

## MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
		H/W Sister							
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
57	57	56							

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	9	20/3	queries	
SBC1	TS1	AI	20/3	
2 SBC1	TS2	C	FP	DP
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2051

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## INTRODUCTION

### (a) IF INFORMANT WILLING TO GIVE INTERVIEW

proceed to Q. 1 at the beginning of the Housing Section and when the interview is finished complete the Summary at the beginning of the questionnaire.

### (b) IF A FIRM REFUSAL

(and no other adult member of the household is likely to give an interview now or at a later date) encourage the informant at least to answer the questions on your Summary sheets. Information on these sheets giving:

- (i) the reference number of the household
- (ii) the date of call(s)
- (iii) the reasons why no interview was obtainable (in addition to the notes on your record sheet) must be provided in all instances.

Finally, leave a copy of our introductory letter and send us the Summary sheets as soon as possible.

### (c) IF PUT OFF AT FIRST CONTACT

(because of illness, domestic emergency, etc.) then having made sure that no other adult member of the household is free to give an interview (unless of course circumstances clearly dictate that this enquiry should **not** be made), leave the introductory letter and go immediately for fear of jeopardising a later interview, asking only when a second call might be convenient. Use your record sheet to note the date and result of this first contact.

### IF PUT OFF AGAIN AT SECOND CONTACT

then try at least to obtain the answers to the questions in the Summary sheets, preferably taking replies from someone in the household but, failing that, from an external source.

At this point we rely on your discretion to decide whether

- (a) the household's response should be regarded as a disguised refusal (in which case return Summary sheets and complete your record sheet accordingly); or
- (b) an interview is probably obtainable at a third call, in which case retain the Summary sheets for the time being (they can be destroyed if you obtain an interview at the third visit or returned to us if you are put off a third time).

If you are in any doubt then consult the London Office or Regional Supervisor about the advisability of a third call.

*Difficult  
interviews - no member  
of H/H seen to give any  
information.*



Name of Interviewer.....

D. HERSEE

SERIAL  
NUMBER

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

C.I.C.

Date(s) of interview(s).....

3/3/68  
18/3/68

Length of interview(s).....

1 1/2 hrs  
2 1/4 hrs

or contacts.....

Total actual interviewing time.....

2 1/4 hrs

## 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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> Y 0	Informant	13	None	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> Y 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	3rd	15	Answer 6a { ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> Y 1 2 3 4 5
CODE ALL THAT APPLY		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	Yes No	8 9
		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		
		Type of Accomm.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> Y 0 1 2 3 4		

NB



24. Is this house/flat rented or owned (i.e. by the householder)?

- X Owner occupied: fully owned } ASK Q.25  
 Y paying mortgage }  
 0 Rented: from local council } SKIP TO Q.26  
 1 privately - furnished }  
 2 privately - unfurnished }  
 3 privately - with farm, business premises }  
 4 Rent free: because of present or previous employment } SKIP  
 5 for reasons other than employment } TO Q.28  
 6 DK SKIP TO Q.29

25. IF HOUSEHOLDER IS OWNER OCCUPIER

(a) Does the dwelling include business as well as private accommodation? Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.26  
 yes ASK Q.25(a)(1)  
 no SKIP TO Q.25(b)

- (a)(1) How many rooms are used for business? number  
 (b) How much ground rent, feu duty (Scotland) amount £ None  
 (c) How much did you pay last year in rates? amount £ 20 about  
 (d) How much in water rates (if not included in (c) )? amount £  
 (e) Do you get a reduction under the rates rebate scheme? yes  
 no  
 IF YES How much is it per year DK

(f) Have you already deducted this figure from the amount you have just given me for rates? yes  
 no

(g) When did you buy this house? 19 57

MORTGAGE PAYERS ONLY

(h) What is the total monthly payment? £ s d OFFICE total  
 USE annual  
 \* How much of this is interest? ONLY housing cost  
 And how much capital repayments? OFFICE  
 USE  
 Other, if any (e.g. insurance premium on building) SPECIFY ONLY

ASK ALL (i.e. FULLY OWNING AND PAYING MORTGAGE)

(i) How much do you estimate your house (and garden) to be worth at present? SHOW FLASHCARD NO.3 \* range

WRITE IN YOUR ESTIMATE informant's estimate £ DK  
 IF DIFFERENT interviewer's estimate £ 1,500 code  
 AND NOTE REASON OFFICE  
 USE  
 ONLY

Do you pay an insurance premium on the house or flat (not contents) annual premium £ No insured value of house in hundreds of pounds

(j) Has your employer helped you with a loan or grant in purchasing your house? yes  
 IF YES grant: How much? no  
 loan: At what interest rate?

(k) How much have you spent in the last 12 months for alterations, decorations or repairs to your home (not business, and including paint and tools for work by self)? Total £ 600

DESCRIBE IF NECESSARY AND COSTS

new kitchen built on back of house £300

(l) Are you applying for a mortgage under the Government's new option mortgage scheme? \* yes  
 no } SKIP TO Q.30  
 DK }

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	INTERVIEWER: CODE 05, 06, etc. IF 5th, 6th
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2	2	2	2	2
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6	6	6	6	6

10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
X	3	1	7	2	0	5	1	0	2
Y									
0									

11	X
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26-28	1500
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Take from Rating Records: -  
 RV £31  
 GV £56  
 Water £1-1-11

IF TOTAL CANNOT BE DIVIDED ASK:

Source of loan

Term of repayment

Number of years paid

Amount of loan

TICK IF DOCUMENTS SEEN

IF AMOUNTS FOR BUSINESS/FARM AND HOME CANNOT BE SEPARATED NOTE HERE:

estimated value of house/business (building)  
 insured value of house/business (contents)

£600 of which £300 was paid by Council.  
 H/W still has small sum (most say how much) of her share of £300 outstanding, pays £15 per month. Don't say to whom



## 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?"

*Q 2  
I think these  
answers are true.*

### 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.



### QUESTION 13

NHS means free, wholly paid for by the National Health Service. Private and amenity (paying) beds in NHS hospitals should be coded as private.

### QUESTION 13(b) Number of nights

If a person has had two or more spells in hospital add the total number of nights together.

### QUESTION 13(c) Name of hospital

This will be used in the office to code type of hospital.

### QUESTION 14

Ill in bed means actually in bed for at least half the day.

### QUESTION 15

Visits by and to a doctor will include calls when a person is no longer in bed but up and about. The questions are not, therefore, dependent on the answer yes to Q. 14. When the household is large and/or when there have been several visits it may take you a little time to obtain a reliable answer. Remember that in cases of difficulty it is usually best to approach the answer by asking: "When did you last see your doctor?" "And when was the time before that?" "So that means you saw your doctor seven times altogether in the last 12 months?" Remember that we want to count each consultation, even if there are two consultations on one day or on succeeding days. Remember also to include locums and other (alternative) doctor seen in this period.

### QUESTION 15(c) Visits paid for

If the informant is a wife who makes a visit to her NHS doctor and pays later for the pill, which he prescribes, this should still be counted as a NHS visit.

### QUESTION 16 Spectacles

Most people pay in part for spectacles even under the NHS but some obtain them free by paying and then claiming a refund on test of means (by the SBC).

### QUESTION 18 Doctor at hospital

It is the number of occasions we want to know, not the number of doctors seen at the hospital.

### Visits to dentist

Remember to ask number of visits, not number of courses of treatment.

### Home help

We are interested only in the use of a local council's Home Help Service.

### Someone from the Welfare

We mean a social worker or officer from a Council health, welfare or children's department who is concerned with some aspect of family welfare. Include a health visitor, say, but not an officer from the Supplementary Benefits Commission or someone from a voluntary organisation — like the WVS or Salvation Army.

### QUESTION 18(a) Paying a dentist

The point is that very poor people can get free dentures and do not have to pay the £1 for a course of treatment.

### QUESTION 18(b) Home help

Some councils charge for a home help's service on test of means.

*9th, Q15  
has injections (by  
Dr) for anemia every  
2 weeks  
3rd has injections  
every 2 weeks for  
anemia by nurse in  
Rolls Royce factory.*



#### 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.

*Q20  
Should be able to  
save when finished  
paying for children.*



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

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

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

Old people with no one to look after them.

(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 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

Make life easier for old folk by increasing pension & Nat. health.  
Stop family allowances.

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
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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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68
X
Y

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

<b>One generation</b>		
Man alone: aged 60 or over	101	Man: and widowed or separated daughter ... 221
Man alone: aged under 60	102	Woman: and widowed or separated son ... 222
Woman alone: aged 60 or over	103	Woman: and widowed or separated daughter ... 223
Woman alone: aged under 60	104	Otherwise two generations: all related ... 224
Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over	105	Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other ... 225
Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60	106	Other (SPECIFY) ... 226
Husband and wife: both under 60	107	
Man and woman: otherwise related	108	<b>Three generation</b>
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) <i>Husband &amp; wife &amp; under sister</i>	114	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... 306
<b>Two generation</b>		Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... 307
Man, wife: + 1 child under 15	201	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... 308
Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15	202	Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15 ... 309
Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15	203	Otherwise 3-generations:
Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15	204	—all persons related, at least one child under 15 ... 310
Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married	205	—at least one child under 15 ... 311
Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married	206	—all persons related ... 312
Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married	207	—unrelated ... 313
Man and one child under 15	208	Other (SPECIFY) ... 314
Man and two children both under 15	209	
Man and three or more children under 15	210	<b>Four generation</b>
Man and children at least one under and one over 15, none married	211	401
Man and children all aged 15-24, none married	212	<b>DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW</b>
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	