

LLAKES ADULT UPSKILLING SURVEYS

The aim of this project was to explore what effects the recent recession of 2008-09 had on adult training in the UK. Surveys of employers were carried out in five different sectors at two different points in time: in mid-2008 just before the recession began to bite and in mid-2009 when the recession was well under way. The key advantage of surveying the same employers at two different points in time is that researchers are able to compare training plans in mid-2008 with what actually took place in the next 12 months. The survey data also enable researchers to explore the impact of recession on different kinds of training, for example, training carried out off-the-job and involving external training providers as compared with on-the-job training provided by employers themselves.

The first of the two employer surveys was carried out by telephone in mid-2008 and covered 409 employers spread across five different sectors and city-regions chosen for diversity: retail in the Southampton area; social work (including residential care as well as other social work activities) in Glasgow; architectural and engineering services in Birmingham; cultural sectors in Manchester; and electronics and related engineering activities in Bristol and the South West. The second follow-up survey was carried out in mid-2009 and secured the participation of 285 of these establishments, approximately 70% of the 2008 sample.

The following files have been supplied to the UK Data service:

1. A dataset in SPSS format which links employer responses to the initial mid-2008 survey to employer responses to the follow-up survey in mid-2009.
2. Copies of the two questionnaires (PDF format)
3. A variable list which specifies variable names and the corresponding questions in the survey questionnaires (PDF format)
4. An SPSS output file which specifies variable names, value labels and defined missing values.

Further information about this dataset is available from:

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