

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
MARY	THOMAS	JEAN	THOMAS	ANNETTE	JACQUELINE				
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
30	30	12	09	06	01				

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

9/49  
DM  
1029


- 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 Dairdore Forsyth

SERIAL NUMBER

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Date(s) of interview(s) 16th JuneLength of interview(s) 2 hours

or contacts

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

		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
1. Interview carried out at first call		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Informant		13	None		<input type="checkbox"/>
at second call		<input type="checkbox"/>			14			
at third or later call		0			1-9 (2)			
2. Information for household		11	2nd member		9 (2)	6. Household living on		22
— complete skip to Q. 3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			15	ground		X
incomplete—answer 2a		<input type="checkbox"/>			16	basement floor		Y
(a) Sections Housing		1	3rd		17	1st floor		<input type="checkbox"/>
incomplete Employment		2	4th		18	2nd floor		2
Occupational		3	5th		19	3rd floor		3
Income		4	6th		20	4th floor		4
CODE AS LISTED IN Q'AIRES (Some Sections may be listed twice)		5	Other (specify)		21	5th or above		5
Assets		6			22	Specify		
Health		7			23			
Soc. Services		8			24			
Inc. in kind		9			25			
Style of living		12			26			
(b) Reasons if incomplete		X			27	(a) Is there a lift in the building?		6
— ill/disabled		Y			28	Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>
does not know information		O			29	No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
unwilling to give information		1			30	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?		23
other (specify)					31	Yes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**QUESTION 8 Work record**

Our aim is to trace persons whose work record is not full and to establish both numbers of weeks off work and numbers of weeks in which fewer than 30 hours were worked.

**Weeks off work in year**

The procedure is first to ask the general question about numbers of weeks off work. Some informants will be uncertain of the right answer. They can be encouraged by prompts about the last spell off work for **unemployment**, then **sickness** and so on down the list. Whenever it is clear they are going back more than 12 months you should move on to the next eventuality on the list. In the appropriate column note the number of weeks for all spells of unemployment, sickness, etc. You must record "O" in all open boxes when the person has had no spell off work for that reason. You may ignore the codes "X" and "Y" under each open box. They are for office use. For easy reference you can record each spell off work alongside the months listed below. (You may in rare instances interview persons, say, who had five or six spells off work through sickness and may need to show some rough working to arrive at the right total. (Please leave any rough working in case of queries.)

**List member of household (informant, 2nd, 3rd) and weeks off work and reason**

January.....	July.....
February.....	August.....
March.....	September.....
April.....	October.....
May.....	November.....
June.....	December.....

*he took holiday while unemployed*

Some informants may have a quick answer for the first general question (usually because they have a very full or almost empty record of work in the year). You should nonetheless use the same procedure of asking about each type of eventuality and each spell off work as a check. If an informant says he hasn't been off work except for "just odd days because of colds and so on" **ASK How much would it amount to over the past twelve months — one week, two weeks? AND CODE ACCORDINGLY.** For informants (e.g. housewives or students) who have only worked for a few weeks in the year, you may find it quicker to establish first how long they were at work.

As with so many other questions about "the last twelve months" in this questionnaire, informants will often find it helpful if you encourage them to think forwards from a date exactly a year ago.

16  
1/1  
per month  
£7.41  
1/1  
X12

1-5  
6

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**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.

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**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 one.

**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 with the second and third schemes here.

- this was from  
last council house,  
when moved.

**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.

£2  
could not remember completely. She originally owed £210 altogether, but has paid quite a lot of this.

**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.

90  
on arrears  
£60 on mortgage

**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.

## VII SOCIAL SERVICES

### General

It is assumed that the housewife will normally be the informant. It is also assumed that she will generally be the "parent" to whom many of the questions are addressed. If in fact there is another mother in the household with a child then you may accept answers by a proxy (i.e. the housewife). You should also use your discretion about the housewife's ability to answer questions about the visits to hospital, doctor or dentist by each member of the household. If she plainly does not know or is uncertain you should check the appropriate questions when you come to ask earners in the household Sections II, III & IV. If this still does not involve the right members of the household you must check directly with them. Remember to code carefully since the questions vary as to whom they apply. We have repeated instructions at the head of each question to help you.

#### QUESTION 1 Welfare milk

Tokens are obtained from the Ministry of Social Security and handed to the milkman. All families with children under 5 can obtain a pint of milk for each child for each day for 6d. per pint cheaper than retail prices. Free milk tokens have to be claimed separately, and few parents claim them (other than those getting supplementary benefits).

#### QUESTION 2

**Child welfare clinics** are provided by local authority health departments. A visit to an ordinary hospital out-patient department does not count. Cod liver oil and orange juice are the main goods which may be purchased below normal shop prices. "Ever visited" means for the informant herself to obtain advice concerning herself or her child or to obtain goods. Accompanying another mother does not count.

#### QUESTION 3 Baby in hospital

It is possible there may be two mothers in the household.  
On the **National Health** means free in a National Health Service hospital contracted to the N.H.S.

#### QUESTION 4 Type of school

Write in the name of each school on the left. The parent will usually know the type of school but if he or she does not or is doubtful the interviewer may know. If in doubt please verify from the Education Department or a teacher who knows about the local schools. If the child is aged 16 or over and is at an institute, college or school (of commerce, for example), list under Q. 12.

Type of	Maintained day nursery, nursery school or class	...	...	1
of	Private nursery school or nursery class	...	...	2
School	State primary school	...	...	3
	Private primary/preparatory school	...	...	4
	Secondary modern/elementary/non-grammar denominational	...	...	5
	Comprehensive	...	...	6
	Technical school, Central, Intermediate	...	...	7
	State grammar	...	...	8
	Private or "public" school (secondary)	...	...	9
	Other (SPECIFY)	...	...	0

#### Whether built pre- or post-1940

Again, the parent may not know or may be unsure. Check if necessary.

#### QUESTION 5 School meals

**Normally** means when neither sick nor in the holidays. Did the child last week have school meals if attending school? If not attending school, when last attending school. Free school meals are provided to poorer children on a means test basis.

#### QUESTION 5(c) No facilities

There really are schools which do not offer school meals either because they lack dining space or there are too many children for the space available or for other reasons.

#### QUESTION 7 Days absent from school

Absences due to visiting an out-patient department or a dentist should not be counted.

#### QUESTION 8 Boarding school

If the child boards at a school which is primarily a day school code the answer "yes".

*Jean at home  
12 is still at  
primary school*

**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.

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**QUESTION 14**

Ill in bed means actually in bed for at least half the day.

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**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.

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**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).

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**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.

*Remember Visits by  
labynurse*

**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.

*I think she took  
whole wages to pay  
bills and gave him  
10/- pocket money  
I think it is right now*



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 }  
 1 never }  
 2 DK } SKIP TO Q.24

(a) Do you feel poor at any of these times or in any of these situations?  
 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)

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY  
 CODE ALL THAT APPLY

at rent - week

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

no food and clothes for children

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

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)

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

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?

nothing  
 DK

WRITE IN ANSWER

lower prices - better pay. Basic pay much higher in Eng<sup>land</sup> for unskilled workmen. should be same here - (He has relatives in Eng)

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

<b>One generation</b>		Man: and widowed or separated daughter ... .. 221
Man alone: aged 60 or over ... .. 101	Man alone: aged under 60 ... .. 102	Woman: and widowed or separated son ... .. 222
Woman alone: aged 60 or over ... .. 103	Woman alone: aged under 60 ... .. 104	Woman: and widowed or separated daughter ... .. 223
Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over ... .. 105	Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60 ... .. 106	Otherwise two generations: all related ... .. 224
Husband and wife: both under 60 ... .. 107	Man and woman: otherwise related ... .. 108	Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other ... .. 225
Man and woman: unrelated ... .. 109	Two or more men only: related ... .. 110	Other (SPECIFY) ... .. 226
Two or more men only: unrelated ... .. 111	Two or more women only: related ... .. 112	<b>Three generation</b>
Two or more women only: unrelated ... .. 113	Other (SPECIFY) ... .. 114	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... 301
<b>Two generation</b>	Man, wife: + 1 child under 15 ... .. 201	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... .. 302
Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15 ... .. 202	Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15 ... .. 203	Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... .. 303
Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15 ... .. 204	Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married ... .. 205	Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... .. 304
Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married ... .. 206	Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married ... .. 207	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 under 15, one over 15 ... .. 305
Man and one child under 15 ... .. 208	Man and two children both under 15 ... .. 209	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... .. 306
Man and three or more children under 15 ... .. 210	Man and children at least one under and one over 15, none married ... .. 211	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... .. 307
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, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... .. 308
Woman: and one child under 15 ... .. 214	Woman: and two children both under 15 ... .. 215	Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15 ... .. 309
Woman: and three or more children under 15 ... .. 216	Woman: and children, at least one under and one over 15, none married ... .. 217	Otherwise 3-generations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>—all persons related, at least one child under 15 ... 310</li> <li>—at least one child under 15 ... .. 311</li> <li>—all persons related ... .. 312</li> <li>—unrelated ... .. 313</li> <li>Other (SPECIFY) ... .. 314</li> </ul>
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	<b>Four generation</b> 401
Woman: and children all over 15, at least one 25 or over, none married ... .. 220	Man: and widowed or separated son ... .. 220	DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW