

Family Finance Surveys User Conference 2022

5 July 2022, 09.30 – 16.30

Biographies

9.40 Survey updates

Chair: Jen Buckley, UK Data Service

9.40 Surveys Branch Developments and Publications from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

- **Family Resources Survey, Mark Vaughan and TBC**

Mark has been a government statistician for well over a decade and has experience of both limited-scale surveys and large-scale near-to-real-time administrative datasets. In his time at DWP he has worked in policy/analytical and operational support settings, as well as financial forecasting roles. He is now the project manager for the Family Resources Survey.

- **HBAI, Natalie Lloyd**

Natalie is the lead statistician on the DWP's Households Below Average Income (HBAI) publication, having taken over the role in September 2021. She has spent almost 20 years doing a range of statistical roles across DWP, from policy analysis and evaluation, to expenditure and workload forecasting, to developing performance measurement systems within DWP operations. The HBAI role is her first with a focus on using and publishing estimates based on survey data, and she has enjoyed tackling the additional challenges due to COVID impacts on FRS data collection.

- **Income Dynamics, Kiran Mirza**

Kiran joined DWP in Sept 2020 and have been working as an analyst in Income Dynamics since then (been nearly 2 years). She did an undergrad in Psychology at Leeds Trinity Uni and a Master's in Psychological Research Methods from Uni of Sheffield. She is based in the Sheffield Hub.

- **Other Surveys Branch Publications Using The Family Resources Survey, Joanne Burrage**

Joanne Burrage is a Principal Statistician at the Department for Work and Pensions, she leads on the Pensioners Incomes and Take-up publications and also manages the departments interest in two external surveys – the Wealth and Assets Survey and the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing. She has been in the role for six years now, before this Joanne developed Management Information products (also for DWP), and her first role in government was analysing higher education statistics for the Department for Education.

10.30 Developments in FRS fieldwork during 21/22,

Liz Hargreaves, Laura Keyse and Mhairi Brown, Office for National Statistics

Liz Hargreaves joined the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in 2008, and moved into Social Surveys in 2011. She first worked on the Family Resources Survey (FRS) as the Research Officer back in 2011-12 and returned as Survey Manager in 2019.

Dr Laura Keyse is a Senior Research Officer on the Family Resources team within the Office for National Statistics. She joined ONS in 2005 and has been a researcher on various social surveys. Before that she completed a PhD in psychology at Cardiff University focussing on language research.

Mhairi Brown joined the Office for National Statistics in August last year as a Research Officer on the Family Resources Survey. Before that she studied Human Geography at the University of Birmingham.

10.55 Comfort break (15 min)

11.10 Updates from the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

- **Household Finance Statistics Transformation and Income and Earnings Coherence Update**, *Carla Kidd and Ainslie Woods*
- **Analytical projects using the Wealth and Assets Survey**, *Carla Kidd*
- **Cost of Living analysis**, *Annemari de Silva*

Carla Kidd is the Assistant Deputy Director for Household Financial Statistics Transformation at the ONS. Prior to this she was the Head of Wealth, Pensions and Spending analysis at ONS and held several roles within Pensions Policy analysis at the DWP.

Ainslie Woods leads on the coherence of GSS income and earnings statistics. She joined the ONS in 2009 and has led several statistical development teams covering topics such as consumer prices, regional GDP and card payments. Ainslie is originally from New Zealand and has also worked at Stats NZ.

Annemari de Silva is a senior research officer in Household Income & Expenditure. She is a social researcher with a background in mixed methods research and qualitative research. Prior to joining the Civil Service, Annemari worked in think tanks and research consultancy.

11.50 Comfort break (15 min)

12.05 Research papers

Chair: Annabel Connolly, Department for Work and Pensions

Each talk will last for 15 minutes with 5 minutes immediately afterwards for questions.

Assessing earnings and income data from a short web survey

Paul Fisher, ISER, University of Essex and Understanding Society (and Thomas F. Crossley, European University Institute and Understanding Society and Omar Hussein, ISER, University of Essex and Understanding Society)

Paul Fisher is a Research Fellow and economist at the Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex. He is a co-investigator of the Understanding Society Survey and is the survey 'topic champion' for income.

Differences in measures of family poverty and their association with educational outcomes

Pauline Brown, PhD student, Manchester Institute of Education, University of Manchester (and Dr Maria Pampaka, University of Manchester)

Pauline is a part-time PhD student at the University of Manchester. She is an experienced teacher and senior leader, leading on Pupil Premium and Inclusion. Pauline currently works in a Multi Academy Trust and her research interests are exploring the links between poverty, place and education.

Estimating Neighbourhood Greenhouse Gas Emissions using the Living Costs and Food Survey

Lena Kilian, Leeds Institute for Data Analytics, University of Leeds (and Anne Owen, University of Leeds, Andy Newing, University of Leeds, and Diana Ivanova, University of Leeds)

Lena is a third-year PhD student at the University of Leeds. She is part of the ESRC-

13.05 Lunch (50 min)

13.55 Plenary session: Food insecurity

Chair: Jen Buckley, UK Data Service

Making sense of food insecurity data in the UK

Rachel Loopstra, King's College London

Rachel completed her PhD in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Toronto, where her research focused on understanding drivers of food insecurity and food bank use in the Canadian context. She then took up a post-doctoral researcher in Comparative Welfare Systems in the Department of Sociology at the University of Oxford, where she examined relationships between austerity and social protection programmes in relation to food bank use, homelessness, and food hardship in the UK and across the EU. From November 2016, she was a Lecturer in Nutrition in the Department for Nutritional Sciences at King's College London, developing a profile of research focused on how macro-policies relate to health inequalities, chiefly household food insecurity, in the UK and cross-nationally. In June 2022, she started a Senior Lecturer position in the Department of Public Health, Policy and Systems at the University of Liverpool.

She is an Expert Advisor to the Food Foundation and has provided advice on food insecurity and food bank use monitoring and measurement to the Food Standards Agency, Department for Work and Pensions, The Trussell Trust, among others.

Did the £20 per week uplift in Universal Credit reduce food insecurity among claimants in 2020-21?

Ben Baumberg Geiger, Reader in Sociology and Social Policy, University of Kent (and Rachel Loopstra, Lecturer in Nutrition, King's College London and Aaron Reeves, Associate Professor of Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation, University of Oxford)

Ben Baumberg Geiger is a Reader in Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Kent (from August, moving to the Centre for Society and Mental Health at King's College London). He is co-lead of the Welfare at a (Social) Distance project, a large study looking at the benefits system during Covid-19, funded by the ESRC as part of the rapid response to the pandemic – and was lead author on a WASD report on food insecurity among benefit claimants (see distantwelfare.co.uk/publications). He has particular interests in disability, the benefits system and the nature of work.

14.45 Comfort break (15 min)

15.00 Research papers

Chair: Carla Kidd, Office for National Statistics

Each talk will last for 15 minutes with 5 minutes immediately afterwards for questions.

Gender equality within the household: earnings, benefits and income sharing among couples with children in the United Kingdom

Susan Harkness, University of Bristol (and Andrea Tartakowsky Pezoa, University of Bristol and Esther Dermott, University of Bristol)

Susan Harkness is a Professor of Social Policy at the University of Bristol, visiting professor at the Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion at the London School of Economics and the research lead for labor markets and institutions at the ESRC

Research Centre for Micro-Social Change at the University of Essex. Her research examines how gender and family structure relate to labour market opportunities, income inequality and poverty.

Families of children with disabilities: income poverty, material deprivation and unpaid care in the UK

Ana Nicoricu, PhD student part of the CDT Data Analytics and Society programme, The University of Manchester

Ana Nicoricu is a PhD student at the University of Manchester and part of the Centre for Doctoral Training Data Analytics and Society. With a background in Economics and Data science, her PhD focuses on studying difference in terms of poverty and material deprivation in the UK between families raising children with disabilities and families raising children without disabilities.

Whatever happened to the Child Trust Fund? The abandonment of universal savings for UK children

Lin Tian, Aston University (and Steve McKay, University of Lincoln and Andy Lymer, Aston University)

Lin is currently a researcher at the Centre for Personal Financial Wellbeing at Aston University. Her research focuses on household finance, financial inclusion, labour market outcomes and some topics in social housing and subjective wellbeing.

Intergenerational transfers and life events

Bee Boileau, Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies (and David Sturrock, Institute for Fiscal Studies)

Bee is a Research Economist in the Pensions and Public Finance sector at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. She is currently working on projects analysing intergenerational transfers, labour market activity among older workers, and retirement savings.