Table 4. **Persons 15 Years Old and Over by Need for Assistance Status, by Sex and Selected Characteristics: 1986**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Needed assistance with —						Did not need assistance
		One or more activities	Personal care	Getting around outside	Preparing meals	Doing housework	Keeping track of bills and/or money	
MALES, 15 YEARS AND OVER								
Total	88,958	2,551	1,258	1,606	1,413	1,418	1,123	86,407
AGE								
Under 65 years	77,547	1,300	642	753	739	759	555	76,247
65 years and over	11,411	1,251	616	853	673	660	569	10,160
65 to 69 years	4,316	301	143	205	166	159	123	4,015
70 to 74 years	3,208	281	115	167	157	132	117	2,927
75 years and over	3,886	669	359	482	350	369	329	3,217
Race and Hispanic Origin[1]								
White	77,074	2,078	1,034	1,322	1,118	1,162	897	74,997
Black	9,436	409	192	246	271	236	204	9,028
Hispanic origin[1]	6,350	173	117	102	114	86	70	6,176
Marital Status								
Married, spouse present	52,318	1,374	763	972	700	624	534	50,945
Married, spouse absent, widowed, divorced, separated	9,819	686	284	369	418	512	310	9,133
Never married	26,821	492	211	264	294	282	279	26,329
Living Arrangement								
Family member	74,537	1,971	1,086	1,322	1,102	962	902	72,566
Not a family member	14,421	580	172	284	311	456	221	13,841
Lives alone	8,889	434	102	188	234	343	143	8,455
Monthly Household Income								
Under $600	5,682	368	140	181	216	248	117	5,315
$600 to $1,199	10,643	743	357	469	384	424	385	9,900
$1,200 to $1,999	17,813	621	316	409	328	288	240	17,192
$2,000 to $2,999	19,821	410	215	265	243	207	200	19,411
$3,000 and over	34,997	408	229	282	241	251	182	34,589
Program Participation								
Received:								
Means-tested cash assistance[2]	2,831	469	188	264	276	296	233	2,362
Food stamps	3,093	222	78	119	121	122	91	2,871
Public or subsidized housing	2,038	127	63	71	85	87	43	1,912
Medicaid coverage	2,931	496	231	268	307	304	295	2,435
Social Security	14,158	1,753	858	1,157	997	989	828	12,406
Veteran's payments	2,539	278	111	177	127	161	93	2,261
Perception of Health Status								
Excellent	29,040	94	62	52	59	52	48	28,946
Good	47,939	482	203	298	204	209	212	47,457
Fair	8,115	652	293	398	353	332	257	7,462
Poor	3,864	1,323	699	859	796	825	607	2,541
Number of Hospital Visits Last 12 Months								
None	81,807	1,363	593	773	701	734	606	80,444
1	5,212	599	327	424	356	341	247	4,612
2 or more	1,939	588	338	409	356	344	270	1,351
Number of Days in Hospital Last 12 Months								
None	81,807	1,363	593	773	701	734	606	80,444
1 to 3	2,380	114	53	76	58	76	41	2,266
4 to 7	2,073	310	131	199	179	167	113	1,763
8 or more	2,698	764	480	558	476	442	364	1,934

Table 4. **Persons 15 Years Old and Over by Need for Assistance Status, by Sex and Selected Characteristics: 1986**—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Needed assistance with —						Did not need assistance
		One or more activities	Personal care	Getting around outside	Preparing meals	Doing housework	Keeping track of bills and/or money	
FEMALES, 15 YEARS AND OVER								
Total	97,064	5,655	1,953	3,607	3,417	4,508	1,916	91,409
AGE								
Under 65 years	80,812	2,495	741	1,324	1,576	2,062	495	78,317
65 years and over	16,252	3,160	1,211	2,283	1,841	2,446	1,421	13,092
65 to 69 years	5,298	589	142	341	318	476	151	4,709
70 to 74 years	4,183	525	220	358	315	435	182	3,659
75 years and over	6,771	2,046	849	1,583	1,208	1,536	1,087	4,725
Race and Hispanic Origin[1]								
White	83,120	4,802	1,573	3,126	2,796	3,775	1,557	78,319
Black	11,409	779	363	444	580	685	343	10,631
Hispanic origin[1]	6,473	266	66	141	186	212	67	6,208
Marital Status								
Married, spouse present	52,318	2,065	626	1,113	1,414	1,850	382	50,253
Married, spouse absent, widowed, divorced, separated	22,502	2,986	1,053	2,127	1,642	2,241	1,228	19,515
Never married	22,245	604	274	367	361	418	306	21,641
Living Arrangement								
Family member	80,329	3,630	1,339	2,231	2,508	3,070	1,124	76,699
Not a family member	16,735	2,025	614	1,376	909	1,438	792	14,710
Lives alone	13,018	1,835	529	1,238	767	1,289	692	11,183
Monthy Household Income								
Under $600	10,544	1,549	529	1,037	814	1,131	595	8,996
$600 to $1,199	14,423	1,313	415	854	707	1,041	497	13,111
$1,200 to $1,999	19,670	1,110	396	693	744	908	334	18,560
$2,000 to $2,999	19,915	795	277	463	534	689	258	19,121
$3,000 and over	32,512	889	336	559	618	740	231	31,623
Program Participation								
Received:								
Means-tested cash assistance[2]	6,500	1,150	443	734	663	862	453	5,350
Food Stamps	6,484	715	243	407	417	551	248	5,769
Public or subsidized housing	3,957	553	152	380	238	420	187	3,404
Medicaid coverage	7,469	1,314	510	829	793	996	520	6,155
Social Security	19,555	3,671	1,371	2,554	2,171	2,861	1,547	15,884
Veteran's payments	697	149	60	102	85	123	58	549
Perception of Health Status								
Excellent	25,805	144	47	106	104	109	47	25,661
Good	54,532	1,230	346	752	658	885	440	53,302
Fair	11,951	1,964	604	1,209	1,099	1,493	561	9,987
Poor	4,777	2,318	956	1,540	1,556	2,020	868	2,459
Number of Hospital Visits Last 12 Months								
None	85,047	3,359	1,020	2,015	1,899	2,552	1,159	81,688
1	9,434	1,298	438	891	794	1,053	390	8,136
2 or more	2,584	998	494	701	724	903	367	1,586
Number of Days in Hospital Last 12 Months								
None	85,047	3,359	1,020	2,015	1,899	2,552	1,159	81,688
1 to 3	4,754	334	96	209	193	269	90	4,420
4 to 7	3,834	516	201	344	363	451	160	3,318
8 or more	3,429	1,446	635	1,039	962	1,237	506	1,983

[1]Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

[2]Means-tested cash assistance programs include: Federal or State Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's pensions. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), General Assistance, Indian, Cuban, or Refugee Assistance, and other welfare.