Table 8. Number and percentage change from prior period, selected months, 1982–2005

	Section 1619(a	Section 1619(a) participants		Section 1619(b) participants <sup>a</sup>	
		Percentage change		Percentage change	
Month	Number	from prior period	Number	from prior period	
December					
1982	287		5,515		
1983	392	36.6	5,165	-6.3	
1984					
1985					
1986	<del></del>				
1987	14,559		15,632		
1988	19,920	36.8	15,625	0	
1989	25,655	28.8	18,254	16.8	
1990	13,994	-45.5	23,517	28.8	
1991	15,531	11.0	27,264	15.9	
1992	17,603	13.3	31,649	16.1	
1993	20,028	13.8	35,299	11.5	
1994	24,315	21.4	40,683	15.3	
1995	28,060	15.4	47,002	15.5	
1996	31,085	10.8	51,905	10.4	
1997	34,673	11.5	57,089	10.0	
1998	37,271	7.5	59,542	4.3	
1999	25,528	-31.5	69,265	16.3	
2000	27,542	7.9	83,572	20.7	
2001	22,100	-19.8	76,455	-8.5	
2002	17,271	-21.9	82,177	7.5	
2003	17,130	-0.8	71,097	-13.5	
2004	17,115	-0.1	73,681	3.6	
2005	17,621	3.0	78,205	6.1	
2003					
March	16,771	-2.9	74,558	-9.3	
June	16,539	-1.4	72,016	-3.4	
September	16,562	0.1	73,576	2.2	
December	17,130	3.4	71,097	-3.4	

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Table 8. Number and percentage change from prior period, selected months, 1982–2005—*Continued* 

	Section 1619(a) participants		Section 1619(b) participants <sup>a</sup>	
Month	Number	Percentage change from prior period	Number	Percentage change from prior period
2004				
March	16,879	-1.5	69,532	-2.2
June	16,587	-1.7	72,898	4.8
September	16,891	1.8	75,657	3.8
December	17,115	1.3	73,681	-2.6
2005				
March	17,082	-0.2	74,247	0.8
June	17,655	3.4	79,368	6.9
September	17,874	1.2	80,134	1.0
December	17,621	-1.4	78,205	-2.4

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data.

NOTES: When the substantial gainful activity (SGA) level is periodically raised, SSI recipients with earnings below the increased SGA level become eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a). This can lead to decreases in the number of 1619(a) participants.

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<sup>... =</sup> not applicable; -- = not available.

a. Includes blind participants. Of the 75,583 participants in December 2005, 1,228 were blind.