

Methodology for community surveys, 1979-1984

A standard methodology was used for all the community surveys used in this thesis. Once a field area was selected, a base map for the area showing all roads and inhabited houses was constructed, with the best available topographic map as a base. Houses were plotted from the most recent air photograph coverage, or for later surveys the State RAPID database (Rural Areas Property Identification Directory). Field checking and checking with the local Council staff was carried out prior to survey to eliminate ruins and, as far as possible, empty houses. A rural base map covered the whole area, and separate larger scale base maps were produced for each town or clustered settlement in the area. The total number of occupied dwellings was obtained for the rural area and each clustered settlement.

The sample fraction was chosen between 1:4 and 1:7, depending on the population size, time available and number of interviewers. In the townships each house was given an identification number, and a simple random sample of the required number of households was drawn according to the sample fraction, with reserves also randomly drawn.

The sampling method for the rural areas was devised to give each identified dwelling an equal chance of selection, yet to give a representative spatial scatter of responses for mapping purposes. Vertical, regularly spaced lines were ruled and labelled A-*n* on the rural basemap. Identified dwellings were then given a sequential ID number, counting down Column A, then up Column B, down C and so on. The columns were then divided into segments each containing an equal number of dwellings in accordance with the sample fraction. For example, for a sample fraction of 1:6, the map in effect was divided into a mosaic of small rectangles each containing six dwellings. In each rectangle one house was randomly selected. The survey was advertised beforehand in the relevant local newspapers and in some cases by letter. Local Councils were advised and in many cases co-operated with the survey planning. All interviews were conducted by personal visit at the selected household, interviewers being equipped with identification from the University. Interviews were not tape recorded. In cases where no contact was made after three visits, a reserve household was approached. Reserves were always the nearest house by road to the first choice dwelling. In most cases the bulk of the interviews were carried out over one week, with a follow up by a small group two to three weeks later to try to fill in gaps in the sample. Response rates were very good, almost always better than 75% first choices in the rural sample and in many cases higher. Rates were lower in the towns, partly from refusals but also because of the greater incidence of two-income commuting households which were hard to catch during working hours. Data from the questionnaires were coded and transferred to a computer for analysis.

An example of the questionnaire used is attached. The questions relating to spatial identification of social areas were kept standard, but other items on the questionnaire varied from year to year in accordance with the specific aims in that year.



APPENDIX I.
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CENTRAL ADELAIDE HILLS DISTRICTS COMMUNITY SURVEY, 1982

I INTERVIEW DETAILS (leave blank)
Date /6/1982 Choice (1, 2 or 3)
(If not 1st choice) reason 1st rejected: _____
Interviewer (name) _____

II HOUSEHOLD LOCATION
1. a) Postcode
b) Urban or rural? (urban 1, rural 2)
c) (If urban) Town _____
Street and No. _____
d) (If rural) Map co-ordinates E
N
2. What is the road distance to Adelaide? Miles
or Km
3. What is your normal driving time to Adelaide? (mins.)

III NATURE AND SIZE OF PROPERTY
4. a) Is this house your normal place of residence (more than half the time)? Yes/No/Don't know
b) What type of property is this?*(e.g. house block only, hobby farm, farm) _____
5. a) Please indicate the size of property on which this house stands, in acres or hectares.
* INTERVIEWER: See footnote. Acres
Ha.
Code
b) How many acres/hectares of this do you own (or are purchasing)? Acres
Ha.
(leave blank)

* For second house on farm properties, treat as farm houses, and give size of whole property, if interviewee is the operator or a partner in the farm business. Otherwise treat as ordinary residential, and include only area actually used by interviewee household. Include share farmed or leased land in holding size.

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							34-36
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							51-55
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IV BASIC HOUSEHOLD DATA

6. a) Please give the following information on each member of the household normally resident here (for children under 18, only age and sex are needed)

Pers. No.	Relation-ship to head of h/hold	Occupation	Industry	Driver?					Years resid. immediate area	
				R	Age	S	Occ	Ind		
1	Head									7-17
2										18-28
3										29-39
4										40-50
5										51-61
6										
7										
8										

b) Please record the total no. of children under 18
 c) What is the total no. of persons in the household?
 7. Which household member is providing the information?

V MIGRATION HISTORY

8. Could you please provide us with information about the migration history of each adult householder (normally household head and spouse). Indicate whether rural, small country town, large country town or city.

a) Male householder/husband: place of residence

Time	Place	Rur	SCT	LCT	City
Childhood					
Before Marriage					
Last before this					

b) Female householder/wife: place of residence

Time	Place	Rur	SCT	LCT	City
Childhood					
Before Marriage					
Last before this					

(leave blank)

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9. (If you have moved here in the last 5 years) What was your reason for the move? Please give up to three factors.

a) Male householder/husband _____
 If 'other', please specify _____

A	B	C	D	E	F	G						

b) Female householder/wife _____
 If 'other', please specify _____

A	B	C	D	E	F	G						

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Pers.	Place of work	Place Code	If a commuter	Av. days/wk.	Dist. trav.		Travel time		Pers. No.	
					miles	km.	minutes			
1									1	23-36
2									2	37-50
3									3	51-64
4									4	65-78

b) How many motor vehicles does this household have available for regular private use?

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(leave blank)

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VII SHOPPING AND BUSINESS PATTERN

11. Please indicate which towns your household regularly uses for shopping and business purposes, and the approximate road distance to each.

Include Adelaide city centre and Adelaide suburban centres if appropriate.
(Put the towns in order of importance).

Importance	Town Name
1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____
5	_____
6	_____

Town	Miles	Kms.	
			7-15
			16-24
			25-33
			34-42
			43-51
			52-60

12. Which do you really consider to be 'your' town? _____

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13. a) In which centre do you (or would you, if needed) normally obtain the following goods?

Groceries _____

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Bank (most used account) _____

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67-69

Major electrical goods _____

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b) Would you say you made a conscious effort to do business in the town you consider your town? Yes/No/Don't know

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(leave blank)

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VIII RELATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

14. Could you please indicate which administrative areas your home belongs to now.

	Location
Primary School	
Sec/Area School	
Telephone exchange	
Post (mail del.)	

				7-9
				10-12
				13-15
				16-18

15. a) (If you now have school age children) where do they go to school? Primary _____ Secondary _____
 b) (If your household attends church), which denomination? _____ and where is your church? _____

Prim.	Sec.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19-24
Den	Loc	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	25-28

IX RELATION TO COMMUNITY/NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS

Now we would like your help in plotting the local districts that are meaningful to you, on the map.

INTERVIEWER: Omit questions 16-19 for town households. Go to 20.

16. Has this local area a name (official or unofficial)? (By this we do not mean names of individual properties, but a rather wider area, including several properties or houses). YES/NO/DON'T KNOW

Name _____

(leave blank: n.hd. allocated)

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				30-32
				33-35

17. Please indicate on the map the area and houses you would include in this local area name.

18. Can you please give the names of the adjacent districts. INTERVIEWER: Record on map.

19. a) Does _____ (area named in qu. 16) have any social facilities or organizations (e.g. Hall, C.W.A., Hotel, Tennis Club)? YES/NO/DON'T KNOW

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b) Please list those now existing: (SHOW PROMPT CARD)

_____ No. listed

No 37

c) Please name any former ones now defunct: _____ No. named

No 38

20. Do people in _____ (area named in qu. 16) tend to have contact with one another (e.g. chatting, visits, helping each other, borrowing/lending tools)?

Yes, a lot/Yes, a little/ No /Don't know

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Card 5 (cont)

21. a) Do people in _____ (area named in Q.16) have a distinct sense of identity or belonging to the local area? (_____) Yes/No/Don't know

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b) Do you and your husband/wife personally feel you belong here?
 (i) Husband Yes/No/Don't know
 (ii) Wife Yes/No/Don't know

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c) (If so) how strongly?

	v. little (1)	weak (2)	moderate (3)	strong (4)	v. strong (5)
i) husband					
ii) wife					

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22. a) Apart from _____ (area named in Q. 16) do you consider that, for some of their social activities, people in this area also belong to a wider local community that covers a bit bigger area? Yes/No/Don't know

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b) (If so)

i) what community is that? _____

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ii) what place would it centre on? _____

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(leave blank: cmty. allocated)

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iii) do you and your husband/wife personally feel that you belong to this community?

Husband Yes/No/Don't know

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Wife Yes/No/Don't know

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iv) (If so) how strongly?

	v. little (1)	weak (2)	moderate (3)	strong (4)	v. strong (5)
husband					
wife					

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c) What do you think it is, mainly, that draws _____ (area named in Q.22bi)) together as a community?

23. Where do you really consider you 'come from'?

Husband _____

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Wife _____

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24. (For people who do not consider they come from this locality) Where do you feel you belong to most?

Husband _____

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Wife _____

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PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

26. Which social organisations (sporting clubs, service clubs, C.W.A., C.F.S. etc.) do you belong to?

Please give the name and location of up to three most important, to the two main household members. (Please include church, if appropriate).

a) Person 1: Total number of organisations belonged to _____ (No.)
and frequency of attendance per month or per year?

	Organisation	Location	Times per wk.	Times per mth.
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____

(leave blank)

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Locn.	Times per yr.
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b) Person 2: Total number of organisations belonged to _____ (No.)
and frequency of attendance per month or per year?

	Organisation	Location	Times per wk.	Times per mth.
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Locn.	Times per yr.
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27. How much contact would you say that you had with people in the local community compared with people outside (e.g. in the metropolitan area, or other parts of the State)?

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28. Please give the location of the households (if appropriate) where you exchange the most frequent visits with friends. (Up to four households).

	Location	Times per wk.	Times per mth.
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____

Locn.	Times per yr.
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