

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

Inf.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
74	75								

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

- 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

Thursday evening
Friday

A Survey carried out from the University of Essex
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Name of Interviewer

C.M. Torne

Date(s) of interview(s)

27.3.68

or contacts

29.3.68

Length of interview(s)

2 1/2 hours.

Total actual interviewing time

2 1/2 hours.

Form of introduction

"My name is X. I'm from Essex/London University. We're preparing a report (writing a book) about standards of living in Britain today and how families manage. We think it's important for the Government and everyone else to know what the facts really are. We're hoping to talk to about 3,000 families throughout the country and I'd be very grateful if you could help us by answering some questions. All our information is, of course, strictly confidential."

SUMMARY : COMPLETE AFTER INTERVIEW

1. Interview carried out at first call	10	3. Which sections were answered in whole or in part by which persons on the household?	Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc.	5. Number of other households at address	21
at second call	X	Informant	13	None	1
at third or later call	0	2nd member	14		0
2. Information for household	11		15	6. Household living on	22
— complete skip to Q. 3	X		16	ground	X
incomplete—answer 2a	Y		17	basement floor	Y
(a) Sections	1	CODE	18	1st floor	2
Housing	2	ALL THAT	19	2nd floor	3
Employment	3	APPLY	20	3rd floor	4
incomplete	4	AS LISTED	21	4th floor	5
Occupational	5	IN Q/AIRE	22	5th or above	
Income	6	(Some Sections may be listed twice)	23	Specify	
Assets	7		24	(a) Is there a lift in the building?	6
Health	8		25	Yes	7
Soc. Services	9		26	No	
Inc. in kind			27		
Style of living			28		
(b) Reasons if incomplete	12	5th	29		
— ill/disabled	X	6th	30		
does not know	Y		31	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?	23
information	O	Other (specify)	32		
unwilling to give	1		33		
information			34		
other (specify)			35		
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SECTION II EMPLOYMENT

General

This section and the next (Occupational Facilities) should normally be asked of each adult earner in the household. If you happen to be interviewing the housewife during the day you should ask these questions as they apply to herself (and also to any children and adult dependants — e.g. elderly widowed mother) and then a separate (shorter) interview with the husband (and any other adult earner who is not available at the time of the first interview) to ask him for answers to this section, to the section on occupational facilities, to the questions on earnings in Section IV and any other questions which cannot be answered by the housewife.

QUESTION 1 Attended paid employment

All persons working for gain. If a housewife, retired person or even a schoolchild works a few hours for pay each week, he or she should be included. Also count man who is not at his main occupation (and even who may be thought of as unemployable) but who has pay from a minor job. We will be able to check in analysis. Our purpose is not to miss casual earnings and supplementary sources of income.

QUESTION 2 Two jobs

If a person does some kind of job for a different employer or on own behalf in his "spare" time this counts as a second job. Even if it is the same kind of job but is separately paid for (e.g. decorator working in spare time for himself) it should be counted as second job.

QUESTION 3 House or flat

Includes house combined with business premises or farm; but the question has been introduced primarily to cater for women home-workers on piece rates. Note that it refers to any second as well as the principal job.

QUESTION 4 Starting and finishing work times

The question applies to last week. Ignore variations in working hours from week to week. If working times were the same on at least three days of the week regard them as "usual". If there were two shifts (e.g. morning and evening), list according to starting time of the first and finishing time of the second, and note fact on left.

QUESTION 5 Aid in calculating hours of work

The table below assumes a 5-day week and 1 hour for lunch. Note that each digit should be put in each separate part of the box (i.e. one digit under No. 29 and the other under No. 30).

Starting time	Finishing time			
	4.30 p.m.	5.00 p.m.	5.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
7.00 a.m.	42½	45	47½	50
7.30 a.m.	40	42½	45	47½
8.00 a.m.	37½	40	42½	45
8.30 a.m.	35	37½	40	42½
9.00 a.m.	32½	35	37½	40
9.30 a.m.	30	32½	35	37½
10.00 a.m.	27½	30	32½	35

QUESTION 6 NOT AT WORK

Note that this question must also be answered for persons working last week for less than 30 hours. Unemployed: as distinct from "off sick" or temporarily off work (e.g. on holiday). The replies will be, for example: "I lost my job"; "I'm out of a job"; "There was redundancy at the firm so I'm out of work for the moment". Sometimes a person may say he is both unemployed AND sick or disabled, or it may for other reasons be difficult to specify just one code. Accept the best answer given by the informant even if you observe that someone who says he is unemployed is obviously sick or disabled (and vice-versa). Later questions are designed to establish whether or not he is seeking work and whether or not he is chronically sick or disabled.

Unpaid holiday

Part of our purpose in asking if holidays are unpaid is to ensure that 5 is not coded rather than the underlying reasons coded as 7, 8 or 9. Distinguishing between paid and unpaid holidays introduces complications but may be worthwhile (a) for the opportunity afforded to probe the reasons an unpaid holiday is being taken and (b) later when calculating weeks not at work in previous year.

*Officially works 18 hours
In practice about 30 hours or more.
fact paid for more than nominal 18 hours. — pay the same as he works.*

VI HEALTH AND DISABILITY

QUESTION 1 Health

Do not probe for the names of disabling illnesses or conditions, unless the informant happens to mention them.

QUESTION 2 Unwell today

Note that the emphasis is on "today" and that you are instructed to complete the questionnaire as if all questions applied to the date when you first made contact with the household. This means that if you have postponed an interview because of illness you should ask all the questions about the day you first called.

QUESTION 2a Off work

Check with the work record (page 8) where weeks off work will have been established. But here the information is needed as the basis for general questions about current illness and disability.

QUESTION 2a (i) & b (i) Number of weeks

If more than a year write "52". If the informant cannot be sure of the exact number and there is uncertainty whether it is less or more than eight weeks seek confirmation of the exact period from the individual concerned at a second call if necessary.

QUESTION 2c Regularly

That is, at least once a month for the past three months in connection with the present illness or disability.

QUESTION 3 Condition affecting activity

This question is designed to prepare the ground for the all-important Q. 7. You are **not** asked to trace every conceivable disability or condition from which people may suffer. Many of them, anyway, will not know diagnostic terms even if you ask them. Instead, you ask about conditions which restrict activity, show Flashcard No. 6 (which is nearly the same list as prompted verbally) and code any part of the body or faculty with which "trouble" is reported. You do **not** explore all possible effects but only a few examples of effects in which we are particularly interested. Remember you are only trying to find out about certain conditions, not every condition.

Nerves

Pay particular attention to the need to prompt for any trouble with "nerves".

Reading ordinary print

Note that your code "No" only if a person cannot read print in a newspaper. Do not code "No" if a person merely has difficulty. For someone who cannot read interpret the question as "seeing" print in newspaper. We are interested at this point in sight not literacy.

Hearing

Note that if an informant does not admit difficulty with hearing but it is observed, you can code accordingly.

2nd
Has hearing
aid, but was not
wearing it.

QUESTION 19 Housekeeping and board

The question refers to ALL INCOME RECIPIENTS including pensioners, as well as earners, who contribute to the housekeeping expenses. Be careful that you probe for everyone in the house, including adolescent earners. Sometimes the actual sum available for housekeeping will be quite different from that suggested by the total income of the household. The husband or teenagers may retain quite large sums not only for their own use but because the pattern of responsibility in one household for expenditure may be different from that in another household which has the same composition. Housekeeping can be a touchy point if both husband and wife are present, and it is perhaps best dealt with by interviewing one of them on their own (the housewife preferably) and, if possible, checking later with the other (the husband). If both husband and wife are present avoid expressing any surprise or criticism if you think the housekeeping is small. Also avoid indicating any opinion on the question of whether wage-earners should pay bills. Try to imply that all arrangements are equally possible. We have listed the common ones, but there will be others. REMEMBER TO CODE EACH INCOME RECIPIENT.

QUESTION 19 (b) Money back

This can be daily fares, insurances or clubs paid, dinner money, or simply "spending money". Some teenagers hand over their wages but get clothing bought. Usually this question will apply to teenagers, but some husbands may get money from the housekeeping for their cigarettes and beer mid-week.

QUESTION 19 (c) Payment of housekeeping bills

Often the husband will pay some larger bills, but alternatively he may pay housekeeping but expect to "help out" if a heavy bill comes in. We realise that an estimate may be rough but try to get an average contribution. Teenage children may buy food as "treats" for the household from the money they retain. Again try for an average.

QUESTION 20 Long-term saving

We are not interested in asking here whether the informant has savings (that was asked in Section V). Nor are we interested here in asking for short-term saving. Instead the question explores whether at the present time the informant manages to put aside savings for a long-term objective.

QUESTION 21 Ten years ago

To give us some idea of fluctuating fortunes we ask what things were like ten years ago. Some persons aged 35 or over will have been at home in their parents' households ten years ago and therefore we have to find what was the composition of the household. In any case, we require an estimate of the total money flowing into the household, and the number of adults and children that were supported at that time. Give the informant time to recollect. And check that income includes pensions, family allowances, etc. Fortunately, the informant will already have some idea of what you are after from the detailed questions asked earlier.

Handwritten notes:
2nd suspect
1 suspect
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or less than
the £8 or possibly
she also receives
the rent from
the tenants
Most certainly
she manages
to save for
large items -
in the order of
at least
£100 p.a.
Touchy point
though.

Other notes:
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elab. #10 quarts
gas. 15/- a week
with into

Other notes:
£3 12 6

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? —

X Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.24

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

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?

3 at weekends
4 mid-week
5 at Christmas

PROMPT AND

CODE ALL THAT

APPLY

6 with some of your friends
7 with some of your relatives
8 with some of the people round here
9 other (SPECIFY)

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? *

Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.25

yes
no
DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

Not enough money to pay for the cost of living.

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

X - their own fault?

Y - the Government's fault?

0 - the fault of their education?

PROMPT

1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?

AND CODE ONE ONLY

2 - anything else? (SPECIFY)

3 - a combination of (some of) these?

4 - none of those?

5 DK

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER AND HOUSEWIFE ABOUT ALL AGED 23 AND 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)? *

CODE ALL AGED 23 & OVER

yes, voted
no
DK
DNA

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

Don't give people things. Teach people to help themselves - no money; no grub.

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INTERVIEWER PLEASE CODE ALL THAT APPLY AFTER INTERVIEW

- (a) Household in which there is a child, one of whose parents is not resident
- (b) Household consisting of woman and adult dependants
- (c) Household in which there are five or more dependent children
- (d) Household containing an adult who has been unemployed for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months)
- (e) Household containing an adult under 65 years of age who has been ill or injured for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months)
- (f) Household containing a disabled adult under 65
(a) disabled
(b) borderline disabled
- (g) Household containing a disabled or handicapped child (including child ill or injured for eight weeks or more)
- (h) Household containing a person aged 65 or over who has been bedfast or ill for eight weeks or more or who is otherwise severely incapacitated
- (i) Household in which there are
(a) earners, none earning £12 a week or more
(b) adult male earners (aged 21 to 64) earning less than £14 a week
- (j) Household in which there are persons who are
(a) non-white
(b) born in Eire

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X
Y

COMPOSITION OF HOUSEHOLD: CODES (Q. 10, p. 3)

One generation		Man and widowed or separated daughter	221
Man alone: aged 60 or over		Woman: and widowed or separated son	222
Man alone: aged under 60		Woman: and widowed or separated daughter	223
Woman alone: aged 60 or over		Otherwise two generations: all related	224
Woman alone: aged under 60		Otherwise two generations: at least one person not	225
Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over		related to any other	226
Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60		Other (SPECIFY)	
Husband and wife: both under 60			
Man and woman: otherwise related		Three generation	
Man and woman: unrelated		Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ...	301
Two or more men only: related		Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one	302
Two or more men only: unrelated		under 15 and one over 15	
Two or more women only: related		Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under	303
Two or more women only: unrelated		15	
Other (SPECIFY)		Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least	304
Two generation		one under 15 and one over 15	305
Man, wife: + 1 child under 15		Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	306
Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15		under 15, one over 15	307
Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15		Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all	308
Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15		under 15	309
Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least		Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at	310
1 over 15, none married		least one under 15, one over 15	311
Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married ...		Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grand-	312
Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or		children under 15	313
over, none married		Otherwise 3-generations:	314
Man and one child under 15		—all persons related, at least one child under 15 ...	
Man and two children both under 15		—at least one child under 15	
Man and three or more children under 15		—all persons related	
Man and children at least one under and one over 15,		—unrelated	
none married		Other (SPECIFY)	
Man and children all aged 15-24, none married ...			
Man and children all over 15 at least one 25 or over,		Four generation	401
none married		DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW	
Woman: and one child under 15			
Woman: and two children both under 15			
Woman: and three or more children under 15			
Woman: and children, at least one under and one over			
15, none married			
Woman: and children, all aged 15-24, none married ...			
Woman: and children all over 15, at least one 25 or			
over, none married			
Man: and widowed or separated son			