

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
INF.T.	HUBB.	COLIN	ALAN	LUCY	PHILIP				
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
36	36	10	09	07	04				

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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
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- VIII Private Income in Kind
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Used
Chapter 9

A Survey carried out from the University of Essex
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SERIAL NUMBER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Name of Interviewer B. M. Rowlings

Date(s) of interview(s) 10/9/68
 or contacts 16/9/68
10/10/68

Length of interview(s) 2 1/2 hours
1/4 hour

Total actual interviewing time 2 3/4 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 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? Informant 2nd member 3rd 4th 5th 6th Other (specify)	Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc. 13	5. Number of other households at address → None	21
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> 0		14		1
2. Information for household — — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	11	CODE ALL THAT APPLY AS LISTED IN Q'AIRE (Some Sections may be listed twice)	15	6. Household living on ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify	22
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> 0		16		<input checked="" type="radio"/> X <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5
(a) Sections incomplete	1	4th	17	Answer 6a { (a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes No	6
	2		18		7
CODE ALL THAT APPLY	3	5th	19	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance? Yes No	23
	4		20		<input checked="" type="radio"/> 8 <input type="radio"/> 9
(b) Reasons if incomplete — — ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	12	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)	21		
	<input type="radio"/> X <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> 0 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1		22		

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V SAVINGS AND ASSETS

QUESTION 1 Personal

This excludes a business bank account which is covered by Q. 4. Avoid double-counting the same bank balance or assets when questioning husband and wife.

QUESTION 2 Savings

Note that you should proceed by prompting all items to see how many are appropriate, then try to establish a total and then establish totals for each item only as a check or if necessary. Care should be taken to avoid double-counting. If the informant is hesitant or confused repeat the question to make sure he or she knows what kind of savings you are referring to and THEN show Flashcard No. 4 to get the total. Then try to obtain an absolute total rather than a range. For example, you could ask: "Would you say the figure was at the top end or the lower end of that range — nearer X or nearer Y?"

QUESTION 2(c) Interest

Try to establish the amounts the informant receives in the form he receives it — that is, before tax is deducted or after it has been deducted at source. In difficult instances you need not waste time converting a "before tax" total into "after tax" so long as you make plain what it is. We will do that work in the office.

QUESTION 3 Value of stocks and shares

This question of the value of stocks and shares is crucial and every encouragement should be used to obtain an answer. Some informants simply will not know. Remember that brokers sometimes send an annual valuation. If there is considerable uncertainty, tactfully suggest or imply that it would be very helpful to know and take any opportunity to see the valuation or to leave a note (and s.a.e.) so that a more reliable estimate can be made and either you can pick it up at a second call or ask for it to be sent on.

QUESTION 3(b) Interest

Proceed as in Q. 2c above. Mostly amounts will be received after tax has been deducted.

QUESTION 4

This is to cover any type of business which is owned in part or in whole by the informant. Being a director does not necessarily mean ownership. The answer to this question should not duplicate the answer to the previous question. Shares come under Q. 3. This is to cover such things as shops, professional practices and small businesses of every kind except limited companies. In all cases make sure that money in the business, bank account and stocks are borne in mind when the valuation is made. When the business (e.g. shop or farm) is run from the owner occupier's dwelling, the value of the dwelling will often have been included in the answer to this question (i.e. Q. 25 in Section V). UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THE DWELLING BE COUNTED TWICE. The valuation should be on the assumption that the informant had to sell but was in no great hurry. A year or even more could be taken to find a purchaser. The valuation should NOT be made on the basis of: "What would you take for your business?" — that is, when the informant has to be persuaded to sell. NOTE that vehicles should be included in the valuation of a business — say of a haulage contractor, a cab owner or even a building contractor or window cleaner.

QUESTION 5 Other property

Remember that some people use two houses. Others have houses which they rent off to others. This last is not uncommon among elderly people who may be very poor themselves. A "boat" may include anything from a luxury yacht to a small rowing boat.

Informant has Shares in Family Trust which are unselectable, but she thinks the value is at least £100,000

Husband has shares worth £15,000.

The combined income from all shares is £10,000 p.a. Before Tax. They are unable to split it up.

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.

* Husband gives
£10 per week for
Housekeeping
Wife Pays all
Bills and Food
from the £10
and money from
her income as
follows

Food	£20-0-0
Electric	£2-10-0
Oil	£4-0-0
Rates	£5-0-0
T.V.	£3-15-0
butchers + Bookmaker	15-0
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	£33-0-0 per week.

all questions answered by informant

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
 Y all the time } ASK Q.23(a)
 O 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 ONE ONLY

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)

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
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

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

Inadequate means for a satisfactory standard of living

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
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
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

(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

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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

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

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
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
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

I think the short term is to give benefits to those people who really need them.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
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
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4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

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
0
1
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68
X
Y

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

One generation		Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	
Man alone: aged 60 or over	101	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	302
Man alone: aged under 60	102	Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	303
Woman alone: aged 60 or over	103	Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	304
Woman alone: aged under 60	104	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	305
Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over	105	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15	306
Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60	106	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	307
Husband and wife: both under 60	107	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15	308
Man and woman: otherwise related	108	Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15	309
Man and woman: unrelated	109	Otherwise 3-generations:	
Two or more men only: related	110	—all persons related, at least one child under 15	310
Two or more men only: unrelated	111	—at least one child under 15	311
Two or more women only: related	112	—all persons related	312
Two or more women only: unrelated	113	—unrelated	313
Other (SPECIFY)	114	Other (SPECIFY)	314
Two generation		Four generation	
Man, wife: + 1 child under 15	201	DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW	
Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15	202		
Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15	203		
Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15	204		
Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married	205		
Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married	206		
Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married	207		
Man and one child under 15	208		
Man and two children both under 15	209		
Man and three or more children under 15	210		
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		
Man: and widowed or separated daughter	221		
Woman: and widowed or separated son	222		
Woman: and widowed or separated daughter	223		
Otherwise two generations: all related	224		
Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other	225		
Other (SPECIFY)	226		