

## MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
48	13								

Hilda Keith

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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3+5



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 }  
2 DK } SKIP TO Q.24

(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)

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

*Really don't know*

(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 CODE ALL AGED 23 & 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)? \*

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

*My ideal life always this - you could put a pig in a palace & it would still make a piggy of it.*

*The thicker you are, the better you get on.*

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74
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

75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

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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.

"  
Not without a penny.  
If anyone knocked at  
door and said owed  
10/- could give it to  
them."

"  
Dashed one in child  
allowances - half children  
don't get money. But if  
one person gets it, at 4  
but it's to it.  
Should be put in some  
scheme or child  
would benefit from it

Husband walked out five weeks ago as if going on a couple of  
days holiday; hasn't heard of him since apart from the cheque she  
can't cash. Feels present situation even more because it ultra middle class -  
relatives privately educated, likes opera & musical upbringing, very house proud -  
apologised for state of house which he looked immaculate - "class attitudes,  
attitude towards social security" is "begrudging". Later found that office got money, wouldn't  
accept a third of fare from me, wouldn't accept a council house, free meals for son &  
even tho they well off. Hasn't worked since was as didn't believe in working  
with children; no idea of what will do now. Son had very close relationship with  
father, very unhappy at school - failed 11+, very sensitive, no friends at school.  
Splendid free time at public library reading & obviously intelligent - supported  
she tries to get him transferred to local grammar school.  
The most tragic thing he stubborn pride.