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Taking Part Survey

Questionnaire changes

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Questions

The Taking Part Survey began in 2005/06 and has been running each year since. Whilst changes to the questions have been kept to a minimum to allow for comparisons over time to be made, some changes have been made due to new Government policies emerging or new stakeholder requirements for data. To keep the average adult interview time to 40 minutes, where new questions have been added others have been removed, shortened or asked less frequently.

Question changes are summarised in each annual technical report (available at http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/research_and_statistics/7388.aspx). A document showing each of the questions and corresponding variable names from 2005/06 to 2011/12 is available at http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/research_and_statistics/7394.aspx. This provides additional comments on when changes have occurred and the proportion of respondents asked a particular question, for example when half the sample only is asked the question.

Sample size

The sample size has varied each year depending on resources available. The sample size for each year since the survey began, including the latest year (2011/12) is given in the table below.

Survey Year	Interviews Achieved	Adult Response Rate	Interview Length (Set Average)
2005/06	26,056	55.2%	40 minutes
2006/07	23,641	55.0%	40 minutes
2007/08	29,420	58.5%	40 minutes
2008/09	14,343	58.1%	40 minutes
2009/10	6,097	61.1%	25 minutes
2010/11	14,102	57.3%	40 minutes
2011/12	9,304	63.3%	40 minutes



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