

Findings from the 2017 survey

The survey provides researchers and policy makers with important information about the nature of people's jobs and how jobs have changed over time:



46% of the British employed workforce strongly agreed that their jobs required them to work very hard, up from **32%** in 1992



7% of employees were very anxious that their working hours could change unexpectedly, equivalent to **1.7 million** employees



30% of graduates worked in jobs that did not require a degree



Further details available at www.wiserd.ac.uk/project/ses/ses2017/

Our responsibility to you



We answer your questions

We will always tell you the purpose of the research and who is funding it.



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You will not receive any 'junk mail' as a result of taking part. We do not pass addresses onto other organisations for commercial purposes.



For more information

If you'd like to know more about this study, or have any questions, please visit www.natcen.ac.uk/SES2023. If you would prefer you can e-mail us at SES2023@natcen.ac.uk or call **0800 652 2704**.

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A Study of Working Life in Britain Today

Why your help is important



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What is the Study of Working Life in Britain Today?

Working Life in Britain Today is a long-running national study of working people aged 20-65 which began in 1986. The survey focuses on the work that people do and how working life has changed over time.

The high-quality findings from this research inform government policy on many aspects of working life. Previous surveys shed light on:



how the content of jobs is changing with technology and what skills are needed in the workplace



how to improve the recruitment and retention of teachers and nurses



differences in pay between the public and private sector

Anonymised data from the survey has also been used to develop a website which anyone can use to see how their job compares with others. Visit www.howgoodismyjob.com to find out more.

Why are your views important?

Where and how we work has a huge impact on our daily lives. Working life is constantly evolving due to advances in technology or disruptions such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your contribution will help provide a true picture of how work is organised in Britain today. Your views are important regardless of the type of work you do. Taking part in the survey is voluntary but we strongly encourage you to do so.

The research is designed by a team from Cardiff University, University College London, Nuffield College, Oxford and Surrey University with the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen).



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How will we use your data?

The information given to us during the interview will be treated as strictly confidential in line with UK Data Protection legislation. It will be used for research purposes only. The research team will use the data to produce statistics and publish reports. It will not be possible to identify you or anyone in your household from these reports. An anonymised dataset – in which no individual or household can be identified – will be made available to other researchers and policy makers to carry out further research into people's working lives.



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The kinds of policy areas we study include: health, education, work, childcare, housing and transport.

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