

# PROGRAM: PARTICIPATION, 1993-1994, WHO GETS ASSISTANCE?

Table A.

Average Monthly Participation Rates and Median Monthly Family Benefits, by Selected Characteristics: 1993 and 1994								
Characteristic	Participation rates (in percent)							
	Any Means-Tested Programs <sup>1</sup>		AFDC/General Assistance		SSI		Food stamps	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
<b>Total number of recipients(thousands).<sup>2</sup></b>	39,196	39,514	14,675	14,438	4,841	5,106	25,713	25,383
<b>As percent of the population</b>	15.2	15.2	5.7	5.5	1.9	2.0	10.0	9.7
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN <sup>3</sup></b>								
<b>White</b>	11.7	11.8	3.8	3.7	1.4	1.5	7.4	7.2
<b>Not of Hispanic origin</b>	9.4	9.4	2.8	2.6	1.3	1.3	5.7	5.4
<b>Black</b>	36.6	36.6	16.4	16.4	4.5	4.7	26.0	25.6
<b>Hispanic origin</b>	32.3	31.7	13.7	12.9	3.0	2.9	22.9	21.9
<b>Not of Hispanic origin</b>	13.3	13.2	4.8	4.7	1.8	1.8	8.5	8.3
<b>AGE</b>								
<b>Under 18 years</b>	26.2	26.5	13.2	12.9	0.0	0.0	19.6	19.3
<b>18 to 64 years</b>	11.0	10.8	3.4	3.3	2.0	2.1	6.9	6.6
<b>65 years and over</b>	12.0	11.7	0.2	0.2	5.5	5.4	4.2	4.1
<b>Sex</b>								
<b>Men</b>	13.0	13.0	4.5	4.3	1.4	1.4	8.4	8.2
<b>Women</b>	17.2	17.3	6.8	6.7	2.4	2.5	11.5	11.2
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (people 18 years and over)</b>								
<b>Less than four years of high school</b>	25.8	25.6	6.5	5.9	7.5	7.7	15.3	14.8
<b>High school graduate, no college</b>	10.5	10.5	2.9	3.0	1.9	2.0	6.2	6.1

<b>1 or more years of college</b>	4.6	4.5	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.9	2.4	2.3
<b>DISABILITY STATUS (Persons 15 to 69 Years)</b>								
<b>With a work disability</b>	25.0	25.5	6.4	6.3	9.3	10.0	15.1	14.6
<b>With no work disability</b>	8.7	8.5	3.2	3.1	0.3	0.4	5.7	5.6
<b>RESIDENCE</b>								
<b>Metropolitan</b>	14.7	14.7	5.9	5.9	1.7	1.9	9.5	9.4
<b>Central city</b>	23.0	22.4	10.4	9.9	2.7	2.7	15.8	15.2
<b>Noncentral city</b>	9.3	9.5	3.1	3.2	1.1	1.3	5.5	5.5
<b>Nonmetropolitan</b>	17.0	16.6	4.8	4.4	2.4	2.3	11.5	10.7
<b>REGION</b>								
<b>Northeast</b>	14.8	14.6	6.4	6.0	1.9	1.9	8.9	8.6
<b>Midwest</b>	12.5	12.6	5.4	5.3	1.2	1.3	8.7	8.5
<b>South</b>	16.5	16.4	4.5	4.3	2.4	2.5	11.5	11.4
<b>West</b>	16.7	16.8	7.3	7.4	2.0	2.0	10.0	9.6
<b>FAMILY STATUS</b>								
<b>In families</b>	15.6	15.6	6.5	6.4	1.4	1.5	10.8	10.6
<b>In married-couple families</b>	9.1	8.9	2.2	2.2	0.9	0.9	5.5	5.2
<b>In families with a female house-holder, no spouse present.</b>	44.3	44.3	26.3	24.9	3.4	3.4	34.9	
<b>Unrelated individuals</b>	12.8	12.4	0.7	0.6	4.5	4.7	5.2	4.9
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE STATUS (Persons 18 Years and over)</b>								
<b>Employed full-time</b>	4.0	3.8	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	1.8	1.7
<b>Employed part-time</b>	8.6	9.2	1.8	2.0	0.9	1.1	4.9	5.4
<b>Unemployed</b>	26.6	26.9	10.4	11.3	1.9	1.5	19.9	20.2
<b>Not in the labor force</b>	21.3	21.3	6.3	6.0	6.9	7.1	12.6	12.3
<b>Marital Status (people 18 years and over)</b>								
<b>Married</b>	6.6	6.2	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.1	3.9	3.7
<b>Separated, divorced, or widowed</b>	19.6	19.6	5.0	4.8	5.9	6.1	11.2	11.1
<b>Never married</b>	15.6	15.6	5.1	4.9	3.6	3.8	8.9	8.6
<b>FAMILY INCOME-TO-POVERTY RATIO</b>								

Less than 1.00	60.5	60.3	29.7	28.3	6.2	6.7	49.6	48.3
1.00 and over	6.7	7.0	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.1	2.6	2.8

X Not applicable.

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

<sup>2</sup> Median monthly family benefits include AFDC, General Assistance, SSI, and food stamps only.

<sup>3</sup> In thousands.

<sup>4</sup> Hispanics may be of any race.

Table A. Continued

Average Monthly Participation Rates and Median Monthly Family Benefits, by Selected Characteristics: 1993 and 1994								
Characteristic	Participation rates (in percent)				Monthly family benefits <sup>4</sup> (in dollars)			
	Medicaid		Housing Assistance		1993		1994	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	Median	Standard error	Median	Standard error
Total number of recipients (thousands).	27,984	29,332	13,044	12,206	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
As percent of the population	10.9	11.3	5.1	4.7	485	4.0	476	3.0
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> <i>2/</i>								
White	8.1	8.5	3.5	3.3	444	4.5	435	3.5
Not of Hispanic origin	6.4	6.8	2.8	2.6	400	6.0	399	5.0
Black	26.8	27.5	14.9	13.2	560	4.0	542	9.0
Hispanic origin	23.4	23.0	10.9	10.0	557	18.0	556	12.5
Not of Hispanic origin	9.4	9.9	4.4	4.1	466	4.5	460	3.0
<b>AGE</b>								
Under 18 years	21.2	22.1	8.0	7.4	604	4.5	587	6.0
18 to 64 years	6.8	7.1	3.8	3.4	444	2.0	443	3.0
65 years and over	8.1	8.0	5.2	5.2	204	3.5	200	5.0
<b>Sex</b>								
Men	8.8	9.2	4.4	3.9	490	7.5	479	5
Women	12.8	13.2	5.7	5.4	483	5	473	5.5



<b>(Persons 18 Years and Over)</b>								
<b>Employed full-time</b>	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.6	235	6.5	239	10
<b>Employed part-time</b>	4.6	5.4	3.1	3.0	297	6.5	299	6
<b>Unemployed</b>	16.0	17.0	9.1	9.0	455	6.5	446	10.5
<b>Not in the labor force</b>	15.9	16.1	7.1	6.7	460	3.5	458	3.5
<b>Marital Status (people 18 years and over)</b>								
<b>Married</b>	3.5	3.5	2.1	1.7	604	7.5	587	9
<b>Separated, divorced, or widowed</b>	13.6	13.9	7.4	7.3	358	10.5	359	8.5
<b>Never married</b>	10.5	11.0	6.0	5.6	363	11.5	371	9.5
<b>FAMILY INCOME-TO-POVERTY RATIO</b>								
<b>Under 1.00</b>	47.0	47.7	20.8	20.0	558	6.5	541	6.5
<b>1.00 and over</b>	4.1	4.6	2.1	1.9	349	11.5	364	8
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