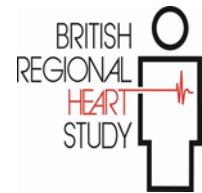# BRHS Participant profile data

Baseline examination 1978-80 (Q1)

Key sociodemographic data for each participant are included in the *participant profile* dataset.

They include:

1. The town from which the participant was recruited at baseline in 1978-80 (Q1)
2. Examination date of the baseline physical examination and completion of the questionnaire
3. Time of the physical examination
4. Age at the 1978-80 baseline examination
5. Social class based on longest held occupation
6. Socio-Economic Group (SEG)

BRHS Participant profile data - BRHS Baseline examination 1978-80(Q1)

Variable Description	Units/Category labels	Method (section)	BRHS variable name	Data access
BRHS ID number			serial	
Recruitment Town at baseline 1978-80 (Q1)	1-24	1	q1town	Yes
Date participant underwent the **baseline** physical examination				
Physical Examination Day	1-31		q1xd	Yes
Physical Examination Month	1-12		q1xm	Yes
Physical Examination Year	78-80		q1xy	Yes
Physical Examination Time: Hour	Hour		q1_xtime_hour	Yes
Physical Examination Time: Minutes	Minutes		q1_xtime_min	Yes
Age at Baseline physical examination 1978-80 (Q1)	years		q1age	Yes
Age group at Baseline physical examination 1978-80 (Q1)	1 = Under 45		q1ageg	Yes
	2 = 45-49			
	3 = 50-54			
	4 = 55 and over			
Social class at baseline 1978-80 (Q1) (Based on longest held occupation)	1 = I	2	q1sc	Yes
	2 = II			
	3 = III Non-Manual			
	4 = III Manual			
	5 = IV			
	6 = V			
	8 = HMF Armed forces			
	9 = Missing			
Socio Economic Group (SEG)	1-17, 99=missing	3	q1SEG	yes

METHODS

1. BRHS town names and numbers

These are the 24 towns in England, Scotland and Wales where BRHS participants were recruited from at baseline in 1978-80 (Q1)

BRHS Town number	BRHS Town name
1	Harrogate
2	Shrewsbury
3	Lowestoft
4	Mansfield
5	Southport
6	Merthyr
7	Guildford
8	Burnley
9	Newcastle-Under-Lyme
10	Exeter
11	Dewsbury
12	Falkirk
13	Ipswich
14	Gloucester
15	Ayr
16	Dunfermline
17	Darlington
18	Carlisle
19	Maidstone
20	Grimsby
21	Bedford
22	Wigan
23	Scunthorpe
24	Hartlepool

2. Social class

Information collected from the Baseline (1978-80) questionnaire (question 4.4) on the longest-held occupation was coded to one of the Registrar General's six social classes, using the 1970 OPCS manual for occupational classification.

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1 = I
2 = II
3 = III Non-Manual
4 = III Manual
5 = IV
6 = V
8 = HMF Armed forces
9 = Missing
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3.0 Socio Economic Group (SEG)

SEG = Registrar General's Socio- Economic Grouping
See 'Classification of Occupations', OPCS 1971.

SEG - Socio- Economic Grouping

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SEG = Registrar General's Socio- Economic Grouping. See 'Classification of Occupations', OPCS 1971.

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The Socio-economic Groups are:

(1)   Employers and managers in central and local government, industry, commerce, etc. -large establishments
(2)   Employers and managers in industry, commerce, etc. -small establishments
(3)   Professional workers – self-employed
(4)   Professional workers – employees
(5)   Intermediate non-manual workers
(6)   Junior non-manual workers
(7)   Personal service workers
(8)   Foremen and supervisors – manual
(9)   Skilled manual workers
(10) Semi-skilled manual workers
(11) Unskilled manual workers
(12) Own account workers (other than professional)
(13) Farmers – employers and managers
(14) Farmers – own account
(15) Agricultural workers
(16) Members of armed forces
(17) Occupation inadequately described