

Labour Force Survey (LFS 10) September 2004: (Version 1)

**Thank you for choosing the LFS 10 unit records.
We hope that you will find this product useful.**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

This file sets out the information that you will need to access the data provided.

In order to process and analyse the data users should be in possession of appropriate software that can handle very large datasets. Users can contact Stats SA for advice in this regard if necessary.

The files essential for accessing the data are provided in text format. Other files with relevant information have been provided in Word 2000 format. If you do not have software appropriate for this format, please contact Stats SA and paper copies will be forwarded to you. Alternatively, this and additional documentation is available on the Stats SA website situated at www.statssa.gov.za

2. CONTENTS OF CDs

2.1 Data

This directory contains the data files in ASCII format:

- Person.txt
- Worker.txt
- Migrant.txt
- House.txt

2.2 Metadata

The files and the corresponding sections of the questionnaire are as follows:

- Person: Data from Flap and Section 1
- Worker: Data from Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Migrant: Data from Section 6
- House: Data from section 7

2.3 Record layouts

The record layouts contain information about the question numbers, a short description and also the start position and length of each variable in the Person, Worker, Migrant and House(hold) files.

Variable names, which are also supplied for convenience, are the ones used internally within Stats SA.

The Metadata should be consulted for more detail descriptions of the variables.

2.4 Code lists

This directory contains code lists for:

- Industry
- Occupation
- District council/ Metro

The code lists are in either Excel (xls) or Rich Text (rtf) formats

All code lists are contained in the metadata on the Stats SA website. These three code lists are supplied separately for the convenience of users.

2.5 Questionnaire

This directory contains the following sections in MS WORD format:

- The Cover page contains information about the particulars of households, number of households per dwelling unit, field staff information, and response details
- The Flap and Section 1 cover particulars of each person in the household
- Section 2 covers activities in the last seven days for all household members aged 15 and above
- Section 3 covers unemployment and non-economic activities
- Section 4 covers main work activity in the last seven days
- Section 5 covers information regarding agricultural activities and uncompensated activities in the past 12 months
- Section 6 covers information on migrant workers (persons who are separated from the household for more than 5 days on average a week in the past 4 weeks)
- Section 7 covers information regarding the living conditions of the household

2.6 Statistical release

This directory contains the statistical release in pdf format.

3. REQUIREMENTS

The following minimum hard drive space is required:

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| • Data | 31Mb |
| • Metadata | 1Mb |
| • Other | 1Mb |

4. DESIGN OF THE SAMPLE

This is a two-stage complex sample of dwelling units as follows:

4.1 Primary sampling unit (PSU)

- Census 2001 Enumeration Areas (EAs) are pooled to form Primary Sampling Units (PSUs). A maximum of 4 EAs are pooled to form a PSU, due to logistical reasons.
- 3000 PSUs were drawn using PPS (probability proportional to size) sampling. Census 2001 household count per EA is used as measure of size.

4.2 Dwelling unit (DU)

- From each of the selected PSUs, 5 clusters of 10 DUs and 2 clusters of 12 DUs were drawn using systematic sampling techniques.

4.3 Households

- Dwelling units are a means to the households, thus all households at a selected dwelling unit are enumerated.

4.4 Person

- All household members are enumerated.

5. SAMPLING WEIGHTS AND ADJUSTMENT FOR NON-RESPONSE

- Sampling weights are calculated as the inverse of the respective selection probabilities.
- After field operation, sample weights are adjusted for unit non-response.
- The adjusted weights are then benchmarked to the marginal totals as provided by the Demographic Analysis component of Stats SA.

6. STRATIFICATION AND ORDERING OF THE RECORDS

- District councils/metros are used as explicit strata. There are 53 district councils/metros and therefore 53 explicit strata in the sampling design.

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