Appendix E. Average Monthly Data From the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)

Tables E-1 and E-2 present quarterly data on nonfarm households receiving selected benefits from the first quarter of 1984 through the fourth quarter of 1985. The data in these tables were not based on the longitudinal panel file but were based on the individual cross-sectional wave files. The data show the number and income levels of households receiving benefits from Social Security or Railroad Retirement, unemployment compensation, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), food stamps, Medicaid coverage, and rent assistance. For example, table E-1 shows that a monthly average of 23.5 million households (28.1 percent of all households) received Social Security benefits during the first quarter of 1984. Table E-2 shows that the median monthly income for households receiving Social Security was $1,123. The data in these tables can be used as benchmarks by those persons who are analyzing data contained in the SIPP 1984 panel wave files released by the Census Bureau.

Table E1. **Nonfarm Households, by Receipt of Benefits From Selected Programs and With Selected Characteristics, Monthly Coverages During Calendar Quarters: 1984 I through 1985 IV**

(Number in thousands)

Characteristic	1984				1985			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
All households	83,643	84,003	84,604	84,945	84,948	85,614	86,249	86,585
Received—								
Social Security or Railroad Retirement:								
Number	23,479	23,525	23,475	23,559	23,821	23,955	23,938	23,864
Percent	28.1	28.0	27.7	27.7	28.0	28.0	27.8	27.6
Unemployment compensation:								
Number	2,659	2,047	1,784	2,240	2,944	2,062	1,757	1,824
Percent	3.2	2.4	2.1	2.6	3.5	2.4	2.0	2.1
AFDC or other public assistance:								
Number	3,870	3,832	3,565	3,585	3,763	3,651	3,598	3,622
Percent	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2
SSI:								
Number	2,880	2,975	3,002	3,008	3,020	3,085	3,036	3,064
Percent	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5
Food stamps:								
Number	6,462	6,303	5,989	6,107	6,230	5,955	5,886	5,839
Percent	7.7	7.5	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.7
Medicaid coverage:								
Number	7,593	7,559	7,242	7,211	7,458	7,264	7,370	7,461
Percent	9.1	9.0	8.6	8.5	8.8	8.5	8.5	8.6
Rent assistance:								
Number	3,615	3,669	3,670	3,584	3,546	3,486	3,503	3,583
Percent	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
Married-couple households	48,692	48,797	49,245	49,235	48,801	49,125	49,597	49,816
Received—								
Social Security or Railroad Retirement:								
Number	10,952	10,975	11,092	11,115	11,013	11,020	11,020	11,114
Percent	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.6	22.6	22.4	22.2	22.3
Unemployment compensation:								
Number	1,776	1,379	1,238	1,604	2,065	1,461	1,231	1,261
Percent	3.6	2.8	2.5	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	2.5
AFDC or other public assistance:								
Number	979	970	855	892	905	871	841	817
Percent	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
SSI:								
Number	898	932	909	930	927	947	938	990
Percent	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0
Food stamps:								
Number	1,838	1,786	1,643	1,687	1,691	1,561	1,620	1,572
Percent	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.2
Medicaid coverage:								
Number	2,343	2,326	2,159	2,140	2,203	2,107	2,155	2,227
Percent	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.5
Rent assistance:								
Number	733	704	723	724	704	700	718	786
Percent	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6
Household with female householder, no spouse, with children under 18	6,063	6,138	6,039	6,084	6,173	6,091	6,060	6,095
Received—								
Social Security or Railroad Retirement:								
Number	752	762	763	761	795	804	762	720
Percent	12.4	12.4	12.6	12.5	12.9	13.2	12.6	11.8
Unemployment compensation:								
Number	189	151	127	160	224	128	94	81
Percent	3.1	2.5	2.1	2.6	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.3
AFDC or other public assistance:								
Number	2,017	2,030	1,927	1,913	1,976	1,919	1,937	1,972
Percent	33.3	33.1	31.9	31.4	32.0	31.5	32.0	32.4

Table E1. **Nonfarm Households, by Receipt of Benefits From Selected Programs and With Selected Characteristics, Monthly Coverages During Calendar Quarters: 1984 I through 1985 IV**—Con.

(Number in thousands)

Characteristic	1984				1985			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
SSI:								
Number	226	237	243	249	270	292	276	266
Percent	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.4
Food stamps:								
Number	2,397	2,399	2,276	2,342	2,374	2,280	2,204	2,275
Percent	39.5	39.1	37.7	38.5	38.5	37.4	36.4	37.3
Medicaid coverage:								
Number	2,285	2,312	2,224	2,253	2,306	2,248	2,302	2,341
Percent	37.7	37.7	36.8	37.0	37.4	36.9	38.0	38.4
Rent assistance:								
Number	1,058	1,075	1,081	1,068	1,085	995	969	962
Percent	17.5	17.5	17.9	17.6	17.6	16.3	16.0	15.8
Households with White householder	72,479	72,909	73,331	73,620	73,637	74,229	74,653	74,917
Married couple	44,111	44,164	44,551	44,539	44,177	44,427	44,712	44,965
Female householder, no spouse, with children	3,980	4,017	3,907	4,007	4,046	4,060	4,015	3,997
Households with Black householder	9,298	9,239	9,358	9,467	9,500	9,521	9,698	9,768
Married couple	3,409	3,450	3,479	3,483	3,477	3,511	3,644	3,612
Female householder, no spouse, with children	1,943	1,982	1,985	1,961	1,992	1,911	1,925	1,964
Households with Hispanic origin householder	4,055	4,046	4,070	4,105	4,207	4,370	4,340	4,347
Married couple	2,354	2,377	2,390	2,437	2,482	2,544	2,539	2,517
Female householder, no spouse, with children	555	571	569	585	630	637	593	603
Householder 65 years or older	17,350	17,404	17,512	17,543	17,715	17,847	17,912	17,957

Table E2. **Median Monthly Income of Nonfarm Households, by Recipiency Status and Other Selected Characteristics, Monthly Coverages During Calendar Quarters: 1984 I through 1985 IV**

Characteristic	1984				1985			
	I	II	II	IV	I	II	III	IV
All households:								
Value	$1,715	$1,754	$1,768	$1,799	$1,811	$1,861	$1,858	$1,891
Standard error	16	17	17	18	20	21	22	22
Received—								
Social Security or Railroad Retirement:								
Value	1,123	1,142	1,153	1,182	1,222	1,219	1,209	1,229
Standard error	22	22	23	23	21	22	22	22
Unemployment compensation:								
Value	1,415	1,554	1,612	1,503	1,505	1,621	1,668	1,561
Standard error	77	59	83	79	72	66	91	103
AFDC or other public assistance:								
Value	495	488	486	504	521	501	519	511
Standard error	25	24	25	28	33	29	32	31
SSI:								
Value	552	553	551	558	567	566	557	574
Standard error	25	24	24	25	29	29	28	31
Food stamps:								
Value	432	443	441	437	437	440	439	439
Standard error	12	12	13	12	14	14	14	14
Medicaid coverage:								
Value	550	553	550	563	566	551	575	580
Standard error	19	19	19	20	23	21	23	24
Rent assistance:								
Value	506	512	526	518	525	522	532	550
Standard error	21	21	23	22	26	24	26	29
Married-couple households:								
Value	2,253	2,312	2,335	2,375	2,412	2,460	2,468	2,500
Standard error	21	22	23	24	28	28	29	26
Received—								
Social Security or Railroad Retirement:								
Value	1,593	1,610	1,618	1,667	1,722	1,734	1,721	1,750
Standard error	30	30	29	33	39	39	41	40
Unemployment compensation:								
Value	1,581	1,712	1,896	1,695	1,693	1,812	1,931	1,883
Standard error	72	84	122	82	76	98	133	152
AFDC or other public assistance:								
Value	943	944	1,003	1,006	1,005	1,071	1,185	1,132
Standard error	126	114	125	155	133	177	155	151
SSI:								
Value	1,133	1,186	1,202	1,187	1,239	1,311	1,315	1,166
Standard error	133	131	122	115	144	202	191	138
Food stamps:								
Value	619	638	674	642	644	660	652	663
Standard error	32	26	29	27	30	33	36	35
Medicaid coverage:								
Value	1,128	1,151	1,178	1,186	1,211	1,248	1,288	1,290
Standard error	84	83	78	85	90	118	113	105
Rent assistance:								
Value	996	980	1,008	1,110	1,179	1,161	1,152	1,185
Standard error	86	91	111	109	119	101	91	103
Households with female householder, no spouse, with children under 18:								
Value	860	853	841	892	914	915	935	933
Standard error	43	41	40	37	40	41	33	36
Received—								
Social Security or Railroad Retirement:								
Value	1,325	1,336	1,292	1,268	1,257	1,320	1,208	1,154
Standard error	111	135	148	92	120	157	98	102
Unemployment compensation:								
Value	751	906	782	800	817	976	1,210	906
Standard error	138	179	144	170	154	145	336	221

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Characteristic	1984				1985			
	I	II	II	IV	I	II	III	IV
AFDC or other public assistance:								
Value	$376	$379	$373	$381	$379	$378	$387	$392
Standard error	16	16	16	18	19	17	18	19
SSI:								
Value	824	819	798	854	810	741	616	675
Standard error	122	112	105	114	141	149	111	126
Food stamps:								
Value	378	388	381	389	385	386	387	388
Standard error	14	15	15	17	17	16	16	17
Medicaid coverage:								
Value	393	396	397	409	399	398	415	418
Standard error	17	18	18	20	20	18	20	21
Rent assistance:								
Value	438	458	493	488	466	466	469	447
Standard error	34	41	47	48	42	39	45	42
Households with White householder:								
Value	1,803	1,847	1,863	1,903	1,908	1,963	1,958	1,996
Standard error	19	20	20	21	24	25	25	22
Married couple:								
Value	2,293	2,352	2,379	2,425	2,454	2,498	2,509	2,537
Standard error	23	24	25	26	30	27	26	24
Female householder, no spouse, with children under 18:								
Value	952	972	970	1,018	1,024	988	1,007	1,031
Standard error	41	48	45	46	52	52	43	54
Households with Black householder:								
Value	1,116	1,129	1,135	1,159	1,208	1,252	1,257	1,280
Standard error	35	35	37	38	35	31	30	34
Married couple:								
Value	1,827	1,868	1,874	1,877	1,934	2,042	2,044	2,047
Standard error	64	64	69	69	77	63	60	63
Female householder, no spouse, with children under 18:								
Value	666	659	649	678	683	711	712	702
Standard error	40	34	32	31	43	57	56	52
Households with Hispanic origin householder:								
Value	1,363	1,448	1,424	1,422	1,477	1,485	1,435	1,433
Standard error	65	70	68	62	70	64	67	70
Married-couple households:								
Value	1,763	1,798	1,822	1,779	1,804	1,853	1,812	1,882
Standard error	91	87	87	81	92	99	94	112
Female householder, no spouse, with children under 18:								
Value	586	605	619	645	639	603	581	636
Standard error	73	77	73	83	96	70	82	88
Households with householder 65 years or older:								
Value	985	995	1,009	1,039	1,079	1,084	1,079	1,105
Standard error	19	19	19	21	26	25	25	27