Table 3.
Receipt of Personal Assistance Among People 15 Years and Older Who Need Assistance With an ADL/IADL: 2002

(Numbers in thousands)

Selected characteristic	Number	90-percent C.I.[1] (±)	Percent distribution	90-percent C.I.[1] (±)
All people who need assistance[2]	**10,427**	**498**	**100.0**	**(NA)**
Helpers	**10,224**	**493**	**98.1**	**0.7**
Person needing assistance has one helper	**4,657**	**336**	**44.7**	**2.4**
Relative				
Child	1,162	169	11.1	1.5
Spouse	1,712	205	16.4	1.8
Parent	429	103	4.1	1.0
Other relative	483	109	4.6	1.0
Nonrelative				
Friend or neighbor	316	88	3.0	0.8
Paid help	291	85	2.8	0.8
Other nonrelative	262	80	2.5	0.8
Person needing assistance has two helpers	**5,567**	**367**	**53.4**	**2.4**
Both related	2,809	262	26.9	2.2
One related, one nonrelated	2,041	224	19.6	1.9
Neither related	718	133	6.9	1.2
Person needing assistance has no helper	**203**	**71**	**1.9**	**0.7**
Duration of Needing Assistance				
Less than 1 year	2,427	244	23.3	2.1
1 to 5 years	4,246	321	40.7	2.4
More than 5 years	3,551	294	34.1	2.3
Duration of Condition and Duration of Needing Assistance				
Had condition less than 1 year	563	118	100.0	(NA)
Needed assistance				
Less than 1 year	483	109	85.8	7.3
1 to 5 years	40‡	31	7.0	5.4
More than 5 years	25‡	25	4.5	4.3
Did not need assistance	15‡	19	2.6	3.3
Had condition 1 to 5 years	3,748	302	100.0	(NA)
Needed assistance				
Less than 1 year	978	155	26.1	3.6
1 to 5 years	2,005	222	53.5	4.0
More than 5 years	692	130	18.5	3.1
Did not need assistance	73‡	42	2.0	1.1
Had condition for more than 5 years	6,116	384	100.0	(NA)
Needed assistance				
Less than 1 year	966	154	15.8	2.3
1 to 5 years	2,201	232	36.0	3.0
More than 5 years	2,834	263	46.3	3.2
Did not need assistance	115‡	53	1.9	0.9
Amount Paid for Help Per Month				
$0	9,288	471	89.1	1.5
$1 to $99	374	96	3.6	0.9
$100 to $249	320	89	3.1	0.8
$250 and over	445	105	4.3	1.0

NA Not applicable.

‡Since this estimate is less than 200,000 (implying questionably small sample size), the estimate, its confidence interval estimate, and any other estimate associated with it are unlikely to be accurate enough to reveal useful information.

[1]A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to <www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A-2_SIPP2001_w1tow9_20050214.pdf>.

[2]Individuals were asked if they required help from another person with one or more of the following activities: getting around inside, getting in/out of bed/chair, bathing, eating, dressing, getting on/off the toilet, managing money, preparing meals, doing light housework, taking prescriptions, going outside alone, and walking.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, June–September 2002.