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## Notes

The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) is a household survey of the noninstitutionalized resident population of the United States, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The survey was designed to improve the measurement of the economic situation of persons, families, and households in the United States and to provide a tool for managing and evaluating government transfer and service programs.

The 1996 SIPP panel consists of 12 interviews, or waves, each of which gathered 4 months of retrospective data. The sample includes approximately 36,000 households, divided into four rotation groups. The SIPP has been matched to the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) administrative records. Receipt of disability benefits and the monthly benefit amount is based on December 1999 SSA records, and all other characteristics are taken from the SIPP. In December 1999, only three of the four SIPP rotation groups were interviewed. However, since rotation groups are assigned randomly, the sample is still nationally representative. SIPP sample weights are used to produce population estimates. The weights have been adjusted to reflect the fact that only three of the four rotation groups were used for the tabulations.

Poverty calculations based on the SIPP use survey-reported family income for 1999, with the survey-reported Social Security disability and SSI benefit amounts replaced by the Social Security disability and SSI benefit amounts from SSA administrative records. The poverty thresholds are provided in the SIPP and are adjusted for family size and composition. In 1999, the poverty threshold for a one-person family under age 65 was \$8,667. For a two-person family aged 65 or older, the poverty threshold was \$10,070. For a four-person family with two related children under the age of 18, the poverty threshold was \$16,895.

In tabulations of Medicaid coverage, the SIPP Medicaid variable has been recoded to reflect the fact that SSI beneficiaries in certain states, sometimes referred to as Section 1634 states, are automatically covered by Medicaid. Thirty-two states plus the District of Columbia provide automatic Medicaid coverage for SSI beneficiaries, accounting for approximately 78 percent of all SSI beneficiaries.

SIPP and SSA counts of disabled beneficiaries differ because the SIPP excludes people living in institutions or outside the continental United States. In addition, the match rate between the SIPP and SSA records is not perfect. Furthermore, the SIPP estimates are based on a sample and therefore are subject to sampling error. Standard errors can be used to measure this sampling variability. Various sources of nonsampling error also may be important.

Because the SIPP uses a complex sample design, it is inappropriate to calculate standard errors assuming a simple random sample. Doing so will result in estimated standard errors that are biased downward. Readers interested in information about SIPP variance estimates are referred to the Source and Accuracy Statement for the 1996 Public Use Files from the Survey of Income and Program Participation, available on the SIPP Internet site at [www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/s&a96\\_040501.pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/s&a96_040501.pdf). The source and accuracy statement provides information on direct calculation of standard errors for SIPP estimates. It also provides detailed instructions for calculating standard errors using generalized variance parameters and simplified tables.

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## Family Income

**Table 45.**  
**Distribution, by household and family characteristics, December 1999**

Characteristic	Number			Percentage of all in category		
	Total	Workers	Adult children	Total	Workers	Adult children
All noninstitutionalized disabled beneficiaries	6,145,121	5,444,977	625,172	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Household type						
Family						
Married couple present	3,091,594	2,892,442	194,613	50.3	53.1	31.1
No married couple, male householder	242,267	223,003	19,264	3.9	4.1	3.1
No married couple, female householder	1,051,100	727,251	297,509	17.1	13.4	47.6
Nonfamily						
Male householder	987,594	912,663	71,797	16.1	16.8	11.5
Female householder	752,445	669,496	41,989	12.2	12.3	6.7
Group quarters	20,122	20,122	<sup>a</sup>	0.3	0.4	<sup>a</sup>
Ownership status of living quarters						
Owned	3,915,240	3,459,399	414,837	63.7	63.5	66.4
Not owned	2,229,881	1,985,577	210,335	36.3	36.5	33.6
Residence in public housing	393,673	333,964	59,709	6.4	6.1	9.6
Household receipt of—						
Energy assistance	293,155	239,695	48,307	4.8	4.4	7.7
Housing assistance	210,446	192,821	9,969	3.4	3.5	1.6
Food stamps	1,146,136	952,653	172,195	18.7	17.5	27.5
Total household income in 1999 <sup>b</sup> (dollars)						
Less than 5,000	243,779	222,865	13,495	4.0	4.1	2.2
5,000–9,999	973,828	865,557	81,842	15.8	15.9	13.1
10,000–14,999	646,183	545,364	84,303	10.5	10.0	13.5
15,000–19,999	594,220	542,995	51,226	9.7	10.0	8.2
20,000–24,999	610,082	516,762	93,320	9.9	9.5	14.9
25,000–29,999	466,633	425,214	33,746	7.6	7.8	5.4
30,000–34,999	431,752	388,648	43,104	7.0	7.1	6.9
35,000–39,999	412,364	358,691	44,972	6.7	6.6	7.2
40,000 or more	1,766,279	1,578,880	179,162	28.7	29.0	28.7

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**Table 45.**  
**Distribution, by household and family characteristics, December 1999—Continued**

Characteristic	Number			Percentage of all in category		
	Total	Workers	Adult children	Total	Workers	Adult children
Total family income in 1999 <sup>b</sup> (dollars)						
Less than 5,000	295,445	262,900	19,325	4.8	4.8	3.1
5,000–9,999	1,055,121	929,964	101,396	17.2	17.1	16.2
10,000–14,999	672,542	577,628	78,398	10.9	10.6	12.5
15,000–19,999	629,952	567,231	62,721	10.3	10.4	10.0
20,000–24,999	613,001	512,765	100,236	10.0	9.4	16.0
25,000–29,999	428,190	402,993	20,658	7.0	7.4	3.3
30,000–34,999	428,651	385,547	43,104	7.0	7.1	6.9
35,000–39,999	395,468	341,795	44,972	6.4	6.3	7.2
40,000 or more	1,626,750	1,464,152	154,362	26.5	26.9	24.7
Household size						
1 person	1,536,534	1,389,283	106,292	25.0	25.5	17.0
2 persons	2,339,937	2,158,838	150,219	38.1	39.6	24.0
3–4 persons	1,722,256	1,466,629	252,493	28.0	26.9	40.4
5 or more persons	546,394	430,227	116,167	8.9	7.9	18.6
Family size						
1 person	1,796,649	1,613,970	138,587	29.2	29.6	22.2
2 persons	2,169,908	1,996,303	142,726	35.3	36.7	22.8
3–4 persons	1,691,263	1,438,769	252,493	27.5	26.4	40.4
5 or more persons	487,302	395,935	91,366	7.9	7.3	14.6
Under age 18 in family						
None	4,903,712	4,322,234	511,657	79.8	79.4	81.8
1 person	661,154	598,514	57,488	10.8	11.0	9.2
2 persons	387,376	352,068	35,308	6.3	6.5	5.6
3–4 persons	172,366	151,648	20,719	2.8	2.8	3.3
5 or more persons	20,513	20,513	<sup>a</sup>	0.3	0.4	<sup>a</sup>

SOURCE: 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation matched to SSA administrative records.

NOTES: Individuals receiving disability benefits in December 1999 are identified using SSA administrative data. The unweighted sample size is 793 cases for disabled workers and 87 cases for disabled adult children. Disabled widow(er)s are not shown separately because the unweighted sample size is less than 30 cases, which is deemed too small to support statistically reliable estimates.

n.a. = not applicable.

a. Sample size is too small to support statistically reliable estimates.

b. Annual data.

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## Family Income

**Table 46.**  
**Percentage distribution of family income, by source and selected characteristics,**  
**December 1999**

Characteristic	Total	Social Security	Supplemental Security Income	Earnings	Other public assistance	Property income	Other
<i>All noninstitutionalized disabled beneficiaries</i>							
Total	100.0	36.4	6.5	31.0	1.5	2.8	21.7
Sex							
Men	100.0	37.6	5.0	30.2	1.6	2.5	23.1
Women	100.0	34.8	8.7	32.2	1.3	3.2	19.8
Race							
White	100.0	36.6	5.7	30.4	1.2	3.4	22.7
Black	100.0	37.0	8.0	34.6	2.6	0.8	17.1
American Indian, Alaska Native	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
Ethnicity							
Non-Hispanic	100.0	36.2	5.7	31.5	1.4	2.9	22.2
Hispanic	100.0	39.2	16.7	24.5	2.5	1.4	15.6
Age							
Under 25	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	100.0	28.4	12.6	48.8	0.5	0.6	9.0
35–44	100.0	35.6	7.5	35.0	1.4	2.2	18.3
45–54	100.0	40.0	6.7	28.2	2.3	2.4	20.5
55 or older	100.0	36.2	4.7	26.9	1.1	3.5	27.5
Marital status							
Married	100.0	27.2	2.5	42.9	1.5	2.8	23.1
Widowed	100.0	44.0	8.2	17.6	0.7	4.9	24.6
Divorced or separated	100.0	42.6	9.4	16.2	2.9	3.5	25.4
Never married	100.0	45.4	10.7	26.0	0.4	1.9	15.5
Years of education							
0–8	100.0	46.3	16.4	19.3	3.0	0.8	14.3
9–11	100.0	46.6	6.0	26.3	1.3	1.0	18.8
12	100.0	33.7	5.4	34.8	0.7	3.3	22.0
13–15	100.0	28.9	3.4	35.5	2.4	4.3	25.5
16 or more	100.0	28.6	2.6	34.7	a	4.5	29.6
Living arrangement							
Lives alone	100.0	50.3	10.7	10.6	0.8	2.9	24.6
Lives with relatives	100.0	30.9	4.8	39.7	1.7	2.9	20.0
Lives only with nonrelatives	100.0	46.5	10.5	6.7	1.5	1.1	33.7

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**Table 46.**  
**Percentage distribution of family income, by source and selected characteristics,**  
**December 1999—Continued**

Characteristic	Total	Social Security	Supplemental Security Income	Earnings	Other public assistance	Property income	Other
<i>Disabled workers</i>							
Subtotal	100.0	35.5	5.0	32.0	1.6	2.8	23.2
Sex							
Men	100.0	36.4	3.7	31.3	1.7	2.7	24.2
Women	100.0	34.1	7.0	33.0	1.4	2.9	21.6
Race							
White	100.0	35.4	4.6	31.5	1.3	3.3	23.8
Black	100.0	36.9	6.5	33.7	2.9	0.8	19.3
American Indian, Alaska Native	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
Ethnicity							
Non-Hispanic	100.0	35.3	4.6	32.3	1.5	2.9	23.4
Hispanic	100.0	38.8	11.1	27.3	3.2	0.8	18.8
Age							
Under 25	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
35–44	100.0	34.0	4.7	37.2	1.8	2.1	20.2
45–54	100.0	39.6	6.3	29.2	2.4	2.4	20.2
55 or older	100.0	35.0	3.9	27.5	1.2	3.7	28.8
Marital status							
Married	100.0	27.3	2.4	42.7	1.5	2.8	23.2
Widowed	100.0	44.5	5.1	16.7	0.8	6.1	26.8
Divorced or separated	100.0	42.5	9.4	16.3	2.9	3.5	25.5
Never married	100.0	46.2	6.0	28.0	0.3	0.8	18.8
Years of education							
0–8	100.0	42.2	12.4	23.8	4.3	0.3	17.0
9–11	100.0	46.5	4.5	26.7	1.5	1.0	19.8
12	100.0	33.7	4.8	34.7	0.7	2.8	23.3
13–15	100.0	29.4	3.3	34.9	2.4	4.4	25.6
16 or more	100.0	28.7	2.3	34.5	0.0	4.7	29.8
Living arrangement							
Lives alone	100.0	49.5	9.5	11.0	0.9	3.2	26.0
Lives with relatives	100.0	29.8	3.2	41.2	1.9	2.7	21.2
Lives only with nonrelatives	100.0	45.7	7.4	5.0	1.8	1.2	38.9

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## Family Income

**Table 46.**  
**Percentage distribution of family income, by source and selected characteristics,**  
**December 1999—Continued**

Characteristic	Total	Social Security	Supplemental Security Income	Earnings	Other public assistance	Property income	Other
<i>Disabled adult children</i>							
Subtotal	100.0	43.9	18.2	23.5	0.5	3.7	10.3
<b>Sex</b>							
Men	100.0	47.9	17.4	20.4	0.2	1.3	12.8
Women	100.0	38.4	19.3	27.6	0.9	6.9	6.8
<b>Race</b>							
White	100.0	46.5	14.8	20.1	0.4	4.8	13.4
Black	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
American Indian, Alaska Native	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Ethnicity</b>							
Non-Hispanic	100.0	45.5	14.6	24.6	0.6	3.6	11.2
Hispanic	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Age</b>							
Under 25	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
35–44	100.0	42.1	19.1	25.9	a	2.6	10.4
45–54	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
55 or older	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Marital status</b>							
Married	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
Widowed	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
Divorced or separated	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
Never married	100.0	44.2	18.3	22.9	0.5	3.7	10.4
<b>Years of education</b>							
0–8	100.0	55.7	24.8	8.6	0.3	2.1	8.6
9–11	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
12	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
13–15	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
16 or more	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Living arrangement</b>							
Lives alone	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a
Lives with relatives	100.0	39.8	17.1	26.7	0.6	4.7	11.1
Lives only with nonrelatives	100.0	a	a	a	a	a	a

SOURCE: 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) matched to SSA administrative records.

NOTE: Individuals receiving disability benefits in December 1999 are identified using SSA administrative data. The unweighted sample size is 793 cases for disabled workers and 87 cases for disabled adult children. Disabled widow(er)s are not shown separately because the unweighted sample size is less than 30 cases, which is deemed too small to support statistically reliable estimates.

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**Table 47.**  
**Poverty status, by selected characteristics, December 1999**

Characteristic	Total number	Income relative to poverty threshold						300% or more
		Under 50%	50–99%	100–124%	125–149%	150–199%	200–299%	
<i>All noninstitutionalized disabled beneficiaries</i>								
Total	6,145,121	370,940	983,482	524,872	364,153	881,856	1,390,262	1,629,555
Sex								
Men	3,632,828	198,591	521,789	306,955	227,070	554,714	797,018	1,026,690
Women	2,512,293	172,349	461,693	217,917	137,083	327,142	593,244	602,865
Race								
White	4,830,983	256,744	731,708	396,718	332,324	694,077	1,012,057	1,407,354
Black	1,134,631	94,177	235,759	142,883	25,219	140,230	352,402	161,960
American Indian, Alaska Native	125,652	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	53,855	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Ethnicity								
Non-Hispanic	5,709,753	342,780	893,158	484,310	323,088	787,081	1,312,840	1,566,496
Hispanic	435,368	28,161	90,324	40,562	41,065	94,775	77,422	63,059
Age								
Under 25	148,086	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	477,184	19,279	118,206	51,930	16,172	119,511	81,636	70,450
35–44	1,167,284	95,864	197,101	112,063	68,941	153,413	293,291	246,611
45–54	1,887,162	136,270	304,138	171,343	127,561	260,213	346,996	540,642
55 or older	2,465,405	119,528	352,283	175,810	144,273	342,898	611,235	719,378
Marital status								
Married	2,796,830	86,250	188,452	162,440	127,460	426,165	743,430	1,062,634
Widowed	338,715	35,509	96,340	22,579	47,393	25,294	61,681	49,920
Divorced or separated	1,399,011	162,892	364,119	176,426	107,966	118,103	262,671	206,834
Never married	1,610,564	86,289	334,571	163,427	81,335	312,294	322,481	310,167
Years of education								
0–8	954,373	63,768	236,185	95,879	127,959	139,494	165,401	125,686
9–11	1,108,516	75,112	276,772	96,071	61,680	183,294	275,968	139,620
12	2,127,622	115,679	298,668	240,103	73,188	314,386	496,646	588,953
13–15	1,369,984	85,616	146,374	66,062	80,495	178,321	345,583	467,533
16 or more	584,626	30,764	25,484	26,757	20,831	66,361	106,665	307,763

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## Family Income

**Table 47.**  
**Poverty status, by selected characteristics, December 1999—Continued**

Characteristic	Total number	Income relative to poverty threshold						300% or more
		Under 50%	50–99%	100–124%	125–149%	150–199%	200–299%	
<b>Disabled workers</b>								
Subtotal	5,444,977	334,513	838,311	440,270	336,175	749,737	1,234,334	1,511,637
<b>Sex</b>								
Men	3,273,514	179,337	451,792	264,557	211,946	493,173	700,742	971,967
Women	2,171,462	155,176	386,520	175,712	124,230	256,564	533,591	539,669
<b>Race</b>								
White	4,310,471	230,001	618,768	346,611	304,346	622,860	895,038	129,847
Black	989,124	84,493	209,330	90,387	25,219	107,652	313,493	158,549
American Indian, Alaska Native	91,527	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	53,855	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Non-Hispanic	5,102,349	306,353	763,749	418,711	295,110	689,859	1,162,536	1,466,030
Hispanic	342,627	28,161	74,562	21,559	41,065	59,878	71,797	45,606
<b>Age</b>								
Under 25	23,969	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	349,104	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
35–44	942,263	80,464	168,109	90,942	59,551	82,882	258,414	201,901
45–54	1,798,631	124,927	284,601	166,161	123,291	247,802	332,518	519,332
55 or older	2,331,009	119,528	291,746	153,327	137,161	342,898	583,908	702,442
<b>Marital status</b>								
Married	2,786,121	86,250	188,452	156,270	127,460	426,165	738,890	1,062,634
Widowed	271,608	28,091	70,104	13,176	40,280	25,294	61,681	32,983
Divorced or separated	1,395,685	162,892	360,793	176,426	107,966	118,103	262,671	206,834
Never married	991,562	57,281	218,963	94,398	60,469	180,175	171,091	209,185
<b>Years of education</b>								
0–8	653,094	59,843	153,298	48,016	111,316	70,419	125,663	84,539
9–11	996,712	65,428	248,308	82,514	56,086	156,626	255,532	132,219
12	1,909,447	102,431	272,503	216,921	71,576	278,011	439,828	528,176
13–15	1,326,309	85,616	146,374	66,062	76,366	178,321	314,630	458,940
16 or more	559,415	21,194	17,828	26,757	20,831	66,361	98,681	307,763

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**Table 47.**  
**Poverty status, by selected characteristics, December 1999—Continued**

Characteristic	Total number	Income relative to poverty threshold						300% or more
		Under 50%	50–99%	100–124%	125–149%	150–199%	200–299%	
<b>Disabled adult children</b>								
Subtotal	625,172	29,009	115,608	75,199	20,866	132,119	151,389	100,982
<b>Sex</b>								
Men	359,313	19,254	69,997	42,398	15,125	61,541	96,276	54,723
Women	265,858	9,755	45,611	32,801	5,741	70,578	55,113	46,259
<b>Race</b>								
White	459,014	19,325	92,313	40,703	20,866	71,218	117,019	97,571
Black	137,833	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
American Indian, Alaska Native	28,324	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Non-Hispanic	542,930	29,009	105,194	61,347	20,866	97,222	145,764	83,529
Hispanic	82,241	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Age</b>								
Under 25	124,116	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	128,081	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
35–44	225,021	15,400	28,992	21,122	9,390	70,530	34,877	44,710
45–54	81,113	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
55 or older	66,841	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Marital status</b>								
Married	6,169	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Widowed	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Divorced or separated	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Never married	619,002	29,009	115,608	69,029	20,866	132,119	151,389	100,982
<b>Years of education</b>								
0–8	258,918	3,925	65,278	38,460	9,530	69,076	39,738	32,911
9–11	102,967	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
12	202,057	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
13–15	43,675	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
16 or more	17,555	a	a	a	a	a	a	a

SOURCE: 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) matched to SSA administrative records.

NOTE: Individuals receiving disability benefits in December 1999 are identified using SSA administrative data. The unweighted sample size is 793 cases for disabled workers and 87 cases for disabled adult children. Disabled widow(er)s are not shown separately because the unweighted sample size is less than 30 cases, which is deemed too small to support statistically reliable estimates.

a. Sample size is too small to support statistically reliable estimates.

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