

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION, 1992-1993, WHO GETS ASSISTANCE?

Table B.

Median Duration of Participation and Standard Errors by Program: 1992-1993 (in months)						
Characteristic	Major assistance programs 1/		AFDC/General Assistance		SSI	
	Median	Standard error	Median	Standard error	Median	Standard error
All recipients	7.7	0.310	8.5	1.110	(X)	(X)
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN 2/						
White	7.3	0.317	7.3	0.581	(X)	(X)
Not of Hispanic origin	6.9	1.173	7.5	0.591	(X)	(X)
Black	13.3	1.894	13.8	1.888	(X)	(X)
Hispanic origin	9.3	1.567	7.5	1.717	(X)	(X)
Not of Hispanic origin	7.5	0.384	8.8	1.109	(X)	(X)
AGE /3						
Under 18 years	7.2	0.438	10.0	1.870	(B)	(B)
18 to 64	7.8	0.397	7.8	0.641	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (Persons 18 Years and over)						
Under 4 years of high school	11.7	1.061	7.9	1.194	(X)	(X)
High school graduate, no college	7.7	0.608	7.6	0.811	(X)	(X)
1 or more years of college	7.4	0.713	7.8	1.559	14.3	3.6
DISABILITY STATUS (Persons 15 to 69 years)						
With work disability	10.6	2.035	8.3	4.155	(X)	(X)
With no work disability	7.6	0.434	7.5	0.957	7.8	1.646
RESIDENCE						

Metropolitan	7.9	0.328	9.5	1.772	(X)	(X)
Central city	8.5	4.551	9.8	3.873	(X)	(X)
Noncentral city	7.7	0.406	9.3	1.772	(X)	(X)
Nonmetropolitan	7.4	0.803	7.4	0.572	(X)	(X)
REGION						
Northeast	7.9	0.491	7.5	0.699	(X)	(X)
Midwest	7.4	0.844	10.9	1.552	17.4	2.619
South	8.9	1.800	9.7	1.965	(X)	(X)
West	7.3	0.466	7.5	2.404	(X)	(X)
FAMILY STATUS						
In families	7.6	0.332	8.5	1.124	(X)	(X)
In married-couple families	6.3	1.569	5.0	3.544	19.7	5.531
In families with a female house-holder, no spouse present	13.1	6.196	12.3	1.726	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals	11.2	0.898	13.1	2.057	(X)	(X)
EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE STATUS (Persons 18 Years and over)						
Employed full-time	5.4	1.091	3.7	0.293	7.0	2.624
Employed part-time	7.5	1.162	7.0	1.340	(B)	(B)
Unemployed	9.0	1.353	6.1	1.641	(B)	(B)
Not in the labor force	16.7	0.549	11.5	1.462	(X)	(X)
FAMILY INCOME-TO-POVERTY RATIO						
Less than 1.00	11.5	0.831	9.6	1.402	(X)	(X)
1.00 and over	6.0	1.118	5.5	1.627	(X)	(X)

1/ Means-tested programs include AFDC and General Assistance, SSI, food stamps, Medicaid, and housing assistance.

2/ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

3/ The symbols 'X' and 'B' denote 'not available' and 'base less than 200,000', respectively. Median duration cannot be computed when more than half of the spells are continuing in the last month of data collection. This situation is especially likely to occur for elderly recipients whose income from other sources is unlikely to rise over time.

4/ Age, educational attainment, and other variables are measured at the time the spells begin, excluding those who are already on programs at the start of the survey

Table B. Continued

Median Duration of Participation and Standard Errors by Program: 1992-1993 (in months)						
Characteristic	Food stamps		Medicaid		Housing	
	Median	Standard error	Median	Standard error	Median	Standard error
All recipients	8.0	0.444	8.1	1.505	(X)	(X)
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN 2/						
White	7.2	0.534	7.9	0.288	14.5	2.072
Not of Hispanic origin	6.6	0.951	7.9	0.388	11.9	0.973
Black	13.3	0.563	11.5	0.924	(X)	(X)
Hispanic origin	9.5	1.464	7.9	0.436	18.1	0.475
Not of Hispanic origin	7.8	0.529	8.4	1.878	(X)	(X)
AGE /3						
Under 18 years	8.5	1.141	7.1	0.375	(X)	(X)
18 to 64	7.5	0.520	11.4	0.660	14.6	2.063
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (Persons 18 years and over)						
Under 4 years of high school	10.3	1.936	17.5	2.733	(X)	(X)
High school graduate, no college	7.3	0.808	11.1	0.897	11.5	1.194
1 or more years of college	5.6	1.264	9.9	3.231	14.3	1.644
DISABILITY STATUS (Persons 15 to 69 Years)						
With work disability	7.3	1.354	19.1	2.133	(X)	(X)
With no work disability	7.5	0.574	7.9	0.360	13.6	5.416
RESIDENCE						
Metropolitan	8.4	1.015	7.9	0.301	(X)	(X)
Central city	9.7	1.679	7.8	0.384	(X)	(X)
Noncentral city	7.5	0.781	8.0	0.479	(X)	(X)
Nonmetropolitan	7.4	1.095	9.3	2.235	14.0	3.697
REGION						
Northeast	7.5	0.876	8.0	0.479	(X)	(X)
Midwest	7.9	1.463	11.5	1.297	19.4	1.888

South	9.5	1.571	7.8	0.487	(X)	(X)
West	6.9	0.896	7.8	0.487	(X)	(X)
FAMILY STATUS						
In families	7.9	0.459	7.9	0.274	(X)	(X)
In married-couple families	6.7	0.858	7.2	0.306	15.1	1.668
In families with a female house-holder, no spouse present	11.5	1.556	12.6	1.843	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals	10.6	3.512	12.1	1.746	11.2	1.123
EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE STATUS (Persons 18 years and over)						
Employed full-time	4.2	0.709	7.0	0.554	10.6	2.949
Employed part-time	7.2	1.745	7.8	0.525	(X)	(X)
Unemployed	7.8	0.709	12.2	1.938	(X)	(X)
Not in the labor force	12.8	2.676	19.7	0.788	(X)	(X)
FAMILY INCOME-TO-POVERTY RATIO						
Less than 1.00	9.8	1.461	11.9	0.568	(X)	(X)
1.00 and over	5.9	1.076	7.1	0.294	(X)	(X)
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