

Ad hoc analysis of households who have never worked

December 2010

Results

Households containing no-one who has ever worked (excluding casual and holiday work)

Households containing at least one person aged 16-64; United Kingdom;
Not seasonally adjusted

Millions	Quarterly estimates		
	Q2 2008	Q2 2009	Q2 2010
All households	20.21	20.32	20.41
Households containing no-one who has ever worked <i>as a percentage of all households</i>	0.35 1.7%	0.34 1.7%	0.35 1.7%
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Lone parents and single-person households	76%	74%	74%
Other household types	24%	26%	26%
Households containing no-one who has ever worked excluding households where all adults are aged 16-24 and in education <i>as a percentage of all households excluding those where all adults are aged 16-24 and in education</i>	0.29 1.5%	0.27 1.3%	0.28 1.4%
<i>as a percentage of all households</i>	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%

Source: Household Labour Force Survey, Quarter 2 2008 to Quarter 2 2010

Notes

1. A household containing at least one person aged 16-64 years is defined as having never worked if all members aged 16 years or more are currently not in employment and state that they have not ever had paid work (apart from casual or holiday work, or the job that they are waiting to begin).
2. Information is not available on the reasons why no-one in the household has ever worked. For example some of these households may contain individuals who have disabilities or caring responsibilities. Likewise, some will be claiming state benefits and some will not.
3. Household estimates are only available for Q2 (April-June) and Q4 (October-December) each year. Quarterly estimates are subject to seasonal variations, such as large numbers leaving education and joining the labour market following Q2. Estimates are presented for the same quarter each year, for comparability. The estimate for one quarter is not necessarily representative of the rest of that year.

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Estimates have been produced for the latest three years, to give a sense of how stable they are in the short term.

4. Further estimates are provided excluding households where all members are aged 16-24 and in education. These are defined according to the status of all household members aged 16 years or more, so estimates may include households where all members are in education but some members are aged 25 years or more.

5. The various definitions of people who are in education are currently being reviewed by the Office for National Statistics. In this table, an individual is defined as in education if they are attending a course, full-time or part-time, at school, university or college, on a sandwich course, training in nursing, Open University or College, or other correspondence course.

6. Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.