

Table 20 A. Meeting Basic Needs by Social Characteristics: Households with Difficulty Meeting Basic Needs Who Received Help, Received Help From Family, Received Help From Friends, and Received Help From Others: 1998
(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Total Households	Any help meeting basic needs	Help from family-basic needs	Help from friends-basic needs	Help from others-basic needs
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Households with difficulty					
Total	18,583	18.4	9.2	2.7	8.4
Age of householder					
15 to 29	3,442	19.9	10.3	2.6	8.6
30 to 44	7,903	18.5	9.1	2.9	8.3
45 to 64	5,590	17.3	8.3	2.6	7.9
65 or older	1,648	18.1	10.1	2.1	9.2
Sex of householder					
Male	8,462	15.1	8.2	2.4	6.5
Female	10,121	21.1	10.0	2.9	9.9
Race of householder					
White	13,877	17.5	9.3	2.5	7.4
Black	4,022	21.1	9.3	3.4	10.5
Other	684	19.1	5.4	1.4	14.3
Ethnicity of householder					
Hispanic	2,487	18.5	8.5	3.4	8.7
White non-Hispanic	11,680	17.4	9.3	2.3	7.4
Household structure					
Non-family alone	4,658	20.7	10.6	3.6	9.5
Non-family with others	779	13.7	6.9	5.3	4.9
Married, no children	2,503	14.1	8.6	0.7	5.5
Married with children	4,961	14.0	7.1	1.3	6.2
Unmarried, no children	1,192	19.8	11.0	3.6	7.9
Unmarried with children	4,489	23.6	10.2	3.6	11.9
Householder disability					
Disabled	3,550	26.3	11.8	4.2	14.5
Not disabled	15,033	16.5	8.6	2.3	6.9
Health insurance coverage					
Not insured	7,740	20.0	10.5	3.7	7.9
Insured	10,842	17.2	8.2	1.9	8.7
Housing tenure*					
Home owner	8,483	14.9	8.0	1.3	6.6
Renter	10,045	21.2	10.2	3.8	9.8

* Subtotal does not add to the total because not all cases had a completed interview.

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