

Appendix 2: Monitoring Poverty and Social Exclusion 2005 indicators

Low income			
Indicator		Coverage	Source
1***	Numbers in low income	GB	HBAI/FES/FRS
1a***	<i>Income inequalities</i>	GB	HBAI/FRS
1b***	<i>Location of low income</i>	GB	HBAI/FRS
2***	Low income by age group	GB	HBAI/FRS
3***	Low income by family type	GB	HBAI/FRS
3a**	<i>Low income and ethnicity</i>	GB	HBAI/FRS
3b**	<i>Paying Council Tax</i>	England + Wales	HBAI/FRS
3c**	<i>Persistent low income</i>	GB	BHPS
3d**	<i>Material deprivation</i>	GB	BHPS
4***	Out-of-work benefit levels	GB	DWP
4a***	<i>Out-of-work benefit recipients</i>	GB	DWP
5***	Long-term working-age recipients of out-of-work benefit levels	GB	DWP/NOMIS
6**	In receipt of tax credits	GB	HBAI/FRS

Children			
Indicator		Coverage	Source
	Economic circumstances		
7***	Numbers in low income	GB	HBAI/FRS
8***	Children in workless households	UK	LFS
9*	Concentrations of children eligible for free school meals	England	DfES
	Health and well-being		
10*	Low birthweight babies	England + Wales	ONS DH3
11***	Infant mortality	England + Wales	ONS
11a***	Dental health	GB	Specialised dentistry survey
11b**	<i>Accidental deaths</i>	England + Wales	
12**	Underage conceptions	GB	ONS DH3
	Education		
13**	Low attainment at (maintained) school: 11-year-olds	England	DfES
14**	Low attainment at school: 16-year-olds	England + Wales	DfES/Welsh Assembly
15**	Permanent exclusions from school	GB	DfES/Welsh Assembly/Scottish Executive
15b**	<i>In young offenders' institutions</i>	England + Wales	Youth Justice Board

Young adults			
Indicator		Coverage	Source
	Transitions to adulthood		
16***	Without a basic qualification (19-year-olds lacking NVQ Level 2)	UK	LFS
16a***	<i>Impact of education on work</i>	UK	LFS
17***	School leavers	England	Connexions/HEFCE
18**	18- to 20-year-olds with a criminal record	England + Wales	Home Office Criminal Statistics
	Economic circumstances		
19***	In low-income households	GB	HBAI/FRS
20***	Unemployment	UK	LFS
21**	Low pay	UK	ONS/LFS/ASHE
21a*	<i>Problem drug users treated</i>	GB	DH
21b**	<i>Suicides</i>	GB	ONS

Working-age adults aged 25+			
Indicator		Coverage	Source
	Economic circumstances		
22***	Low income and work	GB	HBAI/FRS
23***	Low income and disability	GB	HBAI/FRS
	Exclusion from work		
24***	Wanting paid work	UK	LFS
25***	Work and disability	UK	LFS
25a***	<i>Work and lone parents</i>	UK	LFS/ONS
25b**	<i>Work and ethnicity</i>	UK	LFS
26***	Workless households	UK	LFS
26a**	<i>Jobs</i>	UK	Labour Market Statistics
	Low pay		
27**	Low pay by gender	UK	ONS/LFS/ASHE
28**	Low pay by industry	UK	LFS
29**	Low pay and disability	UK	LFS
29a*	<i>Low pay and ethnicity</i>	UK	LFS
29b***	<i>Pay inequalities</i>	UK	NES/ASHE
	Disadvantaged at work		
30***	Insecure at work	UK	JUVOS/LFS
31***	Support at work		
31a***	<i>Adults without qualifications</i>	UK/ England + Wales	LFS/Skills for Life
	Health and well-being		
32***	Premature death	GB	ONS
33**	Limiting long-standing illness	GB	GHS
34***	Mental health	England	HSE
35***	<i>Obesity</i>	England	Health Survey for England

Pensioners			
Indicator		Coverage	Source
	Economic circumstances		
35***	In low-income households	GB	HBAI/FRS
36***	No private income	GB	FRS
36a**	<i>Spending on essentials</i>	UK	EFS
37**	Non-take-up of benefits	GB	DWP
	Health and well-being		
38**	Excess winter deaths	England + Wales	ONS
	Isolation and support		
39**	Limiting long-standing illness	GB	GHS
40a**	Receiving help to live at home	England	DH HHI
41**	Anxiety: unsafe walking alone after dark	England + Wales	British Crime Survey
41a***	<i>Rural access to services</i>	England	Rural Services Survey
41b**	<i>Without a telephone</i>	UK	FES/EFS

Community			
Indicator		Coverage	Source
	Polarisation of low income		
42***	Polarisation of low income/housing tenure	GB/UK	FRS/Census
43**	Concentration of low income	England	Index of Deprivation
43a***	<i>Dissatisfaction with local area</i>	England	Survey of English Housing
44***	Victims of crime	England + Wales	British Crime Survey
44b**	<i>Non-participation</i>	GB	BHPS
	Access to services		
45**	Transport: number of journeys/car ownership	GB	National Travel Survey
46**	Without a bank account	GB	FRS
47**	Without home contents insurance	England and Wales	EFS
	Housing		
48***	Without central heating	GB	FRS
48a**	<i>Non-decent homes</i>	England	English House Condition Survey
48b**	<i>Energy inefficient home</i>	England	EHCS
48c**	<i>Fuel poverty</i>	England	EHCS
49*	Homeless households	England	ODPM
49a*	<i>Overcrowding</i>	GB/England	GHS/SEH
50***	Serious mortgage arrears	England	Survey of English Housing
50a**	<i>Housing Benefit(non-take-up)</i>	GB/UK	FRS/DWP

Notes: indicators in italics are not included in the hard copy report, but are on the NPI website only.

* Indicator judged by the report's authors to be of limited overall adequacy.

** Indicator judged by the report's authors to be of medium overall adequacy.

*** Indicator judged by the report's authors to be of high overall adequacy.

1. Indicator 9 is described by the report's authors as 'limited' because "while the underlying data is sound, its relationship to other aspects of poverty and social exclusion is not immediately clear" (Palmer et al, 2005 p 42).

2. Indicator 45 is assessed as of medium adequacy in the report. However, "it is not at all clear that the data fully captures the problems of transport in relation to poverty and social exclusion" (p 106). Moreover, the assessment of 'number of journeys' that leads to the claim that "people in households with a car make twice the number of journeys as those without a car" is "calculated as the total number of trips by all methods less the number of walking trips" (p 106). Given the environmental necessity of raising the proportion of journeys made on foot, and the inclusion of this in the government's sustainable development indicators, this seems perverse.

HEFCE: Higher Education Funding Council for England; ASHE: Association for the Study of Higher Education; NES: New earnings Survey; JUVOS: Joint Unemployment and Vacancies Operating System; HHI; SEH: Survey of English Housing.