

Immediate Work on Definition of Poverty

A. Have all X-tabs needed

i.e. Description of Poverty by Social Class, Age, Net Dispos. Inc., Subjective Pov. etc..

Can be done immediately i.e. written analysis in by middle of next week.

B. Broader work on Attitudes to Poverty

Suggested Themes in a Chapter devoted to this Subject.

Individual Perception of Poverty in General & his own Poverty would be related to

A) His own objective poverty e.g. hhd. net dispos. income.

B) His local environment e.g. rural/urban, region, high/low income area.

C) His personal characteristics e.g. age, sex, disability etc..

D) Social Reproduction e.g. style of living index, personal support index, cluster index, hhd. facilities index.

E) Personal Security e.g. contact with welfare benefits, security of his job.

[Of the above data is in such a form that B, C, & E can be done have X-tabs. produced immediately & some analysis of A is possible, by next week X-tab on E should be capable of being produced.]

The income net worth variable would be useful for our analysis but not essential that will prob. not be ready for another 4 weeks (my estimation not Phil's).]

The discussion of the above themes would consider two

main guiding 'hypotheses':-

i) That an individual's personal security as measured by his past experience, financial situation and relative poverty will affect his attitude to his own & others poverty

ii) That it is the less disposable 'long-term' financial resources component of personal wealth will be particularly important in affecting attitude to poverty, personal and general. (to be adequately considered we will need figures on income net worth).

Thus this lot could be analysed & presented by end of November if it was given priority over earnings data.

C. Chapter on Low Paid Worker

At present we have three types of measurement of earnings distribution which ~~can be~~ ^{are} X-tabulated with other variables.

i) Hazeli X-tab on earnings last week & last year as % of norm. - are on a limited number of topics & don't allow a full discussion on these ones.

ii) Looking at the two main groups of low-paid.

iii) The distribution of gross weekly earnings for employees from last pay packet.

Have done various X-tabs with these but they are for suggestion only, measures of (ii) & (iii) are too crude to be of much use for final presentation of analysis, though will be used on their own in the introductory discussion of measurement of earnings distribution, different solutions to it etc.. Similarly Hazeli's

X-lab. will be of little use in the final presentation because we have opted for a definition of earnings which ~~includes periods of~~ off sick pay, holiday pay etc.. & other possible acor of differential earnings. Also we examine the effect of annual/versus weekly measurement and the bulk of our analysis may well be phrased in terms of an annually based measure.

Phil estimates, and it must be accepted that he cannot be exact about this, that I will have my new earnings variables by the end of this month October. Seeing as there are likely to be the basis for most presented analysis I must hang fire on this topic for a while & work on consolidating existing data.

Thus the analysis of this data & its working up ~~is~~ will probably take longer unless I put aside the second topic one all is ready to go on this one.

I am envisaging the Chapter on Earnings in the following manner.

- A. Discussion of How to measure earnings distributions. Various solutions and their effect on the estimation of the numbers of low paid. Methods consid. will be
- i) No. & Pop. of Minority Group Households.
 - ii) Gross earnings weekly distribution for specified sections of the work force i.e. employees, self-employed, male, female, juvenile-adult, full-part time.
 - iii) Weekly, hourly & annual time bases.
 - iv) Relative v. absolute measures.

Reminds why we plump for annual relative figures.

B. Discussion of extent to which low pay contributes to & is annuited with objective deprivation.

C. Description of the Low Paid in terms of

- i) Work conditions & conditions of work.
- ii) Personal and household characteristics & community characteristics.
- iii) Past history & social mobility.
- iv) Attitudes to their jobs, party etc..

D. Conclusions. i) Association of low earnings with other forms of deprivation. Consideration of debate on causes of low pay but no 'true' causal analysis here because we lack the data to do it well e.g. that of the info. on hours, industry & exact nature of job which would make an appropriate analysis possible.

Assuming priority was given to the Attitudes to Party topic. The Earnings data could be collated, analysed & written up by Christmas.