

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
husb	wife	girl	boy						
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
22	20	02	01						

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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
- 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
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SERIAL NUMBER

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Name of Interviewer: D. Marden

Date(s) of interview(s) 24th June
 or contacts 25th
26th
1st July

Length of interview(s) 1 1/2

Total actual interviewing time 1 1/2

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

		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
1. Interview carried out at first call at second call at third or later call	X	Y Y ①	Informant	② AU 1-9	13	None	①	21
	Y				14			
2. Information for household — — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	X	Y Y	2nd member	② AU 1-9	15	6. Household living on ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify	② Y ① 2 3 4 5	22
	Y				16			
(a) Sections Housing incomplete Employment Occupational Income Assets Health Soc. Services Inc. in kind Style of living	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	3rd	CODE ALL THAT APPLY AS LISTED IN Q. AIRE (Some Sections may be listed twice)	17	Answer 6a { (a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes No	6 7	23
	2				18			
(b) Reasons if incomplete — — ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	X	Y O 1	4th		19	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance? Yes No	8 ①	23
	Y				20			
Other (specify)	O	1	5th		①			
	1				20			
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)	X	Y Y	6th		①			
	Y				19			
Type of Accom.	O	1			①			
	1				20			
Type of Accom.	1				①			
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Room(s): furnished	2				3			
	3				3			
Other (specify)	3				4			
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QUESTION 8 Work record

Our aim is to trace persons whose work record is not full and to establish both numbers of weeks off work and numbers of weeks in which fewer than 30 hours were worked.

Weeks off work in year

The procedure is first to ask the general question about numbers of weeks off work. Some informants will be uncertain of the right answer. They can be encouraged by prompts about the last spell off work for **unemployment**, then **sickness** and so on down the list. Whenever it is clear they are going back more than 12 months you should move on to the next eventuality on the list. In the appropriate column note the number of weeks for all spells of unemployment, sickness, etc. You must record "O" in all open boxes when the person has had no spell off work for that reason. You may ignore the codes "X" and "Y" under each open box. They are for office use. For easy reference you can record each spell off work alongside the months listed below. (You may in rare instances interview persons, say, who had five or six spells off work through sickness and may need to show some rough working to arrive at the right total. (Please leave any rough working in case of queries.)

List member of household (informant, 2nd, 3rd) and weeks off work and reason

January.....	July.....
February.....	August.....
March.....	September.....
April.....	October.....
May.....	November.....
June.....	December.....

Some informants may have a quick answer for the first general question (usually because they have a very full or almost empty record of work in the year). You should nonetheless use the same procedure of asking about each type of eventuality and each spell off work as a check. If an informant says he hasn't been off work except for "just odd days because of colds and so on" ASK **How much would it amount to over the past twelve months — one week, two weeks? AND CODE ACCORDINGLY.** For informants (e.g. housewives or students) who have only worked for a few weeks in the year, you may find it quicker to establish first how long they were at work.

As with so many other questions about "the last twelve months" in this questionnaire, informants will often find it helpful if you encourage them to think forwards from a date exactly a year ago.

He has just been off work seven weeks. He has started work again but for the first week drew sick benefit, since the firm keeps a week in hand

26. IF HOUSEHOLDER PAYS RENT Does Not Apply

(a) How much do you pay a week in rent? _____

(b) Do you have a rent holiday?
 yes no no of wks rent paid in year _____ OFFICE USE ONLY total rent last year _____

(c) Do you pay rates in addition?
 IF YES amount general rates last yr _____ amount water rates last yr _____ yes no DK

(d) Have you had a rates rebate?
 IF YES (i) How much was it? _____ SPECIFY PERIOD _____ yes no DK
 (ii) Did you get it as a lump sum payment or was it deducted from your rates or rent? _____ deducted from rent _____ lump sum payment _____ yes no DK

(e) Does your rent include:
 lighting 1 other service or commodity 5 *
 gas 2 electric power 6
 coal 3 none of these 7
 meals 4 DK 8
 PROMPT AND CODE ANY THAT APPLY

(f) How much have you spent in the last 12 months for alterations, decorations or repairs (including paint or tools for work by yourself)?
 Total £ 15 total annual housing cost _____

DESCRIBE ITEMS IF NECESSARY AND COSTS _____ OFFICE USE ONLY

27. IF HOUSEHOLDER RENTS PRIVATELY Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.28

(a) Is this accommodation owned by your employer?
 Y yes ASK Q.27(a)(i)
 0 no } SKIP TO Q.27(b)
 1 DK }

IF YES (i) Do you pay less than it would cost if you rented it in the ordinary way?
 2 yes ASK Q.27(a)(ii)
 3 no } SKIP TO Q.27(b)
 4 DK }

IF YES (ii) How much extra rent per year would you expect to pay if you were renting it privately? *
 GIVE YOUR ESTIMATE IF INFORMANT UNCERTAIN £ _____ extra rent per yr _____

(iii) Would you have to leave this house/flat if you stopped working for him or when you retire?
 yes
 no
 DK

(b) Are you on a council housing list?
 1 yes, entire household } ASK Q.27(b)(i)
 2 yes, part of household }
 3 no } SKIP TO Q.30
 4 DK }

(i) How long? _____ number of years

28. IF HOUSEHOLDER RENTS FROM COUNCIL Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.30

(a) How long were you (the tenant) on the list before getting council accommodation?
 inherited tenancy
 DK
 number of years _____

(b) When was this house/flat built?
 before war
 1946-1954
 1955 or later
 DK

(c) How long have you been living in council accommodation? _____ years

(d) Why did you get a council house/flat when you did? Was it because you reached the top of the list or were there other reasons?
 X inherited tenancy
 Y bad housing
 0 health of member of family
 1 overcrowding
 2 other (SPECIFY)
 3 solely top of list
 4 DK

(e) Do you know if the council operates a differential rents or rent rebate scheme to adjust rents to needs?
 yes ASK Q.28(e)(i)
 no } SKIP TO Q.30
 DK }

(i) Have you had your rent reduced or obtained a rebate, or have you applied but not had a reduction or a rebate?
 rent reduced (ASK Q.28(e))
 (ii) applied, no rent reduction } SKIP TO Q.30
 not applied }
 other (SPECIFY) }
 DK }

(ii) Do you know by how much? _____

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The house was originally designed to be shared by two children couples, but recently Ipswich have discontinued their policy and made the houses for single households.

This couple were on the list and saw an advertisement from the couple originally occupying the house. They then got permission from the council to share. Last yr the other couple left.

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get permission to share from on list + were able to council

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.

* I would guess that his stomach disorder may be of nervous origin. He has had it 30 weeks or so since seeing the doctor. Has been for X rays but they revealed nothing. One major cause of low earnings is a nervous problem we don't pick up in people who can't stand walking indoors. He refused a job for financial reasons but is apparently alright. He went to a firm to apply for a long driving job, and they offered him a house accountants job at £24 a week on the strength of the test they gave him. But he turned it down & said that since he's walked outside he couldn't stand an indoor job. He has today got a new job as a long driver working in a farm's time. Better because of regular hours so that he hopes to get regular meals. Our questionnaire misses this situation, which affects earning power, by the choice of words on the nerve screen.

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.

See p 27a

Reluctant to interview at first since they've had a
man prowling round. Also very rude market research
woman.

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

during illness

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

A lot of it is housing & people too lazy to work

(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)
 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
 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

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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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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COMPOSITION OF HOUSEHOLD: CODES (Q. 10, p. 3)	
One generation	
Man alone: aged 60 or over	101
Man alone: aged under 60	102
Woman alone: aged 60 or over	103
Woman alone: aged under 60	104
Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over	105
Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60	106
Husband and wife: both under 60	107
Man and woman: otherwise related	108
Man and woman: unrelated	109
Two or more men only: related	110
Two or more men only: unrelated	111
Two or more women only: related	112
Two or more women only: unrelated	113
Other (SPECIFY)	114
Two generation	
Man, wife: + 1 child under 15	201
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
Three generation	
Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	301
Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	302
Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	303
Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	304
Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	305
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
Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15	308
Married couple: married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15	309
Otherwise 3-generations:	
—all persons related, at least one child under 15	310
—at least one child under 15	311
—all persons related	312
—unrelated	313
Other (SPECIFY)	314
Four generation	401
DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW	