

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

Inf.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
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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

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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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Name of Interviewer A.H. Buzgaa

SERIAL NUMBER

Date(s) of interview(s) 25.1.69

Length of interview(s) 3 hrs

or contacts

Total actual interviewing time 3 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"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> 0		Informant		13 <u>2</u>
2. Information for household — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	11	3rd	14	6. Household living on	22
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> 0		2nd member		
(a) Sections Housing incomplete Employment Occupational Income Assets Health Soc. Services Inc. in kind Style of living	1	4th	16	Answer 6a	6
	2		17		
CODE ALL THAT APPLY	3	5th	18	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?	23
	4		19		
(b) Reasons if incomplete — ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	12	6th	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)	Type of Accom.
	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1		Other (specify)		

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**QUESTION 7(b) Last Occupation**

Write in the occupation on the left of the columns. Identify the person to whom the information applies in the little box (i.e. 1st or 2nd or 3rd etc.) This will both allow you to enter information for a second or third person if that proves to be applicable and for the office to code in the right column(s) on the basis of your information.

**QUESTION 7(c) Looking for work**

You will find yourself asking retired persons as well as unemployed and other persons this question. Sometimes it will be entirely applicable because persons who have been retired by their employers or have automatically ceased employment upon reaching a pensionable age of, say, 60, may in fact be seeking alternative work. It may even be applicable for some persons in their seventies and eighties. But sometimes it will plainly be inapplicable to frail persons of extreme age, especially women. In this case code "NO" and skip to Q. 8. When in doubt, however, you should ask the question.

*OK would like a  
job - but it is difficult  
to get enough money  
to pay for extra  
such as water -  
water - so  
Chris usually she  
is not sure  
whether she is  
is looking  
for a job -  
or not*

**QUESTION 11 "Windfalls"**

The procedure is the same as in the last question (Q. 10). Remember that for some people an occasional windfall is the only hope they have of getting out of debt, and please make a note if you come across any interesting example.

**QUESTION 12 Hire purchase**

The informant may know neither the total amounts nor the amounts less interest which are owed. If the total is less than £25 simply write it in and do not waste time asking detailed questions about **original price**, etc. Otherwise ask each of the questions and tick the box if any documents are seen. Sometimes there may be several large items and you may need to use the margins on the page for any additional notes. Remember that we are concerned to establish the total owed altogether, **less interest**, and so long as this can be estimated you should not be concerned to take up time with every subsidiary question. If you cannot get the informant to give an estimate of the total owed less interest and succeed only in answering the questions under (a) you can leave to the office the job of estimating and writing in the total.

**QUESTION 14 Rent or mortgage arrears**

As elsewhere, remember to write in an amount in only one column (not in two columns, e.g. wife and husband). The amount should be debited to the person who normally pays the rent or the mortgage payments. Do not trouble to calculate the exact total amount owed. You have asked about the weekly or monthly payments earlier and so long as you tell us the **number of payments** (and whether weekly or monthly) we can calculate the figure in the office.

**QUESTION 17 Total assets**

Like the question at the end of the Income section, this question is designed to be used when an informant does not wish to go into detail or finds great difficulty, either in the first or in a subsequent interview, in answering preceding questions. Encourage him or her to help you gain at least a broad estimate of total assets, but remember this includes the value of any owner-occupied house, a car, the surrender value of any life insurance policy and personal possessions of value, as well as any savings or stocks and shares. Again, try to get a separate estimate for each income unit in the household, and if the informant shows willingness to go back to the preceding detailed questions encourage him to do so. Try if you can to get the informant to give an exact figure rather than a range.

*Q15  
Please note that O1 (housewife)  
told me that OR caused a  
freed £25 (was very  
definite and worried  
about it) but  
OR, on being asked  
the question - said  
he did not save  
money. I have  
left it in - as  
I believe it to  
be true.*

FOR ALL

9. Have you stayed overnight with relatives or friends (on holiday or otherwise) in the last year, either without paying or not paying the full cost? Or has anyone taken you on holiday or lent you a house or a cottage of their own in which to stay?

yes, relatives } ASK Q.9(a)  
 yes, friends }  
 no }  
 DK } SKIP TO Q.10

(a) How many nights altogether in the year? WRITE IN NUMBER

IF STAYING 30 NIGHTS OR MORE

(b) How much a week do you think you saved compared with what you would have spent if you had stopped at home or had to pay the cost of the holiday yourself? *Has Long House*  
 Does Not Apply  
 nothing  
 DK

APPROXIMATE SAVINGS IN SHILLINGS PER WEEK

10. Has anyone stayed overnight with you in the last 12 months, either without paying or not paying full costs? Or have you taken anyone on holiday or lent them a place of your own in which to stay?

yes, relatives } ASK Q.10(a)  
 yes, friends }  
 no }  
 DK } SKIP TO NEXT SECTION

(a) How many nights altogether in the year? WRITE IN NUMBER

IF STAYING 30 NIGHTS OR MORE

(b) How much a week more do you think this cost compared with what you would have usually spent (allowing for anything they may have paid you)?

Does Not Apply  
 nothing  
 DK

APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL COST IN SHILLINGS PER WK

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

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	INTERVIEWER: CODE 07, 08, etc. IF 7th, 8th MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD	
10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11
01	02	03	04	05	06		
12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
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13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15
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16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18
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20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22	20-22
23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25	23-25
X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0	X Y 0

**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.**

It is not apparent from the contents of the interview - but the whole tenor of the wife's (0's) enumeration before her husband came home to lunch (and after he had left again) was that they had had a very hard year in 1968. His low wages were partly responsible (he has recently changed his job) but apparently it is the hire purchase payments on the car which cause the greatest concern. She says they had saved £200 - and if he had opted for a (rather) van they could have paid it outright - but the extra required to buy a car has made their position delicate. She also states that it was she who was responsible for urging him to get a car rather than a van.

She also told me that he is changing his job in a fortnight's time - again for more money - and is also talking very seriously of emigrating.

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)

The middle of the week - when I don't get overtime

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

The rate the pensioners are getting! (P) nothing else.

(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)? \*

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?

WRITE IN ANSWER

Raise the pensions - other people in the bureau get enough to get by on. The pensioners don't (P) no nothing else

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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
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
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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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5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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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
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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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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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
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	<b>Three generation</b>
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, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15
<b>Two generation</b>		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	<b>Four generation</b>
Man and children at least one under and one over 15, none married	211	DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW
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	
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