

Make sense of the documentation

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What?

- 11 Volume User Guide!
- Plus
 - Additional data reports
 - Data dictionary



What for?

- Study design, weights and different datasets
 - (Information from previous session)
- Understanding variables
 - What's asked when (waves and quarters)
 - What's changed over time
 - Derived variables
 - Which variables are in which datasets

Where is the documentation?

- Catalogue records
- ONS website (google LFS user guide)
- In data downloads

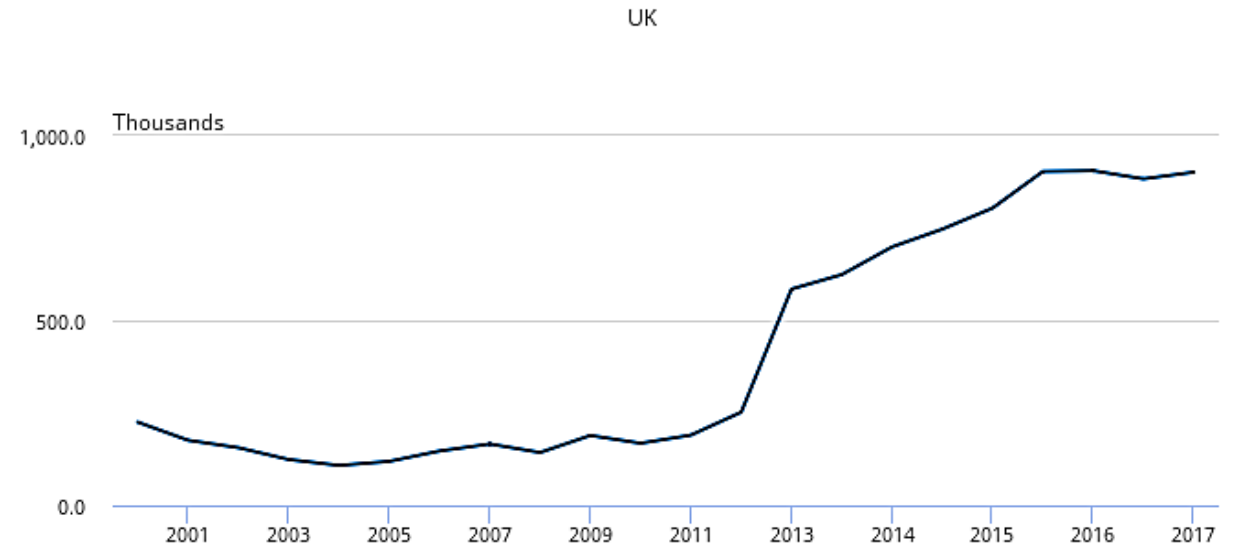
Documentation relating to variables

- LFS User Guide Vol. 2 - Questionnaire 2020
- LFS User Guide Vol. 3 - Details of LFS Variables 2020
- LFS User Guide Vol. 4 - Standard Derived Variables 2016
- UK Data Archive Data Dictionaries
- [Let's look](#)

Practical exercise

- Zero-hour contracts
 - Use the documentation to review variables and options for analysis
- See handout

Figure 1: Number (thousands) of people in employment reporting they are on a zero-hours contract, October to December 2000 to October to December 2017



Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) - Office for National Statistics

Explore the data

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What? Recreate ONS estimates

- Practical 1: Estimates of temporary employment
 - [EMP07 Temporary Employees](#)
 - Quarterly Labour Force Survey, October - December, 2020
- Practical 2: The distribution of weekly earnings of full-time employees
 - [EARN04: Gross weekly earnings of full-time employees](#)
 - Quarterly Labour Force Survey, October - December, 2020
- Practical 3: Examining Labour Market Flows.
 - [Labour market flows NSA: sheet in dataset X02](#)
 - Two-Quarter Longitudinal Dataset, July - December, 2020

Get started: open syntax file

- Zip file: LFS_workshop
 - sent in advance
 - on miro board
- Extract contents
- Open file for first exercise
 - LFS_workshop\Explore_LFS\SPS
S_syntax
- Where is your data saved?
 - 'LFS_workshop' folder

