

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
	wife	husband							
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
5	6	5	5						

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES  
&  
STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM  
1967-68

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- I Housing and Living Facilities
- II Employment
- III Occupational Facilities and Fringe Benefits
- IV Current Monetary Income
- V Assets and Savings
- VI Health and Disability
- VII Social Services
- VIII Private Income in Kind
- IX Style of Living

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A Survey carried out from the University of Essex  
and the University of London (L.S.E.)

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QUESTION 23 Poor now

Stress genuinely and try to avoid facetiousness at this point. Question 23 (a) explores what the informant understands by feeling "poor". If the word "poor" seems inappropriate use the alternative "very hard up".

QUESTION 24 Poverty

Stress the word "poverty". Do not explain what you think it means if you are asked. Seek from the informant his definition and write it in the box as clearly as you can.

QUESTION 25 Voting

Ask for those old enough to have voted in the last election (March 1965). We are not concerned who they voted for (although they will probably say) but would like to know if they are sufficiently involved to vote at all. Be careful to reassure people that this is confidential and as far as you are concerned non-voting is blameless—many people consider that voting is legally compulsory or morally obligatory and so voting figures are over-estimated. Try to get a clear recollection by fixing the incident (time of day, who they went with) if necessary. Stress National, not local elections.

QUESTION 26 Action on poverty

We are interested in what the informant thinks can be done. Give as full an answer as possible.

Please write in any additional notes.

This household is situated in a pre-1939 house in a secluded crescent now being encroached upon by post-war road housing development 100 yards to the north and hospital development running along the back garden to the east. The small front garden is well hedged, and the first impression is that of people "keep[ing] to themselves". It corresponded to my reception; it was a hard interview to get and somewhat tricky to do. However, it showed out considerably. "Ever our own relatives have no idea how much we have". Another, well holding factor was two burglaries which had been experienced shortly after buying the house, which had made them somewhat suspicious of strangers.

Informant, a shrewd, presentable and very businesslike woman, with considerable warmth, was responsible for most of the information; her husband was relatively passive, but I think this is partly because he now takes things easily, and because she handles the book-keeping side of the business. He has always encouraged her to accept responsibility for ordering stocks and consults her on all major decisions affecting the business, which she seems very able to participate.

Their other shared interests are gardening - small greenhouse with plenty of tomatoes and indoor & outdoor bowling where they meet regularly several friends. In addition respondent is closely identified with the Baptist church and its activities.

It was not made clear whether respondent initially had a small shop of her own - certainly she was working in one in 1946; her husband's bronchitis developed out of a severe chill in 1945 and by 1949 he gave up working in the railways for health reasons and they worked together since then. His health has been very much better since they reduced commitments to the present scale.

Retrospectively, I think I should have asked Section III in the circumstances of this household, but was anxious to cover finance, health particularly and quite sure how far they were prepared to go. X No.

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY  
 23. \*Do you think you could GENUINELY say you are poor now? —

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY  
 X Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.24  
 Y all the time } ASK Q.23(a)  
 0 sometimes }  
 1 never } SKIP TO Q.24  
 2 DK }

(a) Do you feel poor at any of these times or in any of these situations?  
 PROMPT AND CODE ALL THAT APPLY  
 3 at weekends  
 4 mid-week  
 5 at Christmas  
 6 with some of your friends  
 7 with some of your relatives  
 8 with some of the people round here  
 9 other (SPECIFY)

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FOR CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY  
 24. (a) There's been a lot of talk about poverty. Do you think there's such a thing as REAL poverty these days? \*

yes  
 no  
 DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

Being without the necessities - shelter, food, clothing.

(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY  
 X - their own fault?  
 Y - the Government's fault?  
 0 - the fault of their education?  
 1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?  
 2 - anything else? (SPECIFY)  
 3 - a combination of (some of) these?  
 4 - none of these?  
 5 DK

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER AND HOUSEWIFE ABOUT ALL AGED 23 AND OVER CODE ALL AGED 23 & OVER  
 25. Do you mind telling me if you voted in the last General Election (I don't mean who you voted for, just whether you voted)? \*

yes, voted  
 no  
 DK  
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ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY  
 26. If there is poverty what do you think can be done about it? nothing DK

WRITE IN ANSWER

Think it's an individual thing.

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