

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
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Age last birthday

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Jane	Sarah	Rene	Paul	Amber					
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QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES
&
STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
1967-68

- 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

A Survey carried out from the University of Essex
and the University of London (L.S.E.)

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Name of Interviewer: Mr Hopper

SERIAL NUMBER

Date(s) of interview(s): 30.5.68

Length of interview(s): 1 hr 10 mins

or contacts:

20 mins

Total actual interviewing time: 1 hr 30 mins

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

			Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc.		
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?		5. Number of other households at address →	21
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y 0		13 3 (2)		None 0
2. Information for household — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	11	Informant	14	6. Household living on ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify	22
(a) Sections incomplete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	2nd member	15		Answer 6a { (a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes No
1 Housing	1	3rd	16	6	
2 Employment	2	4th	17		6
3 Occupational	3	5th	18	6	
4 Income	4	6th	19		6
5 Assets	5	Other (specify)	20	6	
6 Health	6	Semi or detached house or bungalow	20		6
7 Soc. Services	7	Ter. h'se or bungalow	X	6	
8 Inc. in kind	8	Self-con. flat in block	Y		6
9 Style of living	9	Self-con. flat in house	0	6	
(b) Reasons if incomplete — ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	12	Self-con. flat attached to shop/business	1		6
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Y 0 1	Room(s): furnished	2	6	
		Other (specify)	3		6
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7. Does the house/flat have any structural defects?

rising damp, damp walls or ceilings 1 Yes ASK Q.7(a)
 loose brick-work/plaster 2 no } SKIP TO
 roof which leaks in heavy rain 3 DK } Q. 8.
 badly-fitting windows or doors 4
 which do not open or close 5
 broken floorboards, stairs 6
 other _____

PROMPT

(a) Do you feel any of these are a danger to your health or of anyone in the household?

Yes 1
 No 2
 DK 3

8. Would you say you (and the family) have a serious housing problem?

Yes ASK Q.8(a)
 No } SKIP TO Q.8(b)
 DK }

(a) What sort of problem is the worst?

1 overcrowding
 2 inadequate basic facilities
 3 damp accommodation
 4 other structural defects
 5 need to move elsewhere
 6 other (specify) _____

CODE ONE ONLY

(b) Have you ever had a serious housing problem (since you were 21)?

Yes ASK 8(c)
 No } SKIP TO Q.9.
 DK }

(c) What sort of problem was the worst?

X overcrowding
 Y inadequate basic facilities
 0 damp accommodation
 1 other structural defects
 2 need to move elsewhere
 3 other (specify) _____

(d) How long did it last?

under 2 years
 2 and less than 5 years
 5 and less than 9 years
 10 or more

9. Which of the following items do you have in the household?

X television
 Y record player
 0 radio
 1 refrigerator
 2 washing machine
 3 vacuum cleaner
 4 telephone
 5 central heating
 6 enough upholstered arm-chairs, easy chairs or settees for every member of family plus one visitor
 7 carpet covering all or nearly all floor in main sitting room
 8 DK one or more items (specify) _____

PROMPT CODE ALL THAT APPLY

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This is JANETS ANSWER -
 She intends to next divorce
 when her divorce comes through
 she can marry the
 Natural father of Paul +
 Andrew. The answer
 does not apply to
 household (Sarah) + her
 daughter. Sarah says
 there is overcrowding was
 but this is temporary ab.

10. Now I would like to ask some questions about each person living here at present: I mean someone living here for more than a month, or someone here less than that but expected to stay longer than a month.

(a) First of all, can you tell me how many persons aged 15 and over there are? 3
 - And how many children under 15? 2 Total persons in household 5

(b) And now can you tell me who they all are?
 DESCRIBE RELATIONSHIP TO INFORMANT IN EACH COLUMN (e.g. husband, son or other relationships between members)
 LIST NAMES AND AGES ON BACK FLAP FOR REFERENCE

related to informant									
not related to informant									
male									
female									

(c) Was he/she here last night or was he/she away - staying with a relative or because of work, for example? Yes, here SKIP TO Q.11(d) No, here ASK Q.10(d)

(d) Why not? * 10e

(e) How old are you (is he/she last birthday)? * code age-group

(f) Are you (is he/she) married or unmarried?
 X unmarried
 Y married, present last night } SKIP TO Q.11
 0 married, away last night } ASK Q.
 1 married, separated - no court order } 10(g)
 2 married, separated - court order } ASK Q.
 3 divorced } 10(h)
 4 widowed ASK Q.10(1)

(g) How long is it since your husband/wife was at home?
 OR (h) How long is it since you were living together as man and wife? years if 1 or more less than 1 year, more than 3 months }
 (i) How long is it since you were widowed? 3 months or less }

* CODE HOUSEHOLD TYPE (THREE DIGITS)

11. Is there anyone staying with you who doesn't usually live here or who will be living here for less than a month altogether - a visitor, say?
 yes ASK Q.11(a)
 no SKIP TO Q.12

(a) What is his relationship to you?
 (b) Sex?
 (c) Age? CODE AGE-GROUP
 (d) How long has he/she lived here?
 (e) How much longer do you expect him to stay?
 (f) What is his/her reason for staying/living here? * CODE REASON

12. You have told me who lives here. Can I just check whether

(a) Any of the adults living here have any dependent children who are away at present? yes, dependent child } ASK Q. 12(c) yes, adult }

(b) Any adult member is away at present - in hospital, at college or on holiday, for example? no, neither child nor adult SKIP TO Q.13 DK

(c) What is his relationship to you?
 (d) Sex?
 (e) Age? CODE AGE-GROUP
 (f) How long has he been away?
 (g) How much longer do you expect him to be away? (in weeks)
 (h) Why is he/she away at present? * CODE REASON
 (i) IF CHILD, Does any adult in the household help to pay for his/her keep? Who?
 (j) About how much a week does he pay?

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<i>HW</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Son</i>					
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X These 2 children are illegitimate - an allowance is paid for their upkeep by the father of the children - she is in process of being divorced

QUESTION 20 Miscellaneous allowances and cash income

The various kinds of income have been laid out as compactly as possible but remember that two or more may need to be coded and you should prompt carefully. Underneath describe the type of allowance (so that we know to which code a particular amount refers) and the amount per week or per month. Ring either "1" or "2" depending on whether the allowance did in fact cover last week and strike out "Before" or "After" tax as appropriate. Make sure that in the case of allowances of husbands temporarily away from home that you have not already written in his earnings earlier as a member of the household. If you have do not write in any amount he pays. All we want here is any income which is not covered by earlier entries.

*\$5 per week paid
direct by father of 2 small children
who is not resident.*

QUESTION 20(b) Allowances for separated and divorced wives

Some wives receive money direct from their husbands (or via the court). Others have court orders but these are signed over to the Supplementary Benefits Commission, which collects the money and pays the mother a standard weekly allowance. We therefore want to avoid counting the amount in Q. 20 if that amount is already included in the figure for supplementary benefit listed under Q. 15. We also want to be able to sort out irregular payments of both money from court orders and supplementary benefit. Check carefully in all these instances and write a note if anything needs clarification. Fatherless families form a small proportion of the total sample of households. Where money from court orders is paid irregularly and the mother claims weekly from the Supplementary Benefits Office she might not always claim the full amount, or may delay her claim in which case she loses benefit. Check to see if such loss is occurring.

QUESTION 21 Allowances and sums paid to others

This question complements some of the sub-questions in Q. 20. Here we are concerned to find out about all cash payments or allowances amounting to at least 10s. a week or £25 a year. Note that married children frequently pay rent or bills for elderly parents and old people sometimes make considerable cash gifts to their children. Examples are payments for grandchildren's clothing or holidays, payment of T.V. rentals and licence, cash gift for car.

QUESTION 22 Tax relief

Our object is to gain further evidence about reciprocal aid but also to help us in interpreting the figures for earnings and deductions given earlier. Note that you are not expected to probe for amounts.

QUESTION 23

Property income is considerable for a small percentage of informants and tends to be of two types: income from only one or two houses and income from a range of properties. With a few people considerable time may need to be spent on getting a reliable answer to this question. Net income after tax may not be known so we deliberately seek gross income before tax, then expenses, and only finally income after tax. You may not be able to get the third but make sure you get a figure for the first. It may also be difficult to secure a figure for expenses of rates and repairs but remember that property-owners will often know the total sums entered on their income tax returns. It may even be helpful to remind informants of this: "I mean the total like that in your income tax return — gross income less expenses." Note that many owner-occupiers and tenants rent rooms and flats to others in their accommodation. Do not count the rent from a boarder living in the household.

Taxet gives \$2 to her next. The money each week - towards the clothes she keeps for herself & the holidays - that's better food is bought by her. she could not calculate how much this would amount to

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.

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)
 O sometimes }
 1 never } SKIP TO Q.24
 2 DK }

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

(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 ALL THAT APPLY

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? *

Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.25
 yes
 no
 DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

Person who has a large family & is down & out

(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)

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

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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)	
One generation	
Man alone: aged 60 or over	101
Man alone: aged under 60	102
Woman alone: aged 60 or over	103
Woman alone: aged under 60	104
Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over	105
Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60	106
Husband and wife: both under 60	107
Man and woman: otherwise related	108
Man and woman: unrelated	109
Two or more men only: related	110
Two or more men only: unrelated	111
Two or more women only: related	112
Two or more women only: unrelated	113
Other (SPECIFY)	114
Two generation	
Man, wife: + 1 child under 15	201
Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15	202
Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15	203
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, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married	206
Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married	207
Man and one child under 15	208
Man and two children both under 15	209
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
Man: and widowed or separated daughter	221
Woman: and widowed or separated son	222
Woman: and widowed or separated daughter	223
Otherwise two generations: all related	224
Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other	225
Other (SPECIFY)	226
Three generation	
Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	301
Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	302
Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	303
Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15	304
Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15, one over 15	305
Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15	306
Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15	307
Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15	308
Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15	309
Otherwise 3-generations:	
—all persons related, at least one child under 15	310
—at least one child under 15	311
—all persons related	312
—unrelated	313
Other (SPECIFY)	314
Four generation	401
DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW	