29	6	6	5	5	6	6	9
30 to 34	6	7	8	8	7	7	9
35 to 39	6	7	8	8	7	7	9
40 to 44	7	8	7	7	7	7	7
45 to 49	7	7	7	6	7	7	6
50 to 54	8	6	7	7	7	7	6
55 to 59	6	7	6	7	6	7	6
60 to 64	6	6	5	5	5	6	4
65 to 69	6	5	5	4	5	5	4
70 to 74	4	4	4	4	3	4	3
75 to 79	3	3	4	3	3	3	3
80 to 84	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
85 or over	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Table 2.20: Continued

Percentage of individuals

Individuals by age and sex	Government Office Region						United Kingdom
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
Male							
4 and under	6	4	6	5	5	8	6
5 to 10	7	7	8	7	8	9	8
11 to 15	7	7	7	7	7	8	7
16 to 19	5	6	5	5	5	7	5
20 to 24	6	7	7	5	7	6	7
25 to 29	6	5	6	5	6	7	6
30 to 34	7	6	7	6	7	8	7
35 to 39	8	8	8	6	8	8	8
40 to 44	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
45 to 49	6	7	7	7	7	6	7
50 to 54	6	8	7	8	7	6	7
55 to 59	7	7	7	9	7	6	7
60 to 64	5	6	5	6	6	4	5
65 to 69	4	4	4	5	5	4	4
70 to 74	3	4	4	4	4	3	4
75 to 79	3	4	3	4	2	2	3
80 to 84	2	3	2	2	1	1	2
85 or over	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sample size (=100%)	4,010	2,333	23,585	1,436	4,940	2,059	32,020

Individuals by age and sex	Government Office Region						United Kingdom
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
Female							
4 and under	6	5	6	5	5	7	6
5 to 10	8	7	7	7	7	9	7
11 to 15	7	6	7	7	6	6	7
16 to 19	4	5	4	4	4	5	4
20 to 24	4	4	6	5	6	7	6
25 to 29	6	5	6	5	6	7	6
30 to 34	8	6	8	7	7	8	8
35 to 39	8	7	8	6	7	8	8
40 to 44	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
45 to 49	7	7	7	8	7	6	7
50 to 54	8	7	7	8	7	6	7
55 to 59	7	8	7	7	6	5	7
60 to 64	5	5	5	6	5	4	5
65 to 69	4	5	5	5	6	4	5
70 to 74	4	5	4	4	5	4	4
75 to 79	3	4	3	4	3	3	3
80 to 84	3	4	3	3	2	3	3
85 or over	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
Sample size (=100%)	4,344	2,576	25,886	1,592	5,602	2,300	35,380

Table 2.20: Individuals by sex, age and region (continued)

Percentage of individuals

Individuals by age and sex	Government Office Region						United Kingdom
	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
Total individuals							
4 and under	6	5	6	5	5	7	6
5 to 10	8	7	8	7	8	9	8
11 to 15	7	6	7	7	7	7	7
16 to 19	5	5	5	5	4	6	5
20 to 24	5	5	6	5	6	7	6
25 to 29	6	5	6	5	6	7	6
30 to 34	7	6	7	7	7	8	7
35 to 39	8	8	8	6	7	8	8
40 to 44	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
45 to 49	7	7	7	7	7	6	7
50 to 54	7	7	7	8	7	6	7
55 to 59	7	7	7	8	7	5	7
60 to 64	5	6	5	6	6	4	5
65 to 69	4	5	4	5	5	4	4
70 to 74	4	5	4	4	5	3	4
75 to 79	3	4	3	4	3	3	3
80 to 84	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
85 or over	2	2	1	2	1	1	1

Table 2.21: Individuals by Medical treatment, age and sex

Percentage of individuals

Individuals by age and sex	Medical treatment in the 4 weeks prior to interview					Sample size (=100%)
	Received something on prescription	Visited dentist for NHS examination/treatment	Had an eyesight test	Visited hospital for NHS treatment	Purchased glasses or contact lenses	
Male						
4 and under	27	4	1	5	0	167
5 to 10	13	13	4	2	2	204
11 to 15	12	12	4	2	-	181
16 to 19	11	7	3	1	2	125
20 to 24	6	4	0	4	0	102
25 to 29	.	.	.	.	.	99
30 to 34	16	7	3	7	0	180
35 to 39	16	6	1	3	2	145
40 to 44	20	11	3	6	3	141
45 to 49	27	9	5	8	2	125
50 to 54	36	11	5	4	1	121
55 to 59	38	8	4	6	2	123
60 to 64	.	.	.	.	.	96
65 to 69	.	.	.	.	.	82
70 to 74	.	.	.	.	.	69
75 and Over	.	.	.	.	.	99
All males	25	8	3	5	2	2,059
Female						
Medical treatment in the 4 weeks prior to interview						
Individuals by age and sex	Received something on prescription	Visited dentist for NHS examination/treatment	Had an eyesight test	Visited hospital for NHS treatment	Purchased glasses or contact lenses	Sample size (=100%)
4 and under	17	4	1	8	0	172
5 to 10	12	10	5	2	-	243
11 to 15	12	17	5	2	3	160
16 to 19	19	11	2	2	4	109
20 to 24	20	12	0	4	0	126
25 to 29	27	10	3	7	0	130
30 to 34	24	11	2	6	2	183
35 to 39	23	11	3	5	2	162
40 to 44	31	12	1	7	1	173
45 to 49	34	15	5	7	1	128
50 to 54	37	16	7	6	4	146
55 to 59	45	6	7	11	5	124
60 to 64	.	.	.	.	.	97
65 to 69	54	11	5	10	4	105
70 to 74	.	.	.	.	.	85
75 and Over	69	9	9	10	1	157
All Females	31	11	4	7	2	2,300

Table 2.21: Individuals by Medical treatment, age and sex (continued)

Percentage of individuals

Individuals by age and sex	Medical treatment in the 4 weeks prior to interview					Sample size (=100%)
	Received something on prescription	Visited dentist for NHS examination/treatment	Had an eyesight test	Visited hospital for NHS treatment	Purchased glasses or contact lenses	
All individuals						
4 and under	22	4	1	6	0	339
5 to 10	13	11	5	2	1	447
11 to 15	12	14	4	2	1	341
16 to 19	14	9	3	1	3	234
20 to 24	13	8	0	4	0	228
25 to 29	19	9	3	5	-	229
30 to 34	20	9	3	6	1	363
35 to 39	19	8	2	4	2	307
40 to 44	26	12	2	7	2	314
45 to 49	30	12	5	7	1	253
50 to 54	37	14	6	5	2	267
55 to 59	42	7	6	8	3	247
60 to 64	47	8	8	10	2	193
65 to 69	57	10	5	9	5	187
70 to 74	64	13	7	14	4	154
75 and Over	69	9	8	12	2	256
All individuals	28	10	4	6	2	4,359