

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

Table B.

Median Duration of Participation and Standard Errors by Program: 1993-1994 (in months) <sup>1</sup>						
Characteristic	Any Means-tested Programs <sup>2</sup>		AFDC/General Assistance		SSI	
	Median	Standard error	Median	Standard error	Median	Standard error
All people	7.7	0.22218	8.3	0.79405	(X)	(X)
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>						
White	7.3	0.24837	7.6	0.52661	(X)	(X)
Not of Hispanic origin <sup>3</sup>	7.2	0.30979	7.2	0.66564	(X)	(X)
Black	7.9	0.30321	11.2	0.55659	(X)	(X)
Hispanic origin	7.4	0.39864	8.6	1.29495	(X)	(X)
Not of Hispanic origin	7.4	0.26354	8.1	1.097106	(X)	(X)
<b>AGE <sup>4</sup></b>						
Under 18 years	7.0	0.29579	9.8	1.55256	(X)	(X)
18 to 64	7.5	0.30135	7.6	0.47854	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	19.5	3.35537	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
<b>Sex</b>						
Men	7.1	0.27064	7.3	0.55756	(X)	(X)
Women	7.8	0.3638	9.8	1.73589	(X)	(X)
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (People 18 years and over)</b>						
Less than four years of high school	11.0	0.70525	7.4	0.62194	(X)	(X)
High school graduate, no college	7.2	0.4382	8.5	2.1211	(X)	(X)
1 or more years of college	7.1	0.60594	6.8	6.2284	12.8	8.17021
<b>DISABILITY STATUS (people 15 to 64 years)</b>						

<b>With a work disability</b>	11.1	1.31667	7.5	0.69958	(X)	(X)
<b>With no work disability</b>	7.0	0.33104	7.5	0.5768	(X)	(X)
<b>RESIDENCE</b>						
<b>Metropolitan</b>	7.6	0.25709	8.9	1.47948	(X)	(X)
<b>Central city</b>	7.7	0.33959	9.2	1.47948	(X)	(X)
<b>Noncentral city</b>	7.4	0.38586	8.4	1.57093	(X)	(X)
<b>Nonmetropolitan</b>	6.7	1.31011	7.0	4.55103	(X)	(X)
<b>REGION</b>						
<b>Northeast</b>	7.3	0.44999	8.0	0.54801	25.6	2.28723
<b>Midwest</b>	6.0	0.98197	8.1	1.64662	(X)	(X)
<b>South</b>	7.5	0.42478	7.8	0.8718	(X)	(X)
<b>West</b>	7.7	0.3904	11.5	1.75971	(X)	(X)
<b>FAMILY STATUS</b>						
<b>In families</b>	7.3	0.22602	8.6	0.81977	(X)	(X)
<b>In married-couple families</b>	6.0	0.2385	9.0	0.82206	(X)	(X)
<b>In families with a female householder, no spouse present</b>	9.8	1.871	11.0	0.59151	(X)	(X)
<b>Unrelated individuals</b>	10.5	1.95171	4.0	0.95566	(X)	(X)
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE STATUS (People 18 Years and over)</b>						
<b>Employed full-time</b>	4.3	0.99373	3.9	0.18634	3.9	0.24163
<b>Employed part-time</b>	9.1	2.39752	7.1	4.37907	(X)	(X)
<b>Unemployed</b>	7.4	0.6129	8.1	1.11922	(X)	(X)
<b>Not in the labor force</b>	11.8	0.74419	10.4	20.8445	(X)	(X)
<b>FAMILY INCOME-TO-POVERTY RATIO</b>						
<b>Less than 1.00</b>	10.1	1.08174	9.1	1.26663	(X)	(X)
<b>1.00 and over</b>	9.6	0.90115	7.4	0.51679	(X)	(X)

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<sup>2</sup> Major means-tested programs include AFDC and General Assistance, SSI, food stamps, Medicaid, and housing assistance.

<sup>3</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>4</sup> 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

<b>Median Duration of Participation and Standard Errors by Program: 1993-1993 ( in months )</b>						
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Food stamps</b>		<b>Medicaid</b>		<b>Housing</b>	
	<b>Median</b>	<b>Standard error</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Standard error</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Standard error</b>
<b>All people</b>	8.2	1.00416	8.0	0.18135	16.1	1.31521
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN 2/</b>						
<b>White</b>	7.6	0.40906	7.9	0.21114	11.8	1.0888
<b>Not of Hispanic origin</b>	7.6	0.5598	8.4	2.01193	11.0	1.06865
<b>Black</b>	11.2	0.4974	9.0	1.02362	18.0	1.13099
<b>Hispanic origin</b>	7.6	0.51089	7.5	0.33358	(X)	(X)
<b>Not of Hispanic origin</b>	8.6	0.1124	8.6	1.2717	14.0	1.84038
<b>AGE <sup>4</sup></b>						
<b>Under 18 years</b>	10.1	1.92349	7.4	0.22398	19.9	2.18595
<b>18 to 64</b>	7.5	0.35678	11.1	0.42482	11.5	0.88704
<b>65 years and over</b>	14.4	3.94844	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>Sex</b>						
<b>Men</b>	7.5	0.39061	7.7	0.24285	12.6	21.0952
<b>Women</b>	9.9	1.24348	8.9	1.40133	18.2	1.47466
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (People 18 years and over)</b>						
<b>Less than four years of high school</b>	8.7	2.20665	12.7	2.66229	21.5	4.58025
<b>High school graduate, no college</b>	7.4	0.54764	11.5	1.15493	11.0	2.10206
<b>One or more years of college</b>	7.1	0.77092	8.6	2.9504	9.0	6.27684
<b>DISABILITY STATUS (Persons 15 to 69 Years)</b>						
<b>With a work disability</b>	9.7	2.36988	17.8	7.42448	21.9	4.68369
<b>With no work disability</b>	7.3	0.39049	7.8	0.34871	8.0	0.79504
<b>RESIDENCE</b>						
<b>Metropolitan</b>	10.0	1.70288	8.2	1.44454	18.6	1.38412

Central city	11.2	0.6975	9.4	6.25239	19.9	1.79573
Noncentral city	8.4	1.15938	8.0	0.29192	11.4	1.13945
Nonmetropolitan	6.8	1.07261	7.8	0.40092	7.8	0.99204
<b>REGION</b>						
Northeast	10.6	3.71621	7.7	0.34646	(X)	(X)
Midwest	7.7	0.86382	9.8	1.58659	13.1	3.66224
South	8.6	1.13991	7.8	0.33785	7.0	1.10906
West	7.7	0.58606	8.8	3.4856	(X)	(X)
<b>FAMILY STATUS</b>						
In families	8.0	1.03657	7.8	0.18941	16.3	1.23242
In married-couple families	7.2	1.37234	7.5	0.23022	7.5	1.26258
In families with a female householder, no spouse present	11.7	0.71355	10.5	1.70927	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals	9.9	3.12797	20.5	5.90563	14.3	2.38853
<b>EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE STATUS (People 18 years and over)</b>						
Employed full-time	4.8	0.92289	7.2	0.42438	5.2	2.03562
Employed part-time	6.2	2.27387	11.9	0.62936	11.5	1.34208
Unemployed	7.5	0.66937	8.7	1.30151	13.9	2.53526
Not in the labor force	11.1	0.72093	15.2	1.06796	(X)	(X)
<b>FAMILY INCOME-TO-POVERTY RATIO</b>						
Less than 1.00	10.5	1.02283	11.4	0.3862	(X)	(X)
1.00 and over	6.8	0.74421	7.2	0.2262	7.1	0.93348

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