

## MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

Inf.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
ERIC	MARGARET								
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
47	50								

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES  
&  
STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM  
1967-68

X

- I Housing and Living Facilities  
II Employment  
III Occupational Facilities and Fringe Benefits  
IV Current Monetary Income *p19A note 5.*  
V Assets and Savings  
VI Health and Disability  
VII Social Services  
VIII Private Income in Kind  
IX Style of Living



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Name of Interviewer... Keith Travis

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Date(s) of interview(s) 26/11/68

Length of interview(s) ~~1~~ 2 hrs

or contacts

Total actual interviewing time.....

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





#### QUESTION 9

Exclude Bank Holidays in counting up holiday entitlement. List number of weeks to nearest week. Do not insert " $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

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#### QUESTION 10 Occupation

See instructions above for Q. 7(b). Start by recording member of household in left-hand box (informant, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) and then carefully note occupation and industry or business. The office will code in the right-hand columns on the basis of your information. Avoid all vague terms, e.g. "engineer". If you find the answer too general or difficult to understand always ask "What do you do?" and write in the answer. In many households there will be only one or two persons who have been at work in the past twelve months. If necessary you can use all the space in the box just for one or two persons, providing it is clear to which person(s) the information applies.

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#### QUESTION 11 Change of Job

Note that sub-questions (a) - (d) apply only to persons changing their jobs less than five years previously.

11(c). IRU, etc., means Industrial Rehabilitation Unit or any other Government training centre.

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#### QUESTION 12 Training Course

Our object is to check on men taking a re-training or training course, whether or not they changed their job. Some men may have taken a course and gone back to their former job or employers. Others may be unemployed and yet have taken such a course.

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#### QUESTION 13 Fall in Earnings

You may be asked what you mean by "big" fall. Accept whatever the informant thinks is big. Put the information in the box, including the approximate earnings previously as well as the subsequent earnings and code the extent of the fall in the right-hand columns.

*Training  
in classes  
Rehab*



#### QUESTION 16 Supplementary Benefit

It is most important that you should not overlook anyone who may be receiving or who has received supplementary benefit. There are two problems. One is, as noted above, that an informant may neglect to tell you that a standard benefit, like retirement pension and sickness benefit, is in fact supplemented. The other is that the official term "supplementary benefit" is fairly new. You may therefore have to prompt "supplementary assistance?", "national assistance?" or "public assistance?"

#### QUESTION 16(c) Rent paid by Supplementary Benefits Commission

If the rent is in fact paid by the S.B.C. we shall be asking later how much that is.

#### QUESTION 17 Single Grant

A single payment may be made to meet an exceptional need — such as bedding, clothing or household equipment. It may also be made to meet charges for glasses, dentures or dental treatment obtained through the National Health Service.

#### QUESTION 18 Income in last year at work

Note that you have already asked how many years it is since such a man last worked (in Section II). Now you are asking for the actual year when last at work, and, if it is 1955 or a later year, for the wage and household income. Do not neglect to find the composition of the household at that time (for example, write: man, wife and adult single son, or, man, wife and wife's widowed mother). We realise memories may be faulty but most people remember the last occasion they were at work and we are anxious (for retired and disabled persons, for example) to get a rough estimate of their fall in income upon giving up work. In the office we shall of course allow for average wage increases in the intervening years in interpreting the information you collect.

#### QUESTION 19 Employer's pension

The question is in a form which allows for the possibility of an ex-policeman, ex-serviceman or ex-civil servant drawing a pension though still holding a subsequent job. Service pensions should be included here but not war pensions, which have been covered in Q. 15. As before: **Strike out** Before or After Tax as appropriate.

Eni will get his  
pension soon - As he  
had to retire. Progl.  
41-42-43 - his pension  
rights were frozen - the wages  
were about the same  
get it, but expects it  
soon - evidently it is  
being sorted out by the  
Civil Service Staff  
Section - He expects  
to get a small lump  
sum for his 20 yrs  
service + a regular  
pension in addition to  
his sickness benefit.  
Evidently you have to  
prove you need your  
pension money, if you  
retire early.



#### QUESTION 4 Special schools & centres

This question is asked only of persons who have been ill and off work or confined to bed or the house for eight weeks or more continuously, and those who are coded for any item in Question 3.

#### QUESTION 5 Date of onset of sickness or disabling condition

Our object is to establish the year of onset but the question is worded 'first have any condition' so as to allow for the fact that some conditions develop out of others. For persons with a disabling condition you ask, in effect, when all the trouble started.

##### Previous occupation

In the section on Employment you have already asked for the last occupation of everyone not now at work (p. 7). Some people change their occupation because of a disabling condition before finally being obliged to give up work. You should probe for the (previous) occupation which people had before any history of illness or disability started.

#### QUESTION 6 Mobility

You should code people according to their **usual** mobility, taking no account of a temporary illness or injury. "Usual mobility" may be interpreted as "for at least eight weeks and unlikely to become more mobile in the immediate future" or "for less than eight weeks but unlikely to become more mobile within at least that total period." Someone who spends most of the time in bed and needs help to get out to sit in a chair is defined as bedfast. Someone who can get out of his bed into a chair or wheelchair and who can walk indoors but not even a few yards outdoors without help is defined as housebound. The test is whether someone can walk on his own (without the assistance or company of any other person — though with or without sticks or crutches).

#### QUESTION 7 Incapacity

In prompting this series of questions you may find it simplest to ask the question without the variation in brackets, unless it seems appropriate. Remember you are asking whether they have any difficulty in doing X. Sometimes certain questions will not apply to particular people or to particular situations. You will meet people who do not (or say they do not) wash down, negotiate stairs (living in bungalows), go shopping and do housework (especially some men). The question should then be asked in terms of "But would you have any difficulty in doing X if you had to?" The codes 0, 1, 2 are listed in increasing order of difficulty and you should check that you ring one of them for each item.

#### QUESTION 7e

It would be insensitive and unnecessary to ask questions about the daily activities of the bedfast. They are therefore excluded from this question and the rest of the series. You may encounter other people (e.g. advanced obesity) of whom it is clear that they cannot do certain activities. You may refrain from putting questions to them. The same is true of any situations in which the questions are likely to cause great distress. BUT AS A GENERAL RULE QUESTIONS 7 (e) to (i) SHOULD BE ASKED FOR ALL OTHER THAN THE BEDFAST AND CHAIRFAST.

#### QUESTIONS 8 & 9 Variation in incapacity

These questions explore whether the pattern of answers to Question 7 is permanent. Question 8 seeks any indication of seasonal variations (e.g. bronchitis) and Question 9 day-to-day variations in the effects of disability.

*Spends  
30/- week  
on special  
Diet in  
foods.*



**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.

*No answer  
not needed  
enough*

**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.



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)

no

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? \*

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER —

Having no money and no house

(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its 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 —

Just look after yourself

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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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
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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
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

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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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X
Y
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68
X
Y

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

One generation					
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	Three generation		
Man and woman: otherwise related	...	108	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	...	301
Man and woman: unrelated	...	109	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	...	302
Two or more men only: related	...	110	Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	...	303
Two or more men only: unrelated	...	111	Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	...	304
Two or more women only: related	...	112	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	...	305
Two or more women only: unrelated	...	113	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15	...	306
Other (SPECIFY)	...	114	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:	...	310
Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15	...	203	—all persons related, at least one child under 15	...	311
Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15	...	204	—at least one child under 15	...	312
Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married	...	205	—all persons related	...	313
Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married	...	206	—unrelated	...	314
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	Four generation		
Man and two children both under 15	...	209	DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW		
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			