

**CHANGES TO THE SCOPE OF NATIONAL STATISTICS
During the year April 2003 to March 2004**

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ADDITIONS TO SCOPE OF NATIONAL STATISTICS - 2003/04

Title of Product	Rationale/Reason for change of designation (e.g. general policy of 'expansion' , specific quality Improvements, etc)
Thu 8 May 2003 SFR Awards of Key Skills Qualifications: October 2000 to September 2002 (Provisional)	The policy statement '14-19: Opportunity and Excellence' (January 2003) including a commitment to introduce entitlement to young people to continue studying up to the age of 19 until they reach a standard of a good GCSE or the corresponding Level 2 Key Skill Qualification. The Key Skills database was expanded and improved in order to provide good quality and timely statistics on key skills qualifications to inform our policy colleagues on the achievement and take up of Key Skills.
Wed 3 December 2003 SFR National Curriculum Assessments and Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 Value Added Measures for 11 year olds in England 2003 (Revised)	This SFR was introduced as a companion publication to the Primary Performance Tables, providing an update to previously provisional data, as well as introducing the first primary school value added measure.
Tue 16 December 2003 SFR National Curriculum Assessments at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 Value Added Measures for Young People in England, 2002/2003 (Revised)	In 2002 Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 value added were included in an SFR which also contained GCSE/GNVQ and Key Stage 3 to GCSE/GNVQ value added. In 2003 this publication was split into two separate publications.

	This publication will now be an annual publication.
Tue 24 February 2004 SFR: National Curriculum Assessment and GCSE/GNVQ Attainment by Pupil Characteristics, in England, 2002 (Final) and 2003 (Provisional)	The introduction of the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC), and its linking with attainment data in the National Pupil Database (NPD), has enabled attainment and assessment data to be analysed by various pupil characteristics. This publication will now be an annual publication.
Thu 26 February 2004 SFR: Energy and Water Benchmarks for Maintained Schools in England 2002-03	The information will be used by several organisations which promote energy and water saving in schools. LEAs and schools currently have no yardstick against which to compare their energy and water consumption and cost. The figures in the SFR will provide a starting point for such comparisons.

WITHDRAWALS FROM SCOPE OF NATIONAL STATISTICS - 2003/04

Title of Product	Rationale/Reason for change of designation (e.g. general concerns about 'Quality', discovery of specific errors, difficulties with Code compliance, etc)
SFR: Learning and Training at Work: 2003	Learning & Training at Work has not taken place since 2002 and there is no certainty that any further surveys will be carried out. If there are surveys in future years, their scope will be different and it will be inappropriate for them to be National Statistics.
SFR: Infant Class Sizes in England	From 2003, monitoring of all class sizes, including infant class sizes, will be carried out via information collected in the Annual Schools' Census in January of each year. The September Class Size Count has been discontinued. Provisional information on class sizes was published in April 2004 in the SFR <i>Pupil Characteristics and Class Sizes</i>

	<i>in Maintained Schools in England</i> and final data will be published in September in Volume <i>Statistics of Education Schools in England</i> .
Volume: National Curriculum Assessments of 7 and 11 year olds by Local Education Authority, 2002 (Final)	The figures have been added as supplementary tables to Bulletin <i>National Curriculum Assessments of 7 and 11 year olds in England 2002(Internet only)</i>
Bulletin: Class Sizes and Pupil: Teacher Ratios in England 2003	One of the main purposes for producing the class sizes bulletin was to confirm final figures collected via the September Class Size Survey. However, this survey was discontinued in 2002. Class Sizes are now monitored using data collected in the Annual Schools Census and other publications are available for releasing relevant statistics. Provisional 2002/03 headline figures on Class Size and PTRs were released in SFRs 09/2003 and 10/2003 <i>Pupil characteristics and Class Size/School Workforce</i> and final figures were published in the Schools in England statistical volume and in a final School Workforce SFR.
Volume: The English Local Labour Force Survey 2002/03 (Internet only)	This has been a joint publication between ONS, NAFW, DWP and ourselves. However, it has been decided that this publication will be discontinued and individual Departments will publish data of interest to themselves if they wish. The DfES published LLFS data in a new Statistical First Release on Tuesday 11 May <i>Qualifications and Participation in Learning at a local level: England 2002/03</i>

TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Thu 28 August 2003 SFR: Children Accommodated in Secure Units year ending 31 March 2003 England & Wales	
Tue 7 October 2003 SFR: Children in Need in England: Preliminary results of a survey of activity and expenditure as reported by Local Authority Social Services' Children and Families Teams for a survey week in February 2003 (Provisional)	
Thu 13 November 2003 Bulletin: Care leavers, 2002-2003, England	
Thu 13 November 2003 Bulletin: Children looked after in England: 2002-03	
Thu 13 November 2003 Bulletin: Children adopted from care in England: 2002-03	
Thu 29 January 2004 Volume: Referrals, Assessments and Children and Young People on Child Protection Registers, England - Year ending 31 March 2003	
Thu 26 February 2004 Volume: Children in Need in England: Results of a survey of activity and expenditure as reported by Local Authority Social Services' Children and Families Teams for a survey week in February 2003: Local Authority tables and further national analysis (Internet only)	
Wed 31 March 2004 Volume: Children Looked After by Local Authorities Year Ending 31 March 2003	