

Low Wage Earners

60% of average industrial earnings is £12/ 6/ Od.

N.A.B. allowances for a couple with 3 children under 16 years is approx.
53% of average industrial earnings.

From the Family Expenditure Survey data (1965), the number of households in which the gross earnings of the head of household are less than this are:

78/1000	households	in which the head earns less than £10 a week
46/1000	"	" " " " between £10 & £12 a week
124/1000	"	" " " " less than 60% of average industrial earnings

These figures exclude heads of households over the age of 65 years, but include the temporarily (i.e. less than 13 weeks) unemployed, sick and women heads of households. (Head of household is defined by F.E.S. as the person who is responsible for paying the rent or is responsible for the household costs.)

28/1000 households are one-adult households with an income of less than £10 per week. (This excludes the retired)

These numbers will vary depending on where the sample is drawn. The South-East, South-West and West Midlands have a lower than average proportion of male employees earning less than £12, the North-West, Yorkshire and Humberside, Wales, Scotland and the North a higher proportion: the proportion in Scotland and the North being double that in the Greater London Council Area.

Questions to identify these households:

How many of the members of your household are in full time employment?

If more than one whose salary/wage contributes most to the running of the household?

(Assuming we want to define head of household as chief earner and the person responsible for the largest proportion of the housekeeping not just housing costs.)

How much did he/she earn last week/month - earning net of N.I. and income tax.

Large Families

17/1000 families have 5 children

12/1000 " " 6 or more children

16/1000 households are large families

We want to establish how many economically dependent children a family has.

How many children have you?

What are their ages?

Are they all living at home now?

If Yes and children over 15 years old - are any in fulltime employment

If No - are they away, permanently/temporarily?

Do you contribute anything towards their keep?

We shall increase our number of large families if we include:

a) Families with at least five children but in which one or more are living away from home and is still of school age (or younger) but not economically dependent on the family.

b) Families with at least five children one or more of whom are in full time work but living at home

Group (a) would be interesting as in one sense they are large families who for one reason or another have failed to keep together.

of average industrial earnings in 1951 of 0.5

of average industrial earnings for a family with 3 children would be twice as much as for a family with 1 child.

How many children have 5 children? (1951), the number of households in which there are 5 children is less than

25,000 households in which the head earns less than £10 a week between £10 & £15 a week less than 500 of average industrial earnings

There is a large number of households in which the head is over the age of 65 years, but the number of households in which the head is under 25 years is small. The number of households in which the head is between 25 and 45 years is large. The number of households in which the head is between 45 and 65 years is also large. The number of households in which the head is between 65 and 75 years is small. The number of households in which the head is over 75 years is small.

These figures will vary depending on where the sample is drawn. The figures for the North-East and West Midlands are lower than average. The figures for the North-West, Yorkshire and Lancashire, and the South-East are higher than average. The figures for the South-West and the North-East are also higher than average.

Question to identify those households:

How many of the members of your household are in full-time employment?

If more than one person is employed, please state the number of the household.

How many of the members of your household are in part-time employment? (If more than one person is employed, please state the number of the household.)

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Low Wage Earners

We want to identify all those households in which the chief bread winner has earned less than £12 in the week prior to being interviewed. (Group Aii and B) (Chief breadwinner or chief wage/salary earner is that person who is responsible for the major part of the cost of maintaining the household). We also want to include those households in which the chief bread winner's basic wage is less than £12 a week and although in the week prior to the interview earned more than £12 by working overtime, he/she only infrequently (i.e. one week in four or less), works overtime. (Group Aii). Do we want to ascertain whether the responsibility for maintaining the household is only nominal and thus include households where, e.g. the husband drinks or gambles a large proportion of his earnings (which may be more than £12) leaving the wife and/or earning children to maintain the household in practice? We also want to identify those households in which the chief bread winner is frequently in and out of work, whatever the reason (Group C), even though he/she may have earned more than £12 in the week prior to being interviewed.

Questions

1. Who is the chief bread-winner in this household?
2. What is his/her occupation?
3. How many hours did he/she work last week?
If working full time or part time
4. How much did he/she earn last week/month?
5. a) Does this depend on the number of hours worked?

If Yes

- b) i. Do you know what his/her basic wage is?
- ii. What is it?

If less than £12

- iii. Does he/she work overtime at least three weeks in four?

6. How long has he/she been working in his/her present job?

If less than 12 months

1. How many jobs has he/she had in the past twelve months?
- ii. Why did he/she change jobs?

7. Has he/she had any periods off work in the past 12 months?

If Yes

- i. How many?
- ii. How long did each last?
- iii. When was the last time off work?
- iv. What was the reason for not working on each occasion?

If working part time i.e. less than 30 hours

8. When did he/she last work full-time?

9. Is he/she available for a full time job i.e. would he/she be able to accept a full time job if offered one without paying down special conditions?

If no - why not?

If yes - what has he/she done about getting a full time job?

Who is usually the main support of your family (i.e. those living with you)?
immigrants
How many persons outside your household depend on you for more than half their support?

branch if not working last week

A job's salary depends on no of hours worked

What if has to be this week

Employed
F/T
P/T
unemployed
out of labour force
sick

He wants to identify all those households in which the child breadwinner has earned less than \$12 in the week prior to being interviewed. (Group 1A) and (B) (Chief breadwinner or child wage-earner is that person who is responsible for the major part of the cost of maintaining the household). He also wants to include those households in which the child breadwinner's basic wage is less than \$12 a week and although in the week prior to the interview earned more than \$12 by working overtime, he/she only infrequently (i.e., one week in four or less), works overtime. (Group 1B). He wants to ascertain whether the responsibility for maintaining the household is only nominal and then include households where, i.e., the husband, father or grandparent a large proportion of his earnings (which may be more than \$12) leaving the wife and/or earning children to maintain the household in practice. He also wants to identify those households in which the child breadwinner is frequently in and out of work, however the person (Group 2), even though he/she may have earned more than \$12 in the week prior to being interviewed. (Group 2A) and (B).

1. Who is the child breadwinner in this household?
2. What is his/her occupation?
3. How many hours did he/she work last week?
4. How much did he/she earn last week/month?
5. (a) Does this depend on the number of hours worked?
5. (b) If yes, do you know what his/her basic wage is?
6. How long has he/she been working in his/her present job?
7. How many jobs has he/she had in the past twelve months?
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If not working at time of interview or has not worked in the week

prior to the interview then go to *ask why?* *Are you registered at the exchange?*

unemployed/sick/disabled/retired/fatherless family

section as appropriate

Are you getting any benefit?

Low wage earner households

If yes what?

Group A

If yes if a job came up would you be able to take it? If no - why not?

Chief breadwinner in full time work (i.e. working more than 30 hours)

- i) Q 4 is less than £12 and Q 5(a) is 'No'
- ii) Q 4 is more than £12 and Q 5 (a) is 'Yes' and Q 5 (ii) is less than £12 and Q 5 (iii) is 'No'

Group B

Chief breadwinner in part time work (i.e. working less than 30 hours)

- i) Q 4 is less than £12 and Q 9 is 'Yes'

Group C

Chief bread winner in full time work (i.e. working more than 30 hours)

- i) Q 7 is 'Yes' and Q 7 (i) is at least four (?) lasting at least two weeks each (?) OR Q 7 is 'Yes' and has been off work for a total length of time 8 weeks (?) in past 12 months, not necessarily in four separate periods.

Are we going to add to this group those who are unemployed at the time of interview but (a) have been out of work less than 2 weeks and (b) have already been out of work at least three times in the previous 12 months.

Large Families

For all households we shall want to establish the number of children living in the household. We shall also want to distinguish between those children who are economically dependent and those who are not. Among the economically dependent (i.e. children for whom parents are making a contribution towards their keep even if this does not cover the whole cost), children living away from home either permanently or temporarily should be included if parents are responsible for the whole or part of their keep. A large family is defined as one where there are at least five economically dependent children not necessarily all living at home.

Questions *Have you children? If so:*

Step/adopted?

How many children have you?

Could you tell me their ages, starting with the oldest?

Are they all living at home?

IF NO i) could you tell me who is not living at home now?

- ii) Are any away permanently? Who?
- temporarily? Who?

iii) Where are they?

iv) Do you support any of them financially? Who?

If any children over 15 years and still at home

- i) Are any in full time work

If Yes

- ii) How much does each one give you towards his keep?

In cash

kind?

It is not working at time of interview or has not worked in the week

prior to the interview then state the date of last work

unemployed, sick, disabled, retired, laborer, family

as a separate

has been employed in the household

What is the number of full time work (i.e. working more than 30 hours)

(i) 1 is less than 30 and 2 (a) is 'No'

(ii) 2 is more than 30 and 3 (a) is 'Yes' and 4 (ii) is less than 30

and 5 (iii) is 'No'

What is the number of part time work (i.e. working less than 30 hours)

(i) 1 is less than 30 and 2 is 'Yes'

What is the number of full time work (i.e. working more than 30 hours)

(i) 1 is 'Yes' and 2 (a) is at least four (?) lasting at least two

weeks each (?) or 3 is 'Yes' and has been off work for a total

length of time 3 weeks (?) in past 12 months, not necessarily in four

separate periods.

Are you going to add to this group those who are unemployed at the time of

interview but (a) have been out of work less than 3 weeks and (b) have

already been out of work at least three times in the previous 12 months.

Home Situation

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Questions

How many children have you?

Could you tell me their ages, starting with the eldest?

Are they all living at home?

Of 10 (i) could you tell me who is not living at home now?

(ii) Are any permanently? What?

(iii) Where are they?

(iv) Do you support any of them financially? What?

If any children over 15 years and still at home

(i) Are any in full time work

If yes

(ii) How much does each one give you towards his keep?