

INTRODUCTION

Study, part of a bigger study of 'poverty', i.e. what are the characteristics of the 'poor' today, what does it mean to be 'poor'.

A large family defined as consisting of at least 5 dependent children, why is a large family considered vulnerable?

Recent evidence showing how members of large families are handicapped.

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| - Nutritional studies | Royston Lambert
Min. of Ag. Fish. & Food |
| - Education | Newson
Robbins |
| - Health | Heights & Weights of school children
Perinatal Mortality |

Total number of Large Families in the U.K. (M.P.N.I., F.A. figures)

Estimates of number of families living near N.A. level.

Wages stop N.A.B. figures	concern mainly large families figures reveal only "tip of iceberg"
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Poor and Poorest	using Family Expenditure Survey
Child Poverty Action Group	figures an attempt to measure size of whole "iceberg"

Questions in Parliament	22nd February 1965 26th July 1965 Social Security Bill - June 13/17 1966
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Sample obtained through M.P.N.I. allowed us to study large families in all income groups, in this way we can begin to see how the problem associated with bringing up a large number of children are made harder to manage as income becomes smaller. Throughout the report we shall try to compare the experiences of the poorer families with those of the richer.