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The Family Resources Survey

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Survey Background

What is the Family Resources Survey?



How are participants selected?

- FRS sample in Great Britain is drawn from the Royal Mail's small users Postcode Address File (PAF).
- FRS uses a stratified clustered probability sample design.
- The survey samples 1,417 postcode sectors, from around 9,200 in Great Britain, with a probability of selection that is proportional to size.
- Each postcode sector is known as a Primary Sampling Unit (PSU).
- Please refer to [FRS background information and methodology for more details.](#)



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National statistics

Family Resources Survey: financial year 2020 to 2021

Results from the Family Resources Survey for the financial
year 2020 to 2021, providing information on income and
circumstances of UK households.

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Income and State Support



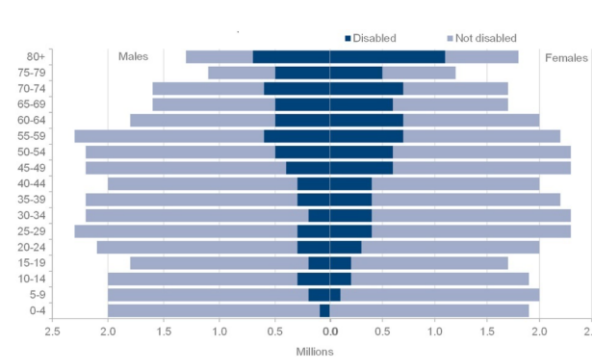
Income from employment and self-employment made up 73p of every £1 of household income.

Tenure



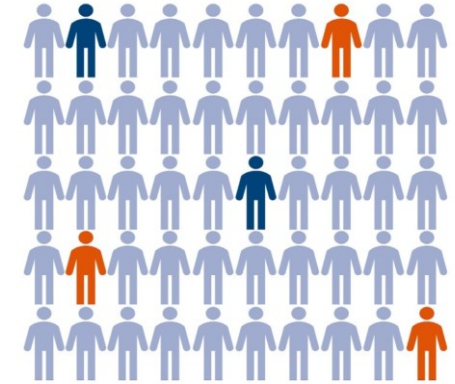
The percentage of households in the rented sector has decreased gradually over the last five years and is now 35%.

Disability



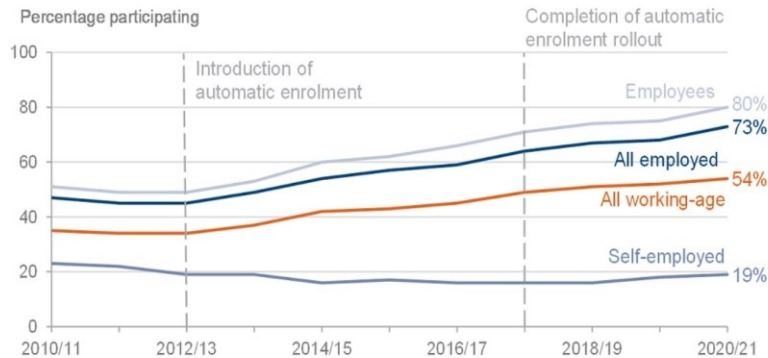
Most age groups had a higher proportion of females than males reporting a disability. The exceptions were younger age groups (ages 14 and younger).

Care



Two in every 50 people are in receipt of care. Three in every 50 people are providing informal care to someone else, with almost half caring for someone living within their household.

Pension Participation

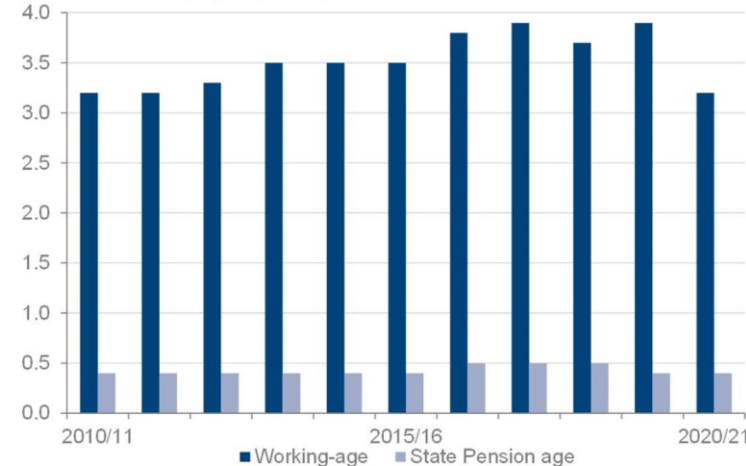


Savings and Investment

Four in ten families had either no savings or investments, or less than £1,500 in savings and investments. A sixth of families had savings and investments of £30,000 or more.

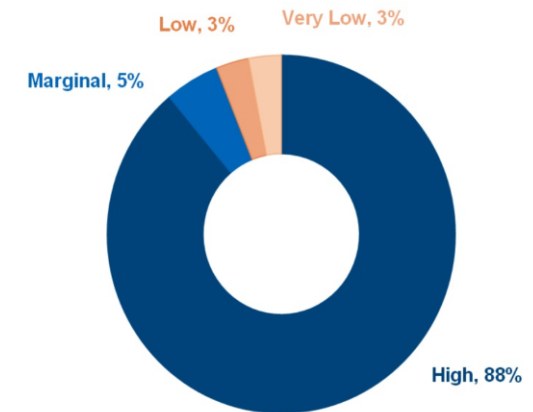
Self Employment

Number of self-employed (millions)



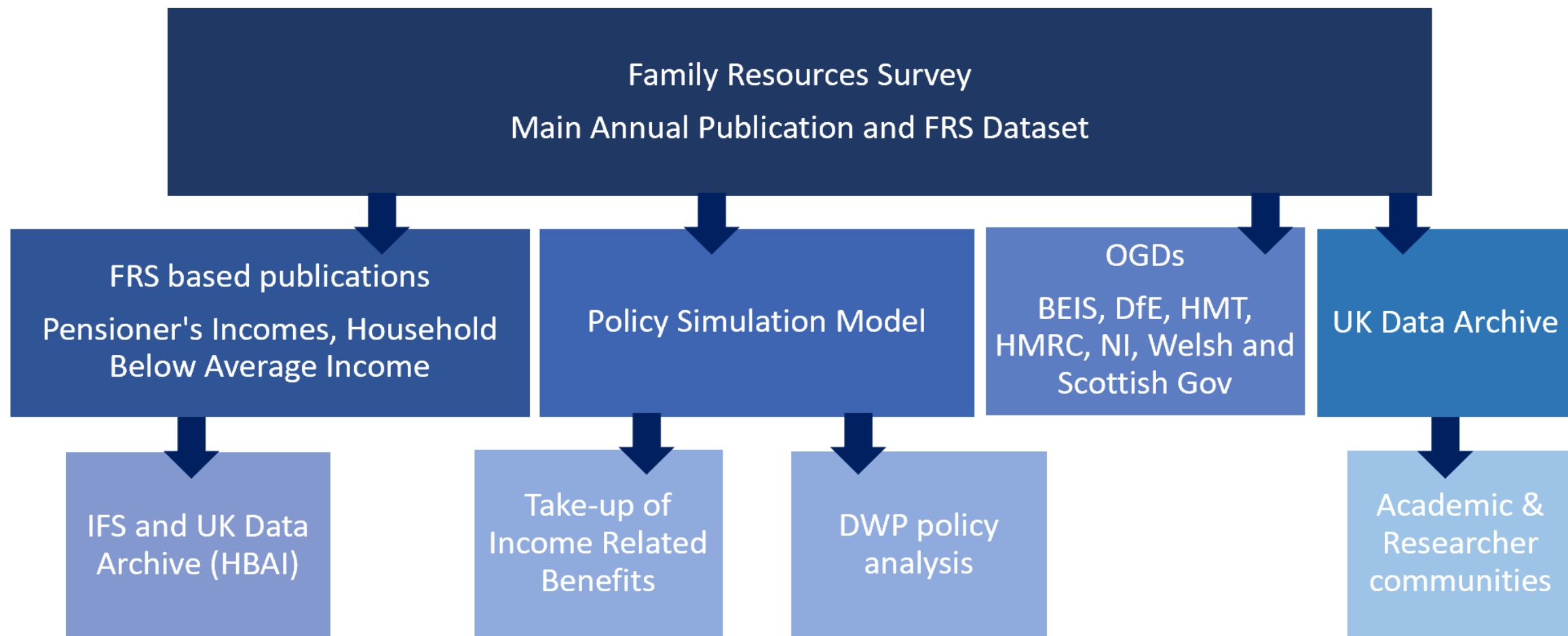
The number of working-age self-employed people fell by 0.7 million between 2019 to 2020 and 2020 to 2021. Apart from a 0.2 million fall between 2017 to 2018 and 2018 to 2019, there has been an upward trend since 2010 to 2011.

Household Food Security



Most people lived in households with high household food security (88%) or marginal household food security (5%). A minority of households were food insecure, with low household food security (3%) or very low household food security (3%).

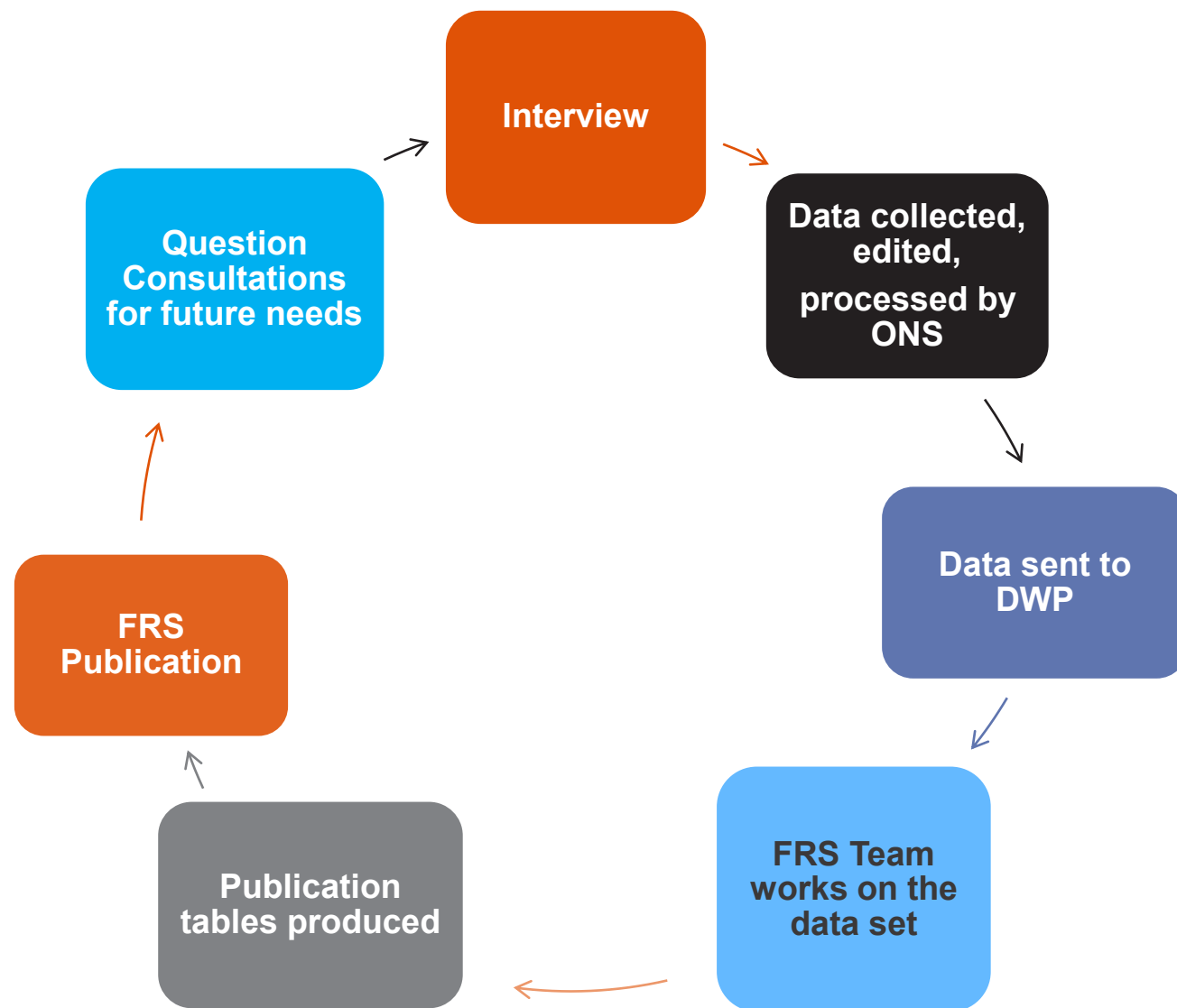
Who uses the Family Resources Survey?





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The FRS Life Cycle





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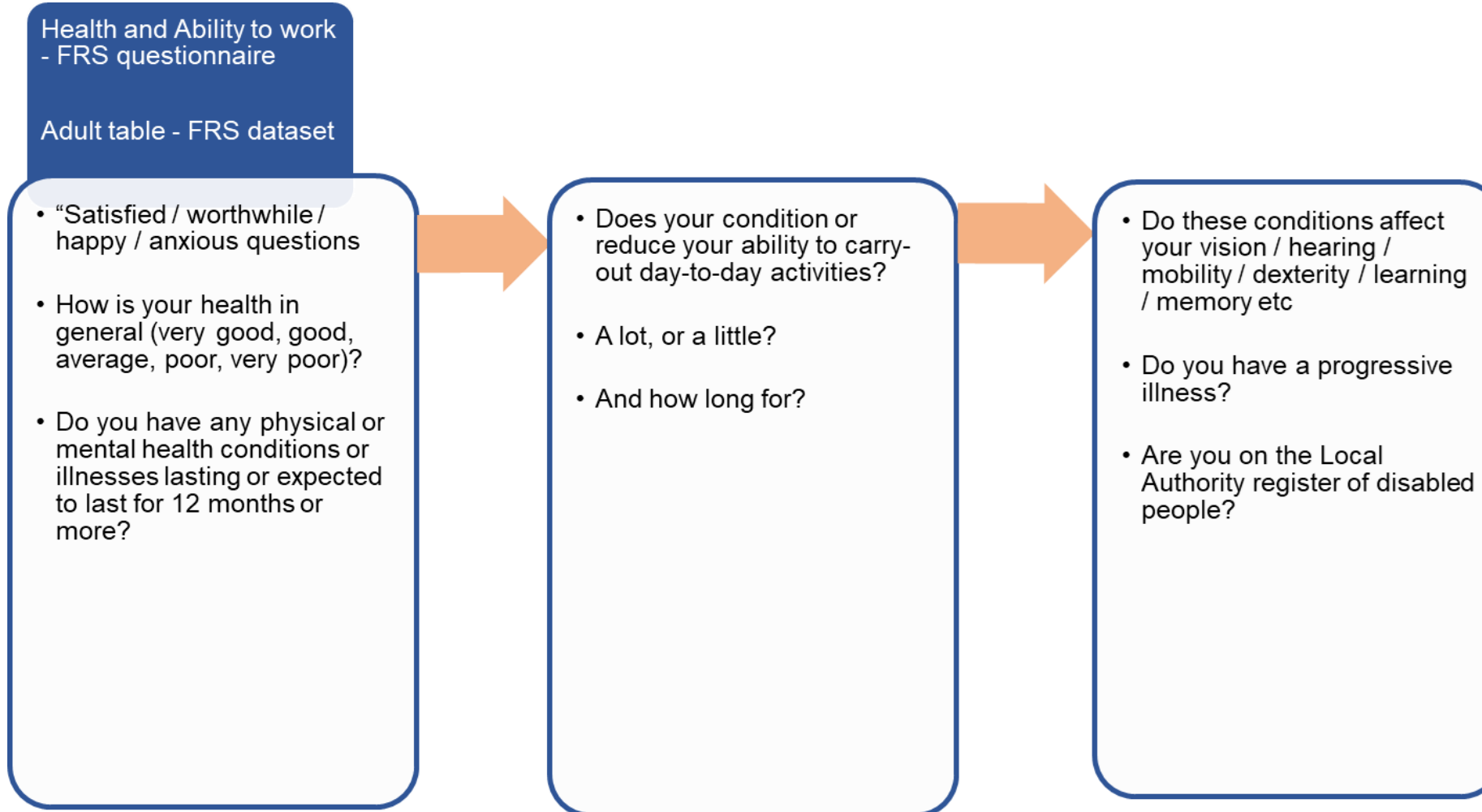
FRS Content

What's in the Family Resources Survey?



Survey Questions - Disability

The FRS finds around 1 in 5 people reporting a disability nationally.



Survey Questions – Earnings from Work

Employee Pay Details -
FRS questionnaire

JOB table - FRS dataset

- Were you working last week?
- How many jobs did you have?
- Were they full time or part time, what were your hours?
- Were you self-employed, or were you an employee...

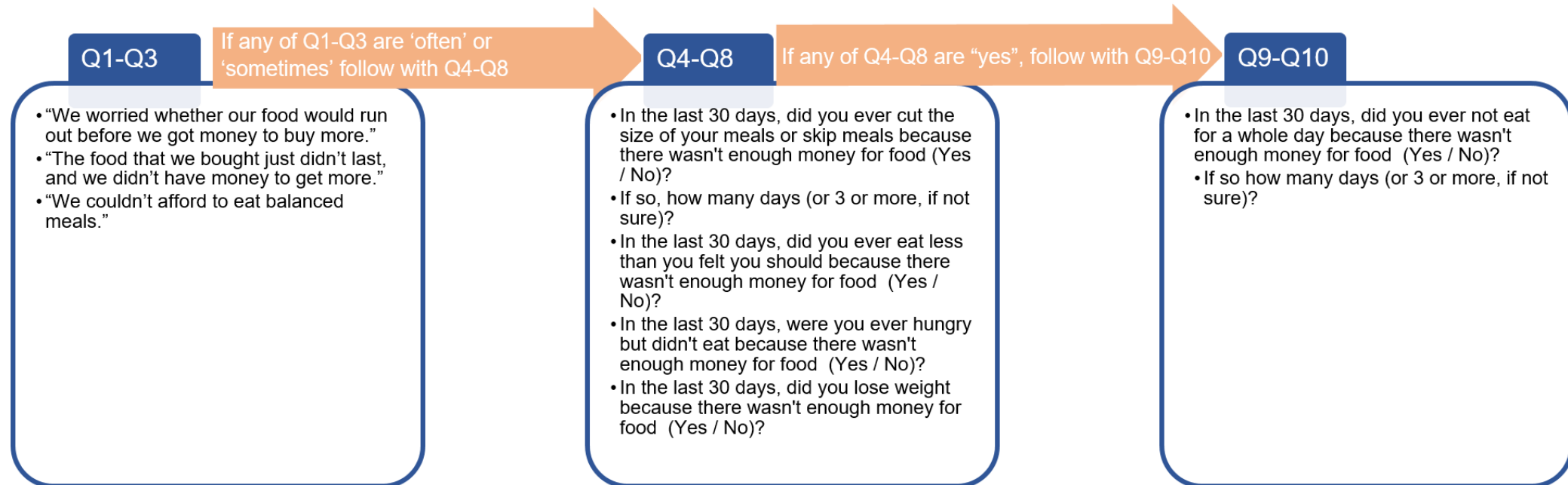
- What was your last take-home pay, including overtime, bonus, commission, tips or other payments such as tax credits?
- How much was deducted from your wage/salary for income tax and National Insurance Contributions?

- Were there deductions for childcare vouchers / union fees / AVCs / anything else?
- Did your wage/salary include reimbursements like statutory payments (maternity/paternity pay) or any mileage or other motoring costs?
- Do you know why your hourly rate of pay might be lower than the National Minimum Wage rate?
- Were you taking shared parental leave?

FRS captures earnings on both a gross and net basis (net of income tax & NICs), and other deductions or additions

Survey Questions – Household Food Security

- Household Food Security was first introduced for survey year 2019-20. These questions are now in their third survey year.
- Each household answering the questions is awarded a score between 0 and 10 on the food security scale.
- Low and very low food security are known as “Food Insecure”.
- The measure isn’t calculated for shared households.





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FRS Use

FRS can be used for...

- FRS data can be used to conduct various analysis. FRS dataset includes a wide range of variables, allowing to produce detailed breakdowns.
- Individual, family or household level analysis.
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- Country and analysis by government region (GVTREGNO variable)
- To enrich analysis conducted using other data sources. FRS includes a vastly wider range of variables than admin datasets, including housing, tenure type, protected characteristics and more.

Analytical Questions Possible to Answer with FRS Data



How many people with a disability live in the UK?

Of those, what is the split by region?

How many claim disability related benefits?

What is the proportion of those living in rented vs owned accommodation?

Of those who rent, what is the split between private and social tenure?

Analytical Questions Possible to Answer with FRS Data

How many informal carers are there in the UK?

By age

By sex

By family type

By household
income

When using FRS remember...

- The vast majority of £ amount values are per week, figuring on 365/7 weeks a year.
- GROSS4 is the current grossing variable, this is on a few of the tables, you may need to merge it on, depending which tables you are working with.
- Some groups of society are simply not included because FRS surveys private households only: students in halls, individuals in nursing or retirement homes
- Benefit receipt is known to be under-reported, but we assess the extent of this, see table M6 in publication for more details.

Do not use FRS for...

- Official caseloads and amounts on state benefits. You can use statistics published on Stat-Xplore.
- Poverty, living standards, low income measures, or material deprivation. Use Households Below Average Income. HBAI data is also available via UKDS.
- Just pensioner incomes. Use Pensioners' Incomes series, also available via UKDS.
- Changes in individual incomes over time. You can use Income Dynamics publication for this, also produced by one of the Surveys' teams.



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Thank you for listening!

Any questions?

