

**Title:** **Quality of Life: 2<sup>nd</sup> Main Survey (Urban Britain) 1975**  
(UK Data Archive study #915)

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**Variables:** Self-ratings of satisfaction (0-10 box scales) with various life domains (housing, local district, democracy in Britain, standard of living, family income, job, leisure time, health, family life, own education, own health, health services) and with sub-domains for housing (eg kitchen, view from windows, noise) local district (eg public transport, schools, crime, being near family) self-reported situation as appropriate for related domains (greater detail for family background, health history and symptoms); open-ended question on definitions of quality of life; perceived level of quality of life in other countries; perceived current and ideal levels (0-10 box scale) of selected political constructs in Britain today (eg freedom of speech, influence of voters, tolerance, censorship, equality for women etc.); possession or expectations of consumer durables; perceived current and deserved levels of standard of living for selected social groups; self-reported levels of worry for various aspects of personal life and life in general; Bradburn Affect Balance Scale; semantic differential scale assessing *My Present Life*; a newly developed semantic differential scale assessing *My Present Life* and *My House/Flat*; perceived current, past and entitled satisfaction with, control over life, happiness; standard demographics; interviewer observations on exterior of house/flat and respondent's reaction to questionnaire. *[NB Many of the above items are replicated from the pilot and main surveys of Quality of Life in Britain 1971 and 1973 and the main survey of Quality of American Life by Angus Campbell et al at the Survey Research Center, Inst of Social Research, Univ of Michigan at Ann Arbor, as part of our joint cross-national research programme on Subjective Social Indicators.]*

**Fieldwork:** Research Services Ltd., March - May 1975

**Sample:** Preselected probability from Electoral Register in urban areas of England, Wales and Scotland south of the Caledonian Canal. Same wards as in 1973, but different polling districts (T = 1705, N = 932: response rate 61%)

**Manual:** John F Hall **The Quality of Life in Urban Britain – Users' Manual** Research Report No 8 Survey Research Unit, Polytechnic of North London, Jan 1982. (ISBN 0 906970 07 5) Contains bibliography, frequency distributions (including derived variables), sampling report, facsimile questionnaire, interviewer instructions, facsimile showcards, editing and coding instructions, index to data layout. Early (part-handwritten) draft also available in **pdf** format (2.44mb) from Essex.

**Data file:** **QLGB1975.dat** (649kb, 9 x 80-col records); portable file **QLGB1975.por** (962kb) 444 variables in basic file, plus 17 derived variables. Some additional labels to those in the published manual; some minor recodes to yield more logical sequences of values in tabulations.

**Setup files:** **QLGB1975freq.sps** (996kb) for unweighted frequencies and multiple response groups. For scores on scales, groups from combinations of variables and some common classificatory variables, labelling not included in original file, consult author.

**Output files:** File **QLGB75FREQ.SPO** (3.91mb) contains unweighted frequency counts for all variables and multiple response groups in the same sequence as the manual (including some derived variables described in it, but not tabulated).