

## Series 9 - General Household Survey

**Description:** The General Household Survey (GHS) is a continuous national survey of people living in private households conducted on an annual basis, by the Social Survey Division of the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The main aim of the survey is to collect data on a range of core topics, covering household, family and individual information. This information is used by government departments and other organisations for planning, policy and monitoring purposes, and to present a picture of households, family and people in Great Britain.

- **Available years:** 1971-2005
- **Principal investigator:** Office for National Statistics. Social and Vital Statistics Division

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### #9:84 – General Household Survey 1978

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Electoral Register.

**Fieldwork:** 1978.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 1995.

#### Alcohol consumption

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

#### **Other drinking**

- Status
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

#### Other alcohol variables

- Cause of harm - health (Can drinking damage health; smoking or drinking more harmful)

#### Health status and behaviour:

- Mental health (Low, health problems section)
- Self-reported health (High, including vision, hearing, bedfast, children's health section)
- Smoking (High, including attitudes)

#### Other variables

- Leisure (Low, in relation to health problems)

#### Demographics

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Low, country of birth section)

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### #9:85 – General Household Survey 1980

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Electoral Register.

**Fieldwork:** 1980.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 1897.

### Alcohol consumption

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

### **Other drinking**

- Status
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

### Other alcohol variables

- Cause of harm - health (Can drinking damage health; smoking or drinking more harmful)

### **Health status and behaviour:**

- Self-reported health (High, including elderly section, children's health)
- Smoking (High, including attitudes)
- Fitness (Medium, as part of leisure section)

### **Other variables**

- Socialising (Low, as part of leisure section)
- Leisure (High, leisure section)
- Cognitive skills (High, regarding elderly persons)
- Victim of crime (Medium, household theft)

### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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## **#9:86 – General Household Survey 1982**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Electoral Register.

**Fieldwork:** 1982.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 2099.

### Alcohol consumption

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

### **Other drinking**

- Status
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

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### Other alcohol variables

- Cause of harm - health (Can drinking damage health)

### **Health status and behaviour:**

- Self-reported health (High, including children's health, vision, elderly section)
- Smoking (High, including attitudes)

### **Other variables**

- Caring (Low, keeping house as an option for occupation)

### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)

- Education (High)

- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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### **#9:87 – General Household Survey 1984**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Electoral Register.

**Fieldwork:** 1984.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 2154.

#### **Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

#### **Other drinking**

- Status
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

#### **Other alcohol variables**

- Cause of harm - health (Can drinking damage health)

#### **Health status and behaviour:**

- Mental health (Low, in relation to difficulties in getting pregnant)

- Self-reported health (High, including accidents, children's health, elderly persons)
- Smoking (High, including attitudes)
- Fitness (Medium, indoor and outdoor sports as options under activities on school premises section)
- Sexual health (High, contraception questions for men and women)

#### **Other variables**

- Socialising (Medium, social events as an option under activities on school premises section)
- Leisure (Medium, leisure education/societies, drama and music as options under activities on school premises section)
- Caring (Medium, including Voluntary Projects Programme)
- Political opinions (Low, party meetings as an option under activities on school premises section)

#### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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### **#9:88 – General Household Survey 1986**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1986.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 2569.

#### **Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency, typical week)

frequency (days and separate occasions)).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

**Other drinking**

- Status
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

**Other alcohol variables**

- Cause of harm - health (Can drinking damage health)

***Health status and behaviour:***

- Self-reported health (High, including children's health)
- Smoking (High)
- Fitness (Medium, part of leisure

section)

- Sexual behaviour (Low)
- Sexual health (x)

***Other variables***

- Leisure (High, leisure section)
- Caring (Medium, including Voluntary Projects Programme)
- Victim of crime (High, household burglary)

***Demographics***

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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***#9:89 – General Household Survey 1988-1989***

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 1988 - 31 March 1989.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 2724.

**Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency, typical week frequency (days and separate occasions)).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

**Other drinking**

- Status
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

**Other alcohol variables**

- Cause of harm - health (Can drinking damage health)

***Health status and behaviour:***

- Self-reported health (High, including accidents, children's health)
- Smoking (High)
- Fitness (Low, in relation to accidents)

***Other variables***

- Leisure (High, leisure trips supplement)
- Caring (Medium, including Voluntary Projects Programme)

***Demographics***

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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### #9:90 – General Household Survey 1990-1991

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 1990 - 31 March 1991.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 2937.

#### Alcohol consumption

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

#### **Other drinking**

- Status
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

#### Other alcohol variables

- Cause of harm - health (Can drinking damage health)

#### Health status and behaviour:

- Mental health (Low, cared for person)
- Self-reported health (High, including child's health, vision and cared for person)
- Smoking (High, including attitudes)
- Fitness (High)

#### Other variables

- Socialising (Low)
- Leisure (High)

#### Demographics

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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### #9:91 – General Household Survey 1992-1993

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 1992 - 31 March 1993.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 3166.

#### Alcohol consumption

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

#### **Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

#### Other alcohol variables

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

#### Health status and behaviour:

- Self-reported health (High, including child's health, vision, hearing difficulties)
- Smoking (High)
- Sexual health (High, contraception questions for married women; single

women; widowed, divorced, separated women)

#### **Other variables**

- Caring (High, including separate section on voluntary work)
- Cognitive skills (Medium, mobility section)

#### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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### **#9:92 – General Household Survey 1994-1995**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 1994 - 31 March 1995.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 3538.

#### **Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

#### **Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

#### **Other alcohol variables**

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

#### **Health status and behaviour:**

- Self-reported health (High, including child's health, vision, elderly section)
- Smoking (High)

#### **Other variables**

- Leisure (Low)
- Caring (Medium)
- Cognitive skills (High, elderly questionnaire)

#### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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### **#9:93 – General Household Survey 1996-1997**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 1996 - 31 March 1997.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 3804.

#### **Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency).

**Single occasion:** n/a.

**Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

**Other alcohol variables**

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

***Health status and behaviour:***

- Mental health (Medium, health of adults, cared for person with young carer )
- Self-reported health (High, including child's health and cared for person)
- Smoking (High)

- Fitness (High)

***Other variables***

- Socialising (Low)
- Leisure (High)
- Caring (Medium)
- Cognitive skills (High, activities of daily living of elderly people, mobility section)
- Victim of crime (High, burglary section)

***Demographics***

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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***#9:94 – General Household Survey 1998-1999***

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** 8,636 households; 15,853 adults; 4,543 child information.

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 1998-31 March 1999.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 4134.

**Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency, 7-day frequency).

**Single occasion:** binge-drinking (Beverage-specific quantity consumed on heaviest occasion of past week).

**Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-perceived drinking (Respondent view of level of their drinking)

- Self-reported change (5 years ago comparison)

**Other alcohol variables**

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

***Health status and behaviour:***

- Self-reported health (High, including child's health, elderly section and hearing)
- Smoking (High, includes attitudes)
- Sexual behaviour (Medium, married women and women cohabiting with men)
- Sexual health (High, contraception questions for married women and women cohabiting with men)

***Other variables***

- Leisure (Low)
- Caring (Low)
- Cognitive skills (High, elderly questionnaire)

### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)

- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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### **#9:95 – General Household Survey 2000-2001**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** 8,221 households; 19,266 interviews.

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 2000-31 March 2001.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 4518.

### **Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency, 7-day frequency).

**Single occasion:** binge-drinking (Beverage-specific quantity consumed on heaviest occasion of past week).

### **Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-reported change (5 years ago comparison)

### **Other alcohol variables**

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

### **Health status and behaviour:**

- Mental health (Medium, both of the carer and the cared-for person)
- Self-reported health (High, including child's health and cared for person)
- Smoking (High, includes attitudes)
- Drugs (Low, use by others in community)

### **Other variables**

- Socialising (Low, in relation to informal care)
- Leisure (Medium)
- Caring (High, including separate section on informal care)
- Political opinions (Low, local council issues and policing)
- Attitude (fear) of crime (High)
- Victim of crime (Low)

### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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### **#9:96 – General Household Survey 2001-2002**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** 8,989 households; 21,180 individuals.

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 2001-31 March 2002.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 4646.

**Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency, 7-day frequency).

**Single occasion:** binge-drinking (Beverage-specific quantity consumed on heaviest occasion of past week).

**Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-reported change (5 years ago comparison)

**Other alcohol variables**

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

**Health status and behaviour:**

- Self-reported health (High, including child's health, elderly section, mobility

section)

- Smoking (High, includes attitudes)
- Drugs (Low, use by others in community)

**Other variables**

- Leisure (Medium)
- Caring (Low)
- Cognitive skills (High, elderly questionnaire and mobility section)
- Political opinions (Low, local council issues and policing)
- Attitude (fear) of crime (High)
- Victim of crime (Low)

**Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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**#9:97 – General Household Survey 2002-2003**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** .

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 2002 - 31 March 2003.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 4981.

**Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency, 7-day frequency).

**Single occasion:** binge-drinking (Beverage-specific quantity consumed on heaviest occasion of past week).

**Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-reported change (5 years ago comparison)

**Other alcohol variables**

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

**Health status and behaviour:**

- Self-reported health (High, including child's health, hearing difficulties)
- Smoking (High, includes attitudes)
- Drugs (Low, use by others in community)
- Fitness (High)
- Sexual behaviour (Medium, female only aged 16-49)
- Sexual health (High, contraception questions for female only ages 16-49)

### **Other variables**

- Socialising (Low)
- Leisure (High)
- Caring (Medium)
- Political opinions (Low, local council issues and policing)
- Attitude (fear) of crime (High)
- Victim of crime (Low)

### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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## **#9:98 – General Household Survey 2003-2004**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** 10,283 households; 24,489 individual interviews.

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 2003 - 31 March 2004.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 5150.

### **Alcohol consumption**

**Consumption:** frequency (7-day frequency).

**Single occasion:** binge-drinking (Beverage-specific quantity consumed on heaviest occasion of past week).

### **Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-reported change (5 years ago comparison)

### **Other alcohol variables**

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

### **Health status and behaviour:**

- Self-reported health (High, including child's health, dental health and child's dental health)
- Smoking (High, includes attitudes)
- Drugs (Low, addiction listed as a potentially self-reported problem)

### **Other variables**

- Leisure (Medium)
- Caring (Low)
- Political opinions (Low, local council issues and policing)
- Attitude (fear) of crime (High)
- Victim of crime (Low)

### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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## **#9:99 – General Household Survey 2004-2005**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** 8,700 households; 20,421 individual interviews.

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 April 2004 - 31 March 2005.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 5346.

### Alcohol consumption

**Consumption:** frequency (7-day frequency).

**Single occasion:** binge-drinking (Beverage-specific quantity consumed on heaviest occasion of past week).

### **Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-reported change (5 years ago comparison)

### Other alcohol variables

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

### **Health status and behaviour:**

- Self-reported health (High, including child's health)
- Smoking (High, includes attitudes)
- Fitness (Low)

### **Other variables**

- Leisure (Low)
- Caring (Low)
- Personality (High)
- Political opinions (High)
- Attitude (fear) of crime (High)

### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)

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## **#9:100 – General Household Survey 2005**

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**Universe:** Private households in Great Britain.

**Sample size:** 12,802 households; 30,069 individual interviews.

**Methods:** Face-to-face interview; Telephone interview.

**Sample:** Postcode Address File (PAF).

**Fieldwork:** 1 January 2005 - 31 December 2005.

**Geography:** Countries; Government Office Regions (GORs); Standard Regions.

**Access:** SN 5640.

### Alcohol consumption

**Consumption:** beverage-specific volume and frequency (12 mth beverage specific quantity-frequency, 7-day frequency).

**Single occasion:** binge-drinking (Beverage-specific quantity consumed on heaviest occasion of past week).

### **Other drinking**

- Status (Reason for abstinence)
- Self-reported change (5 years ago comparison)

### Other alcohol variables

- Attitudes to alcohol (Reason for non-drinking)

### **Health status and behaviour:**

- Self-reported health (High, including child's health)
- Smoking (High, includes attitudes)

### **Other variables**

- Attitude (fear) of crime (Low)

### **Demographics**

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (Medium)