Table 8. Conditions Mainly Responsible for the Need for Personal Assistance

(Persons 15 years and over. Numbers in thousands. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Condition	Needs assistance getting around		Needs assistance with housework or meal preparation	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total	3,743	100.0	6,467	100.0
Arthritis or rheumatism	557	14.9	1,066	16.5
Back or spine problems	361	9.6	695	10.7
Blindness or poor vision	134	3.6	295	4.6
Cancer	125	3.3	228	3.5
Deafness or poor hearing	14	0.4	-	-
Diabetes	116	3.1	169	2.6
Heart trouble	382	10.2	874	13.5
Hernia	23	0.6	13	0.2
High blood pressure	41	1.1	119	1.8
Kidney problems	83	2.2	68	1.1
Respiratory problems	149	4.0	417	6.4
Mental illness	25	0.7	90	1.4
Mental retardation	81	2.2	229	3.5
Missing limbs or extremities	45	1.2	92	1.4
Nervous or emotional problems	24	0.6	55	0.9
Paralysis	156	4.2	187	2.9
Senility or Alzheimer's disease	135	3.6	202	3.1
Stiffness or deformity of limbs or extremities	118	3.2	199	3.1
Stomach trouble	15	0.4	47	0.7
Stroke	400	10.7	438	6.8
Thyroid trouble	-	-	15	0.2
Tumor or growth	47	1.3	37	0.6
Other or not reported	713	19.0	933	14.4