
Travel Module Q4 2016

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Introduction

The National Travel Survey (NTS) is a household survey on the travel behaviour of respondents and their day-to-day travel activities. It is conducted as a module of the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS). A similar module was included in the QNHS in the fourth quarter of 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.

The NTS results will be used to compile statistical indicators for journey purpose and modes of travel, which will help monitor the implementation of existing transport policy and will inform future transport initiatives.

The NTS is being conducted by computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI). This questionnaire was designed by the Central Statistics Office in consultation with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTas) and the National Transport Authority (NTA).

The module comprises of two parts. Firstly some general questions and secondly, there are journey specific questions.

Definitions

Journey

A journey is a key concept in this module. To be relevant to this survey a journey must

- Commence in the travel reference day (it may end the following day)
- Be at least 100 metres in length (approximately a one minute walk)
- Not be an integral part of a respondent's routine employment (e.g. a milkman on his milk round, a taxi driver picking up a fare, etc.)
- Comprise exclusively domestic travel (all stages of foreign travel are excluded)

A journey is typically travel from location A to location B for the purposes of carrying out a specific activity at location B. A location can be a single premise (e.g. a house, an apartment, a shop, an office, etc.) or a complex of premises (a shopping centre, a factory site, a hospital, etc.).

Return trips are to be recorded as separate journeys.

There are some instances in which a trip may go from A to A.

Example: The interviewee goes for a walk that starts and finishes at their home. This trip should be recorded as a single individual journey. Please note, if the start and end destination are the same a warning signal will appear.

A single journey may comprise of more than one stage (e.g. a walk to a bus stop followed by a bus to town). Stages should not be broken up into separate journeys. Question 10 asks, How did you get there? Only one mode of transport is permitted. Record the mode used for the majority of the journey.

Incidental stops

Relatively incidental stops do not break a single journey into two separate journeys, as long as the stopover is brief and of little importance in its own right to the respondent.

Example 1: Stopping for petrol whilst driving to work or stopping for a newspaper on the way home.

Stopping at the petrol station does not constitute a break in the journey. It should be recorded as a single journey from home to work.

Example 2: Driving children to school before going to work.

This should be recorded as two separate journeys. The two journeys have a significant purpose in their own right. The first journey is from home to school, the second from school to work.

Example 3: Stopping to do the weekly shopping on the way from work.

This should be recorded as two separate journeys. The weekly shop takes more than a few minutes and is likely to be significant to the respondent.

Travel reference day

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- For interviews conducted on Wednesday through to Saturday, the travel reference day will be the immediately preceding day, i.e. if a person is interviewed on Friday November 22nd, the travel reference day will be Thursday November 21st.
- For interviews conducted on Mondays a different arrangement applies. The travel reference day will be Friday, Saturday or Sunday.
- For interviews conducted on Tuesdays. The reference day will be Sunday or Monday.

The exact day and date will be specified in the relevant questions to make it clear which day is being referred to.

Data is required for all seven days of the week. The majority of QNHS interviews take place early in the week, thus making it difficult to get data for Friday and Saturday. Therefore it is necessary to put this arrangement in place. You will not need to specify the reference day. It will be automatically selected.

Travel reference period

The travel reference period is 4am to 3:59am. This allows us to capture information for respondents who finish work or return from leisure activities after midnight. This time period was previously used in the 2009 module. Specific examples of how this will work in practice will be given when we look at question 12.

Module Specification

NTSOPEN

Filter: Waves 2, 3, 4 and 5, aged 18 and over and direct interview

As part of the QNHS survey this quarter we are collecting some information people's day-to-day travel activities.

NOTE: PRESS 1 TO CONTINUE

Q1 LICENCE

Q1 Filter: Waves 2, 3, 4 and 5, aged 18 and over

Do you have a current driving license for a car?

1. Yes
2. No

Q2 TRAVEL

Q2 Filter: Waves 2,3,4 and 5, Aged 18 and over

Did you make any journeys, by any mode such as motor vehicle, public transport, cycling or walking yesterday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday?

1. Yes
2. No

NOTE 1: ONLY JOURNEYS THAT BEGIN ON THE TRAVEL REFERENCE DAY (04:00am TO 03:59am) ARE TO BE

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INCLUDED

NOTE 2: ALL MODES OF TRAVEL (WALKING, CYCLING, BUS, RAIL, PRIVATE CAR, TAXI, ETC.) ARE TO BE INCLUDED

NOTE 3: ALL STAGES OF FOREIGN TRAVEL ARE TO BE EXCLUDED

Q3A NO TRAVEL

Q3A Filter: 'No' to Q2

Why did you not make any journeys [Yesterday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday]?

1. Fully occupied with home duties/had no wish or need to travel
2. Short term illness
3. Long term illness/mobility impairment
4. No access to transport
5. Cost
6. The weather
7. Travelling abroad
8. Other

NOTE: ONLY ONE ANSWER MAY BE SELECTED

Q3B NO OF JOURNEYS

Q3B Filter: 'Yes' to Q2

How many journeys did you make?

Enter a numeric value between 1 and 20

Q3C HOMEBASE

Q3C Filter: 'Yes' to Q2

Did your first journey begin from home?

1. Yes
2. No

Q4 OTHERBASE

Q4 Filter: 'No' to Q5

Where did your first journey begin from?

1. Place of social/entertainment/leisure activity (inc. Family/Friends house)
2. Work
3. Other

NOTE: ABROAD IS NOT A VALID OPTION – FOREIGN TRAVEL IS EXCLUDED

----- REPEATING BLOCK-----

The next set of questions will loop around until the number of journeys for which details have been completed is equal to the number provided at 3B.

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Q5 DESNAT

Q5 Filter: 'Yes' to Q2

Where did you go (from [Journey Beginning/Last Destination])?

1. Home
2. Work
3. Shops/shopping centre/retail outlet
4. Cafe/restaurant/pub/fast food outlet
5. School/college/educational training/childcare
6. Family or friends house/apartment
7. Entertainment/leisure/sports venue
8. Bank/post office/doctor/other place of personal business
9. Other

NOTE: ONLY ONE ANSWER MAY BE SELECTED – FOREIGN TRAVEL IS EXCLUDED

Q6A PURPOSE_HOME

Q6A Filter: '1' to Q5

Did you go there simply to return home, to collect or escort someone, or for some other purpose?

1. Home
2. Collect/escort somebody
3. Other

NOTE: A COLLECTION/ESCORT JOURNEY IS A JOURNEY UNDERTAKEN SOLELY TO BRING ANOTHER PERSON TO THEIR DESTINATION OR TO ACCOMPANY THEM ON THEIR JOURNEY

Q6B PURPOSE_WORK

Q6B Filter: '2' to Q5

Did you go there simply to work, to collect or escort someone, or for some other purpose?

1. Work
2. Collect/escort somebody
3. Other

Q6C PURPOSE_SHOPS

Q6C Filter: '3' to Q5

Did you go there simply to shop, to collect or escort someone, or for some other purpose?

1. Shopping
2. Collect/escort somebody
3. Other

Q6D PURPOSE_CONSUME

Q6D Filter: '4' to Q5

Did you go there simply to eat or drink, to collect or escort someone, or for some other purpose?

1. Eat/drink
2. Collect/escort somebody

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3. Other

Q6E PURPOSE_EDUCATION/CHILDCARE

Q6E Filter: '5' to Q5

Did you go there for your own education, to collect or escort someone to their place of education, to collect or escort somebody to childcare, or for some other purpose?

1. Education
2. Collect/escort somebody to their place of education
3. Collect/escort somebody to childcare
4. Other

Q6F PURPOSE_SOCIAL

Q6F Filter: '6' to Q5

Did you go there simply for social reasons, to collect or escort someone, or for some other purpose?

1. Social
2. Collect/escort somebody
3. Other

Q6G PURPOSE_LEISURE

Q6G Filter: '7' to Q5

Did you go there for your own entertainment or leisure (including sports activity), to collect or escort someone, or for some other purpose?

1. Entertainment/leisure/Sports
2. Collect/escort somebody
3. Other

Q6H PURPOSE_BUSINESS

Q6H Filter: '8' to Q5

Did you go there simply for personal business, to collect or escort someone, or for some other purpose?

1. Personal business
2. Collect/escort somebody
3. Other

Q7 PURPOSE_OTHER

Q7 Filter: '9' to Q5 or '3' to Q6A, Q6B, Q6C, Q6D, Q6E, Q6F, Q6G, Q6H

Why did you go there?

1. Work
2. Education
3. Shopping
4. To eat or drink

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5. Visit family/friends
6. Entertainment/leisure/sports
7. Personal business
8. Companion/escort journey
9. Other

Q8 ALONE

Did you go on your own?

1. Yes
2. No

Q9 GROUP

Q9 Filter: 'No' to Q8

How many of you went on the journey?

1. Two
2. Three
3. Four
4. Five or more

Q10 MODE

How did you get there (main mode of travel, if more than one)?

1. Private car
2. Van/Lorry
3. Motorcycle
4. Walk
5. Bus
6. Cycle
7. Dart/Luas
8. Rail
9. Taxi/hackney
10. Other

NOTE: ONLY ONE ANSWER MAY BE SELECTED

Q11A DRIVER

Q11A Filter: (Answers 1 on Q1 AND Answers No on Q8 AND answers 1,2 or 3 to Q10)

Were you the driver of the vehicle?

1. Yes
2. No

Q11B NON MOTORISED OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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Q11B Filter: (Answers 4-10 to Q11 AND answers 1 on Q1)

Was driving or getting a lift an option when you left on the journey?

1. Yes
2. No

NOTE: DON'T KNOW/REFUSAL IS NOT AN OPTION FOR THIS QUESTION

Q11C NO_DRIVE_OTHER

Q11C Filter: (Answers 4-10 to Q11 AND answers 2 on Q1)

Was driving or getting a lift an option when you left on the journey?

1. Yes
2. No

NOTE: DON'T KNOW/REFUSAL IS NOT AN OPTION FOR THIS QUESTION

Q12 JOURNEY COMMENCEMENT TIME

What time did you begin the journey?

(HH:MM)

NOTE:

- THIS INCLUDES ALL TRAVEL FROM 04:00am ON THE MORNING OF X AND FINISHES AT 03:59am ON THE MORNING OF Y
- USE 12 HOUR CLOCK FORMAT AND INCLUDE LEADING ZEROS, FOR EXAMPLE ENTER 7:30AM AS "0730", 12 NOON AS "1200", 6:25PM AS "0625", ETC.
- YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ENTER THE COLON

Q12A am or pm

Was this am or pm

1. AM
2. PM

Q13 TIME

How long did it take?

(Minutes)

NOTE 1: MINUTES ONLY. FOR EXAMPLE A JOURNEY OF 2 HOURS WOULD BE ENTERED AS "120", A JOURNEY OF 1 HOUR AND 17 MINUTES AS "77", ETC.

NOTE 2: IF THE EXACT TIME CANNOT BE RECALLED, A BEST ESTIMATE WILL SUFFICE

NOTE 3: DON'T KNOW/REFUSAL IS AN OPTION FOR THIS QUESTION (BUT SHOULD ONLY BE USED IF AN ESTIMATE CANNOT OR WILL NOT BE MADE)

Q14 DISTANCE

How far was your journey?

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(units – 1 decimal place)

NOTE 1: MAY BE MILES OR KILOMETRES

NOTE 2: IF THE EXACT DISTANCE IS NOT KNOWN, A BEST ESTIMATE WILL SUFFICE

NOTE 3: DON'T KNOW/REFUSAL IS AN OPTION FOR THIS QUESTION (BUT SHOULD ONLY BE USED IF AN ESTIMATE CANNOT OR WILL NOT BE MADE)

Q15 UNIT

Is that miles or kilometres?

1. Miles
2. Kilometres

After details for each journey are entered the following interviewer note appears:

'Is there another journey?'

If you answer no and the number of journeys for which details have been entered is less than the number of journeys entered for question 3B the following warning will appear.

WARNING: The number of journeys entered is X, you have not completed details for all journeys. Press suppress and please indicate why information is not available for the remaining journeys.

NB. The number of journeys is one of the most crucial pieces of information for data users. It is of utmost importance that this figure is accurate.

-----END OF REPEATING BLOCK-----

Q16 CONTINUE

Q16 Filter: The number of journeys for which details have been entered = the number of journeys entered for question 3B

Did you make any other journey?

1. Yes
2. No

IF Q16=YES

THIS WILL BRING YOU TO THE START OF THE REPEATING BLOCK AND ALLOW YOU TO ENTER DETAILS FOR THE JOURNEY THAT WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED. YOU WILL **NOT** BE ASKED TO AMMEND THE NO OF JOURNEYS (QUESTION3B)

IF Q16=NO

Q17 COMMENTS

Have you any comments to make in relation to the questions on travel?

THE INTERVIEW IS THEN CLOSED

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions on travel