

## MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

Inft.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
James	Margaret								
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
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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

A Survey carried out from the University of Essex  
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Name of Interviewer J. Worthington

Date(s) of interview(s) 29/10/68  
30/10/68

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

or contacts

Total actual interviewing time 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

<p>1. Interview carried out at first call at second call at third or later call</p>	10	<p>3. Which sections were answered in whole or in part by which persons on the household?</p>	Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc.	<p>5. Number of other households at address —————→</p>	21
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<p>2. Information for household —</p> <p>— complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a</p> <p>(a) Sections Housing incomplete Employment Occupational Income Assets Health Soc. Services Inc. in kind Style of living</p> <p>CODE ALL THAT APPLY</p>	11	2nd member	16	6. Household living on	22
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Q 8. In view of later statement that family were re-housed by Council, No. to 8b, seems wrong, but family were re-housed at very short notice because of dangerous cracking in brickwork of house they occupied, which had adequate basic facilities.

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**QUESTION 8(d) — Length of housing problem**

Number of years should not include any period before the age of 21.

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**QUESTION 9 — Structural defects**

Note that the need for redecoration and refurnishing is not included. Informants may vary in their interpretation of a "defect" (for example, a woman living in a modern house may complain of small damp spots on the walls) but apart from discouraging people from regarding minor blemishes as defects you should accept what informants say.

**QUESTION 9**

**Television:** combined television, radio and record-playing sets may be listed under separate headings.

**Central heating:** uniform heating throughout dwelling (or part of dwelling) occupied by household.



## 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.

Q. 6. I am not sure whether to Code X or 3, the woman gave up work 18 months ago because of illness. She has now worked more than 20 hours per week, because of domestic duties, but would be doing that still if health permitted.



#### QUESTION 14 Best job

If you are asked "What do you mean by 'best'?" you should say "It is up to you to decide" (adding, but only if necessary, "whether it's best because of the money, the people, the job in itself or anything else"). of course there will be people who give a mixture of reasons. Code the one they treat as most important. If they are undecided code DK.

#### QUESTION 15

A few persons — e.g. students — may have worked for part of the last year, or may work every Saturday and still be in full-time education. We will be asking about them later. Code them as still in full-time education.

#### QUESTION 15(a) Years of full-time education

The question is worded so that if someone has missed a year's schooling because of illness, say, between the ages of 5 and 14, he can adjust his answer accordingly. You can check (or aid other informants trying to reach an answer) by deducting five years from the leaving age and then asking if the result allows for any absence because of hospitalisation, war evacuation, military service, or any other reason. Note that full-time education can be provided in hospital. Only deduct a year if ALL of it was spent out of school. When writing in leaving age and number of years education remember again to insert each digit.

#### QUESTION 16 Manual Workers

If you are in doubt from what you have been told about a man's job whether it is manual ask, "How do you do your work? Is it mostly heavy work, or operating a machine or mostly with your hands?" If he indicates any of these ask Q. 16. If still in doubt ask the question and write a note.

#### QUESTION 17(a) Husband's occupation

Follow same procedure as above under Question 10. It will be even more necessary to probe for the exact type of job. Encourage the woman to tell you what her husband did, since the answer is most important for us in classifying occupational status.

Q. 14 Hard to answer. Best job in itself, most interesting, and did not worry about pay, although could. less than earned as a Tradesman, whilst wife had to give up part-time job 18 months, but is now finding it very hard to manage on wages. Deliberated long time before giving me Code X.



## OCCUPATIONAL FACILITIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS

### General

Our intention is to invite anyone who has been working full-time to tell us about working conditions and fringe benefits. This will include anyone currently sick or unemployed who has been in full-time work in the last 12 months.

NORMALLY QUESTIONS SHOULD NOT BE ASKED ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHALF: THEY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PERSON IN OR RECENTLY IN A PARTICULAR EMPLOYMENT.

But if two brothers, or husband and wife, work in the same factory or if otherwise the informant has good reason for knowing the employment conditions, then the interviewer may exercise discretion.

### QUESTION 1 Outdoors

In determining whether **mainly** outdoors, you should find whether proportion of working time spent outdoors exceeds 50 per cent. Those working outdoors but under cover (e.g. some dock labourers and railway porters) should be counted as outdoors. Where conditions have changed, the question should be applied to the **most recent** conditions (e.g. last week at work).

### QUESTION 2 Facilities

We are interested only in facilities provided by the employer. **Disregard** provisions and facilities which may happen to be available but which are not provided by the employer (e.g. garage hand who uses W.C. and washing facilities in neighbouring shop, or printer's apprentice who nips into local café for tea). For someone currently sick or unemployed the questions apply to the last job he held during the previous 12 months.

**Facilities for washing** Note that there must be **hot water, soap and towel** if "yes" is to be coded. Include liquid soap and paper towels in definition if necessary.

### QUESTIONS 2 and 3 Writing in questions which do not apply

Working conditions vary widely and it is impossible to devise questions which fit them all. If you are satisfied that the answer yes or no to a particular question is meaningless or inappropriate **DO NOT CODE** alongside the item but write in underneath how many of the 8 or 10 items do not apply.

### QUESTION 3 Sufficient Heating

The test is whether the informant feels cold at his work more often than the occasional instance of there being a heating breakdown or a really big freeze.

**Facilities for washing** Note that there must be **hot water, soap, towel and mirror** if "yes" is to be coded. You may count liquid soap as "soap" and paper towels and even a hand drying machine as equivalent to a towel if necessary.

**Place for lunch** Eating at bench or desk does not count.

**Place to keep clothes** e.g. cupboard, locker, wardrobe, hook in small room, etc. The wording should make clear that we are interested **both** in a place where clothes can be kept **and** one where they will be reasonably safe.

\* Can make phone calls, coin box available, could only  
raise in emergency — doesn't think they would  
like a call per day.



# 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.

James gives Margaret all his wages of £11-5-0d. He keeps £3 0-0 back out of which he pays bus fares to work (£1 per week) & entertainment.

Out of remaining £8-5-0d. Margaret pays rent: £2-16-0d per week. Insurance 16/- per week. Light & heat + food. She spends nothing on personal entertainment — does not smoke, shop spends about £10 per week on clothes. Funds prescription charge of 2/6d. per item very hard.



**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.**

x because we are poor. You can tell £11.5.0d. a week after shoppages, £1 pw. bus fares £2.16.0d. rent it doesn't leave much. I have a cigarette, & that's my lot. My wife spends nothing on herself. We are poor, but we are not hungry, and we have cut our coat to our cloth. When my wife became ill, we cut our expenses, same go on just the same way, and end up in a lot of debt. Poverty is when the money isn't there.



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? —

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

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?

PROMPT AND CODE ALL THAT APPLY

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)

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

I don't really know, it's not like it used to be. I came from a very poor family and I can remember going for cracked eggs & stale bread, but there is some poverty.

(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty it's mainly

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

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?

WRITE IN ANSWER

I don't know, you can't expect much more from the Government. I think the prescriptions could be free for people with below a certain figure. You don't have to be on National Asset. to be poor. I don't know.

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\* Mainly own fault unless they are ill, and then it's a diff. thing.



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)

<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)	...	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	<b>DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW</b>		
Man and children all aged 15-24, none married	...	212			401
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			