

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
WIFE	HUSBAND	PAULINE	MARION	MARK	BILLY				
				ADRIAN					
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
3	2	3	4	1	2	0	4	0	5

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

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

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FOR OFFICE USE	A.H. 5 June G.S.	2nd query B.N.	R.V. Income
SBCI(R)	TS/PH. TS2/PH.	FP	FP
C/C	C/C	C/C	C/C

Incomplete but
no R.V.

PB

1/1

379

Very difficult father in law & children very noisy being beaten & shouted at by father. Mother very cooperative.

Name of Interviewer E. M. Taylor

SERIAL
NUMBER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	0	9	2	2	0	2	0	1

C.I.C.

Date(s) of interview(s) 8.5.68

Length of interview(s) 2 1/2

or contacts 1.3.5.6.8

2.5.5.6.5

3.1.5.6.8

Total actual interviewing time 3 1/2 h

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 at second call at third or later 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
	X Y 0	Informant	13	None	0
2. Information for household — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	11	2nd member	14	6. Household living on	22
(a) Sections Housing incomplete Employment Occupational Income Assets Health Soc. Services Inc. in kind Style of living	X Y 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	3rd	15	ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify	X Y 1 2 3 4 5
CODE ALL THAT APPLY	5 6 7 8	4th	16	(a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes No	6 7
(b) Reasons if incomplete — ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	12	5th	17		
	X Y 0 1	6th	18	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?	23
		Other (specify)	19		
		4. Semi or detached house or bungalow Ter. h'se or bungalow Self-con. flat in block Self-con. flat in house Self-con. flat attached to shop/business Room(s) furnished Other (specify)	20	Yes No	8 9
		Type of Accom.	X Y 0 1 2 3 4		

01

MAY TO OCT £1.8.0
PRE WK
OCT TO APRIL 1.13.0
PRE WK
APRIL - MAY 2.9.0
PRE WK

LAST MAY
6 WKS SICKNESS
£10.5.0
PRE WK

OCT 6 WKS UNEMPLOYED
£10.5.0
PRE WK

HUSBAND
Amount last week.
04 7.16.3
06 4 4 0
09 2 1 6
£14.1 9

Told me sickness
benefit had been
reduced previous
week because of
increase in
family allowance.

12 weeks at £1.14.0.
Paid for 2 children when
home for 2 days
* should
uniform
codes 230

QUESTION 14 Second job

This will have been established in the earlier section on Employment. Repeat the question because earnings from subsidiary occupations tend to be forgotten. For example, painters and decorators may have done one remunerative weekend job for a few weeks several months earlier in the year. A gardener may have done some intensive paid work for various local people in the evenings and weekends of the summer months. Or a university lecturer may have had a remunerative consultancy or a series of well-paid broadcasts at some point in the year. Remember that extra earnings from a source other than usual employment may not be thought of as a second job. You should probe for all kinds of additional earnings, depending on the nature of the usual employment.

QUESTION 15

This is laid out as concisely as possible on one page and you are asked to ring 01, 02, 03, etc., as appropriate and then to enter the rates per week and amounts below, carefully writing in the code "01" (i.e. Family Allowances) "02" (i.e. Retirement Pension) and so on so that we are clearly aware of the allowances to which the amounts refer.

Amounts will sometimes be joint — e.g. retirement pension for man and wife — or will be for several members of the household — e.g. sickness benefit for man and wife and children. In these instances the amount should be entered (if necessary, after the interview) in one column only, under that member of household receiving the payment. Wherever possible encourage informants (especially when elderly) to show you the allowance or pension book.

CODE 01 Family Allowances

	First child	Second	Third	Fourth & subsequent
up to April 1968	nil	8s.	10s.	15s.
after April 1968	nil	15s.	17s.	17s.

counting children under 15 or up to 19 if still in full-time education or college or an apprentice on low wages.

CODE 02 Retirement Pension

Note that the actual amounts vary widely. Increased pensions are paid if retirement is deferred. There are now in addition small graduated state pensions (averaging about 3s.) and pensions may be reduced because of earnings or a deficient contribution record. Note that some of these points also apply to other benefits. Pensions and supplementary benefits can be combined in a single payment. You will be prompting for supplementary benefit and wherever possible we should like you to list the amount separately (as well as the fact that it is being received). But whenever the rate given to you exceeds the standard rate below you should check the reason.

Single person (husband)	£4 10s. 0d.
Wife's income	£2 16s. 0d.
1st dependent child	£1 5s. 0d.
2nd dependent child	17s. 0d.

CODE 03 Standard Widow's Pension

Note: not the widow's allowance which is paid for the first 26 weeks after widowhood.

Widow or widowed mother	£4 10s. 0d.
1st dependent child	£2 2s. 6d.
2nd child	£1 14s. 6d.
3rd and subsequent child	£1 12s. 6d.

Depending on the circumstances of the death of the husband (armed service and so on) widows' pensions may differ in size. Note that family allowances are received in addition to dependent children's allowances.

Widow's Allowance: Widow £6 7s., children as for widow's pension

CODE 04 and 05 Sickness Benefit and Unemployment Benefit

Sickness benefit is often paid for periods other than a week. Find what was the last payment and for how many days (excluding Sundays). A payment for 6 days, excluding Sunday, makes up a "week's" benefit. Note that an earnings-related supplement may be paid in addition to the flat rate benefits listed below. Moreover, these benefit rates depend on the contribution record.

Single person	£4 10s. 0d.
Married woman	£2 16s. 0d.
1st dependent child	£1 5s. 0d.
Each subsequent child	17s. 0d.

CODE 06 Supplementary Benefit

The former "national assistance". Rent is sometimes paid direct to the landlord by the Supplementary Benefits Commission. There is a check later that the amount is known and counted as income.

CODE 07 Industrial Injury Benefit

£6 7s. 0d. (with additions for dependants) is payable for the first 26 weeks after injury after which the injured person goes before a Board to have his injury assessed for an individual disablement pension.

CODES 08 and 09 Industrial and Disablement Pensions

The 100 per cent rate is £7 12s. 0d. (with additions for dependants). CODE 09: Note that these are war pensions, not service pensions included under occupational pensions later in Q. 19.

CODE 10 Maternity Allowance

The standard rate of maternity allowance is £4 a week. It is paid to women who have been paying full national insurance contributions. It begins 11 weeks before the expected confinement and ends after the sixth week following it.

CODE 11 Maternity Grant

This grant is £22 either for home or hospital confinement.

CODE 12 Single Grant

This is officially described as an exceptional needs grant. The Ministry of Social Security has replaced the former National Assistance Board and you may need to explain "a grant from the Assistance". Probe carefully for this for all income units who are not employed, whether or not they receive supplementary benefit. A large number of people obtain single grants, e.g. for spectacles or dentures, even though they are not normally eligible to receive supplementary benefit. Note also that since you are asking about a period of 12 months there will be instances of people now in work who obtained a grant at an earlier point in the year.

N.B. Husband
Sickness benefit
£7.16.3:1 wk
17 weeks @
£9.4
lost May
6 weeks
@ £10.5.
6 weeks
@ £10.5.0

25

QUESTION 11 "Windfalls"

The procedure is the same as in the last question (Q. 10). Remember that for some people an occasional windfall is the only hope they have of getting out of debt, and please make a note if you come across any interesting example.

QUESTION 12 Hire purchase

The informant may know neither the total amounts nor the amounts less interest which are owed. If the total is less than £25 simply write it in and do not waste time asking detailed questions about **original price**, etc. Otherwise ask each of the questions and tick the box if any documents are seen. Sometimes there may be several large items and you may need to use the margins on the page for any additional notes. Remember that we are concerned to establish the total owed altogether, **less interest**, and so long as this can be estimated you should not be concerned to take up time with every subsidiary question. If you cannot get the informant to give an estimate of the total owed less interest and succeed only in answering the questions under (a) you can leave to the office the job of estimating and writing in the total.

QUESTION 14 Rent or mortgage arrears

As elsewhere, remember to write in an amount in only one column (not in two columns, e.g. wife and husband). The amount should be debited to the person who normally pays the rent or the mortgage payments. Do not trouble to calculate the exact total amount owed. You have asked about the weekly or monthly payments earlier and so long as you tell us the **number of payments** (and whether weekly or monthly) we can calculate the figure in the office.

*Wife thought they owed about 8 wks
rent couldn't be save because it
had been carried over from previous
Council house.*

QUESTION 17 Total assets

Like the question at the end of the Income section, this question is designed to be used when an informant does not wish to go into detail or finds great difficulty, either in the first or in a subsequent interview, in answering preceding questions. Encourage him or her to help you gain at least a broad estimate of total assets, but remember this includes the value of any owner-occupied house, a car, the surrender value of any life insurance policy and personal possessions of value, as well as any savings or stocks and shares. Again, try to get a separate estimate for each income unit in the household, and if the informant shows willingness to go back to the preceding detailed questions encourage him to do so. Try if you can to get the informant to give an exact figure rather than a range.

FOR ALL

9. Have you stayed overnight with relatives or friends (on holiday or otherwise) in the last year, either without paying or not paying the full cost? Or has anyone taken you on holiday or lent you a house or a cottage of their own in which to stay?

yes, relatives } ASK Q.9(a)
yes, friends }
no }
DK } SKIP TO Q.10

(a) How many nights altogether in the year?

WRITE IN NUMBER

IF STAYING 30 NIGHTS OR MORE

(b) How much a week do you think you saved compared with what you would have spent if you had stopped at home or had to pay the cost of the holiday yourself?

Does Not Apply
nothing
DK

APPROXIMATE SAVINGS IN SHILLINGS PER WEEK

10. Has anyone stayed overnight with you in the last 12 months, either without paying or not paying full costs? Or have you taken anyone on holiday or lent them a place of your own in which to stay?

yes, relatives } ASK Q.10(a)
yes, friends }
no }
DK } SKIP TO NEXT SECTION

(a) How many nights altogether in the year?

WRITE IN NUMBER

IF STAYING 30 NIGHTS OR MORE

(b) How much a week more do you think this cost compared with what you would have usually spent (allowing for anything they may have paid you)?

WRITE IN AMOUNT IN COLUMN FOR HOUSEWIFE ONLY

Does Not Apply
nothing
DK

APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL COST IN SHILLINGS PER WK

Children come home from Council Home every 2 wks for holiday.
Housewife receives 34/- per week when two children are home for holiday 17/- each.
Don't cost anymore, just means they have to go without & make the money go further.
Money paid by Mr A.B. but is usually given after week not while children are home so makes things very difficult

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	0	9	2	2	0	2	1	5

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	INTERVIEWER: CODE 07, 08, etc. IF 7th, 8th MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD	
10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11
01	02	03	04	05	06		
12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
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13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15
16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18
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19	19	19	19	19	19	19	9
Y 0	Y 0	Y 0	Y 0	Y 0	Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0
20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22
23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25
X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0

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.

NOT SURE WHO
DONOR IS. HUSBAND?

Housewife has
no fixed arrangement
they just use the
money they get
Spends about a
£1 a day on
food, on Saturday
about £5.
Coal gas electricity
about £2 a wk.
£2. 18.0 rent.
Pbr 30/- club.
Clothing.

ANSWERED BY HOUSEWIFE

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
2 DK } SKIP TO Q.24

(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

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

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

all the time

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

People not getting enough money to feed & clothe their children

(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?
1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?
2 - anything else? (SPECIFY)

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

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

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
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

In one case when aff sick they should make more money available not give in one hand & take away with the other.

for instance increase family allowance & deduct from National Assistance.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
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6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
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74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

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

67
X
Y
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8
68
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	...	101	Woman: and widowed or separated son	...	...	222
Man alone: aged under 60	...	102	Woman: and widowed or separated daughter	...	...	223
Woman alone: aged 60 or over	...	103	Otherwise two generations: all related	...	...	224
Woman alone: aged under 60	...	104	Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other	...	...	225
Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over	...	105	Other (SPECIFY)	...	...	226
Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60	...	106				
Husband and wife: both under 60	...	107				
Man and woman: otherwise related	...	108	Three generation			
Man and woman: unrelated	...	109	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	...	...	301
Two or more men only: related	...	110	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	...	...	302
Two or more men only: unrelated	...	111	Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	...	...	303
Two or more women only: related	...	112	Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	...	...	304
Two or more women only: unrelated	...	113	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	...	...	305
Other (SPECIFY)	...	114	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15	...	...	306
			Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	...	...	307
Two generation			Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15	...	...	308
Man, wife: + 1 child under 15	...	201	Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15	...	...	309
Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15	...	202	Otherwise 3-generations:			
Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15	...	203	—all persons related, at least one child under 15	...	...	310
Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15	...	204	—at least one child under 15	...	...	311
Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married	...	205	—all persons related	...	...	312
Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married	...	206	—unrelated	...	...	313
Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married	...	207	Other (SPECIFY)	...	...	314
Man and one child under 15	...	208				
Man and two children both under 15	...	209	Four generation			401
Man and three or more children under 15	...	210	DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW			
Man and children at least one under and one over 15, none married	...	211				
Man and children all aged 15-24, none married	...	212				
Man and children all over 15 at least one 25 or over, none married	...	213				
Woman: and one child under 15	...	214				
Woman: and two children both under 15	...	215				
Woman: and three or more children under 15	...	216				
Woman: and children, at least one under and one over 15, none married	...	217				
Woman: and children, all aged 15-24, none married	...	218				
Woman: and children all over 15, at least one 25 or over, none married	...	219				
Man: and widowed or separated son	...	220				