

Title: Quality of Life in Britain: First Pilot Survey 1971

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Variables: Perceived current satisfaction levels of various social groups, self-ratings of satisfaction (on 0-10 ladder scales) with various life and policy domains (housing, district, job, family life, friendships, leisure, health, childrens' education, police and courts, welfare services; self-reported situation as appropriate for related domains; open-ended questions on changes to make more/less satisfied; Srole-Christie Anomy scale; Crowne-Marlowe Social Desirability scale; standard demographics.

Fieldwork: Research Services Ltd, March 1971

Sample: Quota sample from 16 local authority areas throughout GB. Instructions to interviewers were to get half middle and half working class (ABC1: C2DE), from one person only per address, at least 5 addresses away from each other, and that respondents should be previously unknown to them. N = 213.

Manual: **User Manual for The Quality of Life: first pilot survey (March 1971)** Survey Unit, Social Science Research Council 1973 (compiled by John Hall and David Lord, cover design by Colin Brown, mimeo 68pp). Unweighted frequency distributions, sampling note, facsimile questionnaire, interviewing manual, editing and coding instructions, index to data layout and index to variables in file. Available in **pdf** format (2.44mb) from U K Data Archive at Essex.

Data files: Raw data on **QLGBpilot1.dat** (101kb, 6 x 80-col records); ready-to-use portable file **QLGBpilot1.por** (180kb, 336 variables in **varxxx to varyyy** convention in which first digit indicates record followed by a pair of digits indicating (start) column on which data punched. Raw data supplied on 2 cards per case: multi-punched data spread out on records 3 – 6

Setup files: Complex retrieval and much direct work on the **.sav** file means no single **.sps** file; consult author if interested. Some minor editing to include labelling not included in original file; **QLGBPilot1freq.sps** specifies unweighted frequencies for all variables and also for multiple response groups in binary mode. **QL1multdemo.sps** is a demonstration run using value labels instead, but involves recodes. Care needed.

Output files: File **QLGBPilot1freq.spo** (1.96mb) contains unweighted frequency counts for all variables in the same sequence as the manual, **QLGBPilot1mult.spo** (57.5kb) contains frequencies for multiple response groups.