

## MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

Inf.	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
William									
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
57									

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  
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Name of Interviewer G. Worthington

SERIAL  
NUMBER

C.I.C.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6	3	1	2	2	8	3	0	1

Date(s) of interview(s) 8/2/69

Length of interview(s) 50 minutes

or contacts

Total actual interviewing time 50 minutes

#### 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 X Y (0)	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
		Informant	13 (1)	None	(0)
		2nd member	14 (1)	6. Household living on	22
2. Information for household — — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	11 (X) Y		15	ground basement floor	(X) Y
(a) Sections Housing incomplete Employment	1 2	CODE ALL THAT APPLY	16 (9)	1st floor	(1)
Occupational	3	AS LISTED	17	2nd floor	2
Income	4	IN Q'AIRE	18	3rd floor	3
CODE Assets	5	(Some Sections may be listed twice)	19	4th floor	4
ALL THAT Health	6		20	5th or above	5
APPLY Soc. Services	7			Specify	
Inc. in kind	8			(a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes	6
Style of living	9			No	7
(b) Reasons if incomplete —	12	5th			
— ill/disabled	X	6th	(0)	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?	23
does not know	Y	Other (specify)	(2)		
information	0			Yes	8
unwilling to give	1	4. Semi or detached house or bungalow	X	No	(9)
information		Ter. h'se or bungalow	Y		
other (specify)		Self-con. flat in block	0		
		Self-con. flat in house	1		
		Self-con. flat attached to shop/business	2		
		Room(s): furnished	3		
		Other (specify)	4		
		Type of Accomm.			

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Originally 2 bedrooms house,  
now one bedroom & one bathroom

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Wife died August 16<sup>th</sup>



bird in two houses  
32 spots



Has voted for some fair times

1934, seems more now than  
ever before, but feels little off. Candidates  
waiting men being taxed much too highly  
to support dozens of non-productive  
workers. Growing all the time in number.  
Old fashioned look at me — obviously  
candidates my job highly unproductive!

14a) only had 2 jobs in writing career,  
both as fitter, not much affluence. One  
he left in the 30's, redundant, out of work some  
time + then present job as fitter. Very reluctant  
to make choice. Gains more money now, but  
money keeps much less.

Q. 7. William says that he thinks firm gives employees with long service small pension of few shillings a week, but nothing is contributed by employees and it is entirely at the discretion of employers when pension is awarded and how much, and it can be stopped at a moment's notice.



Goes to work by car  
8 miles each day. Bus  
4 gallons petrol only per  
week \$1-6-10. This  
includes petrol for shopping  
& pleasure as well.  
8 miles per day at 6d. m.p.g.  
5 days a week  
\$1-0-0d per week

40%

8 m

1933 Road in lake  
all year includes water  
lake & rake on ground  
not all loaded but  
although house in good repair &  
value  
contentment eliminated, value  
reduced as only one bottom now  
limited availability

Bought house as  
nothing known of end of  
war.

William was very sensible on subject of savings. Apparently 15 years ago he inherited a little money, less than \$1,000, but his wife, who died last August (67) had a series of surgeries, and prior to last death had been in hospital 2 1/2 years. During the whole of this time he visited hospital each day, sometimes twice daily. He had an operation himself to remove tumors, but conditions on which he agreed to have operation were that he could get up same day & visit his wife in same hospital. Prior to hospitalization wife had been ill for 6 years. First surgery took her speech partially, second use of left side, finally she was wholly paralyzed. For 4 years William nursed her, at one time he spent 2-3 weeks on Home Help, and frequently had long periods up to 7-8 weeks away from work. He used to withdraw his money \$50-\$60 at once, and when she died less than \$300 remained. He bought his cat with this, and now his only savings are savings Certificates bought since 1942 at 1 1/2 rate of 4 1/2 per week, until one month ago when he increased his weekly savings to 15¢. He has never withdrawn any Certificates - & this is face value

9 1/2 share allowances  
withdrawn during  
this period

Was out on  
Spent on holiday.



Goes out each night for  
an hour.



Man

P24A -

"face value"

Savings Cert-  
ificates -

does this  
reflect full  
amount?

Bought since 1942  
1965

26 years

Value at \$12

$$\begin{array}{r}
 250 \\
 117 \\
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 467 \\
 156 \\
 \hline
 523
 \end{array}$$

note

Ramp eat a joint  
or a chicken

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Did not spend much extra  
at Christmas, not buying extra  
food, just couple of bottles wine

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feels tax system very unfair to  
single man or widowed. Says his  
expenses are just as high. rates etc.  
and he can only just manage.  
He is thinking of selling car  
too expensive to run for mileage  
he does

Starts week with \$11 to cover food, 4 gallons petrol,  
best smokes etc. - had to have enough left from  
this to pay for shoe repairs etc. - odd expenses, Union etc.  
which cropped up. But now funds that he has to  
dig into money (\$5 per week) set aside for  
electricity, rates & repairs etc.

Apart from old people living on state benefits entirely, people who have had no opportunity to save, and disabled people, William thinks that if people are in poverty it is their own fault. Spend on things they can't afford, and not think that bad times can fall on them, but he knows that they <sup>(bad times)</sup> ~~can~~ happen. Also all spirit of pride & independence have gone from people. He could have applied for National Assistance when had to stay off with wife but preferred to spend own money and would have ~~to spend~~ spent every penny first. Says that since graduated earnings pensions, men at work have 3 months off now instead of one month.

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  
 PROMPT AND CODE Y all the time } ASK Q.23(a)  
 ONE ONLY 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  
 PROMPT AND 6 with some of your friends  
 CODE ALL THAT 7 with some of your relatives  
 APPLY 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? \*

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER  
 I take old people are poverty stricken, people just living on pension with nothing behind them.

(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?  
 PROMPT 1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?  
 AND CODE 2 - anything else? (SPECIFY)  
 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 CODE  
 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)? \* 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

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
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72
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
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
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76
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
77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
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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**INTERVIEWER PLEASE CODE ALL THAT APPLY AFTER INTERVIEW**

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(a) Household in which there is a child, one of whose parents is not resident	X
(b) Household consisting of woman and adult dependants	Y
(c) Household in which there are five or more dependent children	0
(d) Household containing an adult who has been unemployed for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months)	1
(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)	2
(f) Household containing a disabled adult under 65	3
(a) disabled	4
(b) borderline disabled	5
(g) Household containing a disabled or handicapped child (including child ill or injured for eight weeks or more)	6
(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	7
(i) Household in which there are	8
(a) earners, none earning £12 a week or more	68
(b) adult male earners (aged 21 to 64) earning less than £14 a week	X
(j) Household in which there are persons who are	Y
(a) non-white	
(b) born in Eire	

**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 ... ..		Woman: and widowed or separated son ... ..	222
Man alone: aged under 60 ... ..		Woman: and widowed or separated daughter ... ..	223
Woman alone: aged 60 or over ... ..		Otherwise two generations: all related ... ..	224
Woman alone: aged under 60 ... ..		Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other ... ..	225
Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over ... ..		Other (SPECIFY) ... ..	226
Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60 ... ..			
Husband and wife: both under 60 ... ..		<b>Three generation</b>	
Man and woman: otherwise related ... ..		Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... ..	301
Man and woman: unrelated ... ..		Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... ..	302
Two or more men only: related ... ..		Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... ..	303
Two or more men only: unrelated ... ..		Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... ..	304
Two or more women only: related ... ..		Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... ..	305
Two or more women only: unrelated ... ..		Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... ..	306
Other (SPECIFY) ... ..		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
<b>Two generation</b>		Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15 ... ..	309
Man, wife: + 1 child under 15 ... ..		Otherwise 3-generations:	
Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15 ... ..		—all persons related, at least one child under 15 ... ..	310
Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15 ... ..		—at least one child under 15 ... ..	311
Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15 ... ..		—all persons related ... ..	312
Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married ... ..		—unrelated ... ..	313
Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married ... ..		Other (SPECIFY) ... ..	314
Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married ... ..			
Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married ... ..		<b>Four generation</b>	401
Man and one child under 15 ... ..		<b>DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW</b>	
Man and two children both under 15 ... ..			
Man and three or more children under 15 ... ..			
Man and children at least one under and one over 15, none married ... ..			
Man and children all aged 15-24, none married ... ..			
Man and children all over 15 at least one 25 or over, none married ... ..			
Woman: and one child under 15 ... ..			
Woman: and two children both under 15 ... ..			
Woman: and three or more children under 15 ... ..			
Woman: and children, at least one under and one over 15, none married ... ..			
Woman: and children, all aged 15-24, none married ... ..			
Woman: and children all over 15, at least one 25 or over, none married ... ..			
Man: and widowed or separated son ... ..			