

Supplementary table. Number of people participating in each wave and percentage of those participating with missing data for each variable by cohort and gender.

	Baseline 1987/8	Wave2 1990/2	Wave3 1995/7	Wave4 2000/4	Wave5 2007/8
<i>Men</i>					
1970s Cohort					
Number in cohort at each wave	737	637	419	384	424
% Missing body mass index	5.0	2.0	4.1	3.1	1.4
% Missing waist to height ratio	4.6	1.9	3.6	1.3	2.8
% Missing childhood social class	1.2				
1950s Cohort					
Number in cohort at each wave	656	549	456	446	457
% Missing body mass index	7.3	0.9	7.9	3.8	1.1
% Missing waist to height ratio	7.0	1.3	6.8	0.9	1.8
% Missing childhood social class	4.0				
1930s Cohort					
Number in cohort at each wave	702	580	450	368	279
% Missing body mass index	6.7	0.7	8.7	6.3	6.8
% Missing waist to height ratio	6.4	1.0	7.8	4.6	6.8
% Missing childhood social class	6.8				
<i>Women</i>					
1970s Cohort					
Number in cohort at each wave	778	705	496	459	518
% Missing body mass index	6.2	0.9	1.2	4.6	4.5
% Missing waist to height ratio	5.9	2.4	3.2	10.7	8.1
% Missing childhood social class	2.2				
1950s Cohort					
Number in cohort at each wave	788	676	570	534	542
% Missing body mass index	5.7	0.74	1.2	3.4	2.6
% Missing waist to height ratio	7.0	1.8	1.2	3.2	3.1
% Missing childhood social class	4.6				
1930s Cohort					
Number in cohort at each wave	849	686	580	470	384
% Missing body mass index	6.1	1.0	4.1	3.6	2.6
% Missing waist to height ratio	5.8	1.3	2.1	1.9	3.4
% Missing childhood social class	5.7				

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; WHtR, waist to height ratio