

## Further Information

### Access to Survey Results

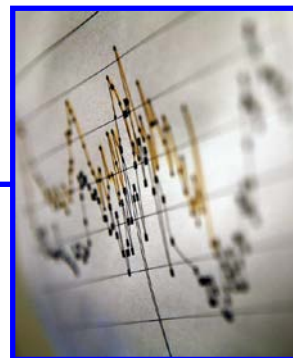
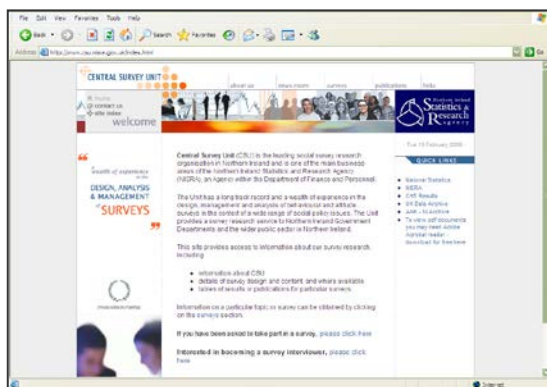
Summary tables of results from past and recent CHS surveys can be accessed via the internet on the main Central Survey Unit (CSU) website, or through requests to the Central Survey Unit.

### CSU Website

The CSU website currently contains background information on all the main CSU surveys, including CHS, as well as details of survey content and methodology and, where available, copies of questionnaires, tables of results and publications.

You can visit the website at:

[www.csu.nisra.gov.uk](http://www.csu.nisra.gov.uk)



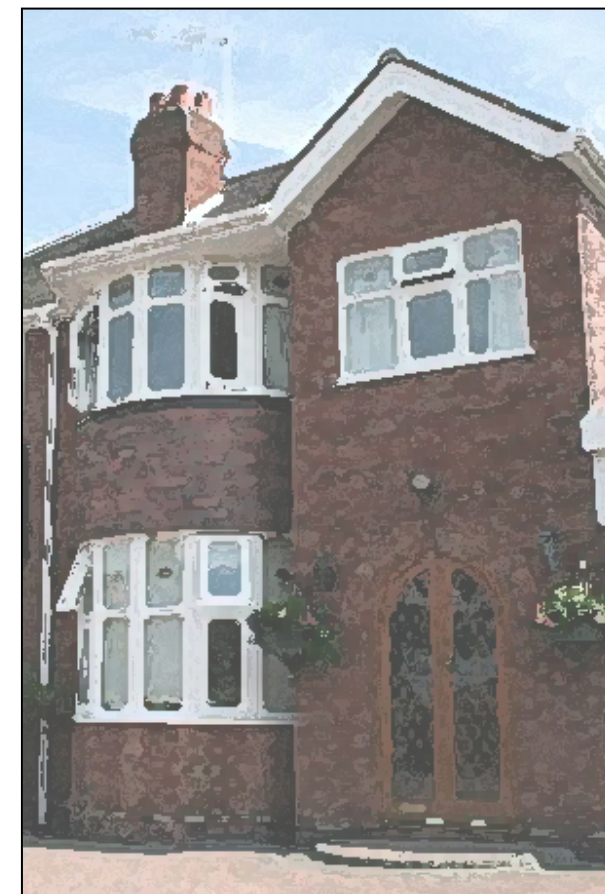
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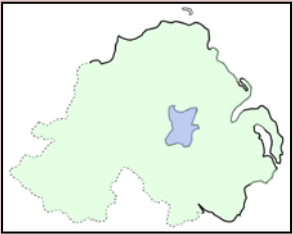
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## The Continuous Household Survey





## What is CHS all about?

The **Continuous Household Survey (CHS)** is the longest-running continuous social survey carried out in Northern Ireland.

The Survey is designed to provide an ongoing snapshot of social and economic conditions in Northern Ireland. It is carried out continuously to ensure that the information is always up to date and reflects everyday life and conditions in Northern Ireland today. By providing continuous information about the whole population, CHS enables the Government to identify community needs and problems and make the decisions necessary for the needs of the community to be met.

The information collected is used by many Government Departments. Examples include the Departments of Education, Communities, Infrastructure, Education and Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. Information is also used by agencies, such as the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Sports Council and Tourist Board.



## SOME USES OF CHS

The survey is a rich information source which has been used heavily by Government Departments, academics and ordinary members of the public since 1983. Below is a small indication of some of the results from the survey and how the information is used.

**DEMOGRAPHY** – The CHS survey provides valuable demographic information on the makeup of households and changing household structures. In the last thirty years, CHS has reported how households are getting smaller, family composition is changing and how more people are choosing to live alone.

**HOUSING** - CHS has reported how households have moved away from renting their house from the NIHE to owning their home. In the last five years, CHS has identified how more households are now privately renting their home.

**HEALTH** - CHS measures general health and the health variations that exist between people of different ages.

**TOURISM** - CHS collects data on day trips and overnight trips for the Northern Ireland Tourist Board to develop tourism and the marketing of Northern Ireland as a tourism destination.

**ENVIRONMENT** - CHS is used to measure the public's attitude to environmental concerns and recycling and the actions taken by Northern Ireland households to protect the environment.

**LEISURE** - CHS is used to measure the Northern Ireland public's participation in sport, usage of library services and satisfaction with museum provision and the arts.

## SAMPLING AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency selects addresses at random from the Land and Property Service's Pointer database which is the most comprehensive and authoritative address database for Northern Ireland.

**Everything** you tell us is treated in confidence. The results will not be used in any way in which they can be associated with you or your address.

Any information given to an interviewer is strictly confidential and the survey team will not release any identifiable information about you or your household to any government department, or anyone else.

