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SYMBOLS USED IN TABLES

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.
- B Base is less than 75,000.
- X Not applicable.

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(Advance data on child support, alimony, and property settlements were issued in July 1985 in Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 141)

HIGHLIGHTS

- As of spring 1984, 8.7 million mothers were living with children under 21 years of age whose fathers were not living in the household; 58 percent or about 5.0 million of these women were awarded or had an agreement to receive child support payments for their children as of the survey date.
- Of the 5.0 million women awarded child support, 4.0 million were supposed to receive child support for their children in 1983. (The remaining mothers awarded payments were not due them in 1983.) Of those due payment, about half received the full amount they were due. Of the remaining women, there was no evidence of a difference between the proportion receiving partial payment and those receiving no payment at all—about 26 percent and 24 percent, respectively.
- The child support award rate reported in 1984 (58 percent) was not significantly different from that of 1982. However, the proportion of women receiving payments in 1983 (76 percent) increased slightly over that of the previous survey (72 percent).
- The proportion of women awarded child support payments in 1984 was higher for Whites (67 percent) than for Blacks (34 percent) or those of Spanish origin (41 percent). (The percent difference between Black women and those of Spanish origin was not statistically significant.)
- Women with 4 or more years of college were more likely to have been awarded support payments (71 percent) than women with 4 years of high school (61 percent). There was also some evidence that women with a high school education (77 percent) were less likely to receive child support payments than women with 4 or more years of college (84 percent).
- The average (mean) amount of child support received in 1983 was \$2,340.¹ After adjusting for the increase in consumer prices, average child support payments showed no significant change from the 1981 level of \$2,110.
- Of the 2.9 million women below the poverty level with children present from an absent father in 1984, about 43 percent were awarded child support.
- Only about 916,000 women below the poverty level were due payments in 1983, and 62 percent of these women received full or partial payment. Their average payment amount was \$1,430.
- Only about 14 percent of the 17.4 million ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984 were awarded or had an agreement to receive alimony or maintenance payments.
- The average amount of alimony received by women in 1983 was \$3,980. After adjusting for inflation, this figure showed no significant change from the 1981 level of \$3,000.
- In spring 1984, about 37 percent of the 14.8 million women who had ever been divorced reported receiving some form of property settlement.

INTRODUCTION

The concern has continued over the financial situation of women and their children after divorce and separation and over the situation of never-married mothers.² This concern is in large part due to the low average incomes and accompanying high incidence of poverty among families with female householders and no husband present.³ The demand from both public and private concerns has correspondingly continued for data on the economic situation of women and children after marital dissolution and of never-married mothers.

This report presents information on both the award and actual receipt of child support to women on behalf of their children and on alimony for their own support. Additional data concerning receipt and type of property settlement following divorce is provided for ever-divorced women.

The Bureau of the Census, under the joint sponsorship with the Department of Health and Human Services, first conducted a survey specifically designed to obtain data on child support and alimony in the spring of 1979. The survey, with minor modifications, was conducted again in both the spring of 1982 and 1984 by the Bureau of the Census and sponsored, in part, by the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Department of Health and Human Services. Data from the 1979 and 1982 surveys were presented in Current Popula-

²In 1984, such concern culminated in the enactment of amendments to the child support enforcement legislation. These amendments, provisions of which were to take effect prior to 1986, strengthen currently existing enforcement regulations and add new sanctions for nonpayment of support. See the "Child Support Enforcement Amendments of 1984," Pub. L. No. 98-378, 98 Stat. 1305, 42 USC Sections 601 et seq. (1984).

³For example, in 1983 of families with children under 18, those with a female householder and no husband present had average incomes of \$11,730 with a poverty rate of 47 percent, compared with \$31,520 and 11 percent for all other families. Income figures for families can be found in table 28 of Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 146; poverty rates in table 18 of Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 147.

¹Mean income figures in the text are rounded to the nearest \$10.

tion Reports, Series P-23, Nos. 112 and 140, respectively.⁴ Findings from the 1984 survey are presented in this report.

⁴For a comparison of the 1982 and 1979 surveys, see Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 140, the section entitled "Changes in the Survey".

RECIPIENCY OF CHILD SUPPORT, ALIMONY, AND PROPERTY SETTLEMENTS

As of spring 1984, there were 8.7 million mothers 18 or older living with one or more children under 21 years of age but whose fathers were not living in the household. (See table A.) About 5.0 million of the mothers (58 percent) were

Table A. Award and Reciprocity Status of Women—Child Support and Alimony Payments for all Women and for Women Below the Poverty Level in 1983 and 1981

(Women as of spring 1984 and 1982. Child support payments for women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers; alimony payments for ever-divorced or currently separated women)

Year, award and reciprocity status	Child support payments		Alimony payments	
	Number (thous.)	Percent distribution	Number (thous.)	Percent distribution
ALL WOMEN				
1983				
Total	8,690	100.0	17,392	100.0
Awarded ¹	5,015	57.7	2,416	13.9
Supposed to receive payments in 1983	3,995	46.0	791	4.5
Not supposed to receive payments in 1983	1,020	11.7	1,625	9.3
Not awarded ¹	3,675	42.3	14,976	86.1
Supposed to receive payments in 1983	3,995	100.0	791	100.0
Actually received payments	3,037	76.0	608	76.9
Received full amount	2,018	50.5	416	52.6
Received partial amount	1,019	25.5	192	24.3
Did not receive payments	958	24.0	183	23.1
1981				
Total	8,387	100.0	16,996	100.0
Awarded ²	4,969	59.2	2,534	14.9
Supposed to receive payments in 1981	4,043	48.2	782	4.6
Not supposed to receive payments in 1981	926	11.0	1,752	10.3
Not awarded ²	3,417	40.7	14,462	85.1
Supposed to receive payments in 1981	4,043	100.0	782	100.0
Actually received payments	2,902	71.8	527	67.4
Received full amount	1,888	46.7	340	43.5
Received partial amount	1,014	25.1	187	23.9
Did not receive payments	1,140	28.2	255	32.6
WOMEN BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
1983				
Total	2,898	100.0	3,788	100.0
Awarded ¹	1,231	42.5	352	9.3
Supposed to receive payments in 1983	916	31.6	117	3.1
Not supposed to receive payments in 1983	315	10.9	235	6.2
Not awarded ¹	1,667	57.5	3,436	90.7
Supposed to receive payments in 1983	916	100.0	117	100.0
Actually received payments	568	62.0	71	60.7
Did not receive payments	348	38.0	46	39.3
1981				
Total	2,566	100.0	3,548	100.0
Awarded ²	1,018	39.7	381	10.7
Supposed to receive payments in 1981	806	31.4	146	4.1
Not supposed to receive payments in 1981	212	8.3	235	6.6
Not awarded ²	1,547	60.3	3,167	89.3
Supposed to receive payments in 1981	806	100.0	146	100.0
Actually received payments	495	61.4	81	55.5
Did not receive payments	311	38.6	65	44.5

¹Award status as of spring 1984. ²Award status as of spring 1982.

awarded or had agreements to receive child support for their children. About 46 percent of those awarded child support had health insurance included as part of the award. (See table 2.)

Only 4.0 million of those awarded child support for their children were supposed to receive payments in 1983. The remaining 1.0 million had been awarded child support but were not supposed to receive payments in 1983 for a variety of reasons, such as awarding of payments after the 1983 income year, death of a previous spouse, or presence of children past the age of eligibility for payments.

A substantial portion of the 8.7 million women with children from an absent father were never awarded support payments for their children. That is, 3.7 million mothers, or about 4 in every 10, were totally dependent for the support of their children on sources other than the children's father. The majority of mothers without awards wanted child support for their children (65 percent) but were unable to obtain it. (See table B.) Only about one-fourth of mothers without awards reported they did not want child support for their children. For another 6 percent of the women, awards were pending. The remaining women (3 percent) had joint custody or accepted a property settlement in lieu of child support. Overall, the proportion of women without awards in 1984 showed no statistically significant change from those reporting in 1982.

Many of the women who were awarded child support payments did not receive the full amount that they were due. Of the 4.0 million women awarded and due child support

payments in 1983, 76 percent received some amount of payment, showing some evidence of an increase over the 1981 rate (72 percent). Mothers were more likely to actually receive payments for their children when health insurance was also included in the award (85 percent) than when it was not (68 percent). (See table 1.) For those women who received payments irregularly or not at all, the main reason reported was the refusal of the father to pay. (See table 4.)

The magnitude of non-receipt of child support payments can best be demonstrated by observing the situation of all women with children present from absent fathers who either wanted or were due child support. There were about 2.6 million mothers as of the survey date without awards who wanted but did not receive child support for their children (excluding those women who either did not want payments, who had joint custody, or who accepted a property settlement instead). Another 1.0 million mothers did not receive payments, of the 4.0 million who were awarded and due child support in 1983. Combining these two groups, there were 6.6 million mothers either wanting or due child support payments for their children, with only 46 percent of them actually receiving any amount of payment.

Of the women who did receive child support for their children in 1983, the mean amount of payment was \$2,340, about 18 percent of their average total money income. The corresponding average in 1981 was \$2,110. (See tables C and D.) After adjusting for inflation over the period from 1981, the 1983 average child support payment did not change

Table B. Child Support Award Status and Reason for Non-Award, by Selected Characteristics of Women

(Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984)

Characteristic	Total (thous.)	Not awarded child support payments				
		Total (thous.)	Reason for non-award (percent)			
			Final agreement pending	Property settlement or joint custody in lieu	Did not want award	Wanted but could not obtain award ¹
Total	8,690	3,675	6.1	3.2	25.8	65.0
Current marital status ² :						
Married ³	2,129	516	4.5	5.4	40.5	49.8
Divorced	3,204	761	4.9	8.1	22.9	64.1
Separated	1,451	858	17.5	0.5	17.8	64.2
Never married	1,854	1,526	0.9	1.2	26.7	71.1
Race and Spanish origin:						
White	6,183	2,045	8.8	4.9	29.8	56.5
Black	2,341	1,553	2.8	0.9	19.8	76.4
Spanish origin ⁴	790	467	7.1	0.2	28.3	64.5
Year of divorce or separation ⁵ :						
1980 and later	3,009	1,079	16.2	5.0	21.5	57.2
1975 to 1979	2,079	483	4.3	5.4	24.8	65.6
1970 to 1974	1,104	330	2.1	3.9	30.3	63.6
Before 1970	645	256	2.3	1.2	34.4	62.5

¹Agreement not sought or reached because of inability to locate father, establish paternity, or some other reason.

²Excludes a small number of currently widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁵Excludes never-married women.

Table C. Selected Characteristics of Women, by Child Support Reciprocity and Amount Received in 1983

(Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984)

Characteristic	Total (thous.)	Percent awarded child support payments	Supposed to receive child support in 1983			
			Total (thous.)	Actually received child support in 1983		
				Percent	Mean child support payments	Mean total money income
All women	8,690	57.7	3,995	76.0	\$2,341	\$13,132
Current marital status:						
Married ¹	2,129	75.8	1,226	71.9	2,164	11,602
Divorced	3,204	76.2	2,092	76.4	2,491	14,986
Separated	1,451	40.9	434	87.1	2,682	11,207
Widowed ²	53	(B)	24	(B)	(B)	(B)
Never married	1,854	17.7	219	75.8	1,132	7,257
Race and Spanish origin:						
White	6,183	66.9	3,389	77.1	2,475	13,534
Black	2,341	33.7	534	69.3	1,465	10,188
Spanish origin ³	790	40.9	252	62.7	1,839	10,067
Educational attainment:						
Less than 12 years	2,247	42.4	707	66.1	1,535	7,637
High school: 4 years	4,201	61.2	2,056	76.5	2,159	12,351
College: 1 to 3 years	1,508	64.1	784	79.2	2,332	14,169
4 years or more	734	71.3	447	84.1	4,118	21,520
Number of own children from an absent father:						
One child	4,437	56.3	1,930	77.6	1,779	12,524
Two children	2,797	61.8	1,466	74.5	2,782	14,204
Three children	1,008	57.4	459	72.3	2,943	12,146
Four children or more	448	46.2	139	83.5	3,705	13,698
Age:						
18 to 29 years	3,077	43.6	1,071	72.9	1,723	9,142
30 to 39 years	3,316	68.6	1,947	78.4	2,356	13,545
40 years and over	2,298	60.9	976	74.8	2,968	16,534
Residence:						
Inside metropolitan areas	6,250	55.7	2,735	76.7	2,527	14,123
In central cities	3,204	48.0	1,167	73.4	2,288	13,820
Outside central cities	3,046	63.8	1,568	79.3	2,691	14,331
Outside metropolitan areas	2,440	62.8	1,260	74.4	1,924	10,914
Tenure:						
Owner occupied	4,090	67.2	2,179	79.6	2,591	14,627
Renter occupied	4,477	48.8	1,757	71.6	2,018	11,256
Occupier paid no cash rent	123	65.0	59	(B)	(B)	(B)
Region:						
Northeast	1,686	50.2	691	78.6	2,323	13,383
Midwest	2,068	68.9	1,077	72.0	2,527	13,327
South	3,135	54.6	1,409	80.3	2,272	12,926
West	1,801	57.2	817	72.0	2,241	13,037
Occupation of longest job in 1983:						
Total ⁴	5,910	63.8	3,091	78.6	2,385	15,066
Managerial and professional specialty	1,079	69.5	624	81.3	2,935	21,142
Technical, sales, and admin. support	2,542	67.4	1,411	81.4	2,515	15,219
Service	1,338	55.4	597	70.9	1,868	9,653
Farming, forestry, and fishing	52	(B)	25	(B)	(B)	(B)
Precision production, craft, and repair	147	68.7	83	75.9	(B)	(B)
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	753	57.9	350	76.3	1,792	12,526
Type of income in 1983:						
With earnings	5,903	63.7	3,083	78.7	2,387	15,086
With other income ⁵	4,579	72.9	2,861	84.8	2,387	15,086
With government transfer payments	1,290	60.3	604	71.7	1,895	10,704
With other unearned income	3,554	76.1	2,344	86.7	2,528	15,916
Without other income	1,324	32.0	223	(X)	(X)	(X)
Without earnings ⁵	2,787	45.0	911	67.2	2,158	5,388
With government transfer payments	1,742	38.3	472	58.3	1,492	6,390
With other unearned income	838	72.1	491	80.9	2,492	6,047

B Base less than 75,000.

X Not applicable.

¹Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce. ²Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.³Women of Spanish origin may be of any race. ⁴Excludes women whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.⁵Detail does not add to total because some women may have more than one or none of the specified type.

Table D. Comparison of Mean Child Support and Alimony Payments Received by Women in 1983 and 1981, by Selected Characteristics

Characteristic	Mean child support			Percent change, child support in 1983 dollars	Mean alimony			Percent change, alimony in 1983 dollars
	1983	1981			1983	1981		
		1983 dollars	Current dollars			1983 dollars	Current dollars	
Total	\$2,341	\$2,307	\$2,106	1.5	\$3,976	\$3,286	\$3,000	21.0
Current marital status ¹ :								
Married ²	2,164	2,091	1,909	3.5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)
Divorced	2,491	2,431	2,220	2.5	4,450	3,292	3,006	*35.2
Separated	2,682	2,600	2,374	3.2	3,233	3,605	3,291	-10.3
Never-married	1,132	1,112	1,015	1.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Race and Spanish origin:								
White	2,475	2,388	2,180	3.6	4,292	3,330	3,040	28.9
Black	1,465	1,796	1,640	*-18.4	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)
Spanish origin ³	1,839	2,265	2,068	-18.8	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)
Educational attainment:								
Less than 12 years	1,535	1,837	1,677	** -16.4	(B)	1,910	1,744	(X)
High school: 4 years	2,159	2,091	1,909	3.2	3,015	2,610	2,383	15.5
College: 1 to 3 yrs	2,332	2,529	2,309	-7.8	4,968	4,568	4,171	8.8
4 years or more	4,118	3,383	3,089	21.7	5,096	4,867	4,444	4.7

B Base less than 75,000.

X Not applicable.

*Significant between the 90- and 95-percent confidence levels.

**Significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

¹Excludes a small number of currently widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

significantly. During both years, child support payments as a percentage of the average income of men (\$18,110 in 1983 and \$16,520 in 1981) did not change significantly.⁵

In general, women who received support payments for their children tended to be better off financially than women who did not receive payments. On average, the total money income of women due payments but not receiving them (\$8,430) was below the mean income of women receiving payments (\$13,130). (See figure 1.) These averages differed by an amount greater than the mean child support payment. The mean income for women not awarded payments (\$7,390) was lower than the average income of those who were due payments, whether or not the payments were actually received, and was also lower than the average income of all women over the age of 18 (\$9,037).⁶

In addition, the economic situation of the woman's family tended to be better for women receiving payments, although influenced greatly by the type of family in which she lived. Of the 4.0 million families with women due child support, the average family income of those receiving payments was

\$23,360, compared with \$18,540 for those in which women did not receive payments due for their children. (See table 5.) Of these 4.0 million families, 2.6 million (or 66 percent) were families with female householders and no husband present. Families with female householders had much lower average incomes, whether or not child support was received. When child support was received, their total income averaged \$16,600 compared with \$37,340 for all other families. If child support due was not received, the average income for families with female householders was only \$10,820, compared with \$30,140 for all other families.

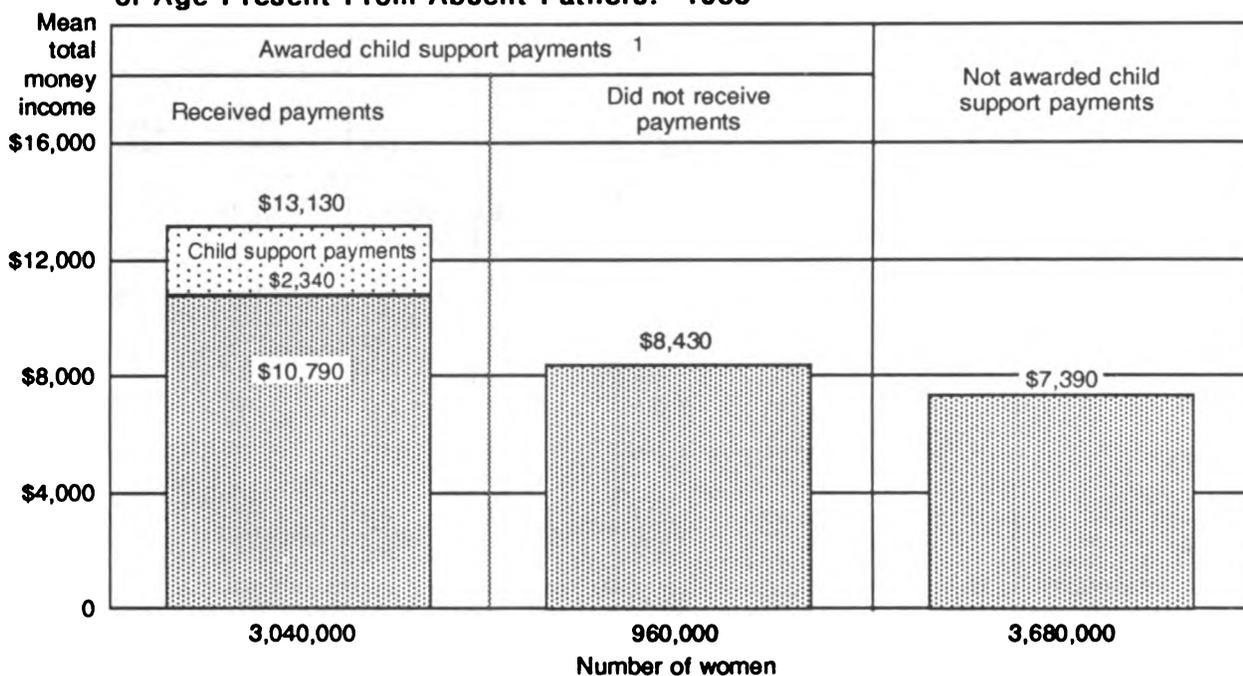
Very few of the women eligible for alimony or maintenance payments were awarded them, and those receiving payments were likely to have higher income than those who did not. There were 17.4 million ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984. Only about 2.4 million, or 14 percent, were awarded (or had an agreement to receive) alimony or maintenance payments; the remaining 86 percent were never awarded payments. (See table A.) About 791,000 women awarded payments were supposed to receive them in 1983. The reciprocity rate for these women in 1983 (77 percent) was up from 1981 (67 percent).

The average alimony or maintenance payment for women recipients in 1983 was \$3,980, or about 22 percent of their average total money income. After adjusting for inflation, there was no significant change from the 1981 level of \$3,000. (See table D.) Alimony payments as a percentage of the mean in-

⁵Mean child support payments were compared with mean income of all males as a proxy, since the mean income of absent fathers was not available from the survey. Hence, for a meaningful comparison to be made, it must be assumed that the average income of all males was also representative of the average income of absent fathers. Income figures for males can be found in table 39 of Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 146.

⁶See Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 146, table 45.

Figure 1.
**Mean Income of Women With Children Under 21 Years
 of Age Present From Absent Fathers: 1983**



¹ Excludes women who were awarded payments but were not supposed to receive them in 1983.

come of men (22 percent) showed no statistically significant change between the two years.⁷ As can be seen from figure 2, the mean total money income for women receiving alimony payments (\$17,790) was higher than that of both women due payments but not receiving them (\$11,260) and of women not awarded payments (\$10,160). However, there was no evidence of a difference in mean total money income for the latter two groups.

The survey also collected a limited amount of information from ever-divorced women on the type of property settlements they received following divorce. Property settlements were defined as a one-time cash settlement or other property (for example, house or other real estate, cars, or furniture). Only 37 percent of the 14.8 million women who had ever been divorced as of spring 1984 reported that they received some form of property settlement. Of women awarded a property settlement, about one-fourth reported receiving a "one-time" cash settlement as all or part of the award. (See table E.)

CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN AWARDED CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS

The award and receipt of child support payments varied widely according to women's characteristics, such as divorce

status, race, education, age, and place of residence. Of the 8.7 million women with children from a father not living in the household, the ones more likely than average (58 percent) to be awarded child support payments were ever-divorced⁸ women, White women, women who had attended college, women over 30, women living outside of central cities, and those living in the Midwest. (See table C.) Also more likely than average to be awarded payments were women in managerial or technical occupations and homeowners. Of those awarded child support and due payments in 1983, the percent actually receiving payment was higher than average for women who were currently separated, had completed 4 or more years of college, and were technical workers.

For women who actually received child support payments in 1983, the mean amount tended to be higher for the groups that were more likely to be awarded and to receive payment. Among those with higher than average payment amounts (\$2,340) were women with 4 or more years of college, women over the age of 40, and women in managerial occupations. There was some evidence that women living outside central cities within metropolitan areas and women owning their own homes also received higher amounts than average. Those with lower than average payment amounts included never-married women, Black women, women who had not completed high

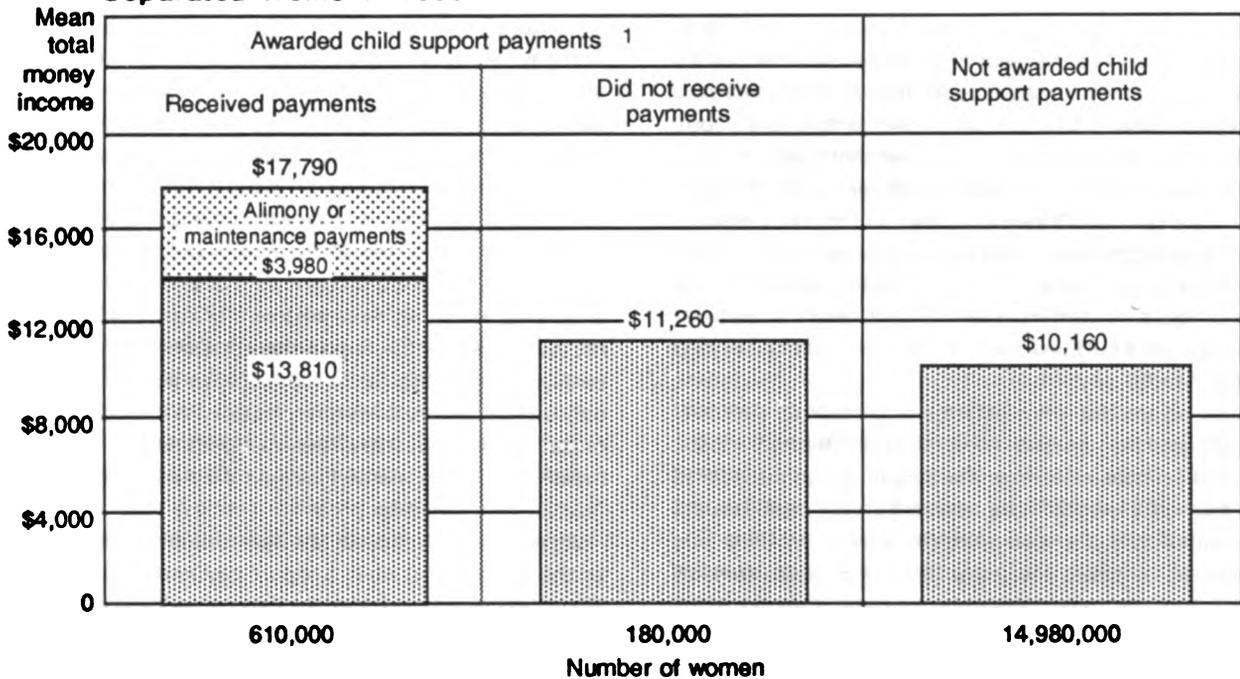
⁷Mean alimony payments were compared with the mean income of all males as a proxy, since the income of ex-husbands was not available from the survey. The above analysis assumes that the average income of all males is representative of the average income of ex-husbands.

⁸Ever-divorced mothers include those women currently divorced or remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

school, and women under age 30. Also receiving lower than average payments were women in service and operator occupations and those who received government transfer

payments. There was some evidence of lower payment amounts for women living outside metropolitan areas and for those who were renters.

Figure 2.
Mean Income of Ever-Divorced or Currently Separated Women: 1983



¹ Excludes women who were awarded payments but were not supposed to receive them in 1983.

Table E. Receipt and Type of Property Settlement for Ever-Divorced Women, by Marital Status and Presence of Own Children From an Absent Father

(Women with children under 21 years of age present as of spring 1984)

Characteristic	Total (thous.)	No settlement reached (thous.)	Property settlement reached			
			Total (thous.)	Type of settlement (percent)		
				Cash ¹ only	Other types ² only	Cash ¹ and other types ²
Total	14,761	9,269	5,492	21.6	74.1	4.3
Current marital status:						
Divorced	7,404	4,406	2,998	23.8	71.7	4.4
Married ³	6,366	4,123	2,243	18.6	77.4	4.0
Widowed ⁴	991	740	251	21.5	71.7	6.8
Presence of own children from an absent father:						
No children present	9,375	6,073	3,302	22.5	72.7	4.8
One or more children present	5,385	3,196	2,190	20.3	76.1	3.6

¹A one-time cash settlement.

²Other property (e.g., house, other real estate, cars, or furnishings).

³Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

Overall, the child support award rate showed no significant change from the previous survey, while the reciprocity rate showed some evidence of an increase. Only minimal changes occurred in the award rates between the two years by selected characteristics of the child's mother; all significant changes in the reciprocity rates by characteristic were increases. There was some evidence of an increase in the award rate for women paying no cash rent (from 42 percent to 65 percent) and a decrease for currently divorced women (81 percent to 76 percent) and women living in the West (63 percent to 57 percent). Those women experiencing an increase in reciprocity rates after award of child support for their children included White women (from 73 percent to 77 percent) women completing high school (72 percent to 77 percent), women with one child (68 percent to 78 percent), those under 30 years of age (62 percent to 73 percent), those living in the South (71 percent to 80 percent), and those with earnings (73 percent to 79 percent). There was also evidence of an increase for women living inside metropolitan areas (from 73 percent to 77 percent) and for those living in owner-occupied housing (75 percent to 80 percent.)⁹

As stated above, the overall average child support payment in 1983 showed no significant change in real terms from the level of 1981. There were few changes in average payment amount from 1981 to 1983 by selected characteristics, and the only significant changes were declines. (See table D.)

As reported in 1984, the proportion of women awarded payments and the mean amounts received showed some variation by marital status. The award rate for ever-divorced mothers (76 percent) was higher than for currently separated or never-married mothers (41 and 18 percents, respectively). A greater proportion of mothers who were currently separated (87 percent) actually received payments than did the others (75 percent). Never-married mothers received a lower mean amount (\$1,130) of child support payments than did those of other marital statuses (\$2,410).

The award of payments for the support of children varied widely according to the race and Spanish origin of the mother. Black mothers and those of Spanish origin living apart from the father of their children were much less likely than their White counterparts to be awarded child support. Approximately 67 percent of White mothers with children from an absent father were awarded child support payments, compared with 34 percent for Black and 41 percent for those of Spanish origin. Once awarded, the reciprocity rate did not vary by race or Spanish origin. However, payment amounts for Black women were smaller, on the average, than for White mothers.

There was some evidence of smaller average payments for those of Spanish origin as well. (No statistically significant difference was discerned between Black women and those of Spanish origin for either award rate or payment amount.)

Award status also differed by the educational attainment of the mother. Those who were not high school graduates were less likely to be awarded and to receive child support

for their children than those with higher educational attainments. In addition, their support payments (\$1,540) were lower than for more highly-educated mothers (\$2,490). (See table C.) There are several potential explanations for the relationship between educational attainment and reciprocity rates and average child support payments. In general, there is a positive correlation between the educational attainment of husbands and wives. Since more highly educated husbands are more likely to have higher incomes, they are also more likely to be in a better economic position to provide child support payments. Also, it is possible that more highly educated women are more effective in using the legal system to obtain and assure receipt of support payments. However, the survey design did not allow these hypotheses to be tested directly.

Another factor related to the payment of child support is the number of children the mother has living with her in the absence of their father. Women with three children or fewer were more likely than those with four or more to be awarded payments. However, there was no significant difference in the reciprocity rate according to the number of children. As is to be expected, average child support payments for mothers with only one child were lower than those with two or more children present. However, there was no significant difference in the mean support payments between women with two, three, or four or more children present.

As might be expected, the age of the mother was related to the awarding of child support payments for her children. About 65 percent of women over 30 with children from an absent father were awarded payments, compared with 44 percent of younger women. However, for those women who were awarded payments and due them in 1983, there was no significant difference in reciprocity according to the mother's age. Age was positively associated with the amount received, with women under 30 years of age receiving \$1,720, on the average, while those between 30 and 39 averaged \$2,360 and those 40 years and over averaged \$2,970. The older the absent fathers, the more likely they would be to have advanced farther in their line of work. Their correspondingly higher incomes should make them better able to support their children than younger absent fathers.

The awarding and receipt of child support payments showed some variation by type of residence and tenure. Mothers who lived inside central cities within metropolitan areas were less likely to be awarded payments than women whose residence was outside of central cities. This finding may be correlated with the relatively high concentration of Black families in central cities, since a smaller proportion of Black women were awarded child support for their children than were other women. Women who lived in their own homes were more likely to be awarded and to receive child support payments, and the average payments received were higher (\$2,590) than for those who were renters (\$2,020).

Child support awards did not vary greatly among women according to their residence within one of the four major regions of the country. However, women living in the Midwest (formerly the North Central Region) were more likely to be awarded or have an agreement to receive support payments

⁹See Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 140, table B.

for their children than the others. Actual reciprocity of child support in 1983 showed little variation by region, but women in the Northeast and South were more likely than those in the Midwest and West to actually receive payments once awarded. There were no significant regional differences in the average amount of child support received.

The occupation of the mother showed some correlation with the awarding and receipt of child support. Women in managerial, technical, and precision production occupations were more likely to be awarded payments (68 percent) than were women in service or operator occupations (56 percent). Women in other than service occupations were also more likely to receive payments for their children (80 percent) than women in service occupations (71 percent). Average payment amounts received by women in managerial and technical occupations (\$2,640) were higher than amounts received by service workers and operators (\$1,840).

Award and receipt of child support differed according to whether or not the child's mother was an earner. A higher percentage of women with earnings in 1983 were awarded or had agreements to receive child support payments than women who did not receive any income from this source (64 percent versus 45 percent). The actual child support reciprocity rate for women with agreements was higher for women with earnings than without. However, there was no significant difference in average payment amount received by earner status.

Women receiving government transfer payments were less likely to have child support for their children. Of those mothers with government transfer payments, only 48 percent had been awarded child support compared to 63 percent for those without transfer payments. They were also less likely to receive payments once awarded (66 percent, compared with 80 percent for women without transfer payments), and their average payment amount was lower (\$1,740 as compared with \$2,520).

CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN AWARDED CHILD SUPPORT BY POVERTY STATUS IN 1983

Of the 8.7 million mothers of children with an absent father, about 2.9 million, or about 33 percent, had incomes below the poverty level in 1983. Their overall poverty rate showed no statistically significant increase from the 1981 rate. Of the 2.9 million mothers in poverty, 1.2 million (42 percent) had child support awards or agreements. About one-third of the 1.2 million had health insurance included in the award. The award rates showed no significant difference from those of the previous survey. (See tables A and F.)

Among mothers below the poverty level, 58 percent were not awarded child support, compared with 42 percent of all mothers. A substantial majority of the poor wanted child support awards (75 percent). (See table 2.) Only 18 percent of poor mothers did not want awards, and the remaining 7 percent were either awaiting awards, had joint custody, or accepted property settlements instead.

The poverty rate for mothers with children from an absent father varied considerably according to child support award

status. The poverty rate for women who were awarded child support payments was 25 percent. In contrast, about 45 percent of those who were not awarded payments were below the poverty level.

Of the 916,000 mothers below the poverty level who were due child support in 1983 for their children, only 6 out of 10 received payments. The average child support for these women was \$1,430, while the average for all women was \$2,340. For mothers below the poverty level who received child support for their children, payments represented almost one-third of their average total income (\$4,790); this compares with less than one-fifth for all women.

Of those below the poverty level, the variation in award of child support according to the mothers' characteristics paralleled that for all women. For example, ever-divorced mothers were more likely to be awarded payments (68 percent) than were separated mothers (41 percent) or the never married (only 17 percent). White women below the poverty level were more likely to have payment awards than Black women or women of Spanish origin. (However, there was no statistically significant difference between Black women and women of Spanish origin). Those who had not completed high school were also less likely to have awards than those with at least a high school education. Because of the small sample size, statistically significant differences in reciprocity rates and the amount of child support payments by race and Spanish origin for women in poverty could not be determined.

THE DEFICIT IN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS

It is of interest to compare the amount of child support payments that were received by mothers due payments for their children with the amount that they would have received if full payments were made. As mentioned above, the average child support payment for the 3.0 million women who actually received payments in 1983 was \$2,340, and their average total money income was \$13,130. However, for the 4.0 million women who were supposed to receive payments in 1983 (which includes the 1.0 million women who *did not* receive payments), the overall average amount of child support was \$1,780, the mean total income \$12,010. Table G shows the average payment that would have been received if the full amount due had been made. For example, the mean child support payments to all mothers who were supposed to receive them would have been \$2,520, and they would have had, on average, a total money income of \$12,770. The magnitude of the child support payments that were due but were not received for the year 1983 may be illustrated more clearly as follows: The aggregate amount of child support payments due in 1983 was \$10.1 billion, but actual payments received amounted to only about \$7.1 billion during that year.¹⁰

¹⁰The aggregate payments due refer only to the total due for the income year 1983 based on the information reported by the women in the survey; arrearages are not included in the aggregate figure.

The deficit as computed here is only the difference between awarded payments (or payments agreed to) and actual payments. It does not reflect any value judgment as to the reasonableness or adequacy of the awards, either at the time of the award or for the future when circumstances may have changed.

Table F. Number of Women Below the Poverty Level and Poverty Rate in 1983, by Child Support Award Status and Selected Characteristics

(Numbers in thousands. Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984)

Characteristic	Total		Payments agreed to or awarded						Not awarded	
	Number	Poverty rate	Total		Supposed to receive payments in 1983				Number	Poverty rate
			Number	Poverty rate	Received payments		Did not receive payments			
					Number	Poverty rate	Number	Poverty rate		
Total	2,898	33.3	1,231	24.5	568	18.7	348	36.3	1,667	45.4
Current marital status¹:										
Married ²	187	8.8	120	7.4	45	5.1	45	(B)	66	12.8
Divorced	925	28.9	632	25.9	287	18.0	228	46.2	293	38.5
Separated	726	50.0	297	50.1	158	41.8	31	(B)	428	49.9
Never married	1,048	56.5	177	54.0	77	46.4	42	(B)	871	57.1
Race and Spanish origin:										
White	1,577	25.5	828	20.0	403	15.4	250	32.3	750	36.7
Black	1,256	53.7	375	47.6	153	41.4	90	54.9	882	56.8
Spanish origin ³	394	49.9	116	35.9	53	33.5	23	24.5	278	59.5
Educational attainment:										
Less than 12 years	1,290	57.4	426	44.7	176	37.7	134	55.8	864	66.8
High school: 4 years	1,209	28.8	591	23.0	291	18.5	149	30.8	618	38.0
College: 1 to 3 yrs	338	22.4	182	18.8	84	13.5	53	32.5	156	28.7
4 years or more	62	8.4	32	6.1	17	4.5	12	(B)	30	14.2
Number of own children from an absent father:										
One child	1,259	28.4	498	19.9	220	14.7	126	29.1	762	39.3
Two children	897	32.1	411	23.8	200	18.3	140	37.3	486	45.5
Three children	482	47.8	227	39.2	104	31.3	63	49.6	255	59.4
Four children or more	260	58.0	96	46.4	44	37.9	18	(B)	164	68.0

B Base less than 75,000.

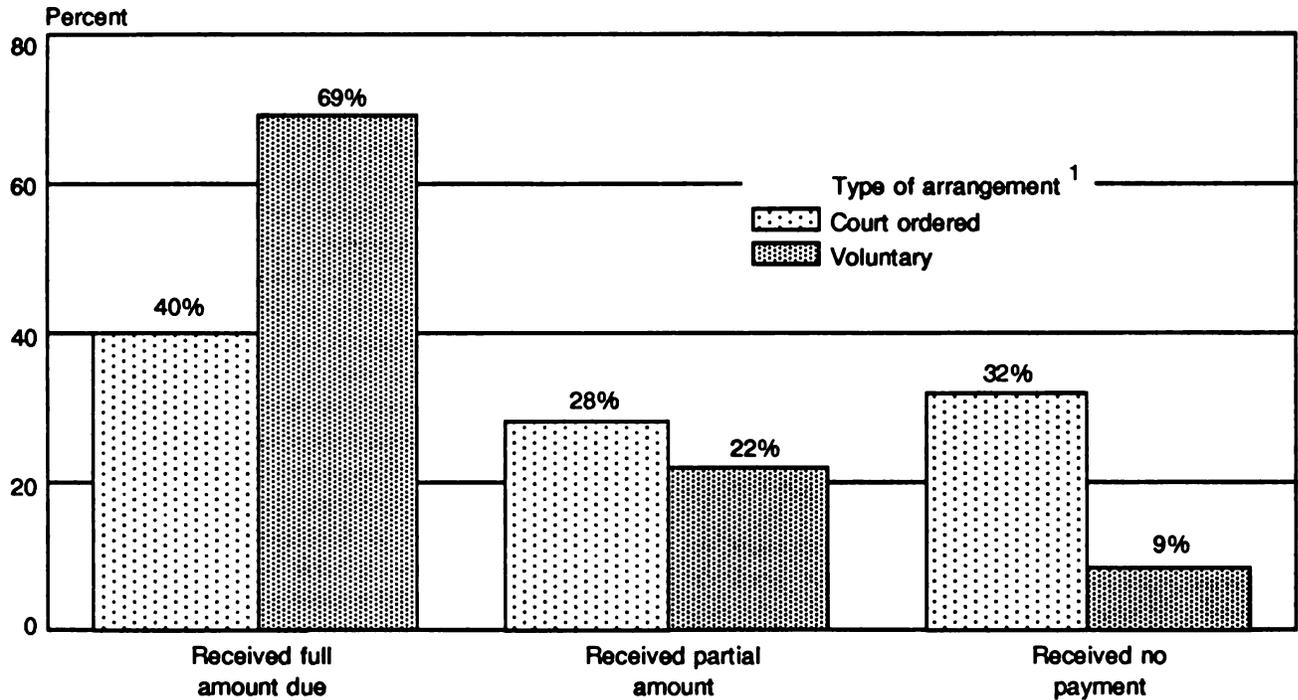
¹Excludes a small number of currently widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.³Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.**Table G. Mean Child Support and Total Money Income of Women Due Child Support Payments in 1983, by Type of Arrangement and Method of Payment**

(Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984)

Characteristic	Number (thous.)	Actual amount of payments received		If full amount of payments had been received	
		Mean child support payments ¹ received	Mean total money income	Mean child support payments due	Mean total money income
All payments²	3,995	\$1,779	\$12,005	\$2,521	\$12,774
Type of arrangement:					
Court ordered	2,524	1,334	10,976	2,288	11,931
Voluntary	1,297	2,591	14,278	2,958	14,726
Method of payment:					
Directly from father	1,993	2,072	13,149	2,710	13,840
Through a court or public agency	1,920	1,380	10,803	2,240	11,666

¹Mean amount based on all women due payments, whether or not payments were received.²Includes a small number of women whose arrangement type was "other" or whose method of payment was by "some other method," not shown separately.

Figure 3.
**Child Support: Percent of Women Due Payments in 1983, by
 Proportion of Payment Received and Type of Arrangement**



¹ A small number of women had "other" arrangement types, not shown separately.

The complete payment of child support to women below the poverty level, however, would have had little impact on their poverty status. Even if the women awarded and due payment in 1983 had received all the payments they were supposed to receive, the change in their poverty rate would not have been statistically significant. (See table 6.)

The size of the deficit between payments due and received in 1983 as reported by this survey varied by the type of arrangement that the mother had to receive support payments for her child. About three-fifths of the women who were supposed to receive child support payments in 1983 had a "court-ordered" agreement. However, a court order did not seem to be an effective method of ensuring full payment, since only 40 percent of the women with court-ordered payments received the full amount due; 32 percent received no payment at all (figure 3). The mean amount received under a court-ordered agreement was \$1,330 in 1983. If the full amount of payments due had been received, the average payment would have been \$2,290. Therefore, women with court orders received on average only 58 percent of the amount they were due.

In contrast, women who were supposed to receive child support payments under a voluntary written agreement generally fared better than women who were awarded payments by the courts. Of the women in the former category, 69 percent actually received the full amount of payment due, and only 9 percent received no payment at all. Their mean

child support payment was \$2,590, about twice as high as the mean for women with a "court-ordered" agreement. (See table 6.) If women with a voluntary written agreement had received the full payments due, the average amount would have been \$370 higher (\$2,960). Therefore, these women received 88 percent of the average payment amount they were due for their children, in sharp contrast with women who had court-ordered payments. Also, women with voluntary written agreements generally had higher total money incomes than women with court-ordered agreements (See table G.)

Not only was there variation in the receipt of child support for all women due payments by the type of agreement (court-ordered or voluntary written agreement), but differences were also observed by the method of payment. A greater proportion of women who received payment directly from their child's father got the full amount that they were due (56 percent) than those who received payment through a court or public agency (44 percent). The mean payment was \$2,070 when received directly from the father, compared with \$1,380 when received through a court or public agency; the comparable amounts actually due were \$2,710 and \$2,240, respectively. Thus, women with payments directly from the father averaged 76 percent of the amount due, while the amount received through a court or public agency was 62 percent of that due.

CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN AWARDED ALIMONY PAYMENTS

Of the 17.4 million ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984, only about 14 percent were awarded or had an agreement to receive alimony or maintenance payments. The proportion showed little variation by demographic or economic characteristics. However, women who were more likely than average (14 percent) to have an award were women over the age of 40, women who had attended college, women who were divorced or separated prior to 1970, and those not working at or during the 5-year interval prior to the time of the separation. (See table H.) There was also some evidence that White women were more likely than average to be awarded alimony. Among those less likely than average to receive an award were currently separated women, Black women, and women under 30 years of age. Also less likely were women who had not graduated from high school, women with one or more children present from an absent father, and women who were working at the time of separation.

The reciprocity rate for women due alimony payments in 1983 showed little variation according to the woman's characteristics. However, the percentage of women receiving payments was higher than average (77 percent) for women working part time at the time of separation. Remarried women were less likely than average to receive payments.

The average amount of alimony received in 1983 was \$3,980, about 22 percent of the total income of those recipients. (See table H.) Women over 40 received higher than average payment amounts. There was also some evidence of higher payment amounts for women without children and women living in the western region of the country. (See table 9.) Women with lower than average alimony payments included women under 40, women with children, and women without earnings. Women who had completed high school only, those living outside of metropolitan areas, and those who did not work in 1983 also showed evidence of lower than average payments.

The overall award rate for alimony as reported in 1984 was not significantly different from that reported in 1982, but the reciprocity rate did change somewhat from the previous survey. Overall, the percent of women receiving alimony payments in 1983 (77 percent) showed some evidence of an increase from 1981 (67 percent). Some variation in the reciprocity rate from that of the previous survey was also observed according to the characteristics of the women, and the only variations were increases. For example, a higher percentage of women working full time received payments in 1983 (75 percent) than in 1981 (62 percent). There was also some evidence of an increased rate of reciprocity for the currently separated (87 percent, up from 68 percent), women with 1 to 3 years of college (84 percent, up from 68 percent), and women with at least one child present from an absent father (79 percent, up from 66 percent).

Overall, the average alimony payment in 1983 showed no statistically significant change from 1981. There were few

significant changes observed in average amounts received between the two years (after adjusting for inflation) according to women's characteristics.¹¹ The changes that were observed were increases and included payments to currently divorced women, to women with no children present from an absent father, and to women working full time, whether at the time of separation or during the year payments were received. (See table D and table 9.)

As reported in the 1984 survey, award and receipt of alimony payments varied by the women's work experience. Women who worked during the 5-year period prior to the time of separation and those who worked full time at separation were less likely to be awarded payments (11 percent) than women who did not work during the five years prior to separation or who worked only part time at separation (17 percent). (See table H.) This is consistent with the notion of alimony as a transitional payment, that is, a support payment for the woman during a period of training or retraining prior to entering the labor force or until the event of remarriage. Moreover, wives working part time contribute a smaller proportion of the family income, on average, than those who work full time. Since the pattern of working part time may continue after divorce, alimony can provide a substantial part of their livelihood. Actual reciprocity of payments differed somewhat according to the work status of the the woman at the time of separation. About 93 percent of women working part time at the time of separation received payments in 1983, compared with 75 percent for all other women. However, there was no significant difference in reciprocity rates according to work status in 1983. Conversely, the average amount of alimony payment received did not vary by the woman's work status at the time of separation, but women who worked in 1983 received a higher amount (\$4,320) than women who did not work in that year (\$2,920). This finding is contrary to what might be expected. However, the lower average payment amount may be reflective of other factors, such as the current marital status of the women (for the remarried) or of the ex-husband's economic situation, a factor which this survey cannot measure.

Of the 17.4 million ever-divorced or currently separated women, 3.8 million (or 22 percent) were living below the poverty line. Of the 3.8 million poor, only 9 percent were awarded alimony payments as of spring 1984. Of the 117,000 poor women due payments in 1983, about 6 out of 10 received some amount of payment. Because of the small sample size, the mean alimony and total money incomes for women receiving payments are not available.

CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN RECEIVING PROPERTY SETTLEMENTS

For the 14.8 million ever-divorced women as of spring 1984, whether a woman was more or less likely than average to

¹¹See Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 140, table 8, for 1981 average alimony payment figures.

Table H. Selected Characteristics of Ever-Divorced or Currently Separated Women, by Alimony Reciprocity and Amount Received

(Women as of spring 1984)

Characteristic	Total (thous.)	Percent awarded alimony payments	Supposed to receive alimony in 1983			
			Total (thous.)	Actually received alimony in 1983		
				Percent	Mean alimony payments	Mean total money income
All women	17,392	13.9	791	76.9	\$3,976	\$17,785
Marital status ¹ :						
Married ²	6,366	13.8	90	50.0	(B)	(B)
Divorced	7,404	15.4	529	78.4	4,450	18,465
Separated	2,631	10.2	168	86.9	3,233	16,891
Race and Spanish origin:						
White	14,485	15.4	709	75.9	4,292	18,604
Black	2,595	6.3	75	86.7	(B)	(B)
Spanish origin ³	1,118	12.3	46	(B)	(B)	(B)
Age:						
18 to 29 years	2,985	6.5	90	64.4	(B)	(B)
30 to 39 years	5,135	10.8	254	78.3	2,457	16,126
40 years and over	9,272	18.0	447	78.5	5,332	20,109
Educational attainment:						
Less than 12 years	4,911	10.2	119	62.2	(B)	(B)
High school: 4 years	7,698	13.9	314	73.6	3,015	16,393
College: 1 to 3 years	2,867	16.6	189	84.1	4,968	17,259
4 years or more	1,915	19.2	169	85.2	5,096	24,789
Presence of own children from an absent father:						
No children present	10,556	15.2	369	74.5	5,262	17,781
One or more children present	6,836	11.8	422	78.9	2,915	17,788
Year of divorce or separation						
1980 and later	5,553	12.2	435	81.1	4,463	18,488
1975 to 1979	4,108	12.0	192	80.7	3,755	18,525
1970 to 1974	2,583	13.0	96	74.0	(B)	(B)
Before 1970	5,149	17.7	69	(B)	(B)	(B)
Work experience in 1983:						
Worked	11,451	13.7	603	76.1	4,319	20,561
Full time	8,879	13.1	450	75.3	4,330	22,523
Part time	2,572	15.9	153	78.4	4,289	15,043
Did not work	5,941	14.2	188	79.3	2,915	9,216
Work experience before or at time of separation:						
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	13,774	12.9	576	75.7	3,709	18,366
Worked at time of separation	10,785	12.2	449	76.8	3,759	19,260
Worked at full-time jobs	9,204	11.5	354	72.3	3,885	19,589
Worked at part-time jobs	1,581	16.6	96	92.7	3,394	18,309
Did not work at time of separation Did not work during 5 years prior or at time of separation	6,607	16.6	342	76.9	4,259	15,853
Did not work during 5 years prior or at time of separation	3,618	17.6	215	80.0	4,648	16,317

B Base less than 75,000.

¹Excludes a small number of currently widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.³Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

receive a property settlement varied according to her demographic characteristics. Women more likely than average (37 percent) to have a property settlement were currently divorced women, women with 4 or more years of college, and those with at least one child. (See table I.) There was some

evidence that women between the ages of 30 and 39 were also more likely to have had a settlement. Among those less likely than average to have received a property settlement were widowed women who had previously been divorced, Black women, women under 30 years of age, and women who had

Table I. Selected Characteristics of Ever-Divorced Women, by Receipt of Property Settlements

(Women as of spring 1984)

Characteristic	Total (thous.)	No settlement reached (thous.)	Property settlement reached (thous.)	Percent receiving a property settlement
Total	14,761	9,269	5,492	37.2
Marital status:				
Divorced	7,404	4,406	2,998	40.5
Married ¹	6,366	4,123	2,243	35.2
Widowed ²	991	740	251	25.3
Race and Spanish origin:				
White	12,833	7,838	4,995	38.9
Black	1,669	1,234	436	26.1
Spanish origin ³	774	559	215	27.8
Age:				
18 to 29 years	2,249	1,604	645	28.7
30 to 39 years	4,373	2,607	1,766	40.4
40 years and over	8,139	5,058	3,081	37.9
Educational attainment:				
Less than 12 years	3,853	2,805	1,049	27.2
High school: 4 years	6,653	4,078	2,576	38.7
College: 1 to 3 years	2,533	1,503	1,030	40.7
4 years or more	1,721	884	837	48.6
Presence of own children from an absent father:				
No children present	9,375	6,073	3,302	35.2
One or more children present	5,385	3,196	2,190	40.7

¹Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.²Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.³Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

not completed high school. There was some evidence that women of Spanish origin were less likely than average to receive a settlement.

Women with property settlements averaged better in terms of both total income and reciprocity of support payments. For example, the average total income of women with property settlements (\$12,880) was higher than those without settlements (\$10,390). Of women awarded a property settlement, 27 percent also received some form of support payment (alimony for herself and/or child support for her children) in 1983. This compares with only 14 percent of the ever-divorced women without a settlement who were receiving support payments.

The percentage of ever-divorced women receiving property settlements changed slightly between 1982 and 1984.¹² Overall, about 37 percent of these women received a property settlement in 1984, down slightly from the 1982 level of 42 percent. All significant changes in likelihood of receipt of a property settlement according to the characteristics of women were decreases, with the exception of younger women. Women under 30 years of age showed some evidence of an increased rate of receipt in 1984 (29 percent) from that of 1982 (23 percent).

In 1984, the proportion of women receiving a property settlement showed some variation when viewed by selected characteristics of the women. Property settlement awards varied by current marital status. Currently divorced women were more likely to report receiving a property settlement (40 percent) than either married women (35 percent) or widowed women (25 percent). (See table I.)

Settlements also varied by race and Spanish origin. White women were more likely to have a property settlement (39 percent) than Black women (26 percent) or women of Spanish origin (28 percent). (There was no statistically significant difference between the latter two groups.)

Settlement rates also differed by age and educational attainment of the woman. Women under 30 were less likely to have settlements (29 percent) than women over 30 years of age (39 percent). Women without a high school education were less likely to have a property settlement (27 percent) than women who had high school degrees but who had not completed college (39 percent) or college graduates (49 percent).

Receipt of property settlements also varied according to the presence of children. Women with at least one child from an absent father were more likely (41 percent) to have a property settlement than women without such children present (35 percent).

¹²See Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 140, tables D and H, for 1981 property settlement data.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY

The data on child support and alimony were collected in a special supplement to the April 1984 Current Population Survey (CPS). All women 18 years of age and older were within the universe for the supplemental questions. Marital status, divorce history, and the presence of own children under 21 years old determined whether or not a woman was eligible for the questions on child support, alimony, and property settlements. The supplemental questions were placed on the April CPS so that this information could be combined with information previously collected in the March CPS on annual work experience, income, and poverty status.

A data file was created containing all of the supplemental data from the April 1984 CPS as well as the income information from the supplement to the March 1984 CPS. The file was created by matching data for persons on the March 1984 CPS file with data for the same persons on the April 1984 CPS file, using those segments from each (approximately three-fourths of the sample) that were interviewed in both months. About 95 percent of the April CPS cases eligible for matching were successfully linked to the March CPS information. March was chosen as the base month from which demographic characteristics were taken. Each time that a match occurred for which there were April supplement data, this information was added to each person's record. The unmatched April records were discarded. If a supplement had unfilled items, an attempt was made to produce a response using a consistency edit of reported information; if this was not possible, the items were imputed from fully reported cases.

As noted earlier, partial funding for collection of the supplemental data was provided by the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). Of prime interest to OCSE was the "cost avoidance" effectiveness of its programs in assisting women experiencing difficulty in establishing or collecting child support payments. Among the service provisions offered by OCSE are help in locating the father, establishing paternity,

establishing support obligation, enforcing support orders, and obtaining collection. Data concerning findings associated with the user rate of OCSE's services, the type of such services used, and the dollar amount of child support paid to women as a result of OCSE's help are available upon request from the Office of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services.

CHANGES IN THE SURVEY

In response to user needs and in an attempt to improve reporting and the useability of the data, minor modifications were made from the previous survey. (See "Appendix C. Facsimile of the April 1984 Survey Questionnaire." A facsimile of the 1982 April CPS may be found in appendix C of Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 140.)

Two new questions were added to the survey relating to the award or non-award of child support. The first was to determine whether or not health insurance was included in the child support award for all women who had been awarded child support payments. The second was to ascertain the reason for non-award for those women with children present from absent fathers who were not awarded child support for their children.

An additional question was added to the series of items related to the labor force status of ever-divorced and currently separated women. The new question collected information on labor force status of the women during the 5-year period prior to the date of separation.

Due to space constraints, two questionnaire items were deleted from the survey. The deleted items were questions regarding the award and payment of alimony. The first deletion was the item reporting the type of alimony award or agreement (voluntary written, court-ordered, or other). The second was the item indicating the main reason for irregular alimony payment.

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ALL WOMEN													
Total	8 690	190	5 015	148	3 995	133	3 037	117	958	66	3 675	128	
Current Marital Status													
Married ²	2 129	98	1 613	86	1 226	75	881	64	345	40	516	49	
Separated	1 451	82	593	52	434	45	378	42	65	(B)	858	63	
Divorced	3 204	120	2 443	105	2 092	97	1 598	85	494	46	781	59	
Widowed ³	53	(B)	38	(B)	24	(B)	13	(B)	11	(B)	15	(B)	
Never married	1 854	92	328	39	219	32	166	28	53	(B)	1 526	84	
Race and Spanish Origin													
White	6 183	163	4 137	135	3 389	123	2 614	109	774	60	2 045	96	
Black	2 341	109	788	70	534	58	370	49	164	33	1 563	93	
Spanish origin ⁴	790	88	323	57	252	50	158	40	94	31	487	68	
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence													
Inside metropolitan areas	6 250	164	3 482	125	2 735	111	2 099	98	636	54	2 788	112	
Inside central cities	3 204	120	1 537	84	1 187	73	856	63	311	38	1 666	87	
Outside central cities	3 046	117	1 944	84	1 568	85	1 243	76	325	39	1 102	71	
Outside metropolitan areas	2 440	129	1 533	103	1 260	93	938	81	322	47	907	79	
Region													
Northeast	1 686	82	847	59	691	53	543	47	148	25	839	58	
Midwest	2 068	92	1 424	77	1 077	67	775	57	302	36	644	52	
South	3 135	112	1 713	83	1 409	76	1 132	68	278	34	1 422	76	
West	1 801	82	1 030	62	817	55	586	47	230	29	770	54	
Age													
18 to 29 years	3 077	117	1 341	78	1 071	70	781	60	291	37	1 735	89	
30 to 39 years	3 316	122	2 275	101	1 847	94	1 527	64	420	44	1 041	69	
40 years and over	2 298	102	1 399	80	976	67	730	58	246	34	899	64	
Number of Own Children Present From an Absent Father													
One child	4 437	140	2 499	106	1 930	94	1 497	83	433	45	1 938	94	
Two children	2 797	112	1 729	89	1 466	82	1 092	71	375	42	1 068	70	
Three children	1 008	68	579	52	459	46	332	39	127	24	429	45	
Four children or more	448	46	207	31	139	25	116	23	23	(B)	241	33	
Educational Attainment													
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	670	56	267	35	175	29	127	24	48	(B)	403	43	
High school: 1 to 3 years	1 576	85	685	56	532	50	340	40	192	30	891	64	
4 years	4 201	136	2 573	108	2 056	97	1 573	85	483	47	1 627	86	
College: 1 to 3 years	1 508	83	966	67	784	60	621	54	163	28	543	50	
4 years or more	734	58	523	49	447	46	378	42	72	(B)	211	31	
Year of Divorce or Separation⁵													
1980 and later	3 009	116	1 929	94	1 658	87	1 384	80	274	36	1 079	70	
1975 to 1979	2 079	97	1 596	85	1 317	78	989	67	328	39	483	47	
1970 to 1974	1 104	71	773	60	595	52	380	42	215	32	330	39	
Before 1970	645	55	369	42	206	31	118	23	86	20	256	35	
Inclusion of Health Insurance in Award													
Health insurance included	(X)	(X)	2 318	102	1 940	94	1 641	87	296	37	(X)	(X)	
Health insurance not included	(X)	(X)	2 696	110	2 055	97	1 396	80	659	55	(X)	(X)	

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ALL WOMEN—Con.												
Work Experience in 1983												
Worked	5 919	160	3 772	129	3 091	118	2 429	105	662	55	2 147	99
Worked at full-time jobs	4 541	141	2 893	114	2 365	103	1 894	93	471	47	1 648	87
50 to 52 weeks	3 210	120	2 091	97	1 737	89	1 400	80	336	40	1 118	72
49 weeks or less	1 331	78	802	61	628	54	494	48	135	25	530	50
Worked at part-time jobs	1 378	79	879	64	726	58	535	50	191	30	499	48
50 to 52 weeks	484	48	362	41	323	39	258	35	66	(B)	132	25
49 weeks or less	884	64	517	49	402	43	277	36	125	24	367	41
Did not work	2 771	112	1 242	76	904	65	609	53	296	37	1 528	84
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation²												
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	5 464	154	3 837	130	3 130	118	2 402	104	728	58	1 627	86
Worked at time of separation	4 006	133	2 832	113	2 330	103	1 830	91	500	48	1 174	73
Worked at full-time jobs	3 344	122	2 325	103	1 900	93	1 485	82	414	44	1 020	69
Worked at part-time jobs	661	55	507	48	430	45	345	40	86	20	155	27
Did not work at time of separation	2 831	113	1 866	92	1 446	81	1 041	69	405	43	975	67
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	1 372	79	850	63	647	55	469	47	177	29	522	49
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983												
Total ³	5 910	160	3 772	129	3 091	118	2 429	105	662	55	2 138	96
Managerial and professional specialty occupations	1 079	70	750	59	624	54	507	48	117	23	329	39
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations	2 542	107	1 714	88	1 411	60	1 148	73	263	35	828	62
Service occupations	1 338	78	741	59	597	53	423	44	174	28	597	53
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations	52	(B)	30	(B)	25	(B)	21	(B)	4	(B)	22	(B)
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	147	26	101	22	83	20	63	(B)	20	(B)	45	(B)
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	753	59	436	45	350	40	267	35	84	20	318	36
Income in 1983												
Without income	454	46	126	24	45	(B)	(X)	(X)	45	(B)	328	39
With income	8 236	185	4 889	146	3 949	132	3 037	117	912	65	3 347	122
\$1 to \$999 or less	512	49	267	35	174	28	86	20	88	20	246	34
\$1,000 to \$1,999	501	48	220	32	180	29	132	25	48	(B)	281	36
\$2,000 to \$2,999	616	53	304	38	235	33	161	27	74	(B)	312	38
\$3,000 to \$3,999	610	53	263	35	196	30	142	26	54	(B)	347	40
\$4,000 to \$5,999	1 036	69	529	50	421	44	264	35	158	27	507	48
\$6,000 to \$7,999	868	63	491	48	386	42	287	37	99	21	377	42
\$8,000 to \$9,999	650	55	399	43	332	39	238	33	94	21	251	34
\$10,000 to \$11,999	604	53	384	42	299	37	258	35	41	(B)	220	32
\$12,000 to \$14,999	844	62	552	51	438	45	354	41	84	20	292	37
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1 495	83	1 098	71	959	66	831	62	128	24	397	43
\$25,000 and over	499	48	382	42	331	39	266	36	45	(B)	117	23
Median income	7 942	(X)	9 860	(X)	10 347	(X)	11 628	(X)	6 700	(X)	5 924	(X)
Standard error	164	(X)	281	(X)	333	(X)	339	(X)	485	(X)	199	(X)
Mean income	10 200	(X)	11 628	(X)	12 143	(X)	13 132	(X)	8 854	(X)	8 114	(X)
Standard error	157	(X)	217	(X)	247	(X)	289	(X)	418	(X)	210	(X)
Type of Income in 1983												
With earnings	5 903	159	3 761	129	3 083	118	2 425	105	658	55	2 141	99
With other income ⁷	4 579	142	3 337	122	2 861	113	2 425	105	436	45	1 241	75
With government transfer payments ⁷	1 290	77	778	60	604	53	433	45	170	28	512	49
Public assistance income	603	53	315	38	244	34	160	27	84	20	288	37
Aid to families with dep. children	562	51	284	36	225	32	153	27	73	(B)	268	35
Other government transfer payments	755	59	500	48	386	42	298	37	90	20	255	34
With other unearned income	3 564	126	2 703	110	2 344	103	2 033	96	311	38	852	63
With alimony	256	35	224	32	205	31	200	30	5	(B)	32	(B)
Without other income	1 324	78	424	44	223	32	(X)	(X)	223	32	900	64
Without earnings ⁷	2 787	112	1 253	76	911	65	612	53	299	37	1 534	84
With government transfer payments ⁷	1 742	89	667	56	472	47	275	36	197	30	1 075	70
Public assistance income	1 482	82	509	49	377	42	203	31	173	28	953	66
Aid to families with dep. children	1 357	79	476	47	357	41	191	30	166	28	881	64
Other government transfer payments	393	43	211	31	134	25	94	21	40	(B)	182	29
With other unearned income	838	62	604	53	491	48	397	43	94	21	234	33
With alimony	77	19	69	(B)	58	(B)	55	(B)	4	(B)	8	(B)

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ALL WOMEN—Con.													
Tenure													
Owner occupied	4 090	134	2 750	111	2 179	99	1 734	89	445	45	1 340	78	
Renter occupied	4 477	140	2 184	100	1 757	90	1 258	76	499	48	2 293	102	
Occupier paid no cash rent	123	24	80	19	59	(B)	45	(B)	14	(B)	42	(B)	
WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983													
Total	2 898	172	1 231	113	916	98	568	77	348	61	1 667	131	
Current Marital Status													
Married ²	187	44	120	36	89	31	45	(B)	45	(B)	66	(B)	
Separated	726	87	297	56	189	45	158	41	31	(B)	428	67	
Divorced	925	98	632	82	515	74	287	55	228	49	293	56	
Widowed ³	13	(B)	5	(B)	4	(B)	2	(B)	2	(B)	8	(B)	
Never married	1 048	105	177	43	119	35	77	28	42	(B)	871	96	
Race and Spanish Origin													
White	1 577	128	828	93	653	83	403	65	250	51	750	89	
Black	1 256	108	375	62	243	50	153	40	90	31	882	92	
Spanish origin ⁴	394	101	116	55	76	44	53	(B)	23	(B)	278	85	
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence													
Inside metropolitan areas	2 107	147	835	94	593	79	369	62	224	49	1 272	115	
Inside central cities	1 421	122	492	72	313	57	183	44	130	37	929	99	
Outside central cities	686	85	343	60	280	54	186	44	94	31	343	60	
Outside metropolitan areas	791	112	396	79	323	72	199	56	124	44	395	79	
Region													
Northeast	596	74	186	42	142	36	86	28	57	(B)	410	62	
Midwest	722	83	395	62	260	50	121	34	139	37	327	56	
South	1 035	98	422	63	341	57	253	49	88	29	613	76	
West	545	73	228	47	173	41	108	33	65	(B)	316	56	
Age													
18 to 29 years	1 465	123	511	73	373	63	226	49	147	39	954	100	
30 to 39 years	928	99	504	73	406	65	267	53	139	38	424	67	
40 years and over	506	73	217	48	137	38	75	28	62	(B)	268	55	
Number of Own Children Present From an Absent Father													
One child	1 259	115	498	72	346	60	220	48	126	37	762	89	
Two children	897	97	411	66	341	60	200	46	140	39	486	72	
Three children	482	71	227	49	168	42	104	33	63	(B)	255	52	
Four children or more	260	52	96	32	61	(B)	44	(B)	18	(B)	164	42	
Educational Attainment													
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	416	66	138	38	96	32	64	(B)	32	(B)	278	54	
High school: 1 to 3 years	873	96	268	55	214	48	112	34	102	33	585	78	
4 years	1 209	112	591	79	440	68	291	55	149	40	618	81	
College: 1 to 3 years	338	60	182	44	137	38	84	30	53	(B)	156	41	
4 years or more	62	(B)	32	(B)	29	(B)	17	(B)	12	(B)	30	(B)	

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WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983—Con.												
Year of Divorce or Separation²												
1980 and later	972	101	550	76	413	66	308	57	106	33	421	67
1975 to 1979	512	73	314	58	254	52	118	35	137	38	197	46
1970 to 1974	250	51	144	39	111	34	58	(B)	53	(B)	106	33
Before 1970	116	35	46	(B)	20	(B)	9	(B)	11	(B)	71	(B)
Inclusion of Health Insurance in Award												
Health insurance included	(X)	(X)	415	66	317	58	233	50	84	30	(X)	(X)
Health insurance not included	(X)	(X)	817	93	599	79	335	59	264	53	(X)	(X)
Work Experience in 1983												
Worked	1 138	109	593	79	459	70	307	57	152	40	545	76
Worked at full-time jobs	616	80	308	57	234	50	159	41	74	(B)	310	57
50 to 52 weeks	191	45	97	32	78	29	53	(B)	25	(B)	94	32
49 weeks or less	425	67	209	47	155	41	106	34	49	(B)	216	48
Worked at part-time jobs	522	74	287	55	228	49	148	40	78	29	235	50
50 to 52 weeks	120	36	63	30	66	(B)	47	(B)	19	(B)	38	(B)
49 weeks or less	402	65	204	46	159	41	101	33	58	(B)	197	46
Did not work	1 780	135	638	82	457	69	281	53	196	45	1 122	108
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation²												
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	1 300	116	796	91	617	81	404	65	214	48	501	73
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Worked at full-time jobs	603	80	353	61	278	54	178	43	102	33	250	51
Worked at part-time jobs	187	44	136	38	95	32	65	(B)	30	(B)	52	(B)
Did not work at time of separation	1 080	105	565	77	424	67	250	51	174	43	494	72
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	550	76	256	52	180	44	88	30	92	31	294	56
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983												
Total ³	1 131	109	593	79	459	70	307	57	152	40	538	75
Managerial and professional specialty occupations	75	28	43	(B)	30	(B)	18	(B)	12	(B)	31	(B)
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations	336	60	194	45	147	39	107	34	40	(B)	143	39
Service occupations	513	74	253	52	201	46	129	37	73	(B)	260	52
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations	24	(B)	14	(B)	11	(B)	10	(B)	1	(B)	10	(B)
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	40	(B)	30	(B)	25	(B)	17	(B)	8	(B)	10	(B)
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	143	39	59	(B)	45	(B)	27	(B)	18	(B)	84	30
Income in 1983												
Without income	207	47	51	(B)	17	(B)	(X)	(X)	17	(B)	156	41
With income	2 690	166	1 180	111	899	97	568	77	331	59	1 510	125
\$1 to \$999 or less	184	44	69	(B)	48	(B)	23	(B)	25	(B)	115	35
\$1,000 to \$1,999	300	56	95	32	71	(B)	44	(B)	27	(B)	205	47
\$2,000 to \$2,999	433	68	180	44	133	37	82	29	51	(B)	253	52
\$3,000 to \$3,999	433	68	164	42	120	36	81	29	39	(B)	269	53
\$4,000 to \$5,999	752	89	351	61	274	54	161	41	113	35	400	65
\$6,000 to \$7,999	441	68	234	50	188	45	126	36	62	(B)	207	47
\$8,000 to \$9,999	97	32	53	(B)	49	(B)	39	(B)	10	(B)	44	(B)
\$10,000 to \$11,999	38	(B)	23	(B)	8	(B)	6	(B)	2	(B)	15	(B)
\$12,000 to \$14,999	10	(B)	7	(B)	4	(B)	2	(B)	2	(B)	3	(B)
\$15,000 and over	3	(B)	3	(B)	3	(B)	3	(B)	-	(B)	-	(B)
Median income	3 989	(X)	4 483	(X)	4 562	(X)	4 659	(X)	4 425	(X)	3 680	(X)
Standard error	209	(X)	318	(X)	358	(X)	482	(X)	545	(X)	235	(X)
Mean income	4 155	(X)	4 546	(X)	4 609	(X)	4 793	(X)	4 292	(X)	3 849	(X)
Standard error	148	(X)	237	(X)	268	(X)	351	(X)	404	(X)	184	(X)

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Table 1. Child Support Payments Agreed to or Awarded, by Characteristics of All Women and Women With Incomes Below the Poverty Level in 1983—Con.

(Numbers in thousands. Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total		Child support payments—									
	Estimate	Standard error	Agreed to or awarded								Not awarded	
			Total ¹		Supposed to receive payments in 1983						Estimate	Standard error
			Estimate	Standard error	Total		Received payments		Did not receive payments			
Estimate	Standard error	Estimate			Standard error	Estimate	Standard error	Estimate	Standard error	Estimate	Standard error	
WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983—Con.												
Type of Income in 1983												
With earnings	1 138	109	593	79	459	70	307	57	152	40	545	76
With other income ²	837	94	509	73	417	66	307	57	110	34	329	59
With government transfer payments ³	529	75	282	55	222	48	130	37	91	31	247	51
Public assistance income	378	63	192	45	148	40	85	30	63	(B)	186	44
Aid to families with dep. children	363	62	185	44	140	39	84	30	57	(B)	178	43
Other government transfer payments	185	44	105	33	84	30	52	(B)	32	(B)	80	29
With other unearned income	418	66	291	55	251	51	214	46	36	(B)	125	36
With alimony	11	(B)	11	(B)	9	(B)	9	(B)	-	(B)	-	(B)
Without other income	300	56	85	30	42	(B)	(X)	(X)	42	(B)	216	48
Without earnings ⁴	1 780	135	638	82	457	69	281	53	196	45	1 122	108
With government transfer payments ³	1 378	120	483	70	331	59	181	41	170	42	915	96
Public assistance income	1 290	116	431	67	311	57	146	39	164	42	859	95
Aid to families with dep. children	1 203	112	398	65	290	55	133	38	157	41	805	92
Other government transfer payments	170	42	72	(B)	48	(B)	29	(B)	19	(B)	96	32
With other unearned income	333	59	213	47	180	44	140	39	40	(B)	119	36
With alimony	25	(B)	25	(B)	19	(B)	19	(B)	-	(B)	-	(B)
Tenure												
Owner occupied	674	84	355	61	277	54	198	46	79	29	318	58
Renter occupied	2 137	148	820	93	605	80	349	61	256	52	1 317	117
Occupier paid no cash rent	87	30	55	(B)	35	(B)	21	(B)	13	(B)	32	(B)

¹Includes a small number of women who were not supposed to receive payments in 1983.

²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁵Excludes never-married women.

⁶Excludes women whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

⁷Detail does not add to total because some women have more than one or none of the types of income specified.

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(Numbers in thousands. Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Awarded				Not awarded								
	Total	Total	Health insurance included	Health insurance not included	Total	Reason for non-award							
						Final agreement pending	Property settlement in lieu	Joint custody granted	Did not want child support	Wanted award but—			
										Unable to locate father	Unable to establish paternity	Some other reason	
ALL WOMEN													
Total	8 690	5 015	2 318	2 696	3 675	224	55	61	947	544	79	1 766	
Standard error	190	148	102	110	128	32	(B)	(B)	66	50	19	90	
Current Marital Status													
Married ¹	2 129	1 613	724	889	516	23	12	16	209	39	—	218	
Separated	1 451	593	253	340	858	150	3	1	153	168	—	383	
Divorced	3 204	2 443	1 252	1 191	781	37	36	26	174	97	4	387	
Widowed ²	53	38	13	25	15	—	—	2	3	—	—	9	
Never married	1 854	328	77	251	1 526	14	3	16	407	241	75	769	
Race and Spanish Origin													
White	6 183	4 137	2 070	2 067	2 045	179	49	52	609	270	29	857	
Black	2 341	788	202	586	1 553	44	6	8	307	258	48	881	
Spanish origin ³	790	323	93	230	467	33	—	1	132	91	6	204	
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence													
Inside metropolitan areas	6 250	3 482	1 671	1 810	2 768	170	29	47	625	443	54	1 401	
Inside central cities	3 204	1 537	662	875	1 666	82	10	26	333	263	30	921	
Outside central cities	3 046	1 944	1 009	935	1 102	87	18	21	291	180	24	480	
Outside metropolitan areas	2 440	1 533	647	886	907	54	26	14	323	101	24	365	
Region													
Northeast	1 686	847	406	442	839	40	9	8	188	172	18	404	
Midwest	2 068	1 424	775	649	644	24	17	5	152	58	22	365	
South	3 135	1 713	694	1 019	1 422	111	21	19	406	202	12	652	
West	1 801	1 030	443	587	770	49	7	29	202	113	26	344	
Age													
18 to 29 years	3 077	1 341	546	795	1 735	98	12	26	434	221	61	885	
30 to 39 years	3 316	2 275	1 087	1 187	1 041	76	21	17	291	204	13	419	
40 years and over	2 298	1 399	685	714	899	50	22	18	223	120	4	462	
Number of Own Children Present From an Absent Father													
One child	4 437	2 499	1 091	1 408	1 938	104	26	44	531	270	41	922	
Two children	2 797	1 729	848	881	1 068	92	19	11	295	153	27	471	
Three children	1 008	579	285	294	429	13	10	2	67	78	10	249	
Four children or more	448	207	94	113	241	14	—	2	55	44	1	124	
Educational Attainment													
Less than 12 years	2 247	953	308	644	1 294	70	4	10	275	248	46	641	
High school: 4 years	4 201	2 573	1 230	1 343	1 627	102	34	28	434	223	28	777	
College: 1 to 3 years	1 508	966	483	483	543	19	7	19	172	55	4	266	
4 years or more	734	523	297	226	211	32	9	4	66	18	—	82	
Year of Divorce or Separation⁵													
1980 and later	3 009	1 929	1 047	883	1 079	175	27	27	232	122	2	493	
1975 to 1979	2 079	1 596	730	866	483	21	16	10	120	85	2	230	
1970 to 1974	1 104	773	323	450	330	7	5	8	100	54	—	156	
Before 1970	645	389	142	247	256	6	3	—	88	43	—	117	
Work Experience in 1983													
Worked	5 919	3 772	1 860	1 913	2 147	151	48	45	638	276	24	964	
Worked at full-time jobs	4 541	2 893	1 458	1 435	1 648	116	34	32	490	217	13	747	
50 to 52 weeks	3 210	2 091	1 093	999	1 118	87	31	27	352	133	5	483	
Worked at part-time jobs	1 378	879	401	478	499	35	14	13	148	59	12	218	
Did not work	2 771	1 242	459	784	1 528	73	7	15	309	268	54	802	

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Characteristic	Awarded				Not awarded								
	Total	Total	Health insurance included	Health insurance not included	Total	Reason for non-award						Wanted award but—	
						Final agreement pending	Property settlement in lieu	Joint custody granted	Did not want child support	Unable to locate father	Unable to establish paternity	Some other reason	
ALL WOMEN—Con.													
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation^a													
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	5 484	3 837	1 877	1 960	1 627	179	48	41	421	219	4	718	
Worked at time of separation	4 006	2 832	1 458	1 374	1 174	127	36	32	333	125	2	518	
Worked at full-time jobs	3 344	2 325	1 186	1 157	1 020	114	33	25	285	109	—	451	
Worked at part-time jobs	661	507	290	217	155	13	4	6	48	16	—	67	
Did not work at time of separation	2 831	1 856	784	1 071	975	82	15	13	207	178	2	478	
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	1 372	850	385	485	522	30	5	3	119	85	—	280	
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983													
Total ^b	5 910	3 772	1 860	1 913	2 138	151	48	45	632	273	24	984	
Managerial and professional specialty occupations	1 079	750	408	344	329	33	13	12	106	34	6	123	
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations	2 542	1 714	879	835	828	70	15	22	257	89	5	369	
Service occupations	1 338	741	331	410	507	22	14	6	142	96	10	305	
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations	52	30	10	20	22	—	—	—	8	2	—	12	
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	147	101	38	63	45	2	1	—	20	5	2	16	
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	753	438	198	240	318	24	5	6	96	46	2	139	
Income in 1983													
Without income	454	128	29	97	328	13	—	8	98	38	16	157	
With income	8 236	4 889	2 290	2 599	3 347	211	55	52	852	506	62	1 609	
\$1 to \$999 or less	512	267	87	180	246	9	6	8	77	34	7	104	
\$1,000 to \$1,999	501	220	76	144	281	10	—	2	82	47	4	135	
\$2,000 to \$2,999	616	304	121	183	312	16	3	—	75	57	16	144	
\$3,000 to \$3,999	610	263	119	144	347	20	1	1	67	60	12	187	
\$4,000 to \$5,999	1 036	529	189	340	507	33	2	3	80	89	8	292	
\$6,000 to \$7,999	868	491	186	305	377	19	5	9	87	56	5	195	
\$8,000 to \$9,999	650	399	176	223	251	5	5	—	62	39	—	140	
\$10,000 to \$11,999	604	384	183	191	220	24	—	7	73	29	1	86	
\$12,000 to \$14,999	844	552	306	248	292	25	12	2	79	29	2	142	
\$15,000 and over	1 994	1 480	837	643	514	50	20	20	168	66	7	183	
Median income	7 942	9 860	11 980	8 035	5 924	7 909	(B)	(B)	7 009	5 227	(B)	5 802	
Standard error	184	281	383	318	199	1 888	(B)	(B)	530	399	(B)	218	
Mean income	10 200	11 628	13 058	10 369	8 114	10 207	(B)	(B)	9 133	7 039	(B)	7 438	
Standard error	157	217	327	283	210	881	(B)	(B)	471	422	(B)	285	
Type of Income in 1983													
With earnings	5 903	3 761	1 852	1 909	2 141	151	48	45	636	276	24	961	
With other income ^c	4 579	3 337	1 713	1 624	1 241	88	33	33	329	172	17	569	
With government transfer payments ^d	1 290	778	302	476	512	31	5	4	104	89	14	264	
Public assistance income	603	315	108	209	288	19	—	2	33	66	14	153	
Aid to families with dep. children	552	264	93	191	288	19	—	2	27	55	14	150	
Other government transfer payments	755	500	211	289	255	17	5	4	78	31	3	118	
With other unearned income	3 554	2 703	1 505	1 197	852	65	30	33	265	89	7	363	
With alimony	256	224	176	49	32	7	2	—	3	5	—	15	
Without other income	1 324	424	139	285	900	62	15	12	307	104	7	383	
Without earnings ^e	2 787	1 253	486	787	1 534	73	7	15	312	288	54	604	
With government transfer payments ^d	1 742	867	218	448	1 075	50	3	3	174	219	38	589	
Public assistance income	1 482	509	180	349	953	39	3	3	181	202	38	506	
Aid to families with dep. children	1 357	476	154	321	881	36	3	3	145	197	34	484	
Other government transfer payments	393	211	73	139	182	11	—	—	23	29	—	120	
With other unearned income	838	604	287	317	234	30	3	5	58	35	1	101	
With alimony	77	69	40	29	8	—	—	—	3	—	—	5	
Tenure													
Owner occupied	4 090	2 750	1 393	1 357	1 340	99	38	32	436	170	14	551	
Renter occupied	4 477	2 184	896	1 268	2 293	121	17	29	500	388	65	1 195	
Occupier paid no cash rent	123	80	29	51	42	4	—	—	12	6	—	20	

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Characteristic	Total	Awarded			Not awarded							
		Total	Health insurance included	Health insurance not included	Total	Reason for non-award						
						Final agreement pending	Property settlement in lieu	Joint custody granted	Did not want child support	Wanted award but—		
									Unable to locate father	Unable to establish paternity	Some other reason	
WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983												
Total	2 898	1 231	415	817	1 667	92	9	19	303	302	54	887
Standard error	172	113	66	93	131	31	(B)	(B)	57	56	(B)	96
Current Marital Status												
Married ¹	187	120	31	89	66	2	—	1	26	6	—	33
Separated	726	297	108	189	428	67	3	1	69	83	—	205
Divorced	925	632	251	382	293	15	6	3	31	50	4	184
Widowed ²	13	5	2	3	8	—	—	2	2	—	—	5
Never married	1 048	177	23	154	871	8	—	13	175	163	51	462
Race and Spanish Origin												
White	1 577	828	324	503	750	64	5	11	160	129	15	365
Black	1 256	375	76	299	882	27	4	8	132	160	38	512
Spanish origin ²	394	116	29	86	278	15	—	1	65	69	1	129
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence												
Inside metropolitan areas	2 107	835	291	545	1 272	69	3	15	196	254	33	701
Inside central cities	1 421	492	140	352	829	44	—	11	145	183	21	524
Outside central cities	686	343	151	193	343	24	3	4	51	71	12	177
Outside metropolitan areas	791	396	124	272	395	23	6	4	107	47	21	166
Region												
Northeast	596	186	70	116	410	23	—	3	64	94	13	213
Midwest	722	395	150	245	327	13	2	2	54	32	16	208
South	1 035	422	126	297	613	42	7	2	112	126	12	313
West	545	228	69	159	316	14	1	12	73	51	13	154
Age												
18 to 29 years	1 465	511	150	360	954	46	6	14	179	148	44	520
30 to 39 years	928	504	183	321	424	30	3	—	80	102	8	201
40 years and over	506	217	81	136	268	16	1	5	44	54	2	167
Number of Own Children Present From an Absent Father												
One child	1 259	498	152	346	762	31	7	16	136	132	21	419
Two children	897	411	140	270	486	39	—	1	113	82	25	226
Three children	482	227	90	137	255	7	3	2	28	49	7	158
Four children or more	260	96	32	64	164	14	—	—	25	39	1	85
Educational Attainment												
Less than 12 years	1 290	426	97	330	864	42	4	6	145	178	35	453
High school: 4 years	1 209	591	218	373	618	34	5	8	120	102	19	330
College: 1 to 3 years	338	182	82	100	156	11	1	4	30	20	—	91
4 years or more	62	32	18	14	30	6	—	—	8	3	—	13
Year of Divorce or Separation⁴												
1980 and later	972	550	281	290	421	66	8	3	66	61	2	216
1975 to 1979	512	314	81	233	197	11	—	—	26	39	2	119
1970 to 1974	250	144	33	111	106	2	—	3	20	25	—	56
Before 1970	116	46	17	28	71	4	1	—	17	15	—	34
Work Experience in 1983												
Worked	1 138	593	208	386	545	45	5	10	119	81	11	273
Worked at full-time jobs	616	306	90	216	310	25	5	3	63	51	1	161
50 to 52 weeks	191	97	27	70	94	5	2	—	13	13	—	61
Worked at part-time jobs	522	287	118	169	235	20	—	7	57	30	9	112
Did not work	1 760	638	207	431	1 122	47	4	9	184	220	44	614

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Characteristic	Awarded				Not awarded							
	Total	Health insurance included	Health insurance not included	Total	Reason for non-award							
					Final agreement pending	Property settlement in lieu	Joint custody granted	Did not want child support	Wanted award but—			
					Unable to locate father	Unable to establish paternity	Some other reason					
WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983—Con.												
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation¹												
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation.....	1 300	798	340	458	501	67	5	6	82	85	4	253
Worked at time of separation.....	790	489	225	284	301	40	2	6	61	39	2	151
Worked at full-time jobs.....	603	353	162	182	250	30	2	5	50	28	2	133
Worked at part-time jobs.....	187	136	63	73	52	10	-	-	11	11	-	18
Did not work at time of separation.....	1 080	565	167	388	484	43	7	1	67	100	2	275
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation.....	550	256	51	205	284	17	4	-	46	54	-	173
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983												
Total ²	1 131	593	208	388	538	45	5	10	113	81	11	273
Managerial and professional specialty occupations.....	75	43	27	16	31	5	-	3	9	-	-	14
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations.....	338	194	74	120	143	20	-	2	35	10	-	75
Service occupations.....	513	253	78	178	250	9	3	4	39	46	9	150
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations.....	24	14	5	9	10	-	-	-	5	2	-	3
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations.....	40	30	12	16	10	2	-	-	3	2	2	1
Operators, fabricators, and laborers.....	143	59	12	47	64	9	2	1	21	21	-	30
Type of Income in 1983												
With earnings.....	1 138	593	208	336	545	45	5	10	119	81	11	273
With other income ³	837	509	163	328	329	29	2	8	51	67	9	163
With government transfer payments ⁴	529	282	63	199	247	19	2	2	35	57	9	122
Public assistance income.....	378	192	58	134	136	13	-	2	19	49	9	94
Aid to families with dep. children.....	363	185	55	130	178	13	-	2	16	44	9	94
Other government transfer payments.....	185	105	28	77	80	11	2	2	17	15	1	32
With other unearned income.....	416	291	130	161	125	16	-	6	19	17	-	65
With alimony.....	11	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Without other income.....	300	85	25	80	216	18	3	2	68	14	2	110
Without earnings ⁵	1 780	638	207	431	1 122	47	4	9	184	220	44	614
With government transfer payments ⁶	1 378	483	128	334	815	39	3	3	131	204	33	503
Public assistance income.....	1 290	431	120	311	659	39	3	3	127	192	33	482
Aid to families with dep. children.....	1 203	388	114	284	605	36	3	3	115	187	31	430
Other government transfer payments.....	170	72	16	58	98	-	-	-	14	19	-	66
With other unearned income.....	333	213	94	119	119	12	1	2	14	28	1	61
With alimony.....	25	25	18	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tenure												
Owner occupied.....	874	355	154	202	318	28	3	3	61	50	6	170
Renter occupied.....	2 137	820	242	579	1 317	84	7	16	235	246	46	699
Occupier paid no cash rent.....	87	55	19	38	32	1	-	-	7	4	-	19

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³Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

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Table 3. Receipt of Child Support Payments in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of All Women and Women With Incomes Below the Poverty Level in 1983

(Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Payments agreed to or awarded ¹								Payments not awarded		
	Received payments					Did not receive payments			Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income	
	Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Mean income from child support		Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income			Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)
		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)			
ALL WOMEN											
Total	3 037	13 132	289	2 341	97	958	8 433	409	3 675	7 389	201
Current Marital Status											
Married ²	881	11 602	553	2 164	125	345	6 936	730	516	7 774	616
Separated	378	11 207	775	2 682	402	55	(B)	(B)	858	7 971	361
Divorced	1 598	14 986	388	2 491	139	494	9 635	542	781	10 611	596
Widowed ³	13	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	11	(B)	(B)	15	(B)	(B)
Never married	166	7 257	716	1 132	102	53	(B)	(B)	1 526	5 366	212
Race and Spanish Origin											
White	2 614	13 534	321	2 475	110	774	8 383	465	2 045	8 068	310
Black	370	10 188	646	1 465	117	164	8 578	917	1 553	6 615	250
Spanish origin ⁴	158	10 067	1 354	1 839	358	94	10 438	1 673	467	5 865	746
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence											
Inside metropolitan areas	2 099	14 123	360	2 527	119	636	9 198	552	2 788	7 759	240
Inside central cities	858	13 820	599	2 288	127	311	9 547	746	1 686	6 516	236
Outside central cities	1 243	14 331	446	2 691	181	325	8 865	810	1 102	9 638	471
Outside metropolitan areas	936	10 914	563	1 924	197	322	6 922	632	907	6 261	429
Region											
Northeast	543	13 383	613	2 323	148	148	8 671	879	639	7 242	347
Midwest	775	13 327	488	2 527	249	302	7 420	596	644	8 145	559
South	1 132	12 826	507	2 272	142	278	8 865	802	1 422	6 895	291
West	588	13 037	530	2 241	144	230	9 583	795	770	7 830	391
Age											
18 to 29 years	781	9 142	430	1 723	226	291	5 654	472	1 735	5 013	179
30 to 39 years	1 527	13 545	367	2 356	97	420	9 961	705	1 041	9 310	402
40 years and over	730	16 534	741	2 968	242	246	9 106	798	699	9 752	530
Number of Own Children Present From an Absent Father											
One child	1 497	12 524	411	1 779	89	433	8 771	642	1 938	7 166	291
Two children	1 082	14 204	477	2 782	195	375	8 580	677	1 068	8 291	368
Three children	332	12 148	735	2 943	224	127	7 278	796	429	6 890	461
Four children or more	116	13 698	2 076	3 705	1 064	23	(B)	(B)	241	6 435	495
Educational Attainment											
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	127	6 980	791	1 559	164	48	(B)	(B)	403	4 341	412
High school: 1 to 3 years	340	7 682	454	1 526	112	192	5 795	636	891	4 844	260
4 years	1 573	12 351	359	2 159	113	483	7 785	493	1 627	7 591	271
College: 1 to 3 years	621	14 169	607	2 332	144	163	11 124	1 154	543	10 196	518
4 years or more	376	21 520	1 100	4 118	540	72	(B)	(B)	211	15 178	1 658
Year of Divorce or Separation⁵											
1980 and later	1 384	13 256	427	2 655	185	274	7 879	681	1 079	9 651	445
1975 to 1979	999	13 376	459	2 158	96	326	7 658	639	483	8 274	610
1970 to 1974	380	14 361	956	2 061	184	215	10 305	968	330	7 960	737
Before 1970	118	13 901	1 977	2 718	577	68	10 771	1 700	256	7 488	709
Inclusion of Health Insurance in Award											
Health insurance included	1 641	14 289	393	2 690	144	296	9 174	775	(X)	(X)	(X)
Health insurance not included	1 396	11 770	421	1 930	122	659	8 098	479	(X)	(X)	(X)

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(Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Payments agreed to or awarded ¹								Payments not awarded		
	Received payments					Did not receive payments			Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income	
	Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Mean income from child support		Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income			Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)
		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)			
ALL WOMEN—Con.											
Work Experience in 1983											
Worked	2 429	15 068	310	2 385	104	682	10 913	514	2 147	10 474	283
Worked at full-time jobs	1 894	16 590	339	2 400	124	471	13 147	612	1 646	12 131	323
50 to 52 weeks	1 400	18 672	385	2 502	154	336	15 719	707	1 118	14 587	397
49 weeks or less	494	10 644	508	2 113	190	135	6 728	631	530	6 950	348
Worked at part-time jobs	535	9 703	602	2 332	174	191	5 403	571	499	4 998	383
50 to 52 weeks	258	12 001	717	2 283	200	66	(B)	(B)	132	9 113	1 076
49 weeks or less	277	7 584	905	2 377	280	125	3 960	569	367	3 520	256
Did not work	609	5 411	501	2 162	245	296	2 881	236	1 528	3 057	149
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation²											
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	2 402	13 786	335	2 275	102	728	9 137	492	1 627	9 689	362
Worked at time of separation	1 830	14 534	364	2 252	125	500	10 291	599	1 174	10 588	389
Worked at full-time jobs	1 485	14 837	401	2 239	146	414	10 816	674	1 020	10 857	424
Worked at part-time jobs	345	13 231	857	2 306	219	88	7 757	1 177	155	8 820	930
Did not work at time of separation	1 041	11 802	514	2 689	172	405	6 637	566	975	6 704	440
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	489	11 857	649	3 105	330	177	6 683	784	522	6 138	447
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983											
Total ³	2 429	15 066	310	2 385	104	682	10 913	514	2 136	10 505	284
Managerial and professional specialty occupations	507	21 142	772	2 935	216	117	16 404	1 538	329	17 056	1 030
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations	1 148	15 219	436	2 515	182	263	12 129	806	826	11 323	415
Service occupations	423	9 653	457	1 666	122	174	6 130	510	597	6 571	307
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations	21	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	(B)	(B)	22	(B)	(B)
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	63	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	20	(B)	(B)	45	(B)	(B)
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	287	12 526	636	1 792	224	84	8 952	780	318	9 077	507
Type of Income in 1983											
With earnings	2 425	15 066	310	2 387	104	658	10 972	514	2 141	10 500	283
With other income ⁷	2 425	15 066	310	2 387	104	436	11 482	705	1 241	11 349	410
With government transfer payments ⁷	433	10 704	506	1 995	176	170	6 903	607	512	7 695	384
Public assistance income	180	6 926	430	1 452	193	84	4 488	484	286	5 584	294
Aid to families with dep. children	153	6 792	438	1 434	200	73	(B)	(B)	268	5 524	304
Other government transfer payments	296	12 564	642	2 067	235	90	9 131	906	255	10 037	635
With other unearned income	2 033	15 916	348	2 528	119	311	13 714	886	852	13 377	539
With alimony	200	20 604	1 205	4 117	470	5	(B)	(B)	32	(B)	(B)
Without other income	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	223	9 975	626	900	9 330	357
Without earnings ⁷	612	5 388	498	2 158	244	299	2 850	236	1 534	3 047	149
With government transfer payments ⁷	275	6 390	574	1 482	124	197	4 172	246	1 075	3 924	134
Public assistance income	203	5 636	336	1 613	154	173	4 108	228	953	3 677	102
Aid to families with dep. children	191	5 929	355	1 616	162	166	4 199	223	881	3 674	106
Other government transfer payments	94	7 887	1 520	1 285	161	40	(B)	(B)	182	6 013	577
With other unearned income	397	6 047	746	2 492	367	94	2 186	414	234	4 542	782
With alimony	55	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	(B)	(B)	8	(B)	(B)
Tenure											
Owner occupied	1 734	14 627	414	2 501	122	445	10 263	709	1 340	8 625	421
Renter occupied	1 258	11 258	378	2 018	159	499	6 934	433	2 293	6 712	203
Occupier paid no cash rent	46	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	14	(B)	(B)	42	(B)	(B)

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Characteristic	Payments agreed to or awarded ¹								Payments not awarded		
	Received payments					Did not receive payments			Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income	
	Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Mean income from child support		Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income			Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)
		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)			
WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983											
Total	568	4 793	351	1 425	167	348	4 064	416	1 667	3 488	189
Current Marital Status											
Married ²	45	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	45	(B)	(B)	66	(B)	(B)
Separated	158	4 569	558	1 502	309	31	(B)	(B)	428	4 060	395
Divorced	287	5 348	464	1 548	254	228	4 375	483	293	4 061	486
Widowed ³	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	2	(B)	(B)	8	(B)	(B)
Never married	77	3 722	527	926	275	42	(B)	(B)	671	3 115	228
Race and Spanish Origin											
White	403	4 794	445	1 528	218	250	4 011	501	750	3 400	296
Black	153	4 710	545	1 158	216	90	4 176	781	882	3 584	248
Spanish origin ⁴	53	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	23	(B)	(B)	276	3 587	751
Age											
18 to 29 years	226	4 416	511	1 293	239	147	3 653	553	964	3 104	227
30 to 39 years	287	4 813	532	1 462	243	139	4 666	726	424	4 178	377
40 years and over	75	5 660	941	1 692	569	62	(B)	(B)	286	3 741	529
Educational Attainment											
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	64	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	32	(B)	(B)	278	3 205	480
High school: 1 to 3 years	112	4 530	727	1 302	377	102	4 081	759	585	3 492	315
College: 4 years	291	5 107	505	1 411	211	149	3 833	616	618	3 581	315
College: 1 to 3 years	84	4 197	854	1 683	556	53	(B)	(B)	156	3 703	571
College: 4 years or more	17	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	12	(B)	(B)	30	(B)	(B)
Number of Own Children Present From an Absent Father											
One child	220	3 913	429	1 021	173	126	4 054	673	762	3 066	251
Two children	200	5 363	654	1 670	304	140	3 515	557	486	3 384	335
Three children	104	5 423	812	1 811	461	63	(B)	(B)	255	4 164	514
Four children or more	44	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	18	(B)	(B)	164	4 703	722

¹Excludes a small number of women who were awarded payments but were not supposed to receive them in 1983.

²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁵Excludes never-married women.

⁶Excludes women whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

⁷Detail does not add to total because some women have more than one or none of the types of income specified.

Table 4. Amount of Child Support Payments Received in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of Women

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Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983	Did not receive payments in 1983	Received payments in 1983												Amount of payment received in 1983			
			Total	Amount of payment received in 1983										Median income		Mean income		
				\$1 to \$499	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,499	\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 and over	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)			
Total	3 995	958	3 037	409	497	457	364	597	458	133	121	1 713	60	2 341	97			
Standard error	133	86	117	44	48	46	41	53	46	25	24	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Current Marital Status																		
Married ¹	1 226	345	881	125	166	125	106	163	124	53	21	1 620	112	2 164	125			
Separated	434	55	378	63	83	41	38	76	37	8	39	1 526	196	2 682	402			
Divorced	2 092	494	1 596	175	208	251	204	326	292	72	67	1 903	78	2 491	139			
Widowed ²	24	11	13	5	-	5	-	2	2	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
Never married	219	53	166	41	40	36	17	26	3	-	-	1 027	137	1 132	102			
Race and Spanish Origin																		
White	3 389	774	2 614	318	412	392	313	518	418	126	117	1 796	65	2 475	110			
Black	534	164	370	64	73	62	42	70	30	6	3	1 230	131	1 465	117			
Spanish origin ³	252	94	158	15	45	25	25	22	17	7	2	1 363	330	1 839	358			
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence																		
Inside metropolitan areas	2 735	636	2 099	256	315	296	242	413	362	112	103	1 877	75	2 527	119			
Inside central cities	1 167	311	856	117	129	135	101	156	139	42	38	1 732	115	2 288	127			
Outside central cities	1 568	325	1 243	139	186	161	141	257	223	70	67	1 961	103	2 691	181			
Outside metropolitan areas	1 260	322	938	154	182	161	122	184	96	21	18	1 414	93	1 924	197			
Region																		
Northeast	691	148	543	85	55	93	66	103	90	27	24	1 794	132	2 323	148			
Midwest	1 077	302	775	92	111	151	86	150	106	40	35	1 690	120	2 527	249			
South	1 409	278	1 132	163	217	141	131	236	150	49	44	1 699	96	2 272	142			
West	817	230	588	69	113	73	80	107	110	17	19	1 742	106	2 241	144			
Age																		
18 to 29 years	1 071	291	781	179	154	125	82	131	95	12	3	1 226	86	1 723	228			
30 to 39 years	1 947	420	1 527	171	255	207	188	309	256	84	58	1 649	82	2 356	97			
40 years and over	976	246	730	60	88	125	94	156	106	37	60	1 966	123	2 968	242			
Number of Own Children Present From an Absent Father																		
One child	1 930	433	1 497	244	307	275	199	278	135	32	29	1 361	56	1 779	89			
Two children	1 466	375	1 092	126	129	126	127	206	252	73	47	2 163	126	2 762	195			
Three children	459	127	332	24	40	37	29	93	52	26	30	2 361	156	2 943	224			
Four children or more	139	23	116	14	21	17	9	19	19	1	16	1 848	429	3 705	1 064			
Educational Attainment																		
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	175	46	127	21	29	26	5	24	20	-	-	1 231	162	1 559	164			
High school: 1 to 3 years	532	192	340	56	90	51	52	52	34	2	3	1 241	144	1 526	112			
4 years	2 056	483	1 573	206	273	251	200	299	236	60	49	1 642	79	2 159	113			
College: 1 to 3 years	784	163	621	96	83	69	86	129	94	45	20	1 867	114	2 332	144			
4 years or more	447	72	376	31	21	60	22	93	75	25	49	2 585	166	4 118	540			
Year of Divorce or Separation⁴																		
1980 and later	1 658	274	1 384	215	222	157	135	249	253	74	76	1 861	109	2 655	185			
1975 to 1979	1 317	326	991	97	139	177	141	220	160	34	22	1 789	88	2 158	98			
1970 to 1974	595	215	380	38	70	66	60	85	32	13	15	1 626	128	2 081	164			
Before 1970	206	88	118	17	28	22	10	14	10	12	6	1 358	230	2 718	577			

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Inclusion of Health Insurance in Award																	
Health insurance included	1 940	296	1 641	170	194	227	196	366	311	90	82	2 085	87	2 690	144		
Health insurance not included	2 055	659	1 396	239	303	230	166	229	147	43	39	1 336	64	1 930	122		
Type of Arrangement																	
Court-ordered payments	2 524	609	1 715	295	295	272	221	311	234	53	33	1 491	66	1 964	120		
Voluntary written agreement or other type	1 471	149	1 322	114	202	165	143	295	224	80	86	2 059	101	2 829	156		
Method of Payments																	
Directly from child's father	1 963	459	1 504	145	239	204	166	339	245	101	93	2 032	82	2 692	119		
Through a court or public agency	1 920	497	1 423	260	249	230	187	253	197	26	20	1 440	66	1 863	135		
By some other method	82	1	81	4	9	23	10	5	16	5	9	1 719	454	4 082	1 463		
Receipt of Payments																	
Regularly	2 251	(X)	2 251	70	257	361	318	554	446	130	113	2 215	86	2 856	123		
Occasionally	503	(X)	503	83	204	95	46	43	10	3	8	889	44	1 207	124		
Seldom	284	(X)	284	248	37	1	-	-	-	-	-	289	27	261	17		
Never	958	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		
Main Reason for Irregular Payments																	
Child's father refused to pay	826	494	333	187	103	22	23	16	-	2	-	497	56	650	58		
Unable to locate child's father	230	199	31	25	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
All other reasons	444	189	255	97	68	44	11	8	6	6	2	676	72	792	82		
Did not know	243	76	167	50	44	29	12	20	4	1	6	877	115	1 518	342		
Work Experience in 1983																	
Worked	3 091	662	2 429	334	364	357	284	468	402	117	102	1 780	69	2 385	104		
Worked at full-time jobs	2 368	471	1 897	256	278	294	203	378	321	93	72	1 792	85	2 400	124		
50 to 52 weeks	1 737	336	1 400	184	204	224	145	287	259	77	51	1 907	102	2 502	154		
49 weeks or less	628	135	494	102	74	70	58	91	62	16	21	1 503	139	2 113	190		
Worked at part-time jobs	725	191	535	79	86	62	81	80	82	24	30	1 749	113	2 332	174		
50 to 52 weeks	323	66	256	33	30	33	49	40	46	15	12	1 840	131	2 283	200		
49 weeks or less	402	125	277	45	56	29	33	50	35	9	19	1 614	206	2 377	280		
Did not work	904	296	609	75	133	101	60	129	56	16	20	1 480	107	2 162	245		
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation*																	
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	3 130	728	2 402	329	394	344	302	480	379	97	77	1 722	64	2 275	102		
Worked at time of separation	2 330	500	1 830	260	309	263	209	368	275	67	60	1 653	81	2 252	125		
Worked at full-time jobs	1 900	414	1 486	220	235	236	178	297	216	58	44	1 842	66	2 239	146		
Worked at part-time jobs	430	86	345	39	73	46	31	71	59	8	16	1 710	231	2 306	219		
Did not work at time of separation	1 446	405	1 041	106	149	138	138	201	180	66	61	1 953	101	2 689	172		
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	647	177	469	39	63	77	45	68	76	35	44	2 110	193	3 105	330		
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983																	
Total	3 091	662	2 429	334	364	357	284	468	402	117	102	1 780	69	2 385	104		
Managerial and professional specialty occupations	624	117	507	50	45	80	41	114	117	28	32	2 331	156	2 935	216		
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations	1 411	263	1 148	163	155	170	138	204	197	66	53	1 813	98	2 515	182		
Service occupations	597	174	423	57	88	52	59	96	47	15	9	1 624	140	1 868	122		
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations	25	4	21	4	5	5	-	1	3	-	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	83	20	63	13	16	-	11	15	6	2	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	350	84	267	47	55	50	36	37	33	4	4	1 314	130	1 792	224		

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				\$1 to \$499	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,499	\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$7,000 and over								
Income in 1983																			
Without income	45	45	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With income	3 618	687	2 751	396	480	433	335	530	394	106	74	1 566	62	2 046	63	1 809	71	820	122
\$1 to \$999 or less	174	86	66	32	52	-	-	-	2	-	-	1 140	69	1 067	66	1 354	271	1 312	107
\$1,000 to \$1,999	180	46	132	23	29	51	29	-	-	-	-	1 639	193	1 609	141	1 407	177	1 482	105
\$2,000 to \$2,999	235	74	161	34	33	19	18	59	-	-	-	1 841	126	1 935	149	1 422	150	1 659	123
\$3,000 to \$3,999	198	54	142	27	19	19	26	34	18	-	-	1 416	134	1 778	151	1 503	163	2 086	165
\$4,000 to \$5,999	421	158	264	51	51	36	36	66	16	3	-	2 354	121	2 984	159	2 882	246	5 160	782
\$6,000 to \$7,999	388	99	287	41	53	35	53	46	39	19	2	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
\$8,000 to \$9,999	332	94	238	35	44	47	26	40	43	2	-	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
\$10,000 to \$11,999	299	41	258	42	42	54	27	36	47	5	3	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
\$12,000 to \$14,999	438	84	354	53	61	63	36	55	57	14	15	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
\$15,000 to \$24,999	959	128	831	59	98	110	63	189	172	66	55	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
\$25,000 and over	331	45	286	13	17	24	30	67	64	24	47	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median income	10 347	6 700	11 828	7 685	8 564	10 806	9 541	12 667	15 378	18 655	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Standard error	333	465	339	844	779	828	1 135	1 042	957	1 377	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Mean income	13 254	9 314	14 498	9 302	10 726	12 234	12 969	15 290	19 036	24 814	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Standard error	250	425	290	520	669	572	843	576	595	1 345	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of income in 1983																			
With earnings	3 083	658	2 425	334	364	353	284	466	402	117	102	1 763	69	2 367	104	1 763	69	2 367	104
With other income ^a	2 661	436	2 425	334	364	353	284	466	402	117	102	1 763	69	2 367	104	1 763	69	2 367	104
With government transfer payments ^b	604	170	433	97	77	49	47	50	60	11	12	1 434	189	1 695	176	1 082	203	1 452	193
Public assistance income	244	84	160	43	33	22	17	24	19	-	2	1 034	191	1 434	200	1 576	212	2 067	235
Aid to families with dep. children	225	73	153	42	33	22	14	21	19	-	2	1 806	76	2 528	119	2 770	212	4 117	470
Other government transfer payments	388	90	298	60	50	33	32	56	43	11	10	1 434	189	1 695	176	1 034	191	1 434	200
With other unearned income	2 344	311	2 033	231	288	307	234	399	378	102	94	1 806	76	2 528	119	2 770	212	4 117	470
With alimony	205	5	200	14	28	13	6	53	36	12	40	2 770	212	4 117	470	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Without other income	223	223	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Without earnings ^c	911	299	612	75	133	104	80	129	58	18	20	1 473	104	2 158	244	1 281	123	1 492	124
With government transfer payments ^b	472	197	275	49	58	53	40	47	22	3	3	1 281	123	1 492	124	1 357	129	1 613	154
Public assistance income	377	173	203	32	39	44	28	34	21	3	3	1 357	129	1 613	154	1 172	284	1 295	161
Aid to families with dep. children	357	166	191	32	34	41	26	29	21	3	3	1 562	146	2 492	367	1 357	129	1 613	154
Other government transfer payments	134	40	94	18	25	12	19	16	4	-	-	1 172	284	1 295	161	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
With other unearned income	491	94	397	36	91	65	51	91	32	14	18	1 562	146	2 492	367	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
With alimony	58	4	55	-	3	8	13	16	5	4	7	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Tenure																			
Owner occupied	2 179	445	1 734	176	261	242	214	306	289	92	92	1 933	76	2 501	122	1 442	70	2 018	159
Renter occupied	1 757	499	1 258	221	225	206	146	228	166	40	28	1 442	70	2 018	159	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Occupier paid no cash rent	59	14	45	11	11	7	5	8	3	1	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

¹Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

²Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁴Excludes never-married women.

⁵Excludes women whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

⁶Detail does not add to total because some women have more than one or none of the types of income specified.

Table 5. Amount of Child Support Payments Received in 1983, by Total Family Money Income in 1983 and Type of Family

(Numbers in thousands. Families having women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983	Did not receive payments in 1983	Received payments in 1983												Amount of payment received in 1983			
			Total	Amount of payment received in 1983										Median income		Mean income		
				\$1 to \$499	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,499	\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 and over	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)			
ALL FAMILIES																		
Total Family Income in 1983																		
Total	3 954	944	3 010	404	493	455	353	599	461	135	121	1 717	59	2 353	93			
Standard error	84	42	74	27	30	29	26	33	29	16	15	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
\$1 to \$1,999	82	36	45	6	20	12	3	-	2	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
\$2,000 to \$3,999	204	75	128	26	38	15	15	26	7	-	-	996	202	1 246	125			
\$4,000 to \$5,999	252	117	135	33	35	22	16	23	7	1	-	1 000	166	1 226	126			
\$6,000 to \$7,999	283	80	183	31	41	18	31	33	23	6	-	1 524	213	1 667	146			
\$8,000 to \$9,999	275	76	199	27	38	47	18	38	28	5	-	1 370	114	1 635	132			
\$10,000 to \$11,999	242	49	192	35	26	45	19	26	37	2	3	1 391	122	1 819	178			
\$12,000 to \$14,999	345	53	292	56	46	40	30	56	41	11	11	1 558	194	1 969	163			
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1 012	211	801	87	116	103	91	186	145	43	30	2 019	116	2 380	115			
\$25,000 to \$29,999	307	61	246	43	19	32	29	52	46	9	16	1 996	215	2 684	307			
\$30,000 to \$34,999	289	86	221	17	29	29	35	41	44	11	16	2 029	223	3 107	386			
\$35,000 and over	683	116	567	40	88	91	66	106	81	48	46	1 995	152	3 351	388			
Median income	13 507	9 867	14 339	12 850	11 446	12 618	14 391	15 979	16 612	18 217	20 298	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Standard error	359	684	387	765	1 082	946	1 227	653	980	1 531	1 958	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Mean income	22 207	18 540	23 357	18 255	20 070	22 736	24 823	23 967	24 571	32 128	34 454	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Standard error	446	820	522	1 208	1 332	1 786	1 180	1 219	2 698	2 582	2 582	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Inc. per fam. member	6 292	5 158	6 657	5 150	5 680	6 499	7 322	6 821	7 121	9 220	8 959	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Standard error	180	314	215	473	472	545	719	492	552	1 275	1 255	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Child Support as a Percent of Family Income																		
Less than 10 percent	2 537	944	1 593	385	381	311	197	218	81	19	3	1 051	49	1 257	40			
10 to 19 percent	723	(X)	723	15	61	100	69	220	183	44	10	2 436	92	2 577	66			
20 to 29 percent	306	(X)	306	5	23	14	35	71	99	30	31	3 139	249	3 671	244			
30 to 39 percent	146	(X)	146	-	12	7	12	27	49	20	18	3 596	372	3 995	365			
40 to 69 percent	166	(X)	166	-	6	11	16	40	35	17	42	3 553	564	5 176	557			
70 to 100 percent	73	(X)	73	-	9	11	5	13	14	4	17	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT																		
Total Family Income in 1983																		
Total	2 595	566	2 029	250	306	316	228	409	330	96	100	1 805	75	2 496	127			
Standard error	69	32	61	22	24	24	21	27	25	13	14	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
\$1 to \$1,999	79	34	45	8	20	12	3	-	2	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
\$2,000 to \$3,999	197	70	126	28	38	15	15	26	7	-	-	964	191	1 227	125			
\$4,000 to \$5,999	235	104	131	31	32	22	16	23	7	1	-	1 047	176	1 246	131			
\$6,000 to \$7,999	258	79	178	30	36	18	31	32	23	6	-	1 553	200	1 691	148			
\$8,000 to \$9,999	249	57	192	24	34	47	18	38	26	5	-	1 406	129	1 677	134			
\$10,000 to \$11,999	201	36	162	26	17	44	18	20	34	2	3	1 440	147	1 915	201			
\$12,000 to \$14,999	266	38	230	42	29	34	24	40	39	11	11	1 699	232	2 179	197			
\$15,000 to \$24,999	722	109	613	46	80	77	70	148	126	35	30	2 230	126	2 611	140			
\$25,000 to \$29,999	146	17	131	13	6	15	12	33	27	9	16	2 567	263	3 664	525			
\$30,000 to \$34,999	87	7	80	3	4	9	7	24	18	4	12	2 730	300	4 312	824			
\$35,000 and over	154	14	140	-	13	23	14	30	17	13	29	2 644	301	6 010	1 405			
Median income	11 563	7 609	12 903	10 202	9 151	11 303	12 373	15 099	15 632	17 829	20 298	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Standard error	368	457	420	953	770	581	1 314	1 024	1 012	1 767	1 958	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Mean income	15 334	10 815	16 598	11 266	13 077	15 288	15 669	18 241	18 051	22 107	30 397	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Standard error	352	806	407	675	1 066	658	1 243	916	872	1 752	2 435	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Inc. per fam. member	4 965	3 458	5 394	3 712	4 228	4 943	5 477	5 965	5 859	7 207	8 413	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Standard error	166	285	199	388	482	444	618	475	491	1 124	1 276	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Child Support as a Percent of Family Income																		
Less than 10 percent	1 370	566	904	231	199	174	82	97	19	3	-	930	54	1 060	45			
10 to 19 percent	579	(X)	579	15	61	99	80	175	127	19	4	2 201	104	2 294	85			
20 to 29 percent	276	(X)	276	5	21	14	35	60	90	25	26	3 081	255	3 466	223			
30 to 39 percent	138	(X)	138	-	12	7	12	27	46	17	17	3 482	385	3 868	372			
40 to 69 percent	181	(X)	181	-	6	11	16	40	35	17	36	3 374	506	4 683	491			
70 to 100 percent	71	(X)	71	-	9	11	5	11	14	4	17	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			

See note at end of table.

Table 5. Amount of Child Support Payments Received in 1983, by Total Family Money Income in 1983 and Type of Family—Con.

(Numbers in thousands. Families having women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983	Did not receive payments in 1983	Received payments in 1983												Median income				Mean income	
			Total	Amount of payment received in 1983										Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)			
				\$1 to \$499	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,499	\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 and over									
ALL OTHER FAMILIES																				
Total Family Income in 1983																				
Total	1 358	377	961	154	185	138	124	180	130	49	21	1 556	94	2 060	109					
Standard error	50	28	42	17	18	16	15	16	16	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
\$1 to \$1,999	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
\$2,000 to \$3,999	7	5	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
\$4,000 to \$5,999	17	13	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
\$6,000 to \$7,999	6	1	5	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
\$8,000 to \$9,999	28	18	7	2	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
\$10,000 to \$11,999	41	11	30	9	9	1	2	6	3	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
\$12,000 to \$14,999	80	18	62	13	18	6	6	17	2	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
\$15,000 to \$24,999	290	102	188	42	36	28	20	40	16	8	-	1 311	202	1 624	155					
\$25,000 to \$29,999	159	44	115	30	13	17	17	19	19	-	-	1 436	236	1 575	173					
\$30,000 to \$34,999	202	62	141	14	25	20	27	18	25	7	4	1 708	183	2 422	356					
\$35,000 and over	529	101	427	40	74	68	62	76	64	34	17	1 907	152	2 482	195					
Median income	19 680	18 831	20 144	20 228	16 741	21 815	22 384	19 209	24 464	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)					
Standard error	654	1 082	820	1 617	1 899	2 084	2 487	1 740	9 434	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)					
Mean income	35 341	30 144	37 338	29 641	31 756	39 827	41 298	36 992	41 127	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)					
Standard error	889	1 421	1 067	2 362	2 096	2 898	3 489	2 733	2 638	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)					
Inc. per fam. member	8 083	7 022	8 480	6 775	7 378	8 976	9 809	8 088	9 370	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)					
Standard error	356	583	437	910	870	1 208	1 403	1 006	1 248	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)					
Child Support as a Percent of Family Income																				
Less than 10 percent	1 167	377	790	154	182	137	115	121	62	16	3	1 216	78	1 458	64					
10 to 19 percent	143	(X)	143	-	1	1	9	45	56	25	6	3 551	323	3 719	208					
20 to 29 percent	32	(X)	32	-	2	-	-	11	9	5	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
30 to 39 percent	8	(X)	8	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
40 to 69 percent	6	(X)	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					
70 to 100 percent	2	(X)	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)					

Note: The number of families is less than the number of women, since a family may have more than one women due child support payments in 1983.

Table 6. Receipt of Child Support Payments in 1983—Women With Children Present, by Type of Arrangement and Method of Payment

(Numbers in thousands. Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments		Amount of payments due in 1983							
	Number	Standard error	\$1 to \$499	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,499	\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$9,999	\$7,000 and over
ALL PAYMENTS¹										
Percent of Payments Received in 1983:										
Total	3 965	133	181	443	788	642	907	725	174	134
0.0	956	66	60	142	262	162	176	122	22	13
0.1 to 24.9	284	36	9	19	59	55	78	46	14	4
25.0 to 49.9	180	29	13	27	31	37	37	28	5	2
50.0 to 74.9	322	39	28	15	82	55	64	65	7	9
75.0 to 99.9	232	33	5	20	44	52	60	44	8	-
100.0 and over	2 018	95	69	221	310	282	492	420	119	108
Mean income from child support ²	1 779	⊗	295	449	626	1 010	1 679	2 622	4 319	11 464
Standard error	78	⊗	135	28	31	47	77	98	271	1 485
Mean total money income	12 005	⊗	6 663	10 061	9 806	10 707	11 992	14 666	17 714	23 081
Standard error	246	⊗	537	738	461	555	467	563	1 452	1 994
Number below poverty level	916	⊗	77	145	224	144	192	105	23	6
Standard error	98	⊗	29	39	49	39	45	33	(B)	(B)
If Full Amount of Payments Were Received in 1983:										
Mean income from child support ²	2 521	⊗	307	762	1 201	1 713	2 388	3 677	5 611	13 572
Standard error	77	⊗	14	10	6	9	13	33	64	1 421
Mean total money income	12 774	⊗	6 811	10 374	10 379	11 417	12 783	15 733	19 005	25 169
Standard error	245	⊗	538	734	458	552	456	566	1 373	1 940
Number below poverty level	836	⊗	74	140	210	130	179	83	20	2
Standard error	94	⊗	(B)	39	47	37	43	30	(B)	(B)
TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT										
Court-Ordered Payments										
Percent of Payments Received in 1983:										
Total	2 524	107	112	311	561	407	568	425	91	49
0.0	609	61	45	118	241	116	169	95	22	9
0.1 to 24.9	214	32	9	15	49	39	54	33	12	4
25.0 to 49.9	127	24	13	23	22	22	20	20	2	2
50.0 to 74.9	205	31	13	9	50	34	47	44	6	3
75.0 to 99.9	159	27	5	15	36	35	38	28	8	-
100.0 and over	1 009	88	28	131	163	162	249	205	42	31
Mean income from child support ²	1 334	⊗	125	393	506	941	1 347	2 301	3 403	(B)
Standard error	88	⊗	22	33	36	60	72	126	432	(B)
Mean total money income	10 976	⊗	6 000	10 427	9 182	9 666	11 541	13 354	15 807	(B)
Standard error	291	⊗	661	966	550	578	599	668	1 389	(B)
Number below poverty level	666	⊗	48	106	176	106	133	81	15	1
Standard error	84	⊗	(B)	34	43	34	38	29	(B)	(B)
If Full Amount of Payments Were Received in 1983:										
Mean income from child support ²	2 286	⊗	328	754	1 200	1 716	2 381	3 641	5 607	(B)
Standard error	90	⊗	15	12	8	11	17	41	94	(B)
Mean total money income	11 931	⊗	6 281	10 789	9 876	10 343	12 575	14 703	18 011	(B)
Standard error	291	⊗	662	962	544	576	583	643	1 190	(B)
Number below poverty level	613	⊗	45	106	162	99	125	59	15	-
Standard error	90	⊗	(B)	34	41	32	36	(B)	(B)	(B)
Voluntary Written Agreement										
Percent of Payments Received in 1983:										
Total	1 297	77	49	107	211	215	304	286	88	76
0.0	121	24	4	21	14	48	10	23	-	4
0.1 to 24.9	64	(B)	-	4	9	16	21	14	-	-
25.0 to 49.9	53	(B)	-	3	9	15	16	6	3	-
50.0 to 74.9	97	(B)	13	2	31	21	12	13	-	4
75.0 to 99.9	67	(B)	-	5	8	14	24	16	-	-
100.0 and over	894	64	31	73	140	104	221	192	64	68
Mean income from child support ²	2 591	⊗	(B)	577	949	1 065	2 276	3 095	(B)	12 422
Standard error	159	⊗	(B)	53	48	81	172	138	(B)	1 511
Mean total money income	14 278	⊗	(B)	9 123	11 595	13 002	13 196	17 164	(B)	24 571
Standard error	475	⊗	(B)	1 067	671	1 130	787	1 112	(B)	2 185
Number below poverty level	200	⊗	15	27	45	30	51	22	5	4
Standard error	46	⊗	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Receipt of Child Support Payments in 1983—Women With Children Present, by Type of Arrangement and Method of Payment—Con.

(Numbers in thousands. Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments		Amount of payments due in 1983							
	Number	Standard error	\$1 to \$499	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,499	\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$9,999	\$7,000 and over
TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT—Con.										
Voluntary Written Agreement—Con.										
If Full Amount of Payments Were Received in 1983:										
Mean income from child support ^adollars..	2 958	⊗	(B)	791	1 202	1 712	2 402	3 725	(B)	13 284
Standard error.....dollars..	155	⊗	(B)	22	13	15	21	58	(B)	1 515
Mean total money income.....dollars..	14 728	⊗	(B)	9 337	11 848	13 844	13 566	17 833	(B)	25 432
Standard error.....dollars..	473	⊗	(B)	1 080	668	1 173	777	1 093	(B)	2 180
Number below poverty level.....	181	⊗	15	25	45	24	45	22	5	-
Standard error.....	44	⊗	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
METHOD OF PAYMENT										
Payments Received Directly From Child's Father										
Percent of Payments Received in 1983:										
Total.....	1 993	95	77	219	309	288	480	373	117	90
0.0.....	459	26	26	63	130	85	66	54	11	2
0.1 to 24.9.....	108	6	6	4	21	17	28	21	9	1
25.0 to 49.9.....	69	5	5	5	13	13	24	9	-	-
50.0 to 74.9.....	137	9	9	4	36	17	27	35	-	9
75.0 to 99.9.....	1 107	72	-	9	18	22	34	17	8	-
100.0 and over.....	1 113	72	31	114	183	132	280	235	90	77
Mean income from child support ^adollars..	2 072	⊗	424	434	635	1 010	1 919	2 798	4 686	11 089
Standard error.....dollars..	100	⊗	312	40	48	74	129	131	298	823
Mean total money income.....dollars..	13 149	⊗	6 783	10 224	10 516	11 681	13 048	15 663	19 062	23 018
Standard error.....dollars..	365	⊗	742	1 218	894	755	693	904	1 965	1 333
Number below poverty level.....	344	⊗	28	64	87	42	71	40	12	1
Standard error.....	60	⊗	(B)	(B)	30	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
If Full Amount of Payments Were Received in 1983:										
Mean income from child support ^adollars..	2 710	⊗	267	755	1 209	1 708	2 401	3 711	5 577	12 583
Standard error.....dollars..	100	⊗	26	14	9	13	16	49	73	946
Mean total money income.....dollars..	13 840	⊗	6 939	10 546	11 090	12 571	13 691	16 599	19 943	24 509
Standard error.....dollars..	386	⊗	744	1 211	686	783	681	686	1 914	1 575
Number below poverty level.....	309	⊗	26	59	77	35	65	35	9	-
Standard error.....	57	⊗	(B)	(B)	29	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Payments Received Through Court or Public Agency										
Percent of Payments Received in 1983:										
Total.....	1 920	83	100	218	411	347	430	328	52	35
0.0.....	497	43	33	56	132	77	106	68	11	10
0.1 to 24.9.....	178	28	3	14	37	38	60	25	6	3
25.0 to 49.9.....	102	22	8	22	17	24	11	13	5	2
50.0 to 74.9.....	171	28	17	11	47	35	29	26	6	-
75.0 to 99.9.....	128	24	5	11	26	30	26	27	-	-
100.0 and over.....	843	63	33	102	151	143	207	168	23	20
Mean income from child support ^adollars..	1 380	⊗	178	454	614	1 000	1 430	2 398	(B)	(B)
Standard error.....dollars..	104	⊗	26	39	42	82	82	144	(B)	(B)
Mean total money income.....dollars..	10 803	⊗	6 529	9 874	9 155	9 889	11 052	13 675	(B)	(B)
Standard error.....dollars..	332	⊗	767	857	619	805	631	756	(B)	(B)
Number below poverty level.....	564	⊗	45	61	136	99	112	85	11	4
Standard error.....	76	⊗	(B)	29	38	32	34	(B)	(B)	(B)
If Full Amount of Payments Were Received in 1983:										
Mean income from child support ^adollars..	2 240	⊗	325	768	1 194	1 719	2 373	3 636	(B)	(B)
Standard error.....dollars..	105	⊗	18	14	9	12	20	47	(B)	(B)
Mean total money income.....dollars..	11 688	⊗	6 678	10 187	9 736	10 621	11 984	14 924	(B)	(B)
Standard error.....dollars..	327	⊗	764	852	611	799	615	706	(B)	(B)
Number below poverty level.....	513	⊗	43	61	132	92	107	47	11	-
Standard error.....	73	⊗	(B)	29	37	31	34	(B)	(B)	(B)

¹Includes a small number of women whose arrangement type was 'other,' or whose method of payment was by 'some other method,' not shown separately.
²Mean amount based on all women due payments, whether or not payments were received.

Table 7. Percent of Child Support Payments Received in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of All Women and Women With Incomes Below the Poverty Level in 1983

(Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983 (Thous.)	Percent of payments received (thous.)						Payments actually received				If full amount of payments were received			
		0.0	0.1 to 24.9	25.0 to 49.9	50.0 to 74.9	75.0 to 99.9	100.0 and over	Mean child support inc. ¹		Mean total money income		Mean child support inc.		Mean total money income	
								Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)
ALL WOMEN															
Total	3 995	968	284	180	322	232	2 018	1 779	78	12 005	246	2 521	77	12 774	245
Standard error	133	66	36	29	39	33	96	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Current Marital Status															
Married ²	1 226	345	112	54	103	57	555	1 556	100	10 290	457	2 424	96	11 161	452
Separated	434	55	28	40	25	24	262	2 341	357	11 011	708	2 870	353	11 544	709
Divorced	2 082	494	132	79	171	127	1 090	1 902	113	13 722	333	2 641	114	14 511	330
Widowed ³	24	11	5	-	-	4	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Never married	219	63	7	8	23	20	108	860	94	6 618	568	1 241	90	7 000	565
Race and Spanish Origin															
White	3 389	774	237	163	276	190	1 746	1 909	90	12 357	276	2 652	89	13 132	274
Black	534	164	43	16	43	39	229	1 016	95	9 695	532	1 767	99	10 446	543
Spanish origin ⁴	252	94	14	12	17	7	107	1 152	267	10 206	1 124	2 225	393	11 284	1 239
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence															
Inside metropolitan areas	2 735	636	170	104	219	153	1 453	1 939	97	12 978	311	2 646	93	13 715	309
Inside central cities	1 167	311	80	45	99	66	585	1 678	104	12 682	490	2 386	97	13 393	486
Outside central cities	1 568	325	109	60	120	87	868	2 133	150	13 198	401	2 840	146	13 955	398
Outside metropolitan areas	1 260	322	114	76	104	79	565	1 433	154	9 894	459	2 248	167	10 731	460
Region															
Northeast	691	148	52	24	40	37	390	1 825	128	12 373	529	2 609	126	13 160	521
Midwest	1 077	302	84	58	85	84	485	1 818	187	11 669	408	2 781	198	12 633	412
South	1 409	276	106	65	112	80	769	1 825	119	12 046	442	2 345	110	12 624	439
West	817	230	82	33	66	32	375	1 611	115	12 066	449	2 408	105	12 892	443
Age															
18 to 29 years	1 071	291	107	62	95	71	446	1 256	170	8 195	347	2 039	170	8 981	344
30 to 39 years	1 947	420	137	88	153	123	1 026	1 847	83	12 771	330	2 558	84	13 536	329
40 years and over	978	246	40	30	75	39	546	2 219	193	14 659	612	2 976	189	15 417	606
Number of Own Children Present From an Absent Father															
One child	1 930	433	134	69	199	106	969	1 380	74	11 682	354	1 965	70	12 320	353
Two children	1 468	375	114	67	85	88	741	2 071	153	12 782	408	2 968	156	13 662	405
Three children	459	127	26	12	22	34	235	2 129	189	10 800	598	2 999	171	11 679	591
Four children or more	139	23	8	13	16	5	74	3 090	907	12 485	1 786	3 940	878	13 335	1 758
Educational Attainment															
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	175	48	14	5	7	2	100	1 130	145	6 267	626	1 872	170	7 015	610
High school: 1 to 3 years	532	192	21	20	52	33	215	978	86	7 129	376	1 775	117	7 935	407
4 years	2 066	483	159	111	157	131	1 016	1 652	92	11 279	306	2 412	90	12 070	301
College: 1 to 3 years	784	163	64	37	75	47	399	1 846	126	13 535	542	2 619	140	14 312	544
4 years or more	447	72	27	8	33	20	269	3 458	467	20 710	999	3 988	450	21 327	990
Year of Divorce or Separation⁵															
1980 and later	1 658	274	157	106	148	86	887	2 216	159	12 369	382	2 907	155	13 107	378
1975 to 1979	1 317	328	76	45	106	95	667	1 620	84	11 951	395	2 384	98	12 737	395
1970 to 1974	595	215	27	17	33	22	261	1 329	134	12 895	719	2 113	123	13 685	715
Before 1970	206	68	17	5	12	9	75	1 559	362	12 566	1 357	2 617	349	13 624	1 323

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(Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983 (Thous.)	Percent of payments received (thous.)						Payments actually received				If full amount of payments were received			
		0.0	0.1 to 24.9	25.0 to 49.9	50.0 to 74.9	75.0 to 99.9	100.0 and over	Mean child support inc. ¹		Mean total money income		Mean child support inc.		Mean total money income	
								Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)
ALL WOMEN—Con.															
Inclusion of Health Insurance in Award															
Health insurance included	1 840	298	124	84	139	122	1 172	2 276	127	13 502	359	2 899	123	14 149	358
Health insurance not included	2 055	659	160	97	183	110	846	1 311	89	10 592	330	2 164	94	11 476	329
Type of Arrangement															
Court-ordered payments	2 524	809	214	127	205	159	1 009	1 334	86	10 976	291	2 288	90	11 931	291
Voluntary written agreement or other type	1 471	149	69	53	117	73	1 010	2 543	145	13 771	434	2 921	141	14 221	433
Method of Payments															
Directly from child's father	1 993	459	108	69	137	107	1 113	2 072	100	13 149	365	2 710	100	13 840	366
Through a court or public agency	1 920	497	176	102	171	125	848	1 380	104	10 803	332	2 240	105	11 666	327
By some other method	82	1	-	9	14	-	57	4 016	1 442	12 373	1 635	4 478	1 420	12 834	1 615
Receipt of Payments															
Regularly	2 251	(X)	-	-	-	232	2 018	2 856	123	14 100	353	2 836	121	14 129	353
Occasionally	503	(X)	-	180	322	-	-	1 207	124	10 913	581	2 375	211	12 082	610
Seldom	284	(X)	284	-	-	-	-	261	17	9 379	645	2 289	139	11 407	661
Never	958	958	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	8 433	409	1 924	90	10 358	427
Main Reason for Irregular Payments															
Child's father refused to pay	826	494	162	64	107	(X)	(X)	262	29	8 820	413	2 018	90	10 576	422
Unable to locate child's father	230	199	21	8	3	(X)	(X)	36	13	8 619	812	2 105	235	10 688	898
All other reasons	444	189	75	57	123	(X)	(X)	455	56	9 559	591	2 012	105	11 116	606
Did not know	243	78	26	51	90	(X)	(X)	1 043	246	11 114	957	2 634	400	12 705	1 012
Work Experience in 1983															
Worked	3 091	662	231	138	251	193	1 616	1 874	86	14 176	272	2 583	87	14 919	271
Worked at full-time jobs	2 365	471	184	109	200	164	1 238	1 922	104	15 896	301	2 615	105	16 632	301
50 to 52 weeks	1 737	338	108	89	134	136	934	2 017	129	18 100	342	2 656	128	18 786	343
49 weeks or less	628	135	76	20	66	28	304	1 660	159	9 804	432	2 501	175	10 677	437
Worked at part-time jobs	726	191	48	28	51	29	378	1 718	142	8 571	481	2 480	138	9 337	476
50 to 52 weeks	323	66	21	14	27	12	183	1 819	179	11 219	626	2 528	181	11 927	629
49 weeks or less	402	125	27	14	24	17	195	1 837	212	6 441	661	2 442	203	7 254	649
Did not work	904	296	53	43	72	39	402	1 455	173	4 584	352	2 307	169	5 442	347
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation⁵															
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	3 130	728	250	138	255	184	1 575	1 746	83	12 705	287	2 517	82	13 503	284
Worked at time of separation	2 330	500	191	111	185	140	1 204	1 789	103	13 624	319	2 500	103	14 390	317
Worked at full-time jobs	1 900	414	168	83	147	111	978	1 751	119	13 960	351	2 507	120	14 759	350
Worked at part-time jobs	430	86	23	28	38	28	227	1 847	189	12 139	744	2 468	176	12 764	730
Did not work at time of separation	1 446	405	86	62	114	72	707	1 836	134	10 211	413	2 747	132	11 043	409
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	647	177	27	34	44	26	336	2 253	254	10 438	537	2 973	257	11 199	538
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983															
Total ⁶	3 091	662	231	138	251	193	1 616	1 874	86	14 176	272	2 583	87	14 919	271
Managerial and professional specialty occupations	624	117	47	22	49	34	354	2 383	190	20 250	701	3 099	173	21 026	688
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations	1 411	263	107	61	110	96	775	2 047	154	14 644	389	2 685	149	15 328	387
Service occupations	597	174	41	30	48	36	268	1 324	102	8 627	371	2 103	115	9 411	368
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations	25	4	3	-	1	-	16	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	83	20	12	3	9	-	39	1 191	235	12 814	1 423	1 876	199	13 500	1 388
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	350	84	21	22	34	27	184	1 384	182	11 672	534	2 258	279	12 566	579

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(Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983 (Thous.)	Percent of payments received (thous.)						Payments actually received				If full amount of payments were received			
		0.0	0.1 to 24.9	25.0 to 49.9	50.0 to 74.9	75.0 to 99.9	100.0 and over	Mean child support inc. ¹		Mean total money income		Mean child support inc.		Mean total money income	
								Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)
ALL WOMEN—Con.															
Type of income in 1983															
With earnings	3 083	658	231	138	250	190	1 618	1 877	87	14 206	272	2 584	87	14 949	271
With other income ²	2 861	436	231	138	250	190	1 618	2 023	92	14 537	286	2 639	92	15 190	286
With government transfer payments ³	604	170	62	26	50	26	268	1 359	137	9 631	417	2 249	179	10 558	441
Public assistance income	244	84	24	11	20	10	95	950	144	6 075	348	1 639	120	6 858	356
Aid to families with dep. children	225	73	23	11	20	7	92	972	153	6 068	362	1 646	127	6 843	371
Other government transfer payments	366	90	45	19	30	16	186	1 585	193	11 778	548	2 603	266	12 796	586
With other unearned income	2 344	311	165	121	198	166	1 382	2 193	107	15 624	323	2 754	106	16 230	324
With alimony	205	5	3	17	12	-	168	4 020	465	20 468	1 185	4 342	464	20 801	1 169
Without other income	223	223	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	9 975	626	1 873	201	11 847	628
Without earnings ⁴	911	299	53	43	72	42	403	1 449	172	4 555	349	2 307	168	5 418	344
With government transfer payments ³	472	197	28	18	32	27	170	869	90	5 464	359	1 893	99	6 491	354
Public assistance income	377	173	17	12	23	23	128	871	106	5 041	221	1 961	115	6 132	225
Aid to families with dep. children	357	166	17	9	23	23	118	864	110	5 124	228	1 966	121	6 227	231
Other government transfer payments	134	40	11	6	10	10	57	905	139	7 067	1 112	1 627	144	7 797	1 097
With other unearned income	491	94	22	35	49	25	266	2 015	305	5 307	618	2 598	296	5 900	608
With alimony	58	4	-	-	5	-	50	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Tenure															
Owner occupied	2 179	445	159	78	182	120	1 195	2 082	104	13 740	364	2 786	103	14 449	362
Renter occupied	1 757	499	120	100	134	109	795	1 445	119	10 029	306	2 234	119	10 877	306
Occupier paid no cash rent	59	14	4	2	7	3	28	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983															
Total	916	348	62	41	81	44	340	864	128	4 524	272	1 816	138	5 457	286
Standard error	98	61	(B)	(B)	29	(B)	60	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Current Marital Status															
Married ⁵	69	45	8	5	12	-	18	618	354	3 051	1 300	1 967	447	4 420	1 333
Separated	189	31	9	18	11	14	106	1 258	290	4 630	533	1 885	359	5 260	624
Divorced	515	228	40	14	49	18	166	862	179	4 917	343	1 926	177	5 981	353
Widowed ⁶	4	2	-	-	-	2	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Never married	119	42	5	4	9	9	50	599	222	3 664	456	1 096	236	4 163	496
Race and Spanish Origin															
White	653	250	48	34	67	22	231	943	164	4 494	338	1 968	174	5 520	359
Black	243	90	14	6	13	22	98	730	180	4 512	452	1 424	202	5 208	481
Spanish origin ⁷	76	23	5	9	5	-	34	1 051	743	4 512	1 419	1 845	660	5 308	1 444
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence															
Inside metropolitan areas	593	224	25	20	59	25	240	967	172	4 386	315	1 845	177	5 267	325
Inside central cities	313	130	12	9	36	15	111	827	224	4 340	421	1 723	251	5 238	446
Outside central cities	280	94	13	10	23	11	129	1 124	262	4 442	471	1 982	247	5 300	475
Outside metropolitan areas	323	124	37	21	22	19	100	731	212	4 774	620	1 761	268	5 804	677
Region															
Northeast	142	57	11	7	13	6	47	937	329	4 739	551	2 103	332	5 906	563
Midwest	260	139	9	8	28	11	66	682	210	4 897	464	1 882	262	6 098	515
South	341	88	28	13	23	23	165	926	174	3 970	393	1 533	172	4 578	399
West	173	65	15	12	17	4	61	1 082	343	4 878	726	2 035	353	5 854	737
Age															
18 to 29 years	373	147	23	26	18	15	144	784	180	4 116	384	1 642	176	4 974	389
30 to 39 years	406	139	33	8	50	23	153	961	195	4 763	430	1 912	225	5 717	471
40 years and over	137	62	7	6	13	7	43	928	390	4 928	722	2 003	410	6 002	747

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		0.0	0.1 to 24.9	25.0 to 49.9	50.0 to 74.9	75.0 to 99.9	100.0 and over	Mean child support inc. ¹		Mean total money income		Mean child support inc.		Mean total money income	
								Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)
WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983—Con.															
Number of Own Children Present From an Absent Father															
One child	346	126	31	12	38	14	124	646	140	3 965	367	1 407	151	4 723	361
Two children	341	140	20	15	29	22	113	961	230	4 601	475	2 032	280	5 652	509
Three children	168	63	3	6	4	8	83	1 127	382	5 257	690	2 050	335	8 154	726
Four children or more	81	18	8	7	9	-	20	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Educational Attainment															
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	96	32	7	5	4	-	48	843	362	4 355	912	1 641	368	5 152	965
High school: 1 to 3 years	214	102	11	7	18	5	70	680	245	4 315	527	1 623	285	5 258	547
4 years	440	149	36	25	35	31	164	934	174	4 676	405	1 900	199	5 643	421
College: 1 to 3 years	137	53	8	4	17	7	48	1 033	411	4 338	686	1 915	412	5 224	791
4 years or more	29	12	-	-	7	1	9	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Year of Divorce or Separation²															
1980 and later	413	106	31	27	35	18	199	1 160	214	4 583	395	1 967	230	5 411	410
1975 to 1979	254	137	17	7	24	15	55	643	207	4 820	591	1 638	240	6 015	608
1970 to 1974	111	53	3	3	11	5	38	622	374	4 741	777	1 872	352	5 791	875
Before 1970	20	11	6	-	2	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Inclusion of Health Insurance in Award															
Health insurance included	317	84	20	10	33	6	165	1 335	262	4 644	499	2 274	277	5 585	571
Health insurance not included	599	254	43	31	48	39	175	845	127	4 461	320	1 573	142	5 389	321
Type of Arrangement															
Court-ordered payments	666	308	60	25	53	33	187	663	129	4 466	323	1 779	149	5 553	338
Voluntary written agreement or other type	250	40	3	15	27	11	154	1 394	292	4 678	496	1 913	315	5 200	549
Method of Payments															
Directly from child's father	344	111	12	19	29	9	163	1 096	234	4 379	408	1 614	234	5 098	430
Through a court or public agency	554	237	50	18	45	35	169	727	140	4 609	368	1 603	169	5 685	389
By some other method	19	-	-	4	7	-	8	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Receipt of Payments															
Regularly	364	(X)	-	-	-	44	340	1 748	208	4 963	381	1 773	209	4 990	383
Occasionally	121	(X)	-	41	81	-	-	1 020	266	4 596	986	1 972	398	5 551	1 049
Seldom	62	(X)	62	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Never	348	348	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	4 084	416	1 790	229	5 875	472
Main Reason for Irregular Payments															
Child's father refused to pay	257	193	30	14	20	(X)	(X)	155	82	4 177	505	1 752	223	5 774	561
Unable to locate child's father	85	65	12	8	-	(X)	(X)	53	44	3 786	739	1 799	363	5 532	795
All other reasons	108	51	9	8	40	(X)	(X)	488	224	4 065	786	2 080	494	5 667	934
Did not know	82	39	11	11	20	(X)	(X)	494	352	4 892	1 248	1 913	595	6 311	1 264
Work Experience in 1983															
Worked	459	152	45	18	47	14	182	875	176	5 196	405	1 730	195	6 053	430
Worked at full-time jobs	234	74	25	9	34	8	83	683	258	5 784	612	1 693	299	6 595	689
50 to 52 weeks	78	25	3	8	15	3	25	957	443	7 262	1 432	1 817	497	8 143	1 580
49 weeks or less	155	49	22	1	19	6	58	845	317	5 031	482	1 631	317	5 817	500
Worked at part-time jobs	225	78	20	10	13	6	99	867	240	4 592	493	1 767	282	5 492	507
50 to 52 weeks	66	19	7	2	6	2	31	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
49 weeks or less	159	58	13	8	8	4	68	906	313	4 339	604	1 933	377	5 367	612
Did not work	457	198	18	22	33	30	158	893	185	3 847	331	1 902	195	4 857	382

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 7. Percent of Child Support Payments Received in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of All Women and Women With Incomes Below the Poverty Level in 1983—Con.

(Women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983 (Thous.)	Percent of payments received (thous.)						Payments actually received				If full amount of payments were received			
		0.0	0.1 to 24.9	25.0 to 49.9	50.0 to 74.9	75.0 to 99.9	100.0 and over	Mean child support inc. ¹		Mean total money income		Mean child support inc.		Mean total money income	
								Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)
WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983—Con.															
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation²															
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation.....	617	214	53	29	59	27	237	958	163	4 741	341	1 927	177	5 712	365
Worked at time of separation.....	373	132	35	10	35	13	147	892	198	4 820	437	1 774	201	5 704	473
Worked at full-time jobs.....	278	102	32	5	22	11	106	894	236	4 964	528	1 816	243	5 887	579
Worked at part-time jobs.....	95	30	3	5	13	2	41	887	356	4 398	722	1 650	338	5 168	731
Did not work at time of separation.....	424	174	22	27	37	21	143	957	203	4 505	416	2 053	220	5 601	426
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation.....	180	82	5	8	13	8	53	819	292	4 347	841	1 906	283	5 434	634
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983															
Total ³	459	152	45	18	47	14	182	875	176	5 198	405	1 730	195	6 053	430
Managerial and professional specialty occupations.....	30	12	3	-	8	1	7	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations.....	147	40	10	1	21	9	65	964	325	5 738	648	1 860	334	6 435	666
Service occupations.....	201	73	20	17	14	4	74	775	228	4 857	508	1 848	266	5 730	566
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations.....	11	1	2	-	-	-	8	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations.....	25	8	8	-	-	-	9	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Operators, fabricators, and laborers.....	45	18	3	-	4	1	19	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Type of Income in 1983															
With earnings.....	459	152	45	18	47	14	182	875	176	5 198	405	1 730	195	6 053	430
With other income ⁴	417	110	45	18	47	14	182	963	189	5 127	418	1 703	202	5 868	442
With government transfer payments ⁵	222	91	26	8	15	3	78	648	205	4 872	472	1 538	236	5 764	487
Public assistance income.....	148	63	15	8	8	3	52	671	258	4 575	542	1 556	307	5 460	564
Aid to families with dep. children.....	140	57	14	8	8	3	52	705	268	4 589	567	1 551	318	5 436	581
Other government transfer payments.....	84	32	15	1	7	1	28	561	296	5 409	784	1 475	315	6 323	786
With other unearned income.....	251	36	27	14	32	7	133	1 266	271	5 443	587	1 863	281	6 040	628
With alimony.....	9	-	-	2	5	-	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Without other income.....	42	42	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Without earnings ⁶	457	196	18	22	33	30	158	893	185	3 847	331	1 902	195	4 857	362
With government transfer payments ⁷	331	170	14	9	20	25	92	670	168	4 491	337	1 827	224	5 647	379
Public assistance income.....	311	164	11	9	19	21	86	652	173	4 534	346	1 844	235	5 726	392
Aid to families with dep. children.....	290	157	11	7	19	21	76	628	177	4 601	354	1 842	248	5 815	399
Other government transfer payments.....	48	19	3	-	3	10	13	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
With other unearned income.....	180	40	9	14	22	15	79	1 161	294	3 799	512	1 848	285	4 489	561
With alimony.....	19	-	-	-	3	-	17	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Tenure															
Owner occupied.....	277	79	20	12	33	15	118	1 194	264	5 035	611	2 135	295	5 977	650
Renter occupied.....	605	256	40	27	44	29	209	736	142	4 347	290	1 668	152	5 281	310
Occupier paid no cash rent.....	35	13	2	2	3	-	13	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

¹Mean amount based on all women due payments, whether or not payments were received.

²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁵Excludes never-married women.

⁶Excludes women whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

⁷Detail does not add to total because some women have more than one or none of the types of income specified.

Table 8. Alimony or Maintenance Payments Agreed to or Awarded, by Selected Characteristics of Women

(Numbers in thousands. Ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total		Alimony or maintenance payments--									
	Esti- mate	Stand- ard error	Agreed to or awarded								Not awarded	
			Total ¹		Supposed to receive payments in 1983						Esti- mate	Stand- ard error
			Esti- mate	Stand- ard error	Total		Received payments		Did not receive payments			
Esti- mate	Stand- ard error	Esti- mate			Stand- ard error	Esti- mate	Stand- ard error	Esti- mate	Stand- ard error	Esti- mate	Stand- ard error	
Total	17 392	250	2 416	105	791	60	608	53	183	29	14 976	237
Current Marital Status												
Married ²	6 366	165	860	64	90	20	45	(B)	45	(B)	5 485	154
Separated	2 631	109	268	35	168	28	146	26	22	(B)	2 363	103
Divorced	7 404	177	1 143	72	529	50	415	44	114	23	6 261	164
Widowed ³	991	68	125	24	5	(B)	2	(B)	2	(B)	866	63
Race and Spanish Origin												
White	14 485	234	2 228	100	709	57	538	50	171	28	12 257	219
Black	2 595	113	164	33	75	22	65	(B)	10	(B)	2 430	110
Spanish origin ⁴	1 118	105	137	37	46	(B)	26	(B)	20	(B)	981	98
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence												
Inside metropolitan areas	12 186	219	1 727	89	593	52	467	47	126	24	10 459	205
Inside central cities	5 552	155	709	57	226	32	171	28	54	(B)	4 843	146
Outside central cities	6 634	188	1 018	68	367	41	295	37	72	(B)	5 616	156
Outside metropolitan areas	5 206	184	690	69	199	37	142	31	57	(B)	4 517	172
Region												
Northeast	2 894	107	402	41	185	28	166	26	19	(B)	2 492	100
Midwest	4 190	130	609	51	166	26	114	22	51	(B)	3 581	120
South	6 314	155	730	55	241	32	183	28	57	(B)	5 584	147
West	3 984	120	675	50	200	27	145	23	55	(B)	3 319	110
Age												
18 to 29 years	2 985	116	195	30	90	20	58	(B)	32	(B)	2 790	112
30 to 39 years	5 135	150	555	51	254	34	199	30	55	(B)	4 580	142
40 to 49 years	3 659	128	631	54	218	32	167	28	51	(B)	3 028	117
50 years and over	5 612	156	1 034	69	229	33	184	29	45	(B)	4 578	142
Presence of Own Children From an Absent Father												
No children present	10 556	206	1 608	86	369	41	275	36	95	21	8 948	182
One child or more present	6 836	170	808	61	422	44	333	39	89	20	6 028	161
Educational Attainment												
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	2 036	96	205	31	33	(B)	21	(B)	11	(B)	1 831	91
High school: 1 to 3 years	2 875	114	295	37	86	20	52	(B)	34	(B)	2 580	108
4 years	7 698	180	1 073	70	314	38	231	33	83	20	6 626	168
College: 1 to 3 years	2 867	113	477	47	189	30	159	27	30	(B)	2 391	104
4 years or more	1 915	93	367	41	169	28	144	26	25	(B)	1 548	84
Year of Divorce or Separation												
1980 and later	5 553	155	676	56	435	45	353	40	82	20	4 877	146
1975 to 1979	4 108	135	494	48	192	30	155	27	37	(B)	3 614	127
1970 to 1974	2 583	108	336	40	96	21	71	(B)	25	(B)	2 246	101
Before 1970	5 149	150	910	65	69	(B)	30	(B)	39	(B)	4 239	137
Work Experience in 1983												
Worked	11 451	213	1 573	85	603	53	459	46	144	26	9 877	200
Worked at full-time jobs	8 879	191	1 165	73	450	46	339	40	112	23	7 714	180
50 to 52 weeks	6 621	168	868	63	312	38	246	34	66	(B)	5 753	158
Worked at part-time jobs	2 572	108	409	44	153	27	120	24	33	(B)	2 163	99
Did not work	5 941	160	843	62	188	30	149	26	39	(B)	5 098	149

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Alimony or Maintenance Payments Agreed to or Awarded, by Selected Characteristics of Women—Con.

(Numbers in thousands. Ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text.)

Characteristic	Total		Alimony or maintenance payments—											
	Estimate	Standard error	Agreed to or awarded								Not awarded			
			Total ¹		Supposed to receive payments in 1983						Estimate	Standard error		
			Estimate	Standard error	Total		Received payments		Did not receive payments					
Estimate	Standard error	Estimate			Standard error	Estimate	Standard error	Estimate	Standard error	Estimate	Standard error			
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation														
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	13 774	230	1 778	90	576	52	436	45	141	26	11 998	217		
Worked at time of separation	10 785	208	1 317	78	449	48	345	40	105	22	9 468	197		
Worked at full-time jobs	9 204	194	1 064	70	354	41	256	35	97	21	8 150	184		
Worked at part-time jobs	1 581	85	253	35	96	21	89	20	7	(B)	1 318	78		
Did not work at time of separation	6 607	168	1 100	71	342	40	263	35	79	19	5 508	154		
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	3 618	127	638	54	215	32	172	28	43	(B)	2 980	118		
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983														
Total ²	11 451	213	1 573	85	603	53	456	46	144	28	9 677	200		
Managerial and professional specialty occupations	2 388	104	370	41	154	27	134	25	20	(B)	2 018	96		
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations	4 671	146	741	59	298	37	239	33	59	(B)	4 130	135		
Service occupations	2 384	104	248	34	92	21	58	(B)	34	(B)	2 136	98		
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations	103	22	20	(B)	1	(B)	-	(B)	1	(B)	83	20		
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	371	41	51	(B)	10	(B)	3	(B)	7	(B)	320	39		
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	1 334	78	143	28	47	(B)	24	(B)	23	(B)	1 191	74		
Income in 1983														
Without income	958	66	113	23	5	(B)	(X)	(X)	5	(B)	845	62		
With income	15 136	238	2 052	97	633	54	473	47	160	27	13 084	225		
\$1 to \$999 or less	1 223	75	157	28	20	(B)	6	(B)	14	(B)	1 056	70		
\$1,000 to \$1,999	718	58	84	20	10	(B)	1	(B)	10	(B)	632	54		
\$2,000 to \$2,999	958	66	103	22	27	(B)	22	(B)	5	(B)	855	63		
\$3,000 to \$3,999	1 183	73	166	28	46	(B)	29	(B)	20	(B)	997	68		
\$4,000 to \$5,999	2 011	98	275	36	44	(B)	26	(B)	16	(B)	1 736	88		
\$6,000 to \$7,999	1 606	66	203	31	75	(B)	58	(B)	17	(B)	1 403	80		
\$8,000 to \$9,999	1 350	79	166	28	54	(B)	40	(B)	14	(B)	1 184	74		
\$10,000 to \$11,999	1 245	78	155	27	65	(B)	52	(B)	12	(B)	1 091	71		
\$12,000 to \$14,999	1 709	98	234	33	91	(B)	70	(B)	21	(B)	1 475	82		
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3 156	119	500	46	199	(B)	168	(B)	31	(B)	2 656	108		
\$25,000 and over	1 298	77	252	34	153	(B)	135	(B)	18	(B)	1 047	68		
Median income	8 802	(X)	9 651	(X)	13 653	(X)	14 940	(X)	9 166	(X)	6 653	(X)		
Standard error	151	(X)	471	(X)	734	(X)	992	(X)	1 545	(X)	159	(X)		
Mean income	11 987	(X)	14 139	(X)	20 342	(X)	22 848	(X)	12 921	(X)	11 626	(X)		
Standard error	127	(X)	435	(X)	722	(X)	795	(X)	1 213	(X)	130	(X)		
Type of Income in 1983														
With earnings	11 420	213	1 567	85	600	53	456	46	144	28	9 653	200		
With other income ³	8 555	188	1 318	78	588	51	456	46	113	23	7 238	175		
With government transfer payments ⁴	2 042	96	252	34	92	21	53	(B)	39	(B)	1 789	80		
Public assistance income	505	46	36	(B)	23	(B)	5	(B)	17	(B)	469	47		
Aid to families with dep. children	445	45	32	(B)	19	(B)	5	(B)	13	(B)	413	44		
Other government transfer payments	1 604	66	226	32	74	(B)	47	(B)	26	(B)	1 377	79		
With other unearned income	7 333	176	1 156	73	470	47	382	42	68	(B)	6 176	183		
With alimony	456	46	456	46	456	46	456	46	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		
Without other income	2 886	113	248	34	31	(B)	(X)	(X)	31	(B)	2 617	108		
Without earnings ⁵	5 971	160	848	83	192	30	153	27	39	(B)	5 122	149		
With government transfer payments ⁴	3 621	127	440	45	90	20	68	(B)	24	(B)	3 181	119		
Public assistance income	1 190	74	75	19	35	(B)	26	(B)	9	(B)	1 108	71		
Aid to families with dep. children	988	67	60	(B)	31	(B)	22	(B)	9	(B)	928	65		
Other government transfer payments	2 597	108	373	42	59	(B)	42	(B)	17	(B)	2 224	100		
With other unearned income	2 880	114	539	50	132	26	113	23	18	(B)	2 341	103		
With alimony	153	27	153	27	153	27	153	27	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		

¹Includes women who were not supposed to receive payments in 1983.

²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁵Excludes women whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

⁶Detail does not add to total because some women have more than one or none of the types of income specified.

Table 9. Receipt of Alimony or Maintenance Payments in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of Women

(Ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Payments agreed to or awarded ¹								Payments not awarded		
	Received payments					Did not receive payments			Mean total money income		
	Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Mean income from alimony/maint.		Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income	
		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)
Total.....	606	17 785	869	3 976	331	183	11 261	1 172	14 976	10 158	124
Current Marital Status											
Married ²	45	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	45	(B)	(B)	5 485	8 646	211
Separated.....	146	16 891	1 401	3 233	385	22	(B)	(B)	2 363	8 319	242
Divorced.....	415	18 466	1 143	4 450	453	114	13 589	1 631	6 261	12 291	195
Widowed ³	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	2	(B)	(B)	866	9 337	476
Race and Spanish Origin											
White.....	538	18 604	945	4 292	366	171	11 199	1 234	12 257	10 470	143
Black.....	65	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	10	(B)	(B)	2 430	8 634	248
Spanish origin ⁴	26	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	20	(B)	(B)	981	7 569	589
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence											
Inside metropolitan areas.....	467	19 292	1 066	4 263	416	126	13 192	1 541	10 459	11 051	158
Inside central cities.....	171	17 255	1 834	3 619	548	54	(B)	(B)	4 643	10 415	234
Outside central cities.....	296	20 473	1 294	4 668	572	72	(B)	(B)	5 616	11 599	214
Outside metropolitan areas.....	142	12 818	1 231	2 984	426	57	(B)	(B)	4 517	8 090	217
Region											
Northeast.....	166	19 225	1 494	3 832	615	19	(B)	(B)	2 492	10 538	280
Midwest.....	114	16 245	2 231	3 206	493	51	(B)	(B)	3 581	9 872	220
South.....	183	16 670	1 347	3 394	454	57	(B)	(B)	5 584	9 828	205
West.....	146	18 889	1 607	5 493	794	55	(B)	(B)	3 319	10 737	233
Age											
18 to 29 years.....	56	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	32	(B)	(B)	2 790	7 965	215
30 to 39 years.....	199	16 126	1 056	2 457	326	55	(B)	(B)	4 580	11 673	230
40 to 49 years.....	187	20 537	1 610	5 615	700	51	(B)	(B)	3 028	11 281	286
50 years and over.....	184	19 721	2 047	5 076	737	45	(B)	(B)	4 578	9 236	234
Presence of Own Children From an Absent Father											
No children present.....	275	17 781	1 197	5 262	614	95	11 602	1 737	8 948	10 056	166
One child or more present.....	333	17 788	1 241	2 915	300	89	10 899	1 558	6 028	10 310	184
Educational Attainment											
Elementary: 0 to 8 years.....	21	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	11	(B)	(B)	1 831	5 000	174
High school: 1 to 3 years.....	52	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	34	(B)	(B)	2 580	6 286	179
4 years.....	231	16 393	1 233	3 015	442	83	9 289	1 432	6 626	10 046	166
College: 1 to 3 years.....	169	17 259	1 348	4 968	742	30	(B)	(B)	2 391	12 957	356
4 years or more.....	144	24 789	2 328	5 096	772	25	(B)	(B)	1 548	18 870	516
Year of Divorce or Separation											
1980 and later.....	353	18 486	1 234	4 463	493	82	9 750	1 443	4 877	10 834	205
1975 to 1979.....	155	18 525	1 235	3 755	577	37	(B)	(B)	3 614	10 936	271
1970 to 1974.....	71	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	25	(B)	(B)	2 246	10 559	365
Before 1970.....	30	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	39	(B)	(B)	4 239	8 505	208
Work Experience in 1983											
Worked.....	459	20 561	964	4 319	413	144	12 492	1 283	9 877	13 249	158
Worked at full-time jobs.....	339	22 523	1 202	4 330	506	112	14 645	1 463	7 714	14 910	168
50 to 52 weeks.....	246	24 488	1 368	4 361	574	66	(B)	(B)	5 753	16 945	190
Worked at part-time jobs.....	120	15 043	1 096	4 289	675	33	(B)	(B)	2 163	7 324	310
Did not work.....	149	9 216	1 457	2 915	424	39	(B)	(B)	5 096	4 170	121
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation											
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation.....	436	18 366	1 108	3 709	376	141	11 756	1 374	11 996	10 880	141
Worked at time of separation.....	345	19 260	1 170	3 759	450	105	12 275	1 568	9 468	11 607	160
Worked at full-time jobs.....	256	19 589	1 262	3 885	509	97	12 585	1 649	8 150	12 057	176
Worked at part-time jobs.....	89	18 309	2 720	3 394	948	7	(B)	(B)	1 318	8 824	333
Did not work at time of separation.....	263	15 853	1 271	4 259	486	79	9 912	1 733	5 508	7 668	184
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation.....	172	16 317	1 228	4 648	672	43	(B)	(B)	2 980	7 253	237

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Table 9. Receipt of Alimony or Maintenance Payments in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of Women—Con.

(Ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Payments agreed to or awarded ¹								Payments not awarded		
	Received payments					Did not receive payments			Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income	
	Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Mean income from alimony/maint.		Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income			Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)
		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)		Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)			
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983											
Total ²	459	20 561	964	4 319	413	144	12 492	1 283	9 877	13 249	156
Managerial and professional specialty occupations.....	134	27 178	2 222	4 369	722	20	(B)	(B)	2 018	20 042	439
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations.....	239	18 760	1 015	4 270	581	59	(B)	(B)	4 130	13 477	217
Service occupations.....	58	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	34	(B)	(B)	2 136	8 049	201
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations.....	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	1	(B)	(B)	83	4 978	990
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations.....	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	7	(B)	(B)	320	13 794	775
Operators, fabricators, and laborers.....	24	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	23	(B)	(B)	1 191	10 696	263
Type of Income in 1983											
With earnings.....	456	20 726	962	4 351	416	144	12 492	1 283	9 653	13 279	156
With other income ³	456	20 726	962	4 351	416	113	13 302	1 530	7 236	14 481	193
With government transfer payments ⁴	53	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	39	(B)	(B)	1 789	10 139	258
Public assistance income.....	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	17	(B)	(B)	469	6 109	254
Aid to families with dep. children.....	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	13	(B)	(B)	413	5 940	259
Other government transfer payments.....	47	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	26	(B)	(B)	1 377	11 379	305
With other unearned income.....	382	21 719	1 087	4 694	479	85	14 645	1 630	6 176	15 499	215
With alimony.....	456	20 726	962	4 351	416	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Without other income.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	31	(B)	(B)	2 617	9 957	215
Without earnings ⁵	153	9 001	1 431	2 654	417	39	(B)	(B)	5 122	4 154	120
With government transfer payments ⁴	66	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	24	(B)	(B)	3 181	5 711	140
Public assistance income.....	26	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	9	(B)	(B)	1 106	4 365	109
Aid to families with dep. children.....	22	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	9	(B)	(B)	928	4 517	120
Other government transfer payments.....	42	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	17	(B)	(B)	2 224	6 397	190
With other unearned income.....	113	10 476	1 866	3 209	536	18	(B)	(B)	2 341	5 734	236
With alimony.....	153	9 001	1 431	2 654	417	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

¹Excludes women who were awarded payments but were not supposed to receive them in 1983.

²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁵Excludes women whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

⁶Detail does not add to total because some women have more than one or none of the types of income specified.

Table 10. Alimony or Maintenance Payments Agreed to or Awarded—Ever-Divorced or Currently Separated Women, by Selected Characteristics of All Women and Women With Incomes Below the Poverty Level in 1983

(Women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Alimony or maintenance payments—													
	Agreed to or awarded											Not awarded		
	Supposed to receive payments in 1983											Mean total money income		
	Received payments					Did not receive payments								
	Total (Thous.)	Total ¹ (Thous.)	Total (Thous.)	Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Mean income from alimony/maint.		Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Number (Thous.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)
Value (Dol.)					Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)		Stand-ard error (Dol.)				
ALL WOMEN														
Total	17 392	2 416	791	608	17 785	869	3 976	331	183	11 261	1 172	14 976	10 158	124
Standard error	250	105	60	53	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	29	(X)	(X)	237	(X)	(X)
Current Marital Status														
Married ²	6 366	880	90	45	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	45	(B)	(B)	5 485	8 648	211
Separated	2 631	288	168	148	16 891	1 401	3 233	385	22	(B)	(B)	2 363	8 319	242
Divorced	7 404	1 143	529	415	18 465	1 143	4 450	453	114	13 589	1 831	6 281	12 291	195
Widowed ³	991	125	5	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	2	(B)	(B)	886	9 337	475
Race and Spanish Origin														
White	14 485	2 228	709	538	18 604	945	4 282	366	171	11 199	1 234	12 257	10 470	143
Black	2 595	164	75	65	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	10	(B)	(B)	2 430	8 634	248
Spanish origin ⁴	1 118	137	46	26	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	20	(B)	(B)	981	7 589	589
Age														
18 to 29 years	2 965	195	90	58	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	32	(B)	(B)	2 790	7 965	215
30 to 39 years	5 135	555	254	199	16 126	1 058	2 457	328	55	(B)	(B)	4 580	11 673	230
40 years and over	9 272	1 668	447	351	20 109	1 319	5 332	511	98	13 963	1 831	7 606	10 050	182
Educational Attainment														
Less than 12 years	4 911	500	119	74	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	45	(B)	(B)	4 411	5 752	128
High school: 4 years	7 698	1 073	314	231	16 393	1 233	3 015	442	83	9 289	1 432	6 626	10 046	166
College: 1 to 3 years	2 867	477	189	159	17 259	1 348	4 968	742	30	(B)	(B)	2 391	12 957	358
4 years or more	1 915	367	169	144	24 789	2 328	5 096	772	25	(B)	(B)	1 548	18 870	516
Presence of Own Children From an Absent Father														
No children present	10 556	1 608	369	275	17 781	1 197	5 262	614	95	11 602	1 737	8 948	10 056	166
One child or more present	6 836	808	422	333	17 788	1 241	2 915	300	89	10 899	1 558	6 028	10 310	184
Year of Divorce or Separation														
1980 and later	5 553	676	435	353	18 488	1 234	4 463	493	82	9 750	1 443	4 877	10 834	205
1975 to 1979	4 108	484	192	155	18 525	1 235	3 755	577	37	(B)	(B)	3 614	10 936	271
1970 to 1974	2 583	336	96	71	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	25	(B)	(B)	2 246	10 559	365
Before 1970	5 149	910	69	30	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	39	(B)	(B)	4 239	8 505	208
Work Experience in 1983														
Worked	11 451	1 573	603	459	20 561	964	4 319	413	144	12 492	1 283	9 877	13 249	156
Worked at full-time jobs	8 879	1 185	450	339	22 523	1 202	4 330	506	112	14 645	1 463	7 714	14 910	168
50 to 52 weeks	6 621	868	312	246	24 498	1 386	4 361	574	66	(B)	(B)	5 753	16 945	190
Worked at part-time jobs	2 572	409	153	120	15 043	1 096	4 289	675	33	(B)	(B)	2 163	7 324	310
Did not work	5 941	843	188	149	9 216	1 457	2 915	424	39	(B)	(B)	5 096	4 170	121

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 10. **Allimony or Maintenance Payments Agreed to or Awarded—Ever-Divorced or Currently Separated Women, by Selected Characteristics of All Women and Women With Incomes Below the Poverty Level in 1983—Con.**

(Women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Allimony or maintenance payments—													
	Agreed to or awarded										Not awarded			
	Supposed to receive payments in 1983										Mean total money income			
	Received payments					Did not receive payments								
	Total (Thous.)	Total ¹ (Thous.)	Total (Thous.)	Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Mean income from alimony/maint.		Number (Thous.)	Mean total money income		Number (Thous.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)
Value (Dol.)					Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)		Stand-ard error (Dol.)				
WOMEN WITH INCOMES BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL IN 1983														
Total	3 788	352	117	71	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	46	(B)	(B)	3 436	3 508	139
Standard error	195	61	35	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(B)	(X)	(X)	186	(X)	(X)
Current Marital Status														
Married ²	518	47	4	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	(B)	(B)	471	2 083	419
Separated	259	29	2	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	2	(B)	(B)	230	3 352	332
Divorced	1 839	206	89	54	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	34	(B)	(B)	1 633	3 745	195
Widowed ³	1 171	71	22	17	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	5	(B)	(B)	1 101	3 800	239
Race and Spanish Origin														
White	2 646	309	95	53	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	42	(B)	(B)	2 337	3 351	170
Black	1 063	38	18	16	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	2	(B)	(B)	1 025	3 864	247
Spanish origin ⁴	416	38	11	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	9	(B)	(B)	377	3 565	660
Age														
18 to 29 years	979	52	23	12	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	11	(B)	(B)	927	3 501	265
30 to 39 years	1 125	87	41	32	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	10	(B)	(B)	1 038	3 975	277
40 years and over	1 684	213	52	27	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	25	(B)	(B)	1 471	3 184	192
Presence of Own Children From an Absent Father														
No children present	1 938	227	61	35	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	26	(B)	(B)	1 711	2 776	158
One child or more present	1 850	125	56	36	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	20	(B)	(B)	1 725	4 235	213

¹Includes women who were not supposed to receive payments in 1983.

²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Table 11. Amount of Alimony or Maintenance Payments Received in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of Women

(Numbers in thousands. Ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983	Did not receive payments in 1983	Received payments in 1983												Amount of payment received in 1983			
			Total	Amount of payment received in 1983										Median income		Mean income		
				\$1 to \$499	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,499	\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 and over	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)			
Total	791	183	608	108	58	86	43	85	75	35	118	2 113	229	3 978	331			
Standard error	60	29	53	22	(B)	20	(B)	20	19	(B)	23	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			
Current Marital Status																		
Married ¹	90	45	45	9	11	5	2	10	6	-	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
Separated	168	22	146	19	12	29	10	12	24	15	25	2 228	684	3 233	385			
Divorced	529	114	415	78	35	51	32	63	45	20	91	2 193	256	4 450	453			
Widowed ²	5	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
Race and Spanish Origin																		
White	709	171	538	83	58	69	38	67	73	35	115	2 318	276	4 292	366			
Black	75	10	65	23	-	15	5	18	2	-	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
Spanish origin ³	48	20	26	2	3	4	5	7	3	-	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence																		
Inside metropolitan areas	593	126	467	84	48	65	32	66	49	22	102	2 068	263	4 283	416			
Inside central cities	226	54	171	35	12	31	7	32	19	9	26	2 021	445	3 619	548			
Outside central cities	367	72	295	49	36	34	25	34	29	13	75	2 112	356	4 668	572			
Outside metropolitan areas	199	57	142	24	10	21	12	19	26	14	17	2 266	573	2 964	426			
Region																		
Northeast	185	19	166	32	16	32	14	15	14	15	28	1 612	276	3 832	615			
Midwest	166	51	114	24	14	17	3	20	8	8	21	1 923	522	3 206	493			
South	241	57	183	43	11	10	18	35	30	9	28	2 304	289	3 394	454			
West	200	55	145	9	17	27	9	14	23	4	41	2 718	634	5 483	794			
Age																		
18 to 29 years	90	32	58	16	9	25	4	4	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
30 to 39 years	254	55	199	43	29	24	17	38	22	4	21	1 586	298	2 457	328			
40 to 49 years	218	51	167	14	12	14	9	22	27	20	49	3 924	752	5 615	700			
50 years and over	229	45	184	35	8	23	13	21	25	11	46	2 659	572	5 076	737			
Presence of Own Children From an Absent Father																		
No children present	369	95	275	46	16	25	25	39	32	20	72	2 681	355	5 262	614			
One child or more present	422	89	333	62	42	61	19	46	43	15	46	1 552	272	2 915	300			
Educational Attainment																		
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	33	11	21	11	-	-	-	3	5	-	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
High school: 1 to 3 years	86	34	52	14	6	9	3	5	7	3	6	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
4 years	314	83	231	43	35	41	22	37	8	7	39	1 463	192	3 015	442			
College: 1 to 3 years	189	30	159	25	8	20	13	16	29	14	36	2 933	663	4 968	742			
4 years or more	169	25	144	15	9	16	6	24	27	11	38	3 126	578	5 096	772			
Year of Divorce or Separation																		
1980 and later	435	82	353	65	27	54	24	44	47	12	80	2 167	330	4 463	493			
1975 to 1979	192	37	155	22	25	23	7	16	15	21	26	2 051	603	3 755	577			
1970 to 1974	96	25	71	13	4	7	10	20	7	3	8	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
Before 1970	69	39	30	8	2	3	2	5	6	-	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
Receipt of Payments																		
Regularly	500	(X)	500	43	48	78	39	70	73	35	116	2 638	252	4 644	384			
Occasionally	68	(X)	68	27	12	5	5	15	2	-	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
Seldom	41	(X)	41	38	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)			
Never	183	183	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)			

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 11. Amount of Alimony or Maintenance Payments Received in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of Women—Con.

(Numbers in thousands. Ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983	Did not receive payments in 1983	Received payments in 1983														
			Total	Amount of payment received in 1983										Median income		Mean income	
				\$1 to \$499	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,499	\$1,500 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 and over	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Standard error (Dol.)		
Work Experience in 1983																	
Worked.....	603	144	459	69	52	64	28	68	49	30	99	2 239	249	4 319	413		
Worked at full-time jobs.....	450	112	339	57	47	43	19	47	32	18	76	2 065	338	4 330	506		
50 to 52 weeks.....	312	66	246	36	40	26	13	42	16	11	61	2 177	333	4 361	574		
Worked at part-time jobs.....	153	33	120	13	5	21	9	22	17	12	23	2 614	414	4 289	675		
Did not work.....	188	39	149	38	6	21	16	17	26	6	19	1 782	348	2 915	424		
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation																	
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation.....	576	141	436	85	47	62	28	60	48	28	78	1 921	288	3 709	376		
Worked at time of separation.....	449	105	345	69	38	55	22	43	37	19	61	1 728	301	3 759	450		
Worked at full-time jobs.....	354	97	256	41	25	43	20	37	31	10	48	1 965	329	3 885	509		
Worked at part-time jobs.....	96	7	89	28	13	12	2	6	6	9	12	1 146	305	3 394	948		
Did not work at time of separation.....	342	79	263	39	19	31	21	42	38	16	58	2 518	307	4 259	486		
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation.....	215	43	172	22	11	24	16	25	27	8	41	2 567	423	4 648	672		
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983																	
Total ¹	603	144	459	69	52	64	28	68	49	30	99	2 239	249	4 319	413		
Managerial and professional specialty occupations.....	154	20	134	15	18	19	6	18	20	12	28	2 594	567	4 369	722		
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations.....	296	59	239	38	26	41	10	42	13	14	54	2 104	387	4 270	581		
Service occupations.....	92	34	58	10	6	2	12	9	5	3	13	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations.....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations.....	10	7	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Operators, fabricators, and laborers.....	47	23	24	4	3	3	-	-	10	-	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Income in 1983																	
Without income.....	5	5	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		
With income.....	796	178	606	108	58	86	43	85	75	35	118	2 113	229	3 976	331		
\$1 to \$999 or less.....	20	14	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
\$1,000 to \$1,999.....	10	10	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	27	5	22	11	2	2	-	8	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	48	20	29	12	-	9	4	-	3	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
\$4,000 to \$5,999.....	44	16	28	7	4	4	4	1	8	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
\$6,000 to \$7,999.....	75	17	58	7	3	7	14	8	12	5	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
\$8,000 to \$9,999.....	54	14	40	8	3	8	5	6	4	2	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
\$10,000 to \$11,999.....	65	12	52	13	5	10	-	5	9	4	7	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
\$12,000 to \$14,999.....	91	21	70	10	10	16	5	9	3	4	11	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
\$15,000 to \$24,999.....	199	31	168	21	17	21	5	29	26	11	37	2 691	389	3 867	460		
\$25,000 and over.....	153	18	135	10	13	9	6	19	11	9	58	4 890	1 939	7 967	1 100		
Median income..... dollars..	13 653	9 188	14 940	10 170	(B)	12 834	(B)	16 809	14 343	(B)	24 750	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		
Standard error..... dollars..	734	1 545	992	1 547	(B)	1 391	(B)	2 524	3 175	(B)	6 227	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		
Mean income..... dollars..	16 383	11 598	17 785	12 028	(B)	13 725	(B)	17 203	15 297	(B)	27 485	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		
Standard error..... dollars..	738	1 184	869	1 634	(B)	1 377	(B)	1 602	1 562	(B)	1 989	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		
Type of Income in 1983																	
With earnings.....	600	144	456	66	52	64	28	68	49	30	99	2 266	247	4 351	416		
With other income ²	568	113	456	66	52	64	28	68	49	30	99	2 266	247	4 351	416		
With government transfer payments ³	92	39	53	6	2	6	6	5	14	6	8	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Public assistance income.....	23	17	5	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Aid to families with dep. children.....	19	13	5	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Other government transfer payments.....	74	26	47	6	-	5	6	5	14	6	6	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
With other unearned income.....	470	88	382	49	41	56	26	50	41	30	90	2 384	311	4 694	479		
With alimony.....	456	(X)	456	66	52	64	28	68	49	30	99	2 266	247	4 351	416		
Without other income.....	31	31	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)		
Without earnings ⁴	192	39	153	42	6	21	16	17	26	6	19	1 722	319	2 854	417		
With government transfer payments ³	90	24	66	18	2	14	7	8	14	2	1	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Public assistance income.....	35	9	26	8	-	11	-	5	2	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Aid to families with dep. children.....	31	9	22	5	-	11	-	4	2	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
Other government transfer payments.....	59	17	42	10	1	4	7	5	12	2	1	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)		
With other unearned income.....	132	18	113	29	6	13	14	9	18	6	19	1 817	446	3 209	535		
With alimony.....	153	(X)	153	42	6	21	16	17	26	6	19	1 722	319	2 854	417		

¹Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

²Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁴Excludes women whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

⁵Detail does not add to total because some women have more than one or none of the types of income specified.

Table 12. Percent of Alimony or Maintenance Payments Received in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of Women

(Ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983 (Thous.)	Percent of payments received (thous.)						Payments actually received				If full amount of payments were received				
		0.0	0.1 to 24.9	25.0 to 49.9	50.0 to 74.9	75.0 to 99.9	100.0 and over	Mean alim./ maint. inc ¹		Mean total money income		Mean alim./ maint. inc.		Mean total money income		
								Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	
Total	791	183	41	18	49	84	416	3 054	271	16 273	737	3 646	264	16 908	737	
Standard error	60	29	(B)	(B)	(B)	20	44	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	
Current Marital Status																
Married ²	90	45	5	2	-	13	25	1 124	431	10 313	1 540	1 829	452	11 018	1 512	
Separated	168	22	4	4	11	28	99	2 604	360	15 965	1 271	3 467	366	16 628	1 280	
Divorced	529	114	29	12	39	43	292	3 489	377	17 412	973	4 039	365	18 027	973	
Widowed ³	5	2	2	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	
Race and Spanish Origin																
White	709	171	30	18	43	72	376	3 258	299	16 819	799	3 832	290	17 437	798	
Black	75	10	11	-	7	12	35	1 297	297	11 675	1 672	2 129	423	12 507	1 738	
Spanish origin ⁴	46	20	1	2	-	1	22	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	
Metropolitan-Nonmetropolitan Residence																
Inside metropolitan areas	593	126	25	12	49	70	311	3 371	347	17 993	916	3 944	339	18 616	919	
Inside central cities	226	54	6	4	22	26	112	2 745	446	16 521	1 479	3 538	448	17 338	1 505	
Outside central cities	367	72	18	7	27	44	199	3 755	485	18 898	1 160	4 193	471	19 402	1 155	
Outside metropolitan areas	199	57	16	7	-	15	104	2 111	355	11 144	1 038	2 759	331	11 815	1 001	
Region																
Northeast	185	19	8	4	15	40	99	3 433	566	18 456	1 392	4 040	582	19 063	1 403	
Midwest	166	51	5	2	16	15	76	2 211	382	14 716	1 710	2 807	371	15 313	1 695	
South	241	57	19	2	10	20	132	2 584	373	15 536	1 157	3 195	353	16 206	1 164	
West	200	55	9	9	9	10	108	3 969	625	16 432	1 320	4 520	593	17 084	1 312	
Age																
18 to 29 years	90	32	8	-	5	12	33	629	107	8 009	981	1 171	145	8 552	994	
30 to 39 years	254	55	22	3	11	19	144	1 924	276	14 770	930	2 470	280	15 400	926	
40 to 49 years	218	51	3	11	10	27	116	4 294	594	18 968	1 393	4 868	570	19 577	1 382	
50 years and over	229	45	7	5	23	27	122	4 079	629	18 620	1 747	4 758	605	19 323	1 752	
Presence of Own Children From an Absent Father																
No children present	369	95	30	14	17	39	175	3 915	495	16 199	1 020	4 587	472	16 945	1 025	
One child or more present	422	89	11	5	32	45	241	2 302	254	16 338	1 055	2 824	258	16 876	1 051	
Educational Attainment																
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	33	11	2	-	3	2	14	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	
High school: 1 to 3 years	86	34	3	2	8	2	37	1 693	531	9 816	1 281	2 336	501	10 459	1 233	
4 years	314	83	18	9	22	30	152	2 218	346	14 515	1 022	2 827	331	15 210	1 013	
College: 1 to 3 years	189	30	12	-	5	25	118	4 180	658	16 877	1 221	4 616	641	17 351	1 249	
4 years or more	169	25	5	7	11	26	95	4 347	694	24 258	2 079	5 003	689	24 915	2 083	
Year of Divorce or Separation																
1980 and later	435	82	26	14	22	46	245	3 621	421	16 840	1 070	4 072	406	17 354	1 062	
1975 to 1979	192	37	14	2	7	22	109	3 026	495	16 374	1 206	3 528	489	16 912	1 175	
1970 to 1974	96	25	-	-	20	17	34	1 856	371	13 037	1 486	2 554	381	13 735	1 579	
Before 1970	69	39	-	2	-	-	27	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	
Receipt of Payments																
Regularly	500	(X)	-	-	-	84	416	4 644	384	18 969	1 002	4 638	385	19 032	1 004	
Occasionally	68	(X)	-	18	49	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	
Seldom	41	(X)	41	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	
Never	183	183	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	11 261	1 172	1 795	228	13 056	1 256	

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 12. Percent of Alimony or Maintenance Payments Received in 1983, by Selected Characteristics of Women—Con.

(Ever-divorced or currently separated women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total due payments in 1983 (Thous.)	Percent of payments received (thous.)						Payments actually received				If full amount of payments were received			
		0.0	0.1 to 24.9	25.0 to 49.9	50.0 to 74.9	75.0 to 99.9	100.0 and over	Mean alim./ maint. inc. ¹		Mean total money income		Mean alim./ maint. inc.		Mean total money income	
								Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand-ard error (Dol.)
Work Experience in 1983															
Worked	603	144	32	16	30	71	310	3 288	336	18 634	825	3 908	327	19 299	818
Worked at full-time jobs	450	112	26	10	23	51	229	3 257	405	20 571	1 007	3 893	395	21 267	1 000
50 to 52 weeks	312	66	16	7	19	41	164	3 438	480	23 126	1 193	3 994	463	23 769	1 186
Worked at part-time jobs	153	33	6	6	7	20	81	3 377	577	12 930	1 044	3 952	559	13 505	1 002
Did not work	188	39	9	2	19	13	105	2 306	363	8 700	1 268	2 807	348	9 240	1 303
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation															
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	576	141	31	18	44	53	289	2 804	303	16 753	922	3 425	296	17 429	919
Worked at time of separation	449	105	25	16	33	42	228	2 883	365	17 633	994	3 522	358	18 318	987
Worked at full-time jobs	354	97	15	10	27	29	176	2 815	396	17 661	1 054	3 455	387	18 359	1 049
Worked at part-time jobs	96	7	10	7	7	13	52	3 132	887	17 529	2 566	3 768	887	18 165	2 532
Did not work at time of separation	342	79	16	2	16	43	187	3 280	405	14 487	1 078	3 810	389	15 057	1 088
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	215	43	9	-	5	31	127	3 725	574	14 990	1 111	4 240	557	15 514	1 120
Occupation Group of Longest Job in 1983															
Total ⁶	603	144	32	16	30	71	310	3 288	336	18 634	825	3 908	327	19 299	818
Managerial and professional specialty occupations	154	20	5	5	7	23	94	3 804	656	26 548	2 010	4 230	651	26 994	2 013
Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations	298	59	24	7	19	40	150	3 421	491	17 623	912	3 949	476	18 229	896
Service occupations	92	34	3	2	4	8	41	3 055	943	13 874	1 974	4 152	926	14 972	2 005
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	10	7	-	2	-	1	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	47	23	-	-	-	-	24	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

¹Mean amount based on all women due payments, whether or not payments were received.

²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁶Excludes women whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

Table 13. Property Settlements Following Divorce—Ever-Divorced Women, by Selected Characteristics

(Numbers in thousands. Women as of spring 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Total	No settlement reached				Property settlement reached						
		Total ¹	Received—			Total ¹	Received—			Type of settlement		
			Child support only	Alimony only	Child support and alimony		Child support only	Alimony only	Child support and alimony	Cash ² only	Other types ³ only	Cash ² and other types ³
Total	14 781	9 269	1 143	81	46	5 492	1 152	184	152	1 186	4 067	238
Standard error	236	195	72	19	(B)	154	73	29	27	74	134	33
Current Marital Status												
Married ⁴	6 366	4 123	438	12	7	2 243	426	16	10	418	1 735	89
Divorced	7 404	4 406	689	89	39	2 998	718	165	142	714	2 151	133
Widowed ⁵	991	740	5	-	-	251	8	2	-	54	160	17
Race and Spanish Origin												
White	12 833	7 838	1 011	77	38	4 995	1 065	167	141	1 131	3 696	168
Black	1 669	1 234	111	3	8	436	55	16	8	47	327	61
Spanish origin ⁶	774	559	64	5	2	215	31	2	13	34	179	1
Age												
18 to 29 years	2 249	1 604	318	7	6	645	218	12	10	151	478	16
30 to 39 years	4 373	2 607	586	22	25	1 766	618	28	78	416	1 298	54
40 years and over	8 139	5 058	240	52	15	3 061	316	143	63	619	2 293	169
Educational Attainment												
Less than 12 years	3 853	2 805	181	10	3	1 049	141	19	24	214	775	60
High school: 4 years	6 653	4 078	573	35	27	2 576	637	61	58	525	1 960	90
College: 1 to 3 years	2 533	1 503	258	25	19	1 030	221	47	20	224	770	36
4 years or more	1 721	884	131	10	3	837	153	56	49	223	562	52
Presence of Own Children From an Absent Father												
No children present	9 375	6 073	(X)	57	(X)	3 302	(X)	157	(X)	742	2 400	160
One child or more present	5 385	3 196	1 143	24	46	2 190	1 152	27	152	445	1 667	78
Year of Divorce												
1980 and later	3 978	2 375	494	45	22	1 604	494	70	104	356	1 187	62
1975 to 1979	3 653	2 164	427	19	17	1 486	463	72	27	418	1 014	58
1970 to 1974	2 352	1 482	194	13	7	870	127	26	17	178	640	54
Before 1970	4 777	3 248	28	5	-	1 530	78	16	5	239	1 227	64
Income in 1983												
Without income	823	636	(X)	(X)	(X)	187	(X)	(X)	(X)	48	131	8
With income	13 937	8 633	1 143	81	46	5 305	1 152	184	152	1 138	3 936	231
\$1 to \$999 or less	1 107	799	52	-	-	338	25	6	-	68	254	16
\$1,000 to \$1,999	609	405	71	-	-	205	40	-	1	27	177	1
\$2,000 to \$3,999	1 696	1 158	95	10	-	540	84	23	10	100	418	22
\$4,000 to \$5,999	1 578	1 079	92	5	1	499	62	7	9	107	367	25
\$6,000 to \$7,999	1 301	853	106	7	8	448	104	17	10	93	327	29
\$8,000 to \$9,999	1 135	700	104	11	5	434	64	8	6	94	319	22
\$10,000 to \$11,999	1 065	690	100	3	4	375	108	27	11	76	285	14
\$12,000 to \$14,999	1 479	672	180	4	6	607	128	17	18	118	464	25
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2 781	1 493	275	28	14	1 268	403	34	44	311	929	47
\$25,000 and over	1 184	613	88	14	8	571	115	44	44	144	396	31
Median income	dollars... 9 190	8 150	11 024	15 437	(B)	11 005	13 627	12 699	17 683	12 113	10 743	10 307
Standard error	dollars... 165	205	538	3 537	(B)	308	632	1 545	2 234	691	349	1 480
Mean income	dollars... 11 337	10 388	12 051	18 437	(B)	12 884	14 734	17 267	19 459	13 962	12 546	13 323
Standard error	dollars... 139	165	418	3 207	(B)	242	469	1 600	1 807	582	269	1 169

¹Detail does not add to total because some ever-divorced women received neither child support nor alimony, not shown separately.

²A one-time cash settlement.

³Other property (e.g., house, other real estate, cars, or furnishings).

⁴Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁵Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁶Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Table 14. Receipt of Child Support and/or Alimony or Maintenance Payments in 1983, by Presence of Children and Selected Characteristics of Women

(Child support payments for women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. Alimony payments for ever-divorced or currently separated women. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Women with children									
	Total					Child support only				
	Number ¹ (Thous.)	Mean income from child support or alim./maint.		Mean total money income		Number (Thous.)	Mean income from child support		Mean total money income	
		Value (Dol.)	Stand- ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand- ard error (Dol.)		Value (Dol.)	Stand- ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand- ard error (Dol.)
Total	3 118	2 593	108	13 167	294	2 783	2 191	98	12 613	289
Standard error	118	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	112	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Current Marital Status										
Married ²	887	2 219	131	11 570	551	884	2 164	126	11 534	559
Separated	407	3 065	422	11 297	727	322	2 217	407	9 783	735
Divorced	1 642	2 839	160	15 037	407	1 417	2 332	148	14 474	385
Widowed ²	13	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	13	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Never married	168	1 132	102	7 257	716	168	1 132	102	7 257	716
Race and Spanish Origin										
White	2 676	2 761	124	13 594	328	2 381	2 317	112	12 983	322
Black	388	1 534	132	10 129	624	352	1 388	113	9 891	653
Spanish origin ⁴	161	2 048	432	10 158	1 341	143	1 752	372	10 143	1 421
Age										
18 to 29 years	600	1 733	223	9 110	422	756	1 704	235	9 098	441
30 to 39 years	1 540	2 574	117	13 549	384	1 395	2 210	92	13 261	380
40 years and over	776	3 518	277	16 593	787	632	2 728	250	15 388	742
Educational Attainment										
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	134	1 506	174	6 990	748	126	1 540	162	6 970	796
High school: 1 to 3 years	343	1 668	140	7 668	458	310	1 483	108	7 626	466
4 years	1 606	2 309	124	12 281	355	1 469	2 071	116	11 930	349
College: 1 to 3 years	645	2 692	188	14 078	587	564	2 235	138	13 790	623
4 years or more	388	4 799	579	22 145	1 201	313	3 635	597	20 901	1 209
Year of Divorce or Separation⁵										
1980 and later	1 433	3 033	204	13 364	447	1 218	2 427	195	12 668	436
1975 to 1979	1 003	2 348	125	13 396	455	933	2 065	90	12 956	463
1970 to 1974	396	2 184	189	14 129	930	354	2 035	193	14 021	1 005
Before 1970	118	2 754	578	13 901	1 977	113	2 729	599	12 639	1 411
Inclusion of Health Insurance in Child Support Award										
Health insurance included	1 618	3 060	168	14 369	397	1 402	2 551	153	14 025	422
Health insurance not included	1 293	2 164	145	12 210	445	1 215	1 919	134	11 715	423
Work Experience in 1983										
Worked	2 489	2 641	118	15 121	318	2 229	2 230	104	14 570	315
Worked at full-time jobs	1 945	2 636	138	16 647	352	1 755	2 265	123	16 075	339
40 weeks or more	1 583	2 843	153	18 268	381	1 439	2 330	142	17 765	363
50 to 52 weeks	1 426	2 739	168	18 838	410	1 301	2 407	158	18 270	389
39 weeks or less	382	2 605	318	9 548	620	316	1 968	215	8 374	486
Worked at part-time jobs	544	2 661	222	9 663	598	474	2 102	171	8 994	634
40 weeks or more	312	3 088	343	11 924	637	265	2 278	265	11 068	657
50 to 52 weeks	261	2 696	291	11 949	714	222	1 961	171	11 078	734
39 weeks or less	232	2 088	231	6 623	1 028	209	1 881	194	6 370	1 106
Did not work	627	2 402	262	5 416	487	554	2 032	258	4 740	401
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation⁶										
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	2 460	2 448	111	13 792	342	2 233	2 197	105	13 345	331
Worked at time of separation	1 675	2 452	139	14 436	358	1 689	2 156	129	13 966	350
Worked at full-time jobs	1 521	2 427	155	14 781	393	1 391	2 187	153	14 422	397
Worked at part-time jobs	354	2 559	275	12 963	847	298	2 012	153	11 832	682
Did not work at time of separation	1 075	3 065	201	11 862	549	826	2 443	172	11 110	549
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	490	3 815	388	12 029	637	364	2 613	348	10 674	681

Table 14. Receipt of Child Support and/or Alimony or Maintenance Payments in 1983, by Presence of Children and Selected Characteristics of Women—Con.

(Child support payments for women with own children under 21 years of age present from absent fathers as of spring 1984. Alimony payments for ever-divorced or currently separated women. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Women with children—Con.					Women without children				
	Child support and alimony/maintenance payments					Alimony/maintenance payments only				
	Number (Thous.)	Mean income from child support and alimony/maint.		Mean total money income		Number (Thous.)	Mean income from alimony/maintenance		Mean total money income	
		Value (Dol.)	Stand- ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand- ard error (Dol.)		Value (Dol.)	Stand- ard error (Dol.)	Value (Dol.)	Stand- ard error (Dol.)
Total	254	7 053	602	18 802	1 256	275	5 282	614	17 781	1 187
Standard error	34	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	36	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Current Marital Status										
Married ¹	17	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	22	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Separated	57	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	60	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Divorced	180	6 896	682	19 012	1 551	190	6 131	837	18 321	1 526
Widowed ²	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	2	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Never married	-	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Race and Spanish Origin										
White	233	7 250	649	19 157	1 346	244	5 718	674	18 694	1 270
Black	18	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	29	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Spanish origin ⁴	15	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	9	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Age										
18 to 29 years	25	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	14	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
30 to 39 years	131	6 365	757	16 563	1 333	54	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
40 years and over	98	8 917	1 097	23 921	2 440	207	6 320	767	18 876	1 456
Educational Attainment										
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	1	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	13	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
High school: 1 to 3 years	30	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	19	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
4 years	104	6 061	770	18 287	2 080	94	4 088	926	16 906	1 688
College: 1 to 3 years	57	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	79	6 400	1 274	18 441	2 076
4 years or more	62	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	69	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Year of Divorce or Separation³										
1980 and later	168	7 516	788	17 526	1 455	136	6 641	1 039	20 447	1 912
1975 to 1979	56	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	85	4 257	912	17 924	1 711
1970 to 1974	26	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	29	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Before 1970	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	25	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Inclusion of Health Insurance in Child Support Award										
Health insurance included	187	7 189	725	17 903	1 206	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Health insurance not included	67	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Work Experience in 1983										
Worked	200	7 268	699	20 604	1 205	199	6 034	792	21 486	1 375
Worked at full-time jobs	139	7 300	884	22 943	1 501	149	5 962	970	23 284	1 709
40 weeks or more	106	6 682	955	23 488	1 607	129	5 568	983	24 384	1 728
50 to 52 weeks	89	6 801	1 020	23 961	1 684	120	5 548	966	24 259	1 711
39 weeks or less	33	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	20	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Worked at part-time jobs	61	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	51	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
40 weeks or more	43	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	32	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
50 to 52 weeks	35	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	29	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
39 weeks or less	17	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	19	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Did not work	55	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	75	3 218	654	7 957	1 172
Work Experience Before or at Time of Separation⁵										
Worked during 5 years before or at time of separation	169	5 974	662	19 624	1 716	209	5 067	673	18 547	1 383
Worked at time of separation	141	6 077	756	21 326	1 941	158	5 179	846	19 919	1 690
Worked at full-time jobs	94	5 947	624	20 942	2 114	126	4 990	888	20 589	1 871
Worked at part-time jobs	47	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	32	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Did not work at time of separation	113	8 275	940	15 644	1 301	117	5 375	881	14 886	1 547
Did not work during 5 years before or at time of separation	85	9 189	1 139	17 177	1 530	66	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

¹Includes women with children from absent fathers who received alimony but no child support, not shown separately.

²Remarried women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

³Widowed women whose previous marriage ended in divorce.

⁴Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

⁵Excludes never-married women.

Appendix A. Definitions and Explanations

DEFINITIONS RELATED TO CHILD SUPPORT, ALIMONY, AND PROPERTY SETTLEMENTS

Child support. Data on award of child support payments were collected from women 18 years or older with children under 21 years of age present whose father was not living in the household as of spring 1984. Information on reciprocity and amount of payments was obtained from women who reported that they were awarded or had agreements to receive child support payments in 1983. Payment amounts were limited to only those from the last divorce or separation.

Alimony. Data on the award of alimony or maintenance payments were collected from women 18 years or older who were ever-divorced or currently separated as of spring 1984. Information on reciprocity status and payment amounts was obtained from those women who reported that they were awarded or had agreements to receive alimony payments in 1983. The data are limited to payments received from the most recent divorce or separation.

Property settlements. Data on property settlements were collected from women 18 years or older who were ever-divorced as of spring 1984. For the purposes of this survey, property settlements consist of a one-time cash settlement (cash, savings accounts, or marketable securities), other property (i.e., house, other real estate, car, or furnishings), or a combination of both.

Reason for non-award of child support:

Final agreement pending: situations where a child support agreement was awaiting final court, magisterial, or other legal action before becoming final, and also where a voluntary written agreement was not yet final.

Accepted property settlement in lieu of child support: where a one-time property settlement was accepted in lieu of regular child support payments.

Joint custody granted: where housing, care, and support of the child(ren) was shared by both the child's mother and father and, therefore, no money or other support was exchanged by the parents.

Did not want child support: where the mother indicated she did not want child support for her children.

Unable to locate father: where child support was desired, but the child's father could not be located.

Unable to establish paternity: where child support arrangements could not be made because the child's paternity could not be established.

Some other reason: where the mother wanted child support, and the reason for non-award did not fit any of the reasons listed above.

Inclusion of health insurance in child support award. This item refers to whether the child(ren)'s father had made health insurance arrangements for his child(ren) as part of the child support award. Arrangements for health insurance could have been made by his purchasing a separate policy for the child(ren) or including the child(ren) under the health insurance provided by his employer. In either event, the purchase of or inclusion in health insurance must be part of the child support agreement. Insurance taken out by the mother but paid for with monies for child support from the father is not included.

Type of child support arrangement:

Voluntary written agreement: an agreement voluntarily written between the parties. This agreement may or may not have been recognized by the courts as part of the divorce or separation proceedings, but this type of agreement was not ordered by the courts.

Court ordered: payments ordered by a court. Court ordered payments usually take place when a mutually acceptable agreement cannot be worked out between the parties.

Other: arrangements not within either of the two cases above. This category includes informal verbal agreements.

Method of payment of child support:

Directly from child's father: where the child's father sent or brought the money directly to the household with no intermediaries or agencies involved.

Through a court or public agency: where the father made the payments to an agency or court which then forwarded the payments to the mother.

Some other method: where some method other than the two above was established, such as through an intermediary other than a public agency or court.

Receipt of payments for child support and alimony:

Regularly: where the woman received payments roughly 75 percent to 100 percent of the time she was due them.

Occasionally: where she received the payments roughly 25 percent to 75 percent of the time she was due them.

Seldom: where she received the payments roughly 1 percent to 25 percent of the time she was due them.

Never: no payments due were received.

DEFINITIONS OF SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Age. The age classification is based on the age of the woman at her last birthday.

Race. The population is divided into three groups on the basis of race: White, Black, and "other races." The last category includes Indians, Japanese, Chinese, and any other race except White and Black.

Women of Spanish origin. Women of Spanish origin were identified by a question that asked for self-identification of the women's origin or descent. Respondents were asked to select their origin (and the origin of other household members) from a "flash card" listing ethnic origins. Women of Spanish origin, in particular, were those who indicated that their origin was Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or some other Spanish origin. It should be noted that women of Spanish origin can be of any race.

Years of school completed. Data on years of school completed were derived from the combination of answers to questions concerning the highest grade of school attended by the woman and whether or not that grade was finished. The questions on educational attainment apply only to progress in "regular" schools. Such schools include graded public, private, and parochial elementary and high schools (both junior and senior high), colleges, universities, and professional schools, whether day schools or night schools. Thus, regular schooling is that which may advance a woman toward an elementary school certificate or a high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree. Schooling in other than regular schools was counted only if the credits obtained were regarded as transferable to a school in the regular school system.

Marital status. The marital status classification refers to the status at the time of enumeration. Persons classified as "married" or "widowed" consist of those who remarried after having been divorced. Persons classified as separated are either legally separated or otherwise absent from their spouse because of marital discord.

Persons in common-law marriages are classified as married, and persons who are single or whose only marriage was annulled are classified as never married.

Year of divorce or separation. The year of divorce or separation reflects the year of marital dissolution. For women who were divorced or separated more than once, it is the year of most recent divorce or separation. For divorces that require a formal (legal) separation, the year reflects the year the actual divorce took place.

Children from an absent father. Children from an absent father are a woman's sons and daughters (including stepchildren and adopted children) whose father was not living in the same household. The questionnaire was designed to count children from an absent father only when at least one such child in the household is under 21 years of age.

Tenure. A housing unit is "owner occupied" if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit, even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. A cooperative or condominium unit is "owner occupied" only if the owner or co-owner lives in it. All other occupied units are classified as "renter occupied," including units rented for cash rent and those occupied without payment of cash rent. For renter-occupied units, information was also obtained as to whether the unit was publicly owned or subsidized by the Federal, State, or local government.

Head versus householder. Beginning with the 1980 CPS, the Bureau of the Census discontinued the use of the term "head of family." Instead, the term "family householder" is used. Recent social changes have resulted in greater sharing of household responsibilities among the adult members and, therefore, have made the term "head" increasingly inappropriate in the analysis of family data. Specifically, the Bureau has discontinued its longtime practice of always classifying the husband as the reference person (head) when he and his wife are living together.

Householder. The instructions call for listing first the person (or one of the persons) in whose name the home is owned or rented. If the house is owned jointly by a married couple, either the husband or the wife may be listed first, thereby becoming the reference person, or householder, to whom the relationship of the other household members is recorded. One person in each household is designated as the "householder." The number of householders, therefore, is equal to the number of households.

Family. A family is a group of two persons or more (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such persons (including related subfamily members) are considered as members of one family. Beginning with the 1980 CPS, unrelated subfamilies (referred to in the past as secondary families) are no longer included in the count of families, nor are the members of unrelated subfamilies included in the count of family members.

DEFINITIONS OF GEOGRAPHIC DETAIL

Metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence. The population residing in standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA's) as defined in the 1970 census constitutes the metropolitan population. Except in New England, an SMSA is a county or group of contiguous counties which contain at least one city of 50,000 inhabitants or more, or "twin cities" with a combined population of at least 50,000. In addition to the county or counties containing such a city or cities, contiguous counties are included in an SMSA if, according to certain criteria, they are essentially metropolitan in character and are socially and economically integrated with the central city. In New England, SMSA's consist of towns and cities, rather than counties.

Central cities. Each SMSA must include at least one central city, and the complete title of an SMSA identifies the central city or cities. If only one central city is designated, then it must have 50,000 inhabitants or more. The area title may include, in addition to the largest city, up to two city names on the basis and in the order of the following criteria: (1) The additional city has at least 250,000 inhabitants or (2) the additional city has a population of one-third or more of that of the largest city and a minimum population of 25,000. An exception occurs where two cities have contiguous boundaries and constitute, for economic and social purposes, a single community of at least 50,000, the smaller of which must have a population of at least 15,000.

Geographic regions. The four major regions of the United States for which data are presented in this report represent groups of States as follows:

Northeast:

New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Midwest (formerly North Central):

East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

South:

South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

East South Central: Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

West:

Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington.

DEFINITION OF OCCUPATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE CHARACTERISTICS

Occupation. The data on occupation refer to the job held longest during the year. The occupation groups were derived from occupation subgroups delineated on the basis of the classification system used in the 1980 census. For more detailed information, see the February 1983 issue of *Employment and Earnings* by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Work experience. A woman with work experience is one who, during the preceding calendar year or during the five year interval prior to marital separation, did any civilian work for pay or profit or worked without pay on a family-operated farm or business at any time during the year on a part-time or full-time basis.

Weeks worked in the income year. Women are classified according to the number of different weeks, during the preceding calendar year, in which they did any civilian work for pay or profit (including paid vacations and sick leave) or worked without pay on a family-operated farm or business.

Part-time or full-time jobs. A woman is classified as having worked at part-time jobs during the preceding calendar year or during the five year interval prior to marital separation, if she worked at civilian jobs which provided less than 35 hours of work per week in a majority of the weeks in which she worked during the year. She is classified as having worked at full-time jobs if she worked 35 hours or more per week during a majority of the weeks in which she worked.

Year-round, full-time worker. A year-round, full-time worker is one who worked primarily at full-time civilian jobs for 50 weeks or more during the preceding calendar year.

Nonworker. A nonworker is one who did not do any civilian work in the calendar year preceding the survey or during the five year interval prior to marital separation, as applicable.

DEFINITIONS OF MONEY INCOME AND POVERTY STATUS

Income. For each person in the sample 15 years old and over, questions were asked on the amount of money income received in the preceding calendar year from each of the following sources: (1) money wages or salary; (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security or railroad retirement income; (5) Supplemental Security income; (6) public assistance or welfare payments; (7) interest (on savings or

other investments which pay interest); (8) dividends, income from estates or trusts, or net rental income; (9) veterans' payments or unemployment and worker's compensation; (10) private pensions or government employee pensions; (11) child support or alimony, regular contributions from persons not living in the household, and other periodic income.

It should be noted that although the income statistics refer to receipts during the preceding year, the characteristics of the woman (such as age and marital status) and the composition of families refer to the time of the survey. The income of the family does not include amounts received by persons who were members of the family during all or part of the income year if these persons no longer resided with the family at the time of enumeration. On the other hand, family income includes amounts reported by related persons who did not reside with the family during the income year but who were members of the family at the time of enumeration.

Data on consumer income collected in the CPS by the Bureau of the Census cover money income received (exclusive of certain money receipts such as capital gains) before payments for personal income taxes, Social Security, union dues, Medicare deductions, etc. Therefore, money income does not reflect the fact that some families receive part of their income in the form of noncash benefits such as food stamps, health benefits, and subsidized housing; that some farm families receive noncash benefits in the form of rent-free housing and goods produced and consumed on the farm; or that noncash benefits are also received by some nonfarm residents which often take the form of the use of business transportation and facilities, full or partial payments by business for retirement programs, medical and educational expenses, etc. These elements should be considered when comparing income levels. Moreover, readers should be aware that for many different reasons there is a tendency in household surveys for respondents to underreport their income. From an analysis of independently derived income estimates, it has been determined that income earned from wages or salaries is much better reported than other sources of income, and is nearly equal to independent estimates of aggregate income.

The various sources for which income is reported are defined as follows:

Money wages or salary is total money earnings received for work performed as an employee during the income year. It includes wages, salary, Armed Forces pay, commissions, tips, piece-rate payments, and cash bonuses earned, before deductions were made for taxes, bonds, pensions, union dues, etc.

Net income from nonfarm self-employment is the net money income (gross receipts minus expenses) from one's own business, professional enterprise, or partnership. Gross receipts include the value of all goods sold and services rendered. Expenses include costs of goods purchased, rent, heat, light, power, depreciation charges, wages and salaries paid, business taxes (not personal income taxes), etc. In general, inventory changes were considered in determining net income; replies based on income tax returns or other official records do reflect inventory changes. However, when values of inventory changes were not reported, net income

figures exclusive of inventory changes were accepted. The value of saleable merchandise consumed by the proprietors of retail stores is not included as part of net income.

Net income from farm self-employment is the net money income (gross receipts minus operating expenses) from the operation of a farm by a person on her own account, as an owner, renter, or sharecropper. Gross receipts include the value of all products sold, government farm programs, money received from the rental of farm equipment to others, and incidental receipts from the sale of wood, sand, gravel, etc. Operating expenses include cost of feed, fertilizer, seed, and other farming supplies, cash wages paid to farmhands, depreciation charges, cash rent, interest on farm mortgages, farm building repairs, farm taxes (not State and Federal personal income taxes), etc. The value of fuel, food, or other farm products used for family living is not included as part of net income. In general, inventory changes were considered in determining net income only when they were accounted for in replies based on income tax returns or other official records which reflect inventory changes; otherwise inventory changes were not taken into account.

Social Security includes Social Security pensions and survivors' benefits, and permanent disability insurance payments made by the Social Security Administration prior to deductions for medical insurance and railroad retirement insurance checks from the U.S. Government. Medicare reimbursements are not included.

Supplemental Security income includes payments made by Federal, State, and local welfare agencies to low-income persons who are (1) aged (65 years old or over), (2) blind, or (3) disabled.

Public assistance or welfare payments include public assistance payments, such as aid to families with dependent children and general assistance.

Dividends, interest (on savings or other investments which pay interest), income from estates or trusts, net rental income, or royalties include dividends from stockholdings or membership in associations, interest on savings or any type of investment which pays interest, periodic receipts from estates or trust funds, net income from rental of a house, store, or other property to others, receipts from boarders or lodgers, and net royalties.

Unemployment compensation, veterans' payments, or worker's compensation include (1) unemployment compensation received from government unemployment insurance agencies or private companies during periods of unemployment and any strike benefits received from union funds; (2) money paid periodically by the Veterans Administration to disabled members of the Armed Forces or to survivors of deceased veterans, subsistence allowances paid to veterans for education and on-the-job training, as well as so-called "refunds" paid to ex-service personnel as GI insurance premiums; and (3) worker's compensation received periodically from public or private insurance companies for injuries incurred at work. The cost of this insurance must have been paid by the employer and not by the person.

Private and government employee pensions include (1) private pensions or retirement benefits paid to a retired person or her survivors by a former employer or by a union, either directly or through an insurance company and (2) government employee pensions received from retirement pensions paid by Federal, State, county, or other governmental agencies to former employees (including members of the Armed Forces) or their survivors.

Annuities, child support, alimony, regular contributions from persons not living in the household, and other periodic income include (1) periodic receipts from annuities or insurance; (2) child support and alimony; (3) contributions received periodically from persons not living in the household; (4) other periodic income such as military family allotments, net gambling winnings, and other kinds of periodic income other than earnings.

Government transfer payments include Social Security or railroad retirement, public assistance or welfare payments, Supplemental Security income, retirement and annuities, veterans' payments, and unemployment and worker's compensations.

Receipts not counted as income. Receipts from the following sources were not included as income: (1) money received from the sale of property, such as stocks, bonds, a house, or a car (unless the person was engaged in the business of selling such property, in which case the net proceeds would be counted as income from self-employment); (2) withdrawals of bank deposits; (3) money borrowed; (4) tax refunds; (5) gifts; and (6) lump-sum inheritances or insurance payments.

All sources of income may be combined into two major types: *Total money earnings*, the algebraic sum of money wages or salary and net income from farm and nonfarm self-employment, and *Income other than earnings*, the algebraic sum of all sources of money income except wages and salaries and income from self-employment.

Total money income. This is defined as the algebraic sum of money wages and salaries, net income from self-employment, and income other than earnings. The total income of a family is the algebraic sum of the amounts received by all income recipients in the family.

The income table for families includes in the lowest income group (under \$2,000) those who were classified as having no income in the income year and those reporting a loss in net income from farm and nonfarm self-employment or in rental income. Some of these were living on income "in-kind," savings, or gifts; or were newly constituted families, or families in which the sole earner had recently died or had left the household. However, other families who reported no income probably had some money income which was not recorded in the survey.

Median income. The median income is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median, and the other having incomes below the median. The medians for families are based on all families.

The medians for women are based on women with income, unless otherwise indicated.

Mean income. The mean income is the amount obtained by dividing the total income of a group by the number of units in that group. The means for families are based on all families. The means for women are based on women with income, unless otherwise indicated.

Income per family member. Income per family member is the mean income computed for every woman, man, and child in a particular family grouping. It is derived by dividing the total income of a particular family group by the total population in that group.

Computation of constant dollar means. The adjustment for price change was made by converting the mean income for women for the year 1981 into 1983 dollars on the basis of the change in the Consumer Price Index. The indices used to make the constant dollar conversions are shown in table A-1.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an index designed to measure changes in family purchasing power. While the CPI is a good measure of the changes in prices paid by the average family represented in the index (urban consumers), it is not necessarily a good measure of the changes in prices faced by consumers of different characteristics and income levels. These limitations should be noted when comparing income figures adjusted to constant dollars using the CPI since the same index was used for all women and all income levels.

Table A-1. Consumer Price Index (CPI): 1977 to 1983

(1977 = 100)

Year	CPI	Year	CPI
1977	100.0	1980	136.0
1978	107.7	1981	150.1
1979	119.8	1982	159.3
		1983	164.4

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Underreporting. As in most household surveys, the estimates of the number of money income recipients and the total amount of money income derived from the March CPS are somewhat less than comparable estimates derived from independent sources, such as the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Social Security Administration, and Veterans Administration. The difference between the survey estimate and the independent estimate is generally termed "underreporting." Underreporting tends to be more pronounced for income sources such as public assistance and welfare, unemployment compensation, and property income (interest, dividends, and net rental income). Estimates of income from wages and salaries tend to have less underreporting than most income types.

Poverty definition. Families and unrelated individuals are classified as being above or below the poverty level using the

poverty index originated at the Social Security Administration in 1964 and revised by Federal Interagency Committees in 1969 and 1981. The poverty index is based solely on money income and does not reflect the fact that many low-income persons receive noncash benefits such as food stamps, Medicaid, and public housing. The index is based on the Department of Agriculture's 1961 economy food plan and reflects the different consumption requirements of families based on their size and composition. It was determined from the Department of Agriculture's 1955 survey of food consumption that families of three or more persons spend approximately one-third of their income on food; the poverty level for these families was, therefore, set at three times the cost of the economy food plan. For smaller families and persons living alone, the cost of the economy food plan was multiplied by factors that were slightly higher in order to compensate for the relatively larger fixed expenses of these smaller households. The poverty thresholds are updated every year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The average poverty threshold for a family of four was \$10,178 in 1983, about 9.6 percent higher than the comparable 1981 cutoff of \$9,287. Weighted average poverty thresholds by size of family are shown in table A-2. For further details, see Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 147, "Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level: 1983."

Weighted average thresholds at the poverty level. As shown in table A-2, the poverty cutoffs used by the Bureau of the Census to determine the poverty status of families and unrelated individuals consist of a set of 48 thresholds arranged in a two-dimensional matrix consisting of family size (from one person, i.e., unrelated individuals, to nine or more persons) cross-classified by presence and number of family members under 18 years old (from no children present to eight or more children present). Unrelated individuals and two-person families are further differentiated by the age of the individual

or family householder (under 65 years and 65 years and over). The total family income of each family in the sample is tested against the appropriate dollar threshold to determine the poverty status of that family. If the family's total income is less than its corresponding cutoff, the family is classified as below the poverty level. The average thresholds shown in table A-2 were weighted by the presence and number of children. For a given size of family, the weighted average threshold for that group is obtained by multiplying the threshold for each presence and number of children category (i.e., "none" through "eight or more" related children under 18 years of age present) within the given family size by the number of families in that category. These products are then aggregated across the entire range of presence and number of children categories, and the total aggregate is divided by the total number of families in the group to yield the weighted average threshold at the poverty level for that size family. Because family composition does not remain constant from year to year, the weighted average thresholds for 1983 will not reflect, identically, the change in the CPI between 1983 and earlier years.

EXPLANATION OF TEXT AND TABLE CONVENTIONS

Rounding. Percentages are rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent; therefore, the percentages in a distribution do not always add to exactly 100.0 percent. The totals, however, are always shown as 100.0. Moreover, individual figures are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which are independently rounded; percentages are based on the unrounded numbers.

Symbols. A dash (—) represents or rounds to zero. The symbol "B" means that the base for the derived figure is less than 75,000. An "X" means not applicable.

Table A-2. Poverty Thresholds in 1983, by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years Old

Size of family unit	Weighted average thresholds	Related children under 18 years								
		None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight or more
One person (unrelated individual)	\$5,061									
Under 65 years	5,180	\$5,180								
65 years and over	4,775	4,775								
Two persons	6,483									
Householder under 65 years	6,697	6,667	\$6,863							
Householder 65 years and over	6,023	6,019	6,837							
Three persons	7,938	7,789	8,015	\$8,022						
Four persons	10,178	10,270	10,437	10,098	\$10,133					
Five persons	12,049	12,385	12,565	12,181	11,882	\$11,701				
Six persons	13,630	14,245	14,301	14,007	13,724	13,305	\$13,056			
Seven persons	15,500	16,390	16,493	16,140	15,894	15,436	14,901	\$14,315		
Eight persons	17,170	18,331	18,493	18,160	17,869	17,455	16,931	16,383	\$16,244	
Nine persons or more	20,310	22,051	22,159	21,864	21,617	21,210	20,652	20,145	20,021	\$19,249

Appendix B. Source and Reliability of Estimates

SOURCE OF DATA

The estimates in this report are based on data obtained in March and April 1984 from the Current Population Surveys (CPS) conducted by the Bureau of the Census and from supplementary questions to the CPS. The present CPS sample was initially selected from the 1970 census files with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The sample is continually updated to reflect new construction. The current sample is located in 629 areas comprising 1,148 counties, independent cities, and minor civil divisions in the Nation.

In the March sample, approximately 62,000 occupied households were eligible for interview. Of this number, about 2,500 occupied units were visited but interviews were not obtained because the occupants were not found at home after repeated calls or were unavailable for some other reason. CPS has eight rotation groups being interviewed in a month.

Questions relating to labor force participation are asked about each member in every sample household. In addition, in March 1984 supplementary questions were asked about income, and in April 1984 supplementary questions were asked about child support and alimony for previously divorced women. In March, all eight rotations were asked income questions. In April, only the six rotations that were the same as in March were used to identify eligible women for the April supplement. About 43,500 of the households interviewed in March were interviewed again in April. Women 18 years of age and older were asked supplemental questions regarding child support and alimony payments. Of the 43,735 eligible women interviewed in March, 38,190 were matched to women interviewed in April. Child support and alimony information was imputed for the other 5,545 eligible women. Table B-1 gives the sample sizes and imputation rates by marital status.

In order to obtain more reliable data for the Spanish-origin population, the March CPS sample was enlarged to include all households from the previous November sample which contained at least one sample person of Spanish origin. Further, for this report, persons in the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post are also included.

The estimation procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. These independent estimates are based on statistics from the 1980 decennial census; statistics on births, deaths, immigration, and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

Since the CPS estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same questionnaires, instructions, and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling and nonsampling. The accuracy of a survey result depends on both types of errors, but the full extent of the nonsampling error is unknown. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates. The standard errors provided for the CPS estimates primarily indicate the magnitude of the sampling error. They also partially measure the effect of some nonsampling errors in responses and enumeration, but they do not measure any systematic biases in the data. (Bias is the difference, averaged over all possible samples, between the estimate and the desired value.)

Nonsampling variability. Nonsampling errors can be attributed to many sources, e.g., inability to obtain information about all cases in the sample, definitional difficulties, differences in the interpretation of questions, inability or unwillingness on the part of the respondents to provide correct information, inability to recall information, errors made in collection such as in recording or coding the data, errors made in processing the data, errors made in estimating values for missing data, and failure to represent all units with the sample (undercoverage).

Undercoverage in the CPS results from missed housing units and missed persons within sample households. Overall undercoverage, as compared to the level of the 1980 decennial census, is about 7 percent. It is known that CPS undercoverage varies with age, sex, and race. Generally, undercoverage is larger for males than for females and larger for Blacks and other races combined than for Whites. Ratio estimation to independent age-sex-race-Hispanic population controls, as described previously, partially corrects for the bias due to survey undercoverage. However, biases exist in the estimates to the extent that missed persons in missed households or missed persons in interviewed households have different characteristics than interviewed persons in the same age-sex-race-Hispanic group. Further, the independent population controls used have not been adjusted for undercoverage in the 1980 census.

In this report, the nonsampling error due to imputing values for missing data may be particularly severe. This is because the imputation rates for divorced and separated women are over 20 percent. Imputation procedures are intended to reduce nonsampling error due to missing data, but with such high imputation rates the procedures lose some effectiveness. Therefore, particular caution should be used in interpreting the data in this report.

In most cases the questionnaire entries for income are based on the memory or knowledge of one person, usually the wife. The most common respondent for this report was the female householder. The memory factor in data derived from field surveys of income probably produces underestimates because the tendency is to forget minor or irregular sources of income. Other errors of reporting are due to misrepresentation or to misunderstanding as to the scope of the income concept. See also the section entitled "Underreporting of Income" in Series P-60, No. 146.

For additional information on nonsampling error including the possible impact on CPS data when known, refer to Statistical Policy Working Paper 3, *An Error Profile: Employment as Measured by the Current Population Survey*, Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1978, and Technical Paper 40, *The Current Population Survey: Design and Methodology*, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Sampling variability. The standard errors given in the following tables are primarily measures of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occurred by chance because a sample rather than the entire population was surveyed. The sample estimate and its standard error enable one to construct confidence intervals, ranges that would include the average results of all possible samples with a known probability. For example, if all possible samples were selected, each of these being surveyed under essentially the same general conditions and using the same sample design, and if an estimate and its standard error were calculated from each sample, then:

1. Approximately 95 percent of the intervals from two standard errors below the estimate to two standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.
2. Approximately 90 percent of the intervals from 1.6 standard errors below the estimate to 1.6 standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.

The average estimate derived from all possible samples is or is not contained in any particular computed interval. However, for a particular sample, one can say with specified confidence that the average estimate derived from all possible samples is included in the confidence interval.

Standard errors may also be used to perform hypothesis testing, a procedure for distinguishing between population parameters using sample estimates. The most common types of hypothesis appearing in this report is that the population parameters are different. An example of this would be com-

paring the mean annual income of women receiving child support payments versus the mean annual income of women who were not awarded child support payments. Tests may be performed at various levels of significance, where a level of significance is the probability of concluding that the characteristics are different when, in fact, they are identical.

To perform the most common test, let x and y be sample estimates for two characteristics of interest. Let the standard error on the difference $x-y$ be σ_{DIFF} . If the ratio $R = (x-y)/\sigma_{DIFF}$ is between -2 and $+2$, no conclusion about the difference between the characteristics is justified at the 0.05 level of significance. If, however, this ratio is smaller than -2 or larger than $+2$, the observed difference is significant at the 0.05 level. In this event, it is commonly accepted practice to say that the characteristics are different. Of course, sometimes this conclusion will be wrong. When the characteristics are, in fact, the same, there is a 5 percent chance of concluding that they are different. All statements of comparison in the text have passed a hypothesis test at the 0.10 level of significance or better, and most have passed a hypothesis test at the 0.05 level of significance or better. This means that, for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference between characteristics is greater than twice the standard error of the difference. For the other differences mentioned, the estimated difference between characteristics is between 1.6 and 2.0 times the standard error of the difference. When this is the case, the statement of comparison is qualified, e.g., by use of the phrase "some evidence."

Comparability of data. Data obtained from the CPS and other governmental sources are not entirely comparable. This is due in large part to differences in interviewer training and experience and in differing survey processes. This is an additional component of error not reflected in the standard error tables. Therefore, caution should be used in comparing results between these different sources.

Note when using small estimates. Summary measures (such as medians and percent distributions) are shown only when the base is 75,000 or greater. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that summary measures would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated numbers are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit such combinations of the categories as serve each data user's needs. Also, care must be taken in the interpretation of small differences. For instance, even a small amount of nonsampling error can cause a borderline difference to appear significant or not, thus distorting a seemingly valid hypothesis test.

Standard error tables and their use. In order to derive standard errors that would be applicable to a larger number of estimates and which could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. Therefore, instead of providing an individual standard error for each estimate,

generalized sets of standard errors are provided for various types of characteristics. As a result, the sets of standard errors provided give an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard error of an estimate rather than the precise standard error.

The figures presented in table B-2 are approximations to the standard errors of various estimates for women in the United States. To obtain the approximate standard error for a specific characteristic, the appropriate standard error in tables B-2 and B-3 must be multiplied by the "f" factor for that characteristic given in table B-4. These factors must be applied to the generalized standard errors in order to adjust for the combined effect of the sample design and the estimating procedure on the value of the characteristic.

Standard errors for intermediate values not shown in the generalized tables of standard errors may be approximated by linear interpolation.

Two parameters (denoted "a" and "b") are used to calculate standard errors for each type of characteristic; they are presented in table B-4. These parameters were used to calculate the standard errors in tables B-2 and B-3 and to calculate the "f" factors in table B-4. They also may be used to directly calculate the standard errors for estimated numbers and percentages. Methods for direct computation are given in the following sections.

Standard errors of estimated numbers. The approximate standard error, σ_x , of an estimated number shown in this report can be obtained in two ways. It may be obtained by use of the formula

$$\sigma_x = f\sigma \quad (1)$$

where f is the appropriate factor from table B-4, and σ is the standard error on the estimate obtained by interpolation from table B-2. Alternatively, the standard error may be approximated by formula (2), from which the standard errors in table B-2 were calculated. Use of this formula will provide more accurate results than the use of formula (1) above.

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \quad (2)$$

Here, x is the size of the estimate, and a and b are the parameters in table B-4 associated with the particular characteristic.

Illustration of the computation of the standard error of an estimated number. Table 1 of this report shows that there were 5,015,000 women with child support payments agreed to or awarded in 1983. Using formula (2), with a = -0.000033 and b = 2,513 from table B-4, the approximate standard error¹ is:

$$\sqrt{(-0.000033)(5,015,000)^2 + (2,513)(5,015,000)} = 109,000$$

The 90-percent confidence interval for the number of women with child support payments agreed to or awarded is from 4,840,600 to 5,189,400. Therefore, a conclusion that

¹Using formula (1), table B-2, and the appropriate factor from table B-4, the approximate standard error is $1.00 \times 108,000 = 108,000$.

Table B-1. Sample Sizes and Imputation Rates

Marital status	Sample size	Imputed cases	Rates
Total	43,735	5,545	12.7
Married or widowed	31,207	3,562	11.4
Divorced	3,606	783	21.7
Separated	1,209	302	25.0
Never married	7,713	898	11.6

Table B-2 Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers of Women: 1983

(Numbers in thousands)

Size of estimate	Standard error	Size of estimate	Standard error
10	5	7,000	126
75	14	8,000	134
250	25	9,000	141
500	35	10,000	148
1,000	50	11,000	154
2,000	70	12,000	159
3,000	85	13,000	165
4,000	98	15,000	174
5,000	108	17,000	182
6,000	118		

NOTE: For a particular characteristic, see table B-4 for the appropriate factor to apply to the above standard errors. For reference, the standard errors in tables B-2 and B-3 were calculated using a = -0.000033 and b = 2,513.

the average estimate derived from all possible samples lies within a range computed in this way would be correct for roughly 90 percent of all possible samples. Similarly, we could conclude with 95-percent confidence that the number of women with child support payments agreed to or awarded lies within the interval from 4,797,000 to 5,233,000 (using twice the standard error).

Standard errors of estimated percentages. The reliability of an estimated percentage computed, using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the percentage and the size of the total upon which this percentage is based. Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. When the numerator and denominator of the percentage are in different categories, use the factor or parameters from table B-4 indicated by the numerator. The approximate standard error, $\sigma_{(x,p)}$, of an estimated percentage can be obtained by use of the formula

$$\sigma_{(x,p)} = f\sigma \quad (3)$$

In this formula, f is the appropriate factor from table B-4 and σ is the standard error on the estimate from table B-3. Alternatively, the standard error may be approximated by the following formula, from which the standard errors in table B-3

Table B-3. Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages of Women: 1983

Base of estimated percentage (thousands)	Estimated percentage				
	2 or 98	5 or 95	10 or 90	25 or 75	50
75	2.6	4.0	5.5	7.9	9.2
200	1.6	2.4	3.4	4.9	5.6
300	1.3	2.0	2.7	4.0	4.6
400	1.1	1.7	2.4	3.4	4.0
500	1.0	1.5	2.1	3.1	3.5
600	0.9	1.4	1.9	2.8	3.2
800	0.8	1.2	1.7	2.4	2.8
1,000	0.7	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.5
1,200	0.6	1.0	1.4	2.0	2.3
1,500	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.8	2.0
2,000	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.8
3,000	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.4
4,000	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.3
5,000	0.3	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.1
10,000	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8
15,000	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6
17,000	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6

NOTE: For a particular characteristic, see table B-4 for the appropriate factor to apply to the above standard errors.

were calculated. Use of this formula will give more accurate results than use of formula (3) above.

$$\sigma_{(x,p)} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} \cdot p(100-p)} \quad (4)$$

Here, x is the size of the subclass of women or families which is the base of the percentage, p is the percentage ($0 < p < 100$), and b is the parameter in table B-4 associated with the particular characteristic in the numerator of the percentage.

Illustration of the computation of the standard error of a percentage. Table 1 of this report shows that of the 3,995,000 women due child support payments in 1983, 3,037,000, or 76.0 percent, of the women actually received payment. Using formula (4) with $b = 2,513$ from table B-4, the approximate standard error² of 76.0 percent is

$$\sqrt{\frac{2,513}{3,995,000} (76.0)(24.0)} = 1.1$$

Consequently, the 90-percent confidence interval of the percentage of women who actually received payment is 74.2 to 77.8 percent, i.e., $76.0 \pm (1.6 \times 1.1)$, and the 95-percent confidence interval is from 73.8 to 78.2 percent (twice the standard error).

Standard error of a difference. For a difference between two sample estimates, the standard error is approximately equal to

$$\sigma_{(x-y)} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_x^2}{x} + \frac{\sigma_y^2}{y}} \quad (5)$$

where σ_x and σ_y are the standard errors of the estimates x and y , respectively. The estimates can be of numbers, percents, ratios, etc. This will represent the actual standard error quite accurately for the difference between two

estimates of the same characteristic in two different areas, or for the difference between separate and uncorrelated characteristics in the same area. If, however, there is a high positive (negative) correlation between the two characteristics, the formula will overestimate (underestimate) the true standard error.

Illustration of the computation of the standard error of a difference. Table 1 of this report shows that in 1983, 71.9 percent of married women due child support in 1983 (1,226,000) actually received payments, whereas 76.4 percent of divorced women due payments (2,092,000) actually received child support. Thus, the apparent difference in the percentages between these two groups of women is 4.5 percent. Using the standard error b parameter = 2,513 from table B-4 and formula (4) the standard error, $\sigma_{(x,p)}$ on 71.9 percent is approximately 2.0 percent, and the standard error, $\sigma_{(y,p)}$ on 76.4 percent is approximately 1.5 percent. Using formula (5), the standard error of the estimated difference of 4.5 percent is about

$$\sqrt{(2.0)^2 + (1.5)^2} = 2.5 \text{ percent}$$

Thus, the 90-percent confidence interval around the difference is from 0.5 to 8.5 percent, i.e., $4.5 \pm (1.6 \times 2.5)$, and the 95-percent confidence interval is from -0.5 to 9.5 percent (twice the standard error). Since this interval includes zero, we cannot conclude with 95-percent confidence that the percentage of married women actually receiving child support payments is less than the percentage of divorced women actually receiving child support payments. However, since the 90-percent interval does not include zero, we can say that there is some evidence of a difference between the two groups.

Standard error of a median. The sampling variability of an estimated median depends upon the form of the distribution

²Using formula (3), table B-3, and the appropriate factor from table B-4, the approximate standard error is $1.00 \times 1.1 = 1.1$.

as well as the size of its base. An approximate method for measuring the reliability of an estimated median is to determine a confidence interval about it. (See the section on sampling variability for a general discussion of confidence intervals.) The following procedure may be used to estimate the 68-percent confidence limits of a median based on sample data.

1. Determine, using the standard error tables and factors or formula (4), the standard error of the estimate of 50 percent from the distribution.
2. Add to and subtract from 50 percent the standard error determined in step (1).
3. Using the distribution of the characteristic, calculate the 68-percent confidence interval by calculating the values corresponding to the two points established in step (2).
4. Once the limits of the 68-percent confidence interval are computed, the standard error of a median can be computed by the formula:

$$\sigma_{\text{median}} = \frac{U-L}{2}$$

where

U = Upper limit of the 68-percent confidence interval,

L = Lower limit of the 68-percent confidence interval.

Illustration of the computation of a confidence interval for a median. Table 1 of this report shows that the median income in 1983 for all women with children from absent fathers with income is \$7,942. Table 1 also shows that the base of the distribution from which this median was determined is 8,236,000.

1. Using formula (4), the standard error of 50 percent on a base of 8,236,000 is about 0.9 percentage points.
2. To obtain a 68-percent confidence interval on the estimated median, add to and subtract from 50 percent the standard error found in step (1). This yields limits of 49.1 and 50.9.
3. From table 1, the income of 4,960,000 (60.2 percent) of these women was at least \$6,000, and the income of 4,092,000 (49.7 percent) of these women was at least \$8,000. Therefore, the median income and the upper and lower limits on the confidence interval are to be calculated

Table B-4. "a" and "b" Parameters and "f" Factors for Calculating Approximate Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Percentages of Women: 1983

	Parameter		f factor
	a	b	
INCOME			
Women			
Total or White	-0.000033	2,513	1.00
Black	-0.000296	2,873	1.07
Spanish origin ¹	-0.000078	6,741	1.64
Families			
Total or White	-0.000030	2,295	0.96
Black	-0.000258	2,501	1.00
Spanish origin ¹	-0.000063	5,438	1.47
Women Below the Poverty Level			
Total or White	-0.000138	10,595	2.05
Black	-0.001093	10,595	2.05
Spanish Origin ¹	-0.000299	25,904	3.21
NONINCOME			
Number of Women with Children Whose Fathers are Absent			
Marital Status:			
Total or White	-0.000061	4,667	1.36
Black	-0.000690	6,693	1.63
Spanish Origin ¹	-0.000115	9,959	1.99
Selected characteristics of women:			
Education	-0.000035	3,075	1.11
Employment	-0.000026	2,294	0.96
Unemployment	-0.000033	2,934	1.08
Selected characteristics of families:			
Tenure	-0.000014	2,365	0.97

¹Women of Spanish origin may be of any race.

NOTE: To obtain standard error parameters by residence, multiply the above parameters by a factor of 1.0 for metropolitan residence, 1.5 for nonmetropolitan residence, 0.99 for Northeast; 1.02 for Midwest; 0.98 for South; and 0.84 for West.

using linear interpolation. The lower limit on the estimate is found to be about

$$\frac{4,960,000 - (.509)(8,236,000)}{4,960,000 - 4,092,000} (\$8,000 - \$6,000) + \$6,000 = \$7,769$$

Similarly, the upper limit is found by linear interpolation to be about

$$\frac{4,960,000 - (.491)(8,236,000)}{4,960,000 - 4,092,000} (\$8,000 - \$6,000) + \$6,000 = \$8,111$$

Thus, the 68-percent confidence interval on the median income of all women with income in 1983 is from \$7,769 to \$8,111.

4. The standard error of the median is, therefore, $(\$8,111 - \$7,769) / 2$, i.e., \$171. (NOTE: Published standard errors are calculated by the same method as above. However, a different standard error may be obtained because of rounding-off errors; e.g., for the above illustration, table 1 gives a standard error of \$184.)

Standard error of estimated arithmetic mean. The standard error of an arithmetic mean can be approximated by formula (6) below. Because of the approximations used in developing formula (6), an estimate of the standard error of the mean obtained from that formula will generally underestimate the true standard error. The formula used to estimate the standard error of a mean is

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\frac{b}{y}} s^2 \quad (6)$$

In this formula, y is the size of the base of the distribution, and b is a parameter which depends on the sample size, the sample design, the estimation procedure, and the characteristic. The values of b are given in table B-4. The variance, s^2 , is given by the following formula:

$$s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^c p_i \bar{x}_i^2 - \bar{x}^2 \quad (7)$$

where \bar{x} is the mean of the distribution estimated by the expression

$$\sum_{i=1}^c p_i \bar{x}_i$$

c is the number of groups; i indicates a specific group, thus taking on values 1 through c .

p_i is the estimated proportion of women as families whose values, for the characteristic (x -values) being considered, fall in group i .

$x_i = (Z_{i-1} + Z_i) / 2$ where Z_{i-1} and Z_i are the lower and upper interval boundaries, respectively, for group i . This is assumed to be the most representative value for the characteristic for women as families in group i . Group c is open-ended, i.e., no upper interval boundary exists. For this group an approximate average value is $\bar{x}_c = \frac{3}{2} Z_{c-1}$.

CHILDREN'S (0-13 years old) TRANSCRIPTION ITEMS
(If more than 4 children in household, use continuation CPS-1 document.)

FIRST CHILD					
18A. LINE NO.	18B. RELATIONSHIP TO REFERENCE PERSON (Control Card Item 14b)	18C. PARENT'S LINE NUMBER	18D. AGE	18G. SEX Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	18K. ORIGIN
00	Own Child.....	00	00		11
11	Brother/Sister.....	11	11		22
22	Other relative of Reference Person	22	22		33
33	Non-rel. of Reference Person—WITH OWN RELS. in household.....	33	33		44
44	Non-rel. of Reference Person—NO OWN rels. in household.....	44	44		55
55		55	55		66
66		66	66		77
77		77	77		88
88		88	88		99
99		99	99		

SECOND CHILD					
18A. LINE NO.	18B. RELATIONSHIP TO REFERENCE PERSON (Control Card Item 14b)	18C. PARENT'S LINE NUMBER	18D. AGE	18G. SEX Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	18K. ORIGIN
00	Own Child.....	00	00		11
11	Brother/Sister.....	11	11		22
22	Other relative of Reference Person	22	22		33
33	Non-rel. of Reference Person—WITH OWN RELS. in household.....	33	33		44
44	Non-rel. of Reference Person—NO OWN rels. in household.....	44	44		55
55		55	55		66
66		66	66		77
77		77	77		88
88		88	88		99
99		99	99		

THIRD CHILD					
18A. LINE NO.	18B. RELATIONSHIP TO REFERENCE PERSON (Control Card Item 14b)	18C. PARENT'S LINE NUMBER	18D. AGE	18G. SEX Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	18K. ORIGIN
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11	Brother/Sister.....	11	11		22
22	Other relative of Reference Person	22	22		33
33	Non-rel. of Reference Person—WITH OWN RELS. in household.....	33	33		44
44	Non-rel. of Reference Person—NO OWN rels. in household.....	44	44		55
55		55	55		66
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77		77	77		88
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11	Brother/Sister.....	11	11		22
22	Other relative of Reference Person	22	22		33
33	Non-rel. of Reference Person—WITH OWN RELS. in household.....	33	33		44
44	Non-rel. of Reference Person—NO OWN rels. in household.....	44	44		55
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66		66	66		77
77		77	77		88
88		88	88		99
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11	Reference Person with NO other relatives in household.....	11	11	Married—Armed Forces spouse present.....
22	Husband.....	22	22	Married—spouse absent (Exclude separated).....
33	Wife.....	33	33	Widowed.....
44	Own child.....	44	44	Divorced.....
55	Parent.....	55	55	Separated.....
66	Brother/Sister.....	66	66	Never married.....
77	Other rel. of Ref. Person.....	77	77	
88	Non-rel. of Ref. Person WITH OWN relatives in household.....	88	88	
99	Non-rel. of Ref. Person with NO OWN relatives in household.....	99	99	

18F. SPOUSE'S LINE NO.	18G. SEX Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	18H. HIGHEST GRADE ATTENDED	18I. GRADE COMPLETED	18J. RACE	18K. ORIGIN
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11		E H C		2. Black.....	11
22		I I I		3. Amer. Indian, Aleut, Eskimo.....	22
33		2 2 2		4. Asian or Pacific Isl.....	33
44		3 3 3		5. Other.....	44
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66		5 5 5			66
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99		8 8 8			99
None		None			

SECOND ARMED FORCES MEMBER				
18A. LINE NO.	18B. RELATIONSHIP TO REFERENCE PERSON	18C. PARENT'S LINE NUMBER	18D. AGE	18E. MARITAL STATUS
00	Reference Person WITH other relatives in household.....	00	00	Married—civilian spouse present.....
11	Reference Person with NO other relatives in household.....	11	11	Married—Armed Forces spouse present.....
22	Husband.....	22	22	Married—spouse absent (Exclude separated).....
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None		None			

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18. LINE NUMBER

19. What was ... doing most of LAST WEEK -

Working

Keeping house

Going to school or something else?

Working (Skip to 20A) ... WK

With a job but not at work ... J

Looking for work ... LK

Keeping house ... H

Going to school ... S

Unable to work (Skip to 24) ... U

Retired ... R

Other (Specify) ... OT

20. Did ... do any work at all LAST WEEK, not counting work around the house? (Note: If farm or business operator in hh., ask about unpaid work.)

Yes No (Go to 21)

20A. How many hours did ... work LAST WEEK at all jobs?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

20B. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

49+ (Skip to item 23)

1-34 (Go to 20C)

35-48 (Go to 20D)

20C. Does ... USUALLY work 36 hours or more a week at this job?

Yes What is the reason ... worked less than 36 hours LAST WEEK?

No What is the reason ... USUALLY works less than 36 hours a week?

(Mark the appropriate reason)

Slack work ...

Material shortage ...

Plant or machine repair ...

New job started during week ...

Job terminated during week ...

Could find only part-time work ...

Holiday (Legal or religious) ...

Labor dispute ...

Bad weather ...

Own illness ...

On vacation ...

Too busy with housework, school, personal bus., etc. ...

Did not want full-time work ...

Full-time work week under 36 hours ...

Other reason (Specify) ...

(Skip to 23 and enter job worked at last week)

20D. Did ... lose any time or take any time off LAST WEEK for any reason such as illness, holiday or slack work?

Yes How many hours did ... take off?

(Correct 20A if last time not already deducted; if 20A reduced below 35, correct 20B and fill 20C; otherwise, skip to 23.)

No (Skip to 23)

20E. Did ... work any overtime or at more than one job LAST WEEK?

Yes How many extra hours did ... work?

(Correct 20A and 20B as necessary if extra hours not already included and skip to 23.)

No (Skip to 23)

21. (If) in 19, skip to 21A.)

Did ... have a job or business from which he/she was temporarily absent or on layoff LAST WEEK?

Yes No (Go to 22)

21A. Why was ... absent from work LAST WEEK?

Own illness ...

On vacation ...

Bad weather ...

Labor dispute ...

New job to begin within 30 days (Skip to 22B and 22C2)

Temporary layoff (Under 30 days)

Indefinite layoff (30 days or more or no def. recall date) (Skip to 22C2)

Other (Specify) ...

21B. Is ... getting wages or salary for any of the time off LAST WEEK?

Yes

No

Self-employed

21C. Does ... usually work 36 hours or more a week at this job?

Yes

No (Skip to 23 and enter job held last week)

22. (If LK in 19, Skip to 22A.)

Has ... been looking for work during the past 4 weeks?

Yes No (Go to 24)

22A. What has ... been doing in the last 4 weeks to find work? (Mark all methods used; do not read list.)

Checked with -

pub. employ. agency

pvt. employ. agency

employer directly

friends or relatives

Placed or answered ads.

Nothing (Skip to 24)

Other (Specify in notes, e.g., CETA, union or prof. register, etc.)

22B. Why did ... start looking for work? Was it because ... lost or quit a job at that time (pause) or was there some other reason?

Lost job

Quit job

Left school

Wanted temporary work

Other (Specify in notes)

22C. 1) How many weeks has ... been looking for work?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

2) How many weeks ago did ... start looking for work?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

3) How many weeks ago was ... laid off?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

22D. Has ... been looking for full-time or part-time work?

Full Part

22E. Is there any reason why ... could not take a job LAST WEEK?

Yes Already has a job

Temporary illness

Going to school

No Other (Specify in notes)

22F. When did ... last work at a full-time job or business lasting 2 consecutive weeks or more? Within last 12 months (Specify) ... (Month) ...

One to five years ago

More than 5 years ago

Never worked full-time 2 wks or more

Never worked at all

(SKIP to 23. If layoff entered in 21A, enter job, either full or part time, from which laid off. Also enter last full time job lasting 2 weeks or more, or "never worked.")

23. DESCRIPTION OF JOB OR BUSINESS

23A. For whom did ... work? (Name of company, business, organization or other employer.)

23B. What kind of business or industry is this? (For example: TV and radio mfg., retail shoe store, State Labor Dept., farm.)

23C. What kind of work was ... doing? (For example: electrical engineer, stock clerk, typist, farmer.)

23D. What were ...'s most important activities or duties at this job? (For example: types, keeps account books, files, sells cars, operates printing press, finishes concrete.)

23E. Was this person

An employee of PRIVATE Co., bus., or individual for wages, salary or comm. ... P

A FEDERAL government employee ... F

A STATE government employee ... S

A LOCAL government employee ... L

Self-empl. in OWN bus., prof. practice, or farm

Is the business incorporated? Yes No SE

Working WITHOUT PAY in fam. bus. or farm ... WP

NEVER WORKED ... NEV

23F. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

Entry (or NA) in item 20A (Go to 25 at top of Page)

Entry (or NA) in item 21B

All other cases (Skip to 26)

24. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

(Rotation number)

First digit of SEGMENT number is:

0 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 or 8 (Skip to 26)

2 or 6 (Go to 24A)

24A. When did ... last work for pay at a regular job or business, either full- or part-time?

Within past 12 months

1 up to 2 years ago ... (Go to 24B)

2 up to 3 years ago ...

3 up to 4 years ago ...

4 up to 5 years ago ...

5 or more years ago ... (Skip to 24C)

Never worked ... (Skip to 24C)

24B. Why did ... leave that job?

Personal, family (incl. pregnancy) or school

Health

Retirement or old age

Seasonal job completed

Slack work or business conditions

Temporary nonseasonal job completed

Unsatisfactory work arrangements (Hours, pay, etc.)

Other

24C. Does ... want a regular job now, either full- or part-time?

Yes (Go to 24D)

Maybe - it depends (Specify in notes)

No (Skip to 24E)

Don't know

24D. What are the reasons ... is not looking for work? (Mark each reason mentioned)

Believes no work available in line of work or area

Couldn't find any work

Lacks nec. schooling, training, skills or experience

Employers think too young or too old

Other pers. handicap in finding job

Can't arrange child care

Family responsibilities

In school or other training

Ill health, physical disability

Other (Specify in notes)

Don't know

24E. Does ... intend to look for work of any kind in the next 12 months?

Yes

It depends (Specify in notes)

No

Don't know

(If entry in 24B, describe job in 23, otherwise, skip to 26)

25. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM

(Rotation number)

First digit of SEGMENT number is:

0 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 or 8 (Skip to 26)

2 or 6 (Go to 25A)

25A. How many hours per week does ... USUALLY work at this job?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

25B. Is ... paid by the hour on this job?

Yes (Go to 25C)

No (Skip to 25D)

25C. How much does ... earn per hour?

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(Ask 25D)

25D. How much does ... USUALLY earn per week at this job BEFORE deductions? Include any overtime pay, commissions, or tips usually received.

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25E. On this job, is ... a member of a labor union or of an employee association similar to a union?

Yes (Skip to 26)

No (Ask 25F)

25F. On this job, is ... covered by a union or employee association contract?

Yes (Go to 26)

No

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6 6	Brother/Sister			Never married		Nonveteran				
7 7	Other rel. of Ref. Person					Female				
8 8	Non-rel. of Ref. Person WITH OWN relatives in household									
9 9	Non-rel. of Ref. Person with NO OWN relatives in household									

<p>26. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM (Transcribe from control card item 18)</p> <p>This person is 16-24 years of age (Ask 26A) All others (End Questions)</p> <p>26A. (If "School" in 19, Verify) Is ... standing or enrolled in a high school, college, or university? (Mark "Yes" if currently on holiday or seasonal vacation. Mark "No" for summer vacation.) Yes (Verify) No (End Questions)</p> <p>High School (Ask 26B) College or Univ. (Ask 26B)</p> <p>26B. Is ... enrolled in school as a full-time or part-time student? Full time (End Questions) Part time (End Questions)</p>	<p>35. Has ... ever had or adopted any children? Yes (Ask 36) No (Skip to 56 - Ask questions of woman herself)</p> <p>36. How many children has ... ever had (or adopted)? 1 2 3 4 + (Fill 37)</p>	<p>43. Were these payments to be received - (Read categories) Directly from child's father? ... Through a court or public agency? ... By some other method? ... (Specify in notes)</p> <p>44. During calendar year 1983, were you or your child(ren) SUPPOSED to receive any child support payments (Last divorce or separation)? Yes (Ask 45) No (Skip to 49)</p>	<p>50. Did you receive payments every month in 1983? Yes (Skip to 56) No (Skip to 56)</p> <p>51. Have you contacted a child support enforcement office for aid in obtaining child support (for children of last divorce or separation)? Yes (Ask 52) No (Skip to 56)</p> <p>52. Did you receive any help from this office? Yes (Ask 53) No (Skip to 56)</p>	<p>59. Did you receive these alimony or maintenance payments (Read categories) Regularly ... Occasionally ... Seldom or ... Never?</p> <p>60. In total, how much in alimony or maintenance payments were you SUPPOSED to receive in 1983? \$.00</p> <p>Included in child support</p>
<p>REMINDER: ASK THE L. F. ITEMS FOR ALL H.H. MEMBERS BEFORE ASKING THE SUPPLEMENT</p> <p>28. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM A. This unit is in Rotation 1 or 5 (End questions) Rotations 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 or 8 (Fill 29B)</p> <p>B. This person is: FEMALE 18 years or older AND currently: Married (Skip to 37) Widowed (Skip to 37) Divorced (Skip to 33) Separated (Skip to 33) Never married (Ask 30) All others - (Go to next person)</p>	<p>37. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM (See c.c. items 14 and 18) Any (other) H.H. member 20 years old or under? Yes (Fill 38) No (Skip to 56)</p> <p>38. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM This person is currently: Never married (Ask 39) All other (Skip to 40)</p> <p>REMINDER: ASK ITEMS 39 through 66 OF THE WOMAN HERSELF - IF NOT PRESENT, MAKE TELEPHONE CALLBACK(S)</p> <p>39. Are any of your children living here now? Yes (Go to next person) No (Fill 40)</p>	<p>46. Did you receive these child support payments (Read categories) Regularly (Skip to 47) Occasionally (Ask 46) Seldom or (Ask 46) Never?</p> <p>47. What was the main reason you did NOT receive these payments regularly (Read categories)? The father refused to pay? You were unable to locate father? Was there some other reason? (Specify in notes) Don't know</p>	<p>53. What type of help did this office provide? (Mark all that apply) Locate the father ... Establish paternity ... Enforce support obligation ... Enforce support order ... Obtain collection ... Other (Fill 54)</p> <p>54. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM Dollar FOSDIC entry for NA in item 48 (Ask 55) All others (Skip to 56)</p> <p>55. How much of the child support you ACTUALLY received in 1983 was the result of help from this office? \$.00</p> <p>All (None)</p>	<p>61. How much in alimony or maintenance payments did you ACTUALLY receive in 1983? \$.00</p> <p>Included in child support</p> <p>62. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM This person is currently: Separated (Skip to 64) All others (Ask 63)</p> <p>63. As part of the settlement, did you receive - (Read categories and mark all that apply) - A one time cash settlement? Some other type of settlement? Or was there no settlement reached?</p>
<p>30. Has ... ever had any children? Yes (Skip to 36) No (Go to next person)</p> <p>31. Has ... been married more than once? Yes (Ask 32) No (Go to next person)</p> <p>32. Has ... ever been divorced? Yes (Ask 33) No (Go to next person)</p>	<p>39. Were child support payments agreed to or awarded (Last divorce or separation)? Yes (Was it a?) Voluntary written agreement? ... Court ordered? ... (Ask 41A) Other ... (Skip to 42)</p> <p>40. How many of the children living here now were fathered or adopted by your (most recently) divorced/separated husband? None (Skip to 56) 1 2 3 4 + (Ask 41)</p>	<p>45. In total, how much in child support payments were you SUPPOSED to receive in 1983? \$.00</p> <p>46. How much in child support payments did you ACTUALLY receive in 1983? \$.00</p> <p>None (Skip to 51)</p>	<p>56. INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM This person is currently: Never married (Go to next person) All others (Ask 57)</p> <p>57. Concerning your (last) divorce/separation, were alimony or maintenance payments agreed to or awarded? Yes (Ask 58) No (Skip to 62)</p> <p>58. During 1983 were you SUPPOSED to receive alimony or maintenance payments? Yes (Ask 59) No (Skip to 62)</p>	<p>64. At the time of your (last) separation, were you working? Yes (Ask 65) No (Skip to 66)</p> <p>65. Were you working 36 hours or more per week or less than 35 hours per week? 36+ per week (End Questions) Less than 35 hours per week (End Questions)</p> <p>66. Did you work at any time during the 5 years before your (last) separation? Yes No</p> <p>INTERVIEWER CHECK ITEM Callback Required Callback Completed</p>
<p>33. When did ...'s (most recent) divorce/separation take place? (Month) J F M A M J J A S O N D Year 19 -</p> <p>34. What was the date of that marriage? (Month) J F M A M J J A S O N D Year 19 -</p>	<p>41A. Was health insurance included as part of the child support agreement? Yes (Skip to 43) No (Skip to 43)</p> <p>42. Why were child support payments not agreed to or awarded? Final agreement pending ... Accepted property settlement in lieu of child support ... Joint custody granted ... Did not want child support ... Wanted child support but agreement not sought or reached because: Unable to locate father ... Unable to establish paternity ... Some other reason ... (Skip to 49)</p>	<p>47. In total, how much in child support payments were you SUPPOSED to receive in 1983? \$.00</p> <p>48. How much in child support payments did you ACTUALLY receive in 1983? \$.00</p> <p>None (Skip to 51)</p>	<p>67. During 1983 were you SUPPOSED to receive alimony or maintenance payments? Yes (Ask 59) No (Skip to 62)</p>	

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