

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

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Margaret	Herbert	Bernard							
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
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10<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2-3-30 6/31

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

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- 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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A Survey carried out from the University of Essex  
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SERIAL NUMBER

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Name of Interviewer R. HALPERN

Date(s) of interview(s) NOV. 10.  
or contacts

Length of interview(s) 1 1/2

Total actual interviewing time 1 1/2

**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."

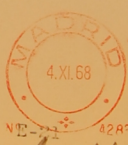
**SUMMARY : COMPLETE AFTER INTERVIEW**

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?  Informant	Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc. 13	5. Number of other households at address →  None	21
	X Y 0		14		0
2. Information for household — — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	11	2nd member	15	6. Household living on  ground basement floor 1st floor 2nd floor 3rd floor 4th floor 5th or above Specify	22
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(a) Sections Housing incomplete Employment Occupational Income Assets Health Soc. Services Inc. in kind Style of living	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	3rd	17	Answer 6a (a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes No	6 7
CODE ALL THAT APPLY	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		18		6 7
(b) Reasons if incomplete — — ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	12  X Y 0 1	4th  5th  6th  Other (specify)	19	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?  Yes No	23
			20		8 9
		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)	21 X Y 0 1 2 3 4		

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From the Chairman

University of Essex

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to ask for your help. There has been a lot of discussion on TV and in the press about standards of living and whether more can be done to help some kinds of family and some persons. It is important for the Government and everyone else to know what the facts really are.

For this reason we are asking about 10,000 families throughout the country to tell us the facts about their housing, their health, their children, their work and how they manage, and what they think about some of the problems. A book will then be prepared. Addresses have been picked out at random from lists of all dwellings in the area kept by official authorities.

We assure you that this survey is independent and is not connected with the Government or any local council. It is carried out by a team from the Universities of London and Essex.

We also assure you that what you tell us will be treated in strict confidence. It will not be passed on to your local council, the tax office or anyone else. We would be grateful if you could help our interviewing officer <sup>MR. WALFORD</sup> ....., who will be glad to tell you more about the research and answer any questions you may have.

We do hope you will feel able to help us in this way.

Yours sincerely,

*Peter Townsend*

(Professor of Sociology,  
University of Essex)

*Brian Abel-Smith*

(Professor of Social Administration,  
University of London)



**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.

*Never had to claim it  
D.K. Also depends on how worked with firms.*

**QUESTION 7 Pension**

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

**QUESTION 7a Employee's contribution**

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).

*2 is very vague on money matters - let's live son deal with it all.*

**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 earnings.

*Depends*

**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 "0" shillings.



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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.



*Got council  
accom. because  
of demolition  
What code for 28a*

**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.



QUESTION 14 Fuel

Everyone forgets to order coal. Stress "through lack of money".

QUESTION 15 Birthday parties

Again the emphasis is on the expense and the experience of bringing the child's friends **into the home**, so stress that we don't mean just a family party.

QUESTION 17 (a) Social class

This question requires the views of both chief wage-earner (head of household) and housewife. By "chief wage-earner" we mean the person upon whose earnings the housekeeping income primarily depends. By "Head of Household" we have in mind the **alternative** person to be questioned if there is no chief wage-earner, e.g. a husband who is a retirement pensioner, or a widowed mother (who may be the tenant) living with her widowed daughter (the housewife) and grandchildren. As far as possible the views on social class should be sought from each person independently. If both are present take the question stage by stage, making sure both answer before passing on. The question asks first for a self-rating, which must be written down. At this stage **avoid putting names of classes into people's heads**. People often hesitate awkwardly, so try to get the informant to say what class she thinks she belongs to or "is nearest to". Prompt by repeating the question carefully, and say "It's what you think", implying (which is true) that everyone has their own idea and each is equally valid. Do not strain to get an answer if one is not easily forthcoming. Do not assume the informant will pick one class only. Multiple choices of "middle and working" or "professional and working" are allowed.

QUESTION 17 (b) Determinant of class

Code housewife and chief wage-earner only. Next, to give us a clue as to what the informant is using as a reference point and scale we ask, in effect, the informant's idea of what determines "class". Try to get the most important one only.

QUESTION 17 (c) Names of classes

Third, the informant is presented with a flash-card (this is why husband and wife should if possible be interviewed separately, since otherwise the second person may be unduly influenced). Code one item only. If informant wants (again) to say "None", say "Well, I've got to **put something down, which would you think was nearest?**" This rating is the most important bit of the question. Do not be puzzled if the wife gives a different answer from the husband. This is quite common.

QUESTION 17 (d) Father's main occupation

That is, the occupation held for most of the time (not necessarily the most recent).

QUESTION 18 Well off

Four comparisons are made in this series of questions—with relatives, with other people (note—of the same age) in locality, with the average in the country and finally in the context of time. Prompt carefully and remember that you might get a different response for one comparison than for another.

→  
"I'm my own class" ↓



**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.

*Information  
Refused*

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**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.

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**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.



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.

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Please write in any additional notes.

This family did not want to reveal monetary information to each other, & in some cases to me. Hence refusals on P. 38, P 25, 24.



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 } SKIP TO Q.24  
 2 DK }

(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)

[Empty box for specifying other situations]

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  
 People worse of than yourself.

(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)  
 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? nothing DK  
 WRITE IN ANSWER  
 Do a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

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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)	
<p><b>One generation</b></p> <p>Man alone: aged 60 or over ... 101</p> <p>Man alone: aged under 60 ... 102</p> <p>Woman alone: aged 60 or over ... 103</p> <p>Woman alone: aged under 60 ... 104</p> <p>Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over ... 105</p> <p>Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60 ... 106</p> <p>Man and wife: both under 60 ... 107</p> <p>Man and woman: otherwise related ... 108</p> <p>Man and woman: unrelated ... 109</p> <p>Two or more men only: related ... 110</p> <p>Two or more men only: unrelated ... 111</p> <p>Two or more women only: related ... 112</p> <p>Two or more women only: unrelated ... 113</p> <p>Other (SPECIFY) ... 114</p> <p><b>Two generation</b></p> <p>Man, wife: + 1 child under 15 ... 201</p> <p>Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15 ... 202</p> <p>Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15 ... 203</p> <p>Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15 ... 204</p> <p>Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married ... 205</p> <p>Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married ... 206</p> <p>Man and one child under 15 ... 207</p> <p>Man and two children both under 15 ... 208</p> <p>Man and three or more children under 15 ... 209</p> <p>Man and children at least one under and one over 15, none married ... 210</p> <p>Man and children all aged 15-24, none married ... 211</p> <p>Man and children all over 15 at least one 25 or over, none married ... 212</p> <p>Woman: and one child under 15 ... 213</p> <p>Woman: and two children both under 15 ... 214</p> <p>Woman: and three or more children under 15 ... 215</p> <p>Woman: and children, at least one under and one over 15, none married ... 216</p> <p>Woman: and children, all aged 15-24, none married ... 217</p> <p>Woman: and children all over 15, at least one 25 or over, none married ... 218</p> <p>Man: and widowed or separated son ... 219</p> <p>Man: and widowed or separated son ... 220</p>	<p>Man: and widowed or separated daughter ... 221</p> <p>Woman: and widowed or separated son ... 222</p> <p>Woman: and widowed or separated daughter ... 223</p> <p>Otherwise two generations: all related ... 224</p> <p>Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other ... 225</p> <p>Other (SPECIFY) ... 226</p> <p><b>Three generation</b></p> <p>Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... 301</p> <p>Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... 302</p> <p>Man, daughter &amp; son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... 303</p> <p>Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... 304</p> <p>Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... 305</p> <p>Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... 306</p> <p>Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... 307</p> <p>Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... 308</p> <p>Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15 ... 309</p> <p>Otherwise 3-generations:</p> <p>—all persons related, at least one child under 15 ... 310</p> <p>—at least one child under 15 ... 311</p> <p>—all persons related ... 312</p> <p>—unrelated ... 313</p> <p>Other (SPECIFY) ... 314</p> <p><b>Four generation</b></p> <p>DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW ... 401</p>