

Methodological Change to Personal Pension and Stakeholder Pension Distributional Tables 7.10 to 7.15

Tables 7.10 to 7.12 show contributions to personal pensions and stakeholder pensions distributed over employment status and earnings, gender and age, and region.

Tables 7.13 to 7.15 show fund values in personal pensions and stakeholder pensions distributed over employment status and earnings, gender and age, and region.

Tables published in 2005 and earlier used a matching at individual level of the pension data we receive from pension providers with Survey of Personal Incomes (SPI) distributional information relating to one year earlier.

We have decided to change our methodology to match with contemporaneous SPI. This improves the match rate of provider data to individuals in the SPI. It will also help ensure fund values and contributions to pensions are matched to individuals' characteristics at the appropriate time. However there will be some delay in publication of contribution data we receive from providers, dependent on provision of the contemporaneous SPI.

This methodological change is first evident in the fund value tables published 31 May 2006. Table 7.13 to 7.15 published at that time show fund values from 2003-04 provider returns matched to 2003-04 SPI.

On 31 July 2006 we will republish 2003-04 contributions data matched to 2003-04 SPI. This will update the Tables 7.10 to 7.12 published 31 July 2005 which gave provider data for 2003-04 matched to 2002-03 SPI.

We will provide Tables 7.10 - 7.12 using provider data from 2004-05 once the SPI for that year is available. We expect this to be early 2007.