

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
BARBARA	AGNES	ROBERT	IAN	BARBARA	DAVID	MORIA			
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
66	42	77	14	13	10	8			

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

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- 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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Name of Interviewer: Hilary M. Fitch

SERIAL NUMBER

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

Date(s) of interview(s) 1st Contact. 10/4/68
 or contacts Interview (part) 12/4/68
3rd Contact 9/5/68
4th " " 11/5/68
5th " " 11/5/68
 (Refusal to complete
 quest.)

Length of interview(s)

2 hours. (9.0 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.)

Total actual interviewing time

2 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	Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc.	5. Number of other households at address	21
	X Y 0		13 2		None
2. Information for household — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	11	2nd member	14	6. Household living on ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify	22
	Y 3		13 3 X		Answer 6a { 1 2 3 4 5
(a) Sections incomplete	1	3rd	15	(a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes No	6
	CODE ALL THAT APPLY		16		7
CODE ALL THAT APPLY	9	4th	17	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?	23
	Assets Health Inc. in kind Style of living		18		2
(b) Reasons if incomplete — ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	12	5th	19	20	4
	X Y 0 1		6th		
Other (specify)	1	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	21	X Y 0 1 1 2 3 4
	0 1		21		

(Agnes (2nd) unwilling to give information which would complete the interview.)
 See note P.31a.
 JWD isa doctor

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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.

Income seems low here - Agnes was not given as much as the household costs at that time - beyond about - had pay was low because of age.



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.**

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.

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(2nd) is a doctor by profession and I see to any house she can visit locally without another doctor - so this is unique situation
(inf) has had her leg dressed every night by (2nd) but as the latter lives in the house can this be coded here? (inf) could not answer all these questions for the children - (2nd) - incomplete

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 }
 PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY 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? *

(b) What would you describe as poverty?
 WRITE IN ANSWER
 Not having enough money for the necessary things in life - not for luxuries - for necessities.

(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly
 PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

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)? *

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
 Give less to those who are not willing to work - I think that is the biggest thing wrong - if everybody carried their fair share it would help the whole situation.

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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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2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
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NATIONAL POVERTY SURVEY

Skepper House 13 Endsleigh-st London WC 1

Minor queries continue to arise on the majority of returned questionnaires. Please note any comments and answer as promptly as possible any queries set out below. Use this form for reply: and please be sure you have covered each query before posting it back to the London office

Interview Query

date: May 20 1968

interviewer Mrs FITCH

household reference number:

9	4	4	2	1	1	2
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What an extraordinary situation & very frustrating for you! There are a few queries to be answered before we tackle the main problem of the Doctor!

- P10 Q14c Robert(3rd) is coded as Buyer for steel tube works for 5,6,7,8,&9. Do you think there is the possibility that he couldn't have the same position of responsibility for 40 years? Was it the same firm, perhaps, or maybe a slip in coding? Shall I leave it?
- P10 Q15 We have no sch./ education answer for 3rd either, but 14& 9 for 15a as for his wife; in 02's column (agnes) shall we move this information to 03 & delete 02?
- P 19 Q19 the answer here is £24 p.a. after tax but on P 20 Robert speaks of £24 p.a. after tax for an Annuity (the other being a Pension) this seems a strange coincidence. Do you think a 77 year old might have confused the two words, & we have an unwanted duplication? Perhaps he said something to clarify this?
- P24 Q2c Please don't write DK's in right columns. A note could go on left-hand page.
- P25 Q9 There is no answer to this, can you remember anything to help? I don't suppose it'll be anything but NO for the old couple but one can't assume from this end!
- P27 Q3 Remember XXXX's for 'None of these.'
- P28 Q7 You didn't ask these questions of 05 & 06 aged 13 & 10. We do need them.
- P29 Q4 I have filled in the CodeType Nos. for the schools under the children's cols. As they are different for Scotland, you can apply as follows:-
 - Prim. according to list P29a
 - Jun. Secondary = 5
 - Sen. " " = 8
 - Academy " " = 8
 - High School = 8

For your reply

This is correct - he was a buyer for 40 years apparently.

Yes, I'm sorry - a mistake.

I was unhappy about this - both with these forgetful and elderly & as returning home to editing the questionnaire. I wondered about - I think it is highly likely that it is a duplication - I don't want to contact the household again - in case Sheila had plans for the doctor to be approached again!

NO is correct.

Sorry - they were capable of doing everything - & healthy!

I'm sorry about this - I have been absent mindedly skipping the code - I've done it many in previous interviews!

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interviewer Miss Fitch

household reference number:

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For your reply

P 35 Q6 We see that the g/father & 4 children went to Church But there was no answer for Inf.

Again - a mistake - 1st & 3rd do not go to church - 2nd & children all go.

Your notes are very explicit & a great help. It must have been a real blow to get the picture so late in the interviewing but Sheila will tackle the next step, when we have the answers to the queries back.

Thank you

Andrew Hays

I have not met the Doctor face to face - the only way I eventually managed to communicate with her was by phoning - I do not think my having actually forced her would have made the slightest difference as she had obviously made up her mind. It is extraordinary and was very frustrating at the time - still it really!

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.

- ✓ ① Agnes refused to answer questions. She is a very busy C.P., and the main reason she refused was because (she felt) that her circumstances were so unusual that she wasn't right for the survey. I couldn't persuade her, even with (that this was not the reason that we would be very interested in her help etc.) She was embarrassed, I am sure, because of her divorce, and I would guess that she was afraid of answering questions because of this. I had no idea that this would happen - her mother was a wonderful help over her questions - father was v. reluctant, too - though old age I think! But at the fifth contact this note suddenly sprung on me.
- ② Because Agnes refused to answer - I am afraid that the important income section is incomplete - she has a practice with one other doctor I do know - she's also v. overworked as I think there should be 3 or 4 doctors ideally sharing the practice.
- ③ The grandparents feel v. poor. (1st) gift seems to be in very poor physical shape - worn out and very poorly looking. She looks after the children in every way and they are brought up pretty strictly - no pocket money & not allowed out of sight of the house without an adult.

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: and widowed or separated daughter
Man alone: aged under 60	102	Woman: and widowed or separated son
Woman alone: aged 60 or over	103	Woman: and widowed or separated daughter
Woman alone: aged under 60	104	Otherwise two generations: all related
Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over	105	Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other
Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60	106	Other (SPECIFY)
Husband and wife: both under 60	107	
Man and woman: otherwise related	108	Three generation
Man and woman: unrelated	109	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15
Two or more men only: related	110	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15
Two or more men only: unrelated	111	Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15
Two or more women only: related	112	Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15
Two or more women only: unrelated	113	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15
Other (SPECIFY)	114	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15
Two generation		Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15
Man, wife: + 1 child under 15	201	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15
Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15	202	Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15
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
Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married	205	—at least one child under 15
Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married	206	—all persons related
Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married	207	—unrelated
Man and one child under 15	208	Other (SPECIFY)
Man and two children both under 15	209	
Man and three or more children under 15	210	Four generation
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	DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW
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
		Woman: and widowed or separated son
		Woman: and widowed or separated daughter
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		Other (SPECIFY)