

Here is a description of all the questions related to furlough in the Covid19 survey across different waves. Before you construct the furlough related variable that you are interested in please take look at the policy rules in place in a particular month and see if you can get the information you need to construct the variable that you are interested in from the information collected.

1. In Waves 1-5 & 6, respondents in paid employment who have been never been furloughed are asked if they have been informed that they are on furlough: cW_furlough
2. In Waves 7 & 8, respondents on paid employment are asked if they are on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme: cW_newfurlough
3. In Waves 5 & 6, respondents who had said they had been on furlough and hadn't said previously that they have stopped being on furlough were asked whether they were still on furlough: cW_stillfurl
4. Options 1 & 2 for the cW_stillfurl question are only available in Wave 5 (Sep2020) questionnaire and Wave 6 (Nov2020) telephone questionnaire.
5. In all waves, respondents on furlough can also be identified using these questions about reasons for hours change: cW_hrschange15 and cW_hrschange35
6. Some of these questions are not applicable for Welsh residents or Welsh residents who did not complete the interview in Welsh. Please refer to the questionnaire for the routing rules.

Please note that the still furloughed question, cW_stillfurl, did not work for Wave 6 (Nov2020). The reason is that we fielded it around the time a "Job Support Scheme" was going to be implemented to replace the JRS. But then that policy was scraped and so what we fielded doesn't actually capture furloughing correctly in November (the response options in that month have a routing). The end result is that we don't think the furloughing information can be easily constructed for Wave 6 (Nov2020). However, there may be a creative way for data users to infer furloughing for the previously furloughed in November by looking at reported work hours. For example, those working for zero hours and employed are most likely on furlough, but people can work some small hours and still be furloughed.