

## Original Database tables from the Household Questionnaire

The database used to collect and collate data from the household questionnaire survey is written in Access V2. It is a proprietary system called "VA for Windows". If any researcher wishes to inspect the results in that database, please apply to Roger Kistruck <roger@longmelford.co.uk>.

This folder contains tab-delimited text files generated from the data tables within VA for Windows. The five tables are organised exactly as in the original database, and no corrections have been made.

The files are :

tbl3bCommAnswers.txt	containing responses to free text questions (truncated at 255 characters)
tblMCAnswers.txt	containing responses to multiple choice questions
tblNumericAnswers.txt	containing responses to numeric questions
tblTabularAnswers.txt	containing responses to coded tabular questions
tblYesNoAnswers.txt	containing responses to 'yes/no' questions.

As a general rule, the household number is in the second column, the person number within the household in the fourth column, and the question number on the printed form is in the third (or thereabouts) column from the end. Null responses are usually indicated by '-1'. Yes/no answers are coded '1' for yes and '2' for no.

We found the VA software rather cumbersome for our investigations, so exported these tables and imported them into a new custom-built database constructed in Filemaker 5.5. The later database recognises concepts such as 'household' and 'person' that have only a rather abstract and ghostly existence in the VA data model. The tables corresponding to the Filemaker version of the database are available on this CD in another folder 'DerivedTables'.

Please note that the file 'tblMCAnswers.txt' is so large (146,141 lines) that it cannot be read into most versions of MSExcel in one piece.

Note also that the VA software did not allow for data entry of casual or supplementary remarks written on the questionnaire forms. There were many of these, sometimes requested on the data form, and they *only* appear in the Filemaker version, in a separate table.

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