

# Labour Force Survey – user guidance

Guidance about the background and methodology of the Labour Force Survey (LFS).

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# 1 . Labour Force Survey (LFS) user guides

This page lists user guides for using Labour Force Survey (LFS) data, providing guidance on the background and methodology of the LFS, details of current and past variables, the LFS questionnaire, LFS classifications and local area data.

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For information on the Transformed Labour Force Survey (TLFS), please refer to the dedicated [TLFS user guidance page](#).

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