MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

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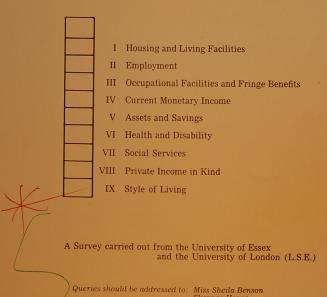
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QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES &

STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM 1967-68



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SUMMARY: COMPLETE AFTER INTERVIEW

"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."

1. Interview carried out at first call at second call at third or later call 2. Information for household — — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a (a) Sections Housing incomplete Employment Occupational Income ALL THAT APPLY APPLY Health Soc. Services Inc. in kind Style of living	10 XY 0 11 XY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	3. Which sections were answered in whole or in part by which persons on the household? Informant 2nd member CODE 3rd ALL THAT APPLY AS LISTED IN Q'AIRE (Some Sections may be listed twice) 5th	Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc. 13 13 14 15 15 16 17	5. Number of other households at address None 6. Household living on ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify (a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes No	21 ② 22 ② 22 ② 23 34 55
(b) Reasons if incompleteill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	12 X Y O 1	Other (specify) 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)	18 19 20 XY Y 0 11 2 3 4	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance? Yes No	23

QUESTION 8(d) — Length of housing problem

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

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.

DOES NOT LIKE OR WANT TELEVISION .

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.

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QUESTION 5

Note that the recent Industrial Employment Act gives employers the responsibility of notifying employees about certain terms of service. Many employees will have received some kind of notification.

QUESTION 6 Whether sick pay

Include only when employer pays cash directly to an employee who is sick. Contributions towards medical care costs come under Q. 11. Ideally we would like to have details of sick pay expected and length of time employer is expected to go on paying. (Sometimes a man is paid one proportion of pay for 3 months and then a lower proportion for a further 3 months.) Many informants, however, will not know and you should do your best to get a general idea at least of the starting level for the first month, recording underneath more specific information if known.

Sick pay amount What should be entered here is costs paid by employer. Sickness benefit should not be included even though employers contribute towards it. Earnings means earnings before tax.

QUESTION 7 Pension

Include any type of occupational pension, contributory or non-contributory, funded or unfunded.

QUESTION 7a Employee's contribution

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Note that we are not attempting to establish what the employer pays, because many informants will not know. We require amount paid (preferably) or per cent of earnings before tax: many schemes are not of the type that the employer pays a fixed proportion of earnings. In these instances, code "None" or "Does not apply", according to the information you are given. When given a percentage note that it may be calculated on basic wages rather than earnings and you should note this so that we can adjust the figure in the office. Estimate the proportion of normal earnings the previous contribution amounts to — correct to nearest percentage point unless respondent names half a percentage point.

QUESTION 7b Pensionable age

That is, the age at which the pension is first payable.

QUESTION 7c Years towards pension

Do not count any years towards another pension in a previous employment unless those years have been accepted by the present employer as counting towards the pension from his employment.

QUESTION 7d Amount of pension

The question refers to the total occupational pension, though part of the cost may be paid by the informant. If the informant knows more details about his entitlement enter information in box (e.g. two-thirds of salary in last 5 years of service).

QUESTION 8 Meal vouchers

You may have to build up towards the average weekly value by asking
"How much is each voucher worth?", "How many do you use in an average
week?". Generally vouchers are additional to wage or salary but sometimes
the employer will include them on a pay slip as part of earnings received.
Watch that you do not count their value both here and later under net

QUESTION 9 Subsidised meals

Meals include drinks that may accompany them though we think it might cause offence to ask this in a formal question. We are interested to learn of anything from subsidised canteen meals to expense account lunches and dinners.

QUESTION 9a Saving on meals

Note that we are seeking an estimate of the difference between the actual cost to the employee and what he would have spent in the ordinary way if there were no subsidised canteen or restaurant available, or if his work did not allow him to charge the cost of outside meals. We are not seeking an estimate of the real value of the meals. Since some employees may not spend more outside on a poorer meal than they spend inside for a subsidised one, some entries may be "O" shillings.

7(b) CAN TAKE PENSION AT. 60 OR 65.

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NO ALTERATIONS OR

DECORATIONS HAVE BEEN DONE RECENTLY.

QUESTION 27(a)

Our object is to try to find what rent might be paid in normal circumstances in that area for such accommodation. We have asked you to make an estimate in the light of your knowledge of the area if the informant cannot make such an estimate.

QUESTION 28(a) Years on list

Sometimes the tenant will have taken on a tenancy from a member of the family who has died or moved away. Code "inherited tenancy" in all instances except that of a woman who has become the tenant through the death or absence of her husband.

QUESTION 28(d) Reason for obtaining council accommodation

Interpret "inheriting tenancy" as above. Although more than one reason may be advanced code what the informant considers to be the chief

QUESTION 28(e) Rent reduction or rebate

Broadly three types of scheme have been introduced. Some councils operate an automatic differential rents scheme and some informants may have their rents reduced initially upon the introduction of the scheme. But in this sort of scheme most people will not know whether or not their rents are "reduced". The second scheme is one where the tenant has to apply for a reduction of rent he expects to pay in the future, upon test of means. The third scheme is one where the tenant applies for a rebate of rent paid in the past, on test of means. We are primarily concerned wth the second and third schemes here.

QUESTION 6a Cars, Vans

Note that in Section II you will have noted any car owned by the business or firm and whether it is also used privately. Do not count this car here also but find out whether there is a second car—e.g. wife's. If informant unable to value a vehicle note instead its make, type and year of manufacture to enable us to look up its value.

QUESTION 6c Debts on vehicles

Note that the question does not apply only to payments which are overdue but to the total sum still owing. You will usually have difficulty in excluding interest from the amount owed. If the amount owed is estimated at less than £50 record the sum and do not take up time making sure that the interest is deducted. But if the amount owed including the interest element is £50 or more ask for the details listed under (c). We will then make an estimate in the office.

QUESTION 7 Life Insurance

If there is more than one policy add up the payments and, if necessary, note any difference in frequency or years of payment. Note that our main object is to establish the equivalent current value in cash of policies they hold. The majority of households will hold policies of little current value and you will see that if they pay less than 10s. a week we do not ask for any details.

QUESTION 8 Value of saleable assets

Please note that we do not envisage that goods in everyday use — beds, blankets, basic furniture, crockery, clothes — need to be valued. We are interested only in items of value that could be sold without serious detriment to the household and its daily life if some ready cash was badly needed. Jewellery, furs, stamp collections, works of art, antiques, and collections of books, might be sold and we need to obtain an approximate estimate of their total current worth. Naturally enough we cannot expect precise valuations and you will find the minimum value of £25 for an article (or a group of articles — e.g. a number of pieces of jewellery) helpful in avoiding protracted discussion of the value of articles used every day in the home.

QUESTION 9 Other assets

Rarely will there be any kind of asset not covered by our other questions. But by asking this general question you may be given information that belongs in the answer to another question. The informant may have misunderstood a question. But be careful not to include an item here which is already covered elsewhere.

QUESTIONS 10 & 11 General assets sold and windfalls

It may be difficult for you to secure an estimate of money raised or spent on "ordinary living expenses" but you will find that our object is fairly clear and once you understand it you can probe for an estimate. We do not want information about sums of money invested in new assets, in replacing old assets (e.g. property, including houses and cars) and in savings, but only information about sums of money spent in the ordinary way on housekeeping, food, clothing, and entertainment. An estimate is better than nothing. Note that we are not asking you to waste time checking small amounts of less than £25.

QUESTION 10 Assets sold in last 12 months

Some people, especially the elderly, will have sold some of their assets in the last 12 months to bolster a low income. This can be an important contribution to their standard of living. Savings—Note that each item should be prompted carefully, especially to persons who have already told you they have sizeable amounts in savings, stocks and shares, etc. Note that we are not interested in this question in total sums which amount to less than £25 in the 12 months. Nor are we interested in amounts that may have been saved from income and spent in the same year (e.g. savings for Christmas or a holiday).

Partial use of sales or savings for living expenses—In some cases property might have been sold, say, and part of the money spent but part of it saved. Try to get a total estimate only of the sum spent on ordinary living expenses.

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HAS ANY INSURANCE
POLICIES NOWADAYS
AT ALL.

QUESTION 9 Staying overnight

The question concentrates on holidays and stays which are directly or indirectly paid for or subsidised by relatives and friends. It may be difficult to obtain an estimate of saving. We have in mind not only the instance of holiday but also an elderly person or a child staying with a member of the family for a lengthy period of the year during a time of loneliness or financial difficulty. Note that space allows only 8 columns on this page. In the unlikely event of interviewing in a household with 9 or 10 persons write in the details for the 9th and 10th persons lower on the page.

QUESTION 9 (b) Saving

Note that there are two alternatives in the question. The saving from staying in a relative's or a friend's home should be estimated in terms of the comparable cost of living at home. The saving from being taken on holiday should be estimated in terms of the cost of going on holiday on one's own.

QUESTION 10 Visitors

This question reverses Q. 9 but estimates of cost should be written into the column allocated for the housewife.

10 BOTH REFUSED TO

ESTINATE COSTS HERE,

ASC CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H.

23. ** Do you think you could GENUINELY say you are poor now? — X Does it CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY X Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.24 Y all the time | ASK Q.23(a) | sometimes | ASK Q.23(a) | never | SKIP TO Q.24 (a) Do you feel poor at any of these times 3 at weekends or in any of these situations? 4 mid-week

PROMPT AND 5 at Christmas

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APPLY 8 with some of your relatives

APPLY 9 with some of the people round here other (SPECIFY) FOR CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H.

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

CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY
Does Not Apply SKIP TO yes (b) What would you describe as poverty? - WRITE IN ANSWER -WHEN ONE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THE NEXT MEAL IS CONING FROM . (c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly X = their own fault?
Y = the Government's fault?
O = 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 felling me if you voted in the last
General Election (I don't mean who you voted for, A
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 nothing DK WRITE IN ANSWER -EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE HAS NOW BEEN DONG - THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE HARDUP THESE DAYS ARE THE MIDDLE CLASS- PEOLE LIKE OURSELVES ON A FIXED INCOME 9 WHO CAN NOT "FIBBLE BNYTHING BUT HAVE TUPAY OUT ALLTHE TIME & KEEP GOING SOMEHOW.

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INTERVIEWER PLEASE CODE ALL THAT APPLY AFTER INTERVIEW

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(a)	Household in which there is a child, one of whose parents is not resident	X
(b)	Household consisting of woman and adult dependants	Y
(c)	Household in which there are five or more dependent children	0
(d)	Household containing an adult who has been unemployed for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months)	1
(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)	2
(f)	Household containing a disabled adult under 65 (a) disabled	3
	(b) borderline disabled	4
(g)	Household containing a disabled or handicapped child (including child ill or injured for eight weeks or more)	5
(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	6
(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	7 8
(j)	Household in which there are persons who are (a) non-white	68
	(b) born in Eire	X Y

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COMPOSITION OF	HOUSE	HOLD: CODES (Q. 10, p. 3)	
One generation Man alone: aged 60 or over Man alone: aged under 60 Woman alone: aged under 60 Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over Husband and wife: beth aged 60 or over Man and woman: unrelated Two or more men only: unrelated Two or more men only: unrelated Two or more women only: unrelated Man, wife: + 1 child under 15 Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15 Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15 and at least Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married Man and one child under 15 Man and three or more children under 15 Man and thildren all least one under and one over 15, none married Man and children all over 15 at least one 25 or over, woman: and thildren all over 15 at least one over Woman: and thildren all aged 15-24, none married Man and children all aged 15-24, none married Woman: and children, all aged 15-24, none married Woman: and children, all aged 15-24, none married Woman: and children all aged 15-24, none married Woman: and children all aged 15-24, none married Woman: and children all aged 15-24, none married Moman: and children all aged 15-24, none married Woman: and children all aged 15-24, none married	101 102 103 104 105 106 109 110 111 111 111 111 201 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 212 213 214 215 216 217 218	Woman: and widowed or separated son Woman: and widowed or separated daughter Otherwise two generations: all related Otherwise two generations: all related Three generation Man, son and din-law, grandchildren: all under 15 Man, son and din-law, grandchildren: all under 15 and one Man, son and din-law, grandchildren: all under 15 Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 Woman, son and din-law, grandchildren: all under 15 Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 Woman daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 Woman caughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 Woman caughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 Woman son and din-law grandchildren: all under 15 Son over 15 Woman son and din-law grandchildren: all under 15 Woman son and din-law grandchildren: all under 15 Son over 15 Woman son and din-law grandchildren: all under 15 Son over 15 Woman son and din-law grandchildren: all under 15 Son over 15 Woman son and din-law grandchildren: all under 15 Son over 15 So	