# Family Out-of-Pocket Health Expenses 

## United States - 1970

Statistics on the annual out-of-pocket health expenses of families and unrelated individuals, by type of expense, type of family unit, proportion of family units with no expense, and intervals of expense. Total family unit expenses are distributed by color and family income. Based on data collected by self-enumeration or personal interview during 1971.

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## FOREWORD

Since 1929 when the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care collected the first national data on health care expenditures, the total expenditures for health care in the United States has risen from under $\$ 4$ billion to over $\$ 100$ billion. The need for information on where the health care dollars are spent has resulted in a number of studies of individual or family health expenditures in an effort to determine who spends how much money on what types of care. The Office of Research and Statistics of the Social Security Administration compiles data and makes annual estimates of total national health expenditures by type of medical care. These data do not provide any information on expenditures of individuals or families by socioeconomic characteristics of the population. The Center for Health Administration Studies of the University of Chicago has collected data on expenditures for personal health services in four national surveys in 1953, 1958, 1964, and 1971. These surveys collected data from a sample of households, from the family's providers of health care and from their health insurance companies.

The National Center for Health Statistics, through the Health Interview Survey, has collected data on personal health expenditures in several different forms over the past 15 years. Information was obtained on total personal health expenditures in 1962. With the increase in third party payments, both private and public, it has become increasingly difficult to obtain these data on total expenditures in a household interview. Therefore, in 1971 only out-of-pocket health expenditure data was collected. No attempt was made to verify the data reported by the household respondents with independent data from providers, as was done with the University of Chicago studies. As may be expected estimates of health expenditures based on different sources of data and different methodologies often disagree. The estimates of out-of-pocket costs shown in this report tend to be somewhat higher for most categories of expenditures than the estimates from the Center for Health Administration Studies data for the same year. While the precise reasons for these differences are not known, it is possible that some respondents to the National Center for Health Statistics survey may have included in their responses health expenditures that were later reimbursed by health insurance. In fact, estimates of out-of-pocket costs for types of care not normally covered by health insurance tend to be more similar in the different surveys.

The importance of the differences in estimates of health expenditures depends to some extent on the use to which the data are put. If the data are to be used to make national projections of the total out-of-pocket outlay for health care, the effect of the differences can be quite severe. However, if the data are to be used to investigate differentials in out-of-pocket health expenditures among socio-
economic groups, the discrepancies in the level of reported expenditures are not as critical.

The National Center for Health Statistics and other researchers are continuing to improve the methods by which more accurate expenditure data can be collected, e.g., through the use of repeated contacts with a household to reduce the recall period, the use of diaries, and subsequent contacts with both the providers of care and third party payers.

In the meantime, the data in this report are presented in the belief that they, along with the data from other sources, will shed some light on the complex problems of health care expenditures. However, readers are urged to use caution in interpretation of these data.

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Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision (more than 30 percent relative standard error)---------- *

# FAMILY OUT-OF-POCKET HEALTH EXPENSES 

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## INTRODUCTION

During 1971 a study to measure out-ofpocket health expenses of the civilian population not confined to institutions was conducted by the Division of Health Interview Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics. Results of this study have been published on a person basis in Personal Out-of-Pocket Health Expenses, United States, 1970, Vital and Health Statistics, Series 10, Number 91. Details of the collection procedure are explained in the section on 'Source of Data.' A self-enumeration questionnaire was mailed to some 11,970 households comprising the same sample as that used for the October-December 1970 Health Interview Survey. Information was requested on out-ofpocket spending in 1970 for hospital, doctor, dental, or optical services; prescribed medicine; and other medical expenses for each family member as well as the total amount of health insurance premiums (including Medicare premiums) paid directly by the family. Also requested were the health expenditures for persons not residing in the household (see appendix I). These would include, for instance, health expenses for students away at school, parents or other persons not living with the family, or unrelated individuals for whom some share of responsibility for medical costs is assumed.

In this report information on out-of-pocket health expenses is presented for families and unrelated individuals. A family is defined as two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption who are living together in the same household. Members of the Armed Forces, ex-
cluded by definition from the civilian noninstitutionalized population, are not counted in classifying the family group even if they live with the family. Thus the number of families presented here will differ from other family statistics in which these persons are considered family members. Unrelated individuals may be living alone, with other unrelated individuals, or with families to which they are not related.

The average annual out-of-pocket health expense for hospital, doctor, dental, or optical services; prescription medicine; and other medical expenses for a family of two or more members was $\$ 469$ (tables A and B). When expense for health insurance premiums is added the total becomes $\$ 628$, and when expense for persons not living with the family unit is included the grand total of annual out-of-pocket spending for health rose to $\$ 648$. Tables C and D show the three sets of totals and the eight expense items for unrelated individuals. The average unrelated individual had an annual grand total expense of $\$ 331$ during 1970.

The annual per family estimate of a health expense item was prepared by summing the reported expenditures for which all members of the family responded with a known amount for each type of expense. That is, each member had a dollar amount or no expense (zero amount) recorded for the particular type of expense. Then by summing the known expense for all families with known amounts and dividing by the number of such families, the average annual expense per family was obtained.

This procedure was used to obtain the average expense per family unit for each of the three

Table A. Out-of-pocket health expense per family per year, by type of expense and size and composition of the family: United States, 1970

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

'able B. Out-of-pocket health expense per family per year, by type of expense and size and composition of the family: United States, 1970


totals shown in tables A and C. Thus, for instance, the grand total for a three-member family consists of known amounts for all eight types of expenses for each of the three members of the family-a total of 24 items of information with dollar or zero amounts. As may be noted in table E, this condition was met for 80.3 percent of the families in the survey for the grand total of family out-of-pocket health expenses.

While it was necessary to exclude the data for a family for which only one or a few items were missing in producing the total expenses per family, it is not necessary to exclude cases of
incomplete reporting when individual types of expenditures are examined. The fact that a family neglected to report any information for dental visits does not imply that the data they reported for the other types of expenses is invalid. Thus when examining a particular type of expense it is legitimate to include the given data for this type of expense. It is also desirable to do so because, as is shown in table F , it makes possible the inclusion of data on between 91.9 and 97.1 percent of the families in the survey for the various types of health expenses. This procedure for obtaining totals by using known

Table C. Out-of-pocket health expense per unrelated individual per year, by type of expense and selected characteristics: United States, 1970


Table D. Out-of-pocket health expense per unrelated individual per year, by type of expense and selected characteristics: United States, 1970

| Characteristic | Health expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  | Health expenses for persons outside the family unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Hospital | Doctor | Dental | Pre-scription medicine | Optical | Health insurance premiums | Other |  |
| All individuals---------------- | \$35 | \$66 | \$42 | \$44 | \$18 | \$80 | \$12 | \$42 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  <br> 45-64 years- | 32 42 32 | 63 71 65 | 54 55 | 30 46 58 | 20 21 | 61 95 86 | 7 <br> 8 | 50 <br> 54 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male <br> Female | 25 39 | 40 80 | 36 44 | 25 55 | 17 19 | 75 83 | 13 12 | 26 50 |
| Living arrangements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Living alone- <br> Living with nonrelatives | 30 61 | 65 73 | 40 | 45 40 | 16 29 | 82 | 13 | 48 6 |

Table E. Percent of family units reporting known amounts of out-of-pocket health expenses for all members, by type of health expense and size of family unit: United States, 1970

| Size of family unit | All types of expense |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For family members and persons outside the family unít-including health insurance premiums | For family members only |  |
|  |  | ```Including health insurance premiums``` | Excluding health insurance premiums |
| A11 sizes------m-m-m----------- | Percent |  |  |
|  | 80.3 | 84.6 | 88.0 |
| 1 person- | 78.2 | 83.9 | 89.4 |
| 2 persons- | 81.3 | 85.7 | 87.8 |
| 3 persons- | 80.6 | 84.9 | 87.9 |
| 4 persons. | 80.5 | 84.6 | 87.8 |
| 5 persons or more------m---1 | 80.6 | 83.6 | 87.0 |

Table F. Percent of family units reporting known amounts of out-of-pocket health expenses for all members, by type of health expense and size of family umit: United States, 1970

| Size of family unit | Health expenses of family members |  |  |  |  |  |  | Health expenses for persons outside the family umit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Hospital | Doctor | Dental | Pre-scription medicine | Optical | Health insurance premiums | Other |  |
|  | Percent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All sizes----------------------- | 96.6 | 96.2 | 97.1 | 96.2 | 95.9 | 94.9 | 91.9 | 92.8 |
|  | 95.9 | 95.1 | 96.3 | 95.5 | 95.1 | 92.9 | 93.1 | 90.1 |
| 2 persons | 96.5 | 96.4 | 97.5 | 96.5 | 95.7 | 96.5 | 91.6 | 93.2 |
| 3 persons- | 96.9 | 96.3 | 96.5 | 96.6 | 96.1 | 95.0 | 90.8 | 93.4 |
|  | 96.9 | 96.6 | 97.9 | 96.6 | 96.5 | 95.2 | 91.6 | 92.1 |
|  | 96.7 | 96.7 | 97.5 | 95.8 | 96.4 | 94.7 | 92.4 | 94.7 |

data for all items is the same as that used for the report on Personal Out-of-Pocket Health Expenses.

However, using two procedures to calculate the two types of totals (i.e., total family expenses and total expenses for particular items) means that the sum of individual expense items may or may not equal the total for all expense items in tables A, C, and elsewhere. Some portion of the discrepancy results from rounding of computed dollar averages per expense item to the nearest dollar. The remainder of the discrepancy, as discussed in the previous paragraph, results from the use of unequal numbers of records with known or zero amounts for family totals and for the totals for each of the individual expense items.

## FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS

The civilian noninstitutionalized population during 1970 for which data on out-of-pocket health expenses were reported in Series 10 , No. 91 was $200,856,000$ persons. Most of these persons were members of some $52,040,000$ families and the remaining $13,261,000$ persons were classified as unrelated individuals.

These figures differ from those for March 1971 published by the United States Bureau of the Census, as shown below:

| Type of family | Current <br> Population Survey, ${ }^{1}$ <br> March 1971 | Health Interview Statistics, 1970 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All families .................. | 51,948,000 | 52,040,000 |
| Husband-wife families... | 44,739,000 | 44,002,000 |
| Other family groups ..... | 7,208,000 | 8,038,000 |
| Male head ............... | 1,258,000 | 1,325,000 |
| Female head ...... | 5,950,000 | 6,713,000 |
| Unrelated individuals .... | 15,721,000 | 13,261,000 |
| Male | 6,153,000 | 4,587,000 |
| Female ................. | 9,569,000 | 8,674,000 |

[^1]As previously noted, the sampling frame used for this study was the sample for the Health Interview Survey for October-December 1970 during which time there were an estimated $200,855,000$ persons in the civilian noninstitutionalized population (Acute Conditions, Series 10 , No. 82). The person data collected in this study were adjusted to the population during October-December 1970 and because of rounding errors resulted in a total of 200,856,000.

From examination of the Current Population Survey data for 1971 it seems likely that a substantial number of unrelated individuals were underreported in the study of out-of-pocket expenses. Some unrelated individuals may have failed to receive a questionnaire in the mail, and some may have failed to respond to the questionnaire. Another possibility is that at some stage in assembling the family units (families and unrelated individuals) some of the unrelated individuals may have been erroneously joined to families.

There are other sources of differences between these sets of data in addition to the probable underreporting of unrelated individuals. The Bureau of the Census includes in its family statistics Armed Forces members living off post or with their families on post. Armed Forces members, regardless of place of residence, are excluded for the Health Interview Survey's sample but members of their families are included. Another difference involves the classification of college students living away from home during the school year. The Bureau of the Census includes such persons as members of the family at the home address for the Current Population Survey, and the Health Interview Survey classifies them as individuals at the students' address at school.

In March 1971 there were $1,164,000^{1}$ Armed Forces members included in the Current Population Survey data quoted above, of whom $1,003,000$ were family heads. ${ }^{2}$ Since these fam-

[^2]ily heads are excluded from Health Interview Survey data, the family status of their wives and children becomes "other family group, female head," or, if there is no child, the wife is classified as an unrelated individual.

College students have less effect on the difference in number of families reported in the two surveys than they do on the difference in numbers of unrelated individuals. For Health Interview Survey data the family is reported as having one less member with a compensating increase in the number of unrelated individuals.

The effect of both of these differences should result in a higher estimate of unrelated individuals in the Health Interview Survey data. But as is shown on page 6, the estimate from the Current Population Survey is approximately $2,460,000$ greater. This suggests that the study to measure out-of-pocket health expenses missed even more unrelated individuals than the above estimate indicates.

However, aside from differences which emerge from specific ways of classifying persons, and those associated with any tendency for nonrespondents to differ systematically from respondents, the out-of-pocket health expenses should not be affected by an under or over estimate of the population. This follows because in computing the average health expenses the weights which produce the population estimate are cancelled out and do not, therefore, affect the computed averages.

## FAMILY OUT-OF-POCKET HEALTH EXPENSES

## All Families and Unrelated Individuals

The average annual out-of-pocket expense during 1970 per family for family members and persons outside the family was $\$ 648$ (table A). When expense of persons outside the family are deducted the average family paid out $\$ 628$ for health expenses, including health insurance premiums, and with health insurance premiums excluded the average was $\$ 469$. This latter figure included spending for hospital, doctor, dental, prescription medicine, optical, and other health expenses. As mentioned earlier, because the av-
erage expense for the three types of totals was obtained only from those records with known amounts for all types of expense included in the specific total, the sum of the average expense for individual types of expense does not necessarily add to the average total family expense.

The average family spent $\$ 72$ out-of-pocket for hospital bills paid directly by the family (table B). Hospital bills include any hospital outpatient services as well as inpatient services. Doctor bills per family averaged $\$ 164$ per year and dental bills $\$ 105$. Prescription medicine cost the family an average of $\$ 93$. Optical services cost $\$ 35$ per family. Optical expense included the fee of an optometrist, but examination by an ophthalmologist was included under 'doctor' expense. Health insurance premiums per family averaged $\$ 159$. These include the amount paid directly by the family for private health insurance and to Social Security for Medicare, deducted from pay checks or deducted from Social Security checks. Excluded from health insurance premiums were amounts for insurance that pays only when an accident occurs. Other expense averaged $\$ 16$ per family. 'Other' included spending for chiropractor or podiatrist fees; special aids include wheel chair, braces, hearing aids, etc.; physical or speech therapy; and special nursing care, etc. However, spending for nonprescribed medicines was excluded from this item of expense. The average family spent $\$ 20$ for health expense (including health insurance premiums, if any) for persons outside the family unit (see appendix I for the question on "outside" expense). The total of these six expense items is $\$ 485$, $\$ 16$ more than that of $\$ 469$ shown for the third total shown in table A based on records with all six items with known' amounts.

Tables $C$ and $D$ present similar data for unrelated individuals. Out-of-pocket health expenses on a person basis were shown in the report, Series 10, No. 91. With the exception of spending for other persons (included in the first of the three totals), data for unrelated individuals may be compared to that presented for all persons in the population. Since most unrelated individuals are 17 years of age or over, comparison should be limited to this age group. Thus the second total column (including health insur-


Figure 1. Annual out-of-pocket health expense per family unit and unrelated individual, by type of expense and size of family unit.
ance premiums) in table C can be compared with table 1 in Series 10, No. 91. There is substantial similarity between the figure of $\$ 287$ for unrelated individuals aged 65 years and over and the $\$ 299$ per capita expense for all persons 65 years and over. Since about one in four of these (26.4 percent) persons is an unrelated individual, the similarity in totals is not unexpected. There is less agreement between the totals for age groups, $17-44$ and 45-64 years, but smaller proportions of the population in these age groups are unrelated individuals ( 6.6 percent of the 73.5 million aged 17-44 years, and 8.2 percent of those 45-64 years).

In general, as size of family increases the average expense rises accordingly for the three types of total expense (figure 1). Tables A and B show the effect of family composition on health spending within size of family. Tables $1-11$ show the three types of total expenses and the eight types of expenses for specific items by family characteristics, including the age of the head of the family or of unrelated individuals. Since age is of such importance in determining the need


Figure 2. Percent of family units with annual out-of-pocket health expense of $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 2,000$ or more, by type of expense and size of family unit.
for medical care, this variable has considerable effect on expense per family unit.

Also shown in these detailed tables is a percent distribution by intervals of expense. Figure 2 shows, for the three types of family totals, the percentage of family units with annual out-ofpocket health expenses of $\$ 1,000$ or more and $\$ 2,000$ or more by size of unit. As expected, there is a rise in percentage with increased size of the family unit.

Figure 3 summarizes the data for the three types of totals for the percentage of family units with no annual out-of-pocket health expenses. In each detailed table the next to last column is labeled 'Average for family unit with expense.' These figures are prepared by excluding family units with no expense from the computation of average expense per family unit. When there is a substantial percentage with no expense, for example for unrelated individuals, the difference between the average per family unit and the average per family unit with expense is substantial. When there are two or more persons in a family unit there is less chance that all members will have no health expenses. Therefore, the percent-


Figure 3. Percent of family units reporting no annual out-ofpocket health expense for the three categories of health care costs, by type of expense and size of family unit.
ages with no health expenses for families, as shown in figure 3, are relatively small.

Tables 12-14 give detailed information for the three types of total out-of-pocket expense by sex of unrelated individuals and sex of the head of other family groups (i.e., excluding hus-band-wife families). Female unrelated individuals have higher expense totals than do males. However, for other family groups, families with male heads have higher expenses than do families with female heads. The difference is most pronounced for three person other family groups.

## Family Income

With increasing family income the out-ofpocket health expense totals rose accordingly (figure 4 and table G), and this relationship holds within each size of family. Health expenses of unrelated individuals, excluding expense for persons outside the unit, were about the same for the two lower income groups and also for the two higher income groups. Tables 15-17 present detailed information about the three types of total expenses for four income groups.

It is interesting that for two person families with income less than $\$ 5,000$ the three types of total expenses were approximately equal to or less than the average for all of the other family sizes. It is probable that health spending for aged persons comprising two person families accounts for the larger out-of-pocket spending. The earlier report on Personal Out-of-Pocket Health Expense (Series 10, No. 91) showed that persons 65 years and over spent an average of $\$ 299$ per year on all health items including health insurance.

Out-of-pocket health spending takes a larger share of family income within the lower income groups than it does for the higher income groups. For instance, assuming an average income of $\$ 2,500$ for the less than $\$ 5,000$ group, $\$ 7,500$ and $\$ 12,500$ as midpoints of the next two groups, and $\$ 20,000$ as average for income of $\$ 15,000$ and over, the proportionate share of family income may be determined. Examination of table G, grand total for all families, shows that the $\$ 446$ expenditure is about 17.8 percent of the average income of the less than $\$ 5,000$

Table G. Out-of-pocket health expense per unrelated individual or per family per year, by type of expense, size of family unit, and family income: United States, 1970

| Size of family unit and family income | A11 types of expense |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For family members and persons outside the family unit-including health insurance premiums | For family members only |  |
|  |  | Including health insurance premiums | Excluding health insurance premiums |
| Unrelated individuals |  |  |  |
|  | \$331 | \$288 | \$206 |
|  | 305 | 281 | 202 |
|  | 355 | 273 | 198 |
|  | 430 | 389 | 281 |
| \$15,000 or more <br> All families | 485 | 392 | 259 |
|  | 648 | 628 | 469 |
|  | 446 | 437 | 329 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999----- | 579 | 568 | 422 |
|  | 740 | 706 | 530 |
| $\$ 15,000$ or more <br> 2 person families | 942 | 911 | 688 |
| A11 incomes ${ }^{1}$-------------------- | 569 | 548 | 387 |
|  | 453 | 449 | 326 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999- | 509 | 497 | 346 |
|  | 647 | 611 | 421 |
| $\$ 15,000$ or more <br> 3 person families | 869 | 804 | 583 |
| A11 incomes ${ }^{1}$ | 642 | 620 | 454 |
|  | 448 | 423 | 307 |
| $\$ 5,000-\$ 9,999 .$ | 557 | 545 | 387 |
| $\$ 10,000-\$ 14,999-$ | 749 | 717 | 537 |
|  | 921 | 892 | 676 |
|  | 660 | 649 | 495 |
|  | 381 | 357 | 295 |
| $\$ 5,000-\$ 9,999$ | 573 | 573 | 439 |
|  | 667 | 662 | 491 |
| 1.5,000 or more------------------------1- | 997 | 977 | 759 |
| 5 person families or more |  |  |  |
|  | 752 | 730 | 574 |
|  | 455 | 460 | 383 |
| $\$ 5,000-\$ 9,999$ | 703 | 684 | 542 |
|  | 859 | 809 | 640 |
|  | 986 | 980 | 746 |

[^3]

Figure 4. Annual out-of-pocket health expense per family unit, by type of expense and annual family income.
group. In the next group the $\$ 579$ total is only 7.7 percent of average income, the $\$ 740$ represents 5.9 percent of the next higher group, and $\$ 942$ is 4.7 percent of the average income of the highest income level.

## Color and Family Income

Figure 5 and table H summarize the health expense totals of tables 18-20. In general white unrelated individuals tend to spend more on


Figure 5. Annual out-of-pocket health expense per family unit, by type of expense, color, and family income.

Table H. Out-of-pocket health expense per unrelated individual or per family per year, by type of expense, size of family unit, color, and family income: United States, 1970

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

[^4]health expense than do other individuals. The large difference in the group having incomes of $\$ 5,000$ or more of $\$ 582$ between the grand total of $\$ 338$ for white individuals and persons other than white of $\$ 920$ could have resulted from sampling error.

Out-of-pocket health expenses per family of white families were about the same as those for families of other races. This was especially true for families with two members and for those with five or more members. Among families with three or four members, white families had larger out-of-pocket health expenses than did families other than white.

## SOURCE OF DATA

The information contained in this report was obtained primarily from responses to a questionnaire on out-of-pocket health expenditures during 1970 which was mailed to households included in the regular Health Interview Survey sample for the fourth quarter of 1970. For that quarter, the HIS sample, which is a probability sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States, included 10,799 completed household interviews; 424 noninterviews due to refusals, no one at home during the interview period; and 2,611 housing units which were vacant, demolished, or occupied by persons whose usual place of residence was elsewhere. A description of the design of the survey and an illustration of the questionnaire used in the original household interviews is presented in the Current Estimates report for 1970 (Series 10, Number 72).

Prior to mailing the questionnaire on out-ofpocket health expenditures, the name of the family head, if known, and mailing address were copied from each of the 13,834 questionnaires used in the original sample. In some instances, such as for the vacant or demolished housing units, a mailing addrcss was not obtained. In April 1971 questionnaires were mailed to 11,970 households at this first mailing. Appendix I shows copies of the letters sent to households interviewed in the regular HIS sample or to households not interviewed which had an adequate mailing address. The questionnaire is also
illustrated in the appendix. When the questionnaire was completed and returned, the 'thank you' card was mailed. If the questionnaire was not returned, three followups were sent at intervals; these are also illustrated. The first followup was a reminder card, the second and third were letters and contained a copy of the questionnaire. The followup card was mailed 2 weeks after the original mailing. The second followup was 4 weeks after the original mailing, and the third was sent 7 weeks after the original mailing.

After the third followup, a total of 7,175 households had returned completed questionnaires. After 716 vacant or demolished housing units had been deleted there were 11,254 households to which questionnaires were sent. Thus 63.8 percent of the occupied households responded to the mail questionnaires.

In an attempt to reduce nonresponse bias, a subsample of the households not responding in the mail survey was selected and assigned to be followed up by personal interview. The noninterviewed households were grouped by original segment number and one in four of the segments with at least one nonresponding household was chosen by a systematic process. (An "original segment" is a cluster of about six households). This resulted in a subsample of 868 occupied households for which 746 interviews were completed. The effective response rate for the survey was 94.4 percent when the weighted interview results from the subsample are combined with the responses from the mail component.

A total of 7,921 households supplied information either through the mail questionnaire or by direct interview about the 23,690 persons living in these households in 1971.

In addition to the data on out-of-pocket medical expenses for household members, information was also obtained on the family's out-ofpocket medical expenses for persons outside the household such as children away at school, elderly parents, or deceased family members.

Since the data presented in this report are based on a sample rather than the entire population, they are subject to sampling error. Charts from which approximate sampling errors may be estimated and instructions for their use are presented in appendix II. In order to account for
the double-sampling method, it is necessary to inflate each relative sampling error by 40 percent ( 1.4 times the relative sampling error) to obtain the standard exror.

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| Family chaxacteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | No expense | Health expenses |  |  |  |  | Average for family unit with expense | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per } \\ \text { family } \\ \text { unit } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than $\$ 100$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500- \\ & \$ 999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,000 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  | Expense In dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families-------------mm-m-m | 65,300 | 6.4 | 10.8 | 16.3 | 24.0 | 26.3 | 16.1 | 626 | 585 |
| All individuals | 13,261 | 14.9 | 19.6 | 25.3 | 22.4 | 11. 5 | 6.2 | 389 | 331 |
| Living alone, all ages-- | 11, 180 | 15.9 | 19.3 | 25.8 | 20.8 | 11.8 | 6.4 | 392 | 329 |
| Living alone, under 45 year | 3,358 | 19.9 | 26.3 | 22.9 | 16.2 | 8.8 | 5.8 | 394 | 315 |
|  | 3,166 | 18.6 | 12.6 | 23.7 | 22.1 | 16.0 | 7.0 | 451 | 367 |
|  | 4,656 | 11.2 | 18.8 | 29.3 | 23.2 | 11.1 | 6.4 | 354 | 314 |
|  | 2,081 | * | 21.6 | 22.3 | 32.8 | 9.7 | * | 373 | 341 |
|  | 1,460 | * | 22.5 | 22.7 | 31.7 | ** | * | 371 | 337 |
| Living with nonrelatives, $45-64$ years---- | 231 390 | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | * | * | * | * | 529 | 466 |
| A11 familie | 52,040 | 4.3 | 8.7 | 14.1 | 24.4 | 30.0 | 18.5 | 677 | 648 |
| All 2 person families | 17,997 | 3.9 | 11.2 | 17.1 | 27.6 | 25.4 | 14.9 | 592 | 569 |
| Husband-wife------------- Husband-wife, | 14,575 | 3.2 | 9.9 | 16.4 | 28.4 | 26.2 | 15.8 | 595 | 575 |
| Husband-wife, head 45-64 year | 3,706 | 5.3 | 17.4 | 26.3 | 30.6 | 15.1 | 5.3 | 379 | 359 |
|  | 6,389 | * | 9.2 4.3 | 13.1 | 25.5 30.5 | 28.8 32.6 | 20.7 | 675 666 | 657 651 |
|  | 3,423 | 6.9 | 16.9 | 19.9 | 24.0 | 21.6 | 10.8 | 578 | 539 |
| Other family group, head under 45 years-m-------mmen-m | 1,358 | * | 24.6 | 17.3 | 24.6 | 16.9 |  | 366 | 324 |
|  | 1,189 | * | * | 20.9 | 21.8 | 28.1 | 16.8 | 833 | 803 |
|  | 876 | * | * | 23.1 | 26.5 | 20.2 | * | 543 | 524 |
| A11. 3 person families | 10,940 | 3.7 | 7.9 | 12.2 | 26.4 | 32.3 | 17.5 | 667 | 642 |
|  | 5,515 | * | 8.5 | 11.3 | 30.2 | 33.9 | 14.4 | 606 | 595 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years-m--- | 4,079 | * | 10.3 | 12.7 | 31.4 | 33.7 | 9.9 | 535 | 524 |
|  | 1,396 $*$ | * | * | $*$ $*$ | 25.7 | 35.2 | 28.7 | 824 | 815 |
|  | 3,530 | * | * | 11.8 | 23.3 | 34.9 | 24.8 | 772 | 762 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years-m- | , 350 | * | * | * | * |  |  | 607 | 607 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years------ | 2,488 | * | * | 12.4 | 20.9 | 36.5 | 25.1 | 807 | 793 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over- | 693 | * | * | * | * | 32.6 | 24.8 | 720 | 720 |
|  | 1,895 | 14.6 | 13.4 | 15.9 | 20.5 | 22.1 | 13.4 | 658 | 562 |
|  | 1,030 | 26.3 | 21.6 |  | 20.5 | 20.5 | * * | 447 | 330 |
|  | 672 $*$ | * | * | * | 28.7 | 28.0 $*$ | 20.3 $*$ | 935 $*$ | 924 |
| All 4 person families | 9,810 | 3.8 | 7.2 | 14.3 | 24.4 | 30.5 | 19.7 | 686 | 660 |
|  | 7,217 | * | 4.0 | 13.5 | 24.8 | 34.5 | 21.2 | 720 | 705 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years----m- | 5,236 | * | 4.3 | 13.8 | 27.1 | 32.9 | 20.5 | 703 | 692 |
|  | 1,959 $*$ | * | * $*$ | 12.9 | 18.7 | 39.2 $*$ | 23.4 | 770 * | 748 $*$ |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years--------m-m-m-m-m-m | 1,345 | * | * | * | 30.1 | 27.6 | 22.0 | 747 | 714 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years-n- |  | * | * | * |  | * | * | * | * |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head $45-64$ years-m--- | 1,005 $*$ | * | * | * | 32.4 | 25.5 $*$ | 25.2 | 757 $*$ | 746 |
|  | 1,249 | 13.6 | 27.5 | 25.1 | 15.7 | * | * | 386 | 334 |
|  | 1,906 | * | 36.0 | 22.9 | * | * | * | 298 | 244 |
|  | 266 | * |  |  | * | * | * | 418 | 407 |
|  |  | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
|  | 13,292 | 5.8 | 7.0 | 11.4 | 18.6 | 34.0 | 23.3 | 799 | 752 |
|  | 11,027 | 3.1 | 5.8 | 10.8 | 18.6 | 36.7 | 24.9 | 824 | 798 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years------ | 7,782 | * | 6.3 | 11.4 | 19.6 | 39.0 | 21.4 | 809 | 791 |
|  | 3,159 | * | * ${ }_{*}^{*}$ | 9.1 | 16.1 | 31.5 $*$ | 35.0 | 869 | 834 |
|  | 795 | * | * | * | 25.7 | 28.9 | * |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years--- | * | * | * | * | 25.7 | 28. | * | * | * |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years-----* | 579 | * | * | * | * | 36.0 | * | 552 | 544 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over- | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
|  | 1,471 | 26.8 | 12.5 | 13.8 | 15.0 | 17.1 | 14.7 |  |  |
|  | 1,035 | 29.8 | 16.6 | * | * | 16.2 | 14.5 | 764 | 517 |
|  | 1,037 $*$ | * $*$ $*$ | $*$ $*$ $*$ | * | * | 16.2 $*$ $*$ | 14. $\begin{array}{r}\text { * } \\ \text { * }\end{array}$ | 793 $*$ | 395 |

Table 2. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-of-pocket health expenses, including health insurance premiums, for family members, average expense per family umit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics: United States, 1970
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Table 3. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-of-pocket health expenses, excluding health insurance premiums, for family members, average expense per family with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics: United States, 1970
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| Family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | No expense | Health expenses |  |  |  |  | Average expense for family unit with expense | Per family unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500- \\ & \$ 999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,000 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families-------------------- | 65,300 | 9.7 | 27.6 | 23.3 | 22.7 | 17.4 | 9.3 | 459 | 415 |
| All individuals and families | 13,261 | 22.6 | 29.4 | 23.3 | 14.3 | 7.6 | 2.9 | 265 | 206 |
| Living alone, all ages----------------------------m-m-m-m | 11,180 | 23.8 | 29.3 | 23.8 | 13.7 | 6.7 | 2.6 | 257 | 195 |
|  | 3,358 | 24.9 | 35.3 | 18.6 | 13.7 | 5.6 | * | 226 | 170 |
| Living alone, $45-64$ years | 3,166 | 24.4 | 24.9 | 27.0 | 12.9 | 8.9 | * | 288 | 218 |
|  | 4,656 | 22.6 | 28.0 | 25.5 | 14.3 | 6.0 | 3.7 | 257 | 199 |
| Living with nonrelatives, all ages | 2,081 | 15.9 | 29.6 | 20.1 | 17.8 | 12.5 | * | 310 | 261 |
| Ifving with nonrelatives, under 45 yea | 1,460 | * | 33.6 | 21.3 | 17.6 | 14.4 | * | 294 | 264 |
| Living with nonrelatives, 45-64 years | 231 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 476 | 382 |
|  | 390 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 269 | 167 |
| All families | 52,040 | 6.4 | 14.5 | 23.3 | 24.9 | 19.9 | 11.0 | 501 | 469 |
| All 2 person familic | 17,997 | 7.1 | 18.6 | 27.0 | 22.9 | 16.3 | 8.0 | 417 | 387 |
| Husband-wife | 14,575 | 6.0 | 18.2 | 27.1 | 23.7 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 410 | 385 |
| Husband-wife, head under 45 year | 3,706 | 8.7 | 26.3 | 32.8 | 18.8 | 8.7 | 4.6 | 305 | 278 |
| Husband-wife, head 45-64 years | 6,389 | 4.9 | 17.1 | 24.6 | 24.4 | 19.0 | 9.9 | 445 | 423 |
| Husband-wife, head 65 years and | 4,480 | 5.2 | 12.3 | 25.3 | 27.0 | 20.9 | 9.4 | 451 | 427 |
| Other family group | 3,423 | 12.1 | 20.4 | 26.7 | 19.8 | 14.6 | 6.4 | 451 | 396 |
| Other fanily group, head under 45 yea | 1,358 | 14.1 | 24.4 | 24.8 | 21.5 | 11.5 | * | 309 | 266 |
|  | 1,189 | * | 14.4 | 28.4 | 22.0 | 17.0 | * | 647 | 584 |
|  | 876 | * | 22.3 | 27.4 | * | 16.8 | * | 395 | 346 |
| A11 3 person famil | 70,940 | 6.4 | 14.1 | 22.8 | 27.2 | 19.8 | 9.7 | 485 | 454 |
|  | 5,515 | 3.7 | 12.8 | 24.4 | 31.7 | 18.5 | 8.8 | 433 | 417 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years-m---- | 4,079 | 3.5 | 14.3 | 24.4 | 33.1 | 17.9 | 6.8 | 396 | 382 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years----------- | 1,396 | * | * | 25.3 | 27.5 | 21.2 | 14.8 | 543 | 523 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over--- | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
|  | 3,530 | 4.6 | 12.8 | 20.2 | 23.6 | 25.7 | 13.1 | 566 |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years--- | 350 | $\star$ | ${ }^{*}$ | * | * | * | * | 462 | 444 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years------ | 2,488 | * | 12.1 | 18.0 | 23.8 | 26.1 | 14.7 | 599 | 567 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over- | 693 | * | + | , | 25.4 | 22.4 |  | 487 | 476 |
|  | 1,895 | 18.2 | 20.6 | 22.5 | 19.9 | 12.4 | * | 499 | 408 |
|  | 1,030 | 28.2 | 28.0 | * | 21.8 | * | * | 273 | 196 |
|  | 672 | * |  | 37.1 |  | * | * | 785 | 754 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over---m-m------- | * | * | * |  | * | * | * | * | * |
| All 4 person fanilies | 9,810 | 5.1 | 12.8 | 21.1 | 27.6 | 21.3 | 12.2 | 521 | 495 |
|  | 7,217 | * | 8.7 | 21.5 | 31.8 | 22.7 | 12.9 | 547 | 534 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years $-\cdots-\cdots$ | 5,236 | * | 8.1 | 21.9 | 34.0 | 21.1 | 13.2 | 547 | 537 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years-m-m-m-m- | 1,959 | * | 10.2 | 20.5 | 26.2 | 27.4 | 12.3 | 550 | 532 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over--- |  | * | * |  |  | * | * | * | * |
|  | 1,345 | * | * | 17.9 | 25.6 | 25.4 | 13.8 | 563 | 511 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years-m- | 1,3******** | * | * | * | * | * | * | ${ }^{*}$ * | * |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years--..-- | I,005 | * | * | 18.0 | 29.5 | 22.2 | 15.3 | 561 | 515 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over- |  | * | * |  |  |  |  | * | * |
|  | 1,249 | 16.0 | 40.8 | 21.9 | * | * | * | 309 | 260 |
|  | 906 | 20.4 | 44.8 | 15.5 | * | * | * | 273 | 217 |
|  | 266 |  |  |  | * | * | * | 271 | 257 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over------------- | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
|  | 13,292 | 6.3 | 10.6 | 20.5 | 23.6 | 23.8 | 15.2 | 612 | 574 |
|  | 11,027 | 3.7 | 8.2 | 20.6 | 25.5 | 26.0 | 16.1 | 638 | 614 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years-m-m- | 7,782 | 2.7 | 8.6 | 21.5 | 26.5 | 26.0 | 14.7 | 641 | 624 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years-----...- | 3,159 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 18.6 | 23.4 | 26.5 | 19.9 | 634 | 602 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over--- |  | * | * |  | * |  | * | * | * |
|  | 795 | * | 36.7 | * | 24.0 | * | * | 380 | 372 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years--- | * ${ }^{*}$ | * | 50.* | * |  | * | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | ${ }^{*}{ }^{*}$ |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years-m-.- | 579 | * | 50.0 | * | * | * | * | 338 | 334 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over- | * | * |  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
|  | 1,471 | 26.7 | 16.4 | 22.7 | 10.3 | 12.6 | 11.2 | 504 | 369 |
|  | 1,035 | 28.8 | 21.5 | 17.5 | * | * | 12.9 | 520 | 371 |
|  | 367 |  |  |  | * | * | * | 408 | 318 |
|  | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |  | * |

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| Family characteristic | Number <br> of indi- <br> viduals and families <br> in thousands | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { expense } \end{gathered}$ | Hospital expenses |  |  |  | Average for family unit with expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | $\$ 100-$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
|  | 65,300 | 71.8 | 15.5 | 5.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 228 | 64 |
|  | 13,261 | 85.9 | 7.8 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 247 | 35 |
| Living alone, 211 ages | 11,180 | $\begin{aligned} & 87.5 \\ & 89.9 \\ & 89.1 \\ & 84.7 \end{aligned}$ | 7.0 | 2.6 | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | 1.7 | 238 | 30164231 |
| Living alone, under 45 years | 3,358 3,166 |  | 5.2 | $\begin{aligned} & * \\ & * \\ & * \end{aligned}$ | $*$ $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{*}$ $\stackrel{y}{*}$ | $\begin{aligned} & * \\ & * \end{aligned}$ | 382205 |  |
| Living alone, 65 years and o | 4,656 |  | 10.0 |  | * | * |  |  |
| Living with nonrelatives, all age | 2,081 | 77.7 | 11.7 | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | $\star$ | 272 | 61 |
| living with nonrelatives, under 45 yea | 1,460 | 75.0 | 14.1 | * | * | * | 273 | 68 |
| Living with nonrelatives, 45-64 years | 231 | 90.2 |  | * | * | * | 541 | 53 |
|  | 390 | 80.6 |  | * | * | * | 183 | 36 |
|  | $52,040$ | 68.3 | 17.5 | 6.5 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 226 | 72 |
| All 2 person familie | 17,997 | 74.9 | 13.7 | 5.7 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 241 | 60 |
| Husband-wife- | 14,575 | 73.9 | 14.4 | $\begin{aligned} & 6.1 \\ & 4.5 \\ & 5.6 \\ & 8.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2 . \frac{I}{*} \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | 3.5 |  | 62356974 |
| Husband-wife, head under 45 year | 3,706 | 77.9 | 13.7 |  |  |  | $158$ |  |
| Husband-wife, head 45-64 years- | 6,389 | 75.6 | 12.8 |  |  | 4.3 | 281 |  |
| Husband-wife, head 65 years and ove | 4,480 | 68.0 | 17.3 |  |  | 3.5 | 231 |  |
| Other family group- | 3,423 | $\begin{aligned} & 79.5 \\ & 77.2 \\ & 80.8 \\ & 81.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10.6 \\ 15.1 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & * \\ & * \\ & * \\ & * \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & * \\ & * \\ & * \\ & * \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & * \\ & * \\ & * \\ & * \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 269 \\ & 111 \\ & 494 \\ & 261 \end{aligned}$ | 55259549 |
| Other family group, head under 45 yea | 1, 358 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years- | 1,189 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group, head 65 years and ov | 876 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 49 |
| All 3 person families | 10,940 | 67.3 | 17.3 | 6.8 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 189 | 62 |
|  | 5,515 | 60.872.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 19.0 \\ & 20.3 \\ & 15.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.8 \\ 7.9 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.3 \\ 7.7 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | 4.1 | 192 | 707167 |
|  | 4,079 1,396 |  |  |  |  | $\stackrel{\star}{*}$ |  |  |
|  | 1,396 |  |  |  |  | * | $\stackrel{245}{*}$ | $\stackrel{67}{*}$ |
|  | 3,530 | $\begin{aligned} & 69.6 \\ & 65.5 \\ & 70.3 \\ & 68.9 \end{aligned}$ | $$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.8 \\ \underset{ }{*} \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$$*$ | * | 192 | 58565281 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years----------- | , 350 |  |  |  |  |  | 161 |  |
| Husband-wife, no child undex 17, head 45-64 years- | 2,488 |  |  |  |  |  | 176 |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over-------- | 693 |  |  |  |  |  | 261 |  |
|  | 1,895 | $\begin{array}{r} 73.7 \\ 74.2 \\ 68.6 \\ \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14.4 \\ 17.9 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array}$ | 7.1t$\vdots$$\vdots$$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$$*$ | $\begin{aligned} & * \\ & * \\ & * \\ & * \end{aligned}$ |  | 45 |
| Other family group, head under 45 year | 1,030 |  |  |  |  |  | 90 253 |  |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years- | 672 |  |  |  |  |  | 253$*$ | 79 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over | * |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All 4 person families | 9,810 | 67.0 | 19.1 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 184 | 61 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years. | 7,217 | $\begin{aligned} & 64.3 \\ & 62.9 \\ & 67.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19.9 \\ & 20.4 \\ & 19.1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.6 \\ 6.8 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | 5.56.3$\pm$$*$$*$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.6 \\ 3.6 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | 185 | 66 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years | 5,236 |  |  |  |  |  | 188 | 70 |
|  | 1,959 |  |  |  |  |  | 175 $*$ | 57 |
|  | 1,345 | 75.4 | 15.7 | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | $\stackrel{226}{*}$ | 56 |
|  | * |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5* |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years- | 1,005 | 73.0 | 18.3 |  | * | * | 210$*$ |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over- |  |  |  | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,249 | 73.871.384.3 | 17.721.1$*$$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | 13688153$*$ | 36 |
| Other family group, head under 45 years | 906 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25 |
| Othex family group, head 45-64 years--- | 266 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All 5 person families or more | 13,292 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 103 |
|  | 11,027 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 23.0 \\ 23.9 \\ 23.9 \\ \text { \% } \end{array}$ | 8.87.612.1$*$ | 4.14.8++ | 5.26.1 | 258 | 106 123 |
|  | 7,782 | 57.762.0 |  |  |  |  | 170$*$ | 66$*$ |
|  | 3,159 |  |  |  |  | 6. * $*$ |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years | 795 | $\begin{array}{r} 67.8 \\ * \\ 68.4 \\ * \end{array}$ | 21.2 $\begin{array}{r}\text { \% } \\ * \\ * \\ * \\ *\end{array}$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | 199 |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years-----------1. | * |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { * } \\ 193 \end{array}$ | * |
|  | 579 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 61 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over------- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group | 1,471 | $\begin{array}{r} 74.4 \\ 75.5 \\ 70.2 \\ * \end{array}$ | 11.3$*$$*$$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | * $\begin{aligned} & * \\ & * \\ & * \\ & *\end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Other family group, head under 45 year | 1,035 |  |  |  |  |  | 227$*$ | 112 |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years- | 367 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 68 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 5. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-of-pocket doctor expense, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics: United States, 1970
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II

| Family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | No expense | Doctor expense |  |  |  | Average for <br> family unit with expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and familie | 65,300 | 20.7 | 36.1 | 25.9 | 11.7 | 5.6 | 182 | 144 |
| All individual | 13,261 | 41.1 | 37.0 | 15.2 | 4.7 | 2.0 | 112 | 66 |
| Living alone, all ages | 11,180 | 42.2 | 35.8 | 15.9 | 4.1 | 1.9 | 112 | 65 |
| Living alone, under 45 year | 3,358 | 41.4 | 37.8 | 14.5 | * | * | 104 | 61 |
| Living alone, 45-64 years. | 3,166 | 44.8 | 31.6 | 17.6 | * | * | 122 | 67 |
| Living alone, 65 years and | 4,656 | 41.1 | 37.4 | 15.7 | 4.1 | * | 111 | 65 |
|  | 2,081 1,460 | 34.5 30.0 | 43.6 49.8 | 11.2 | 8.0 | * | 111 | 73 67 |
|  | 1,460 $\mathbf{2 3 1}$ | 30.0 $*$ | 49.8 $*$ | * | * | * | 96 191 | 67 126 |
| Living with nonrelatives, 65 years and over | 390 | 51.3 | * | * | * | * | 120 | 58 |
| All familie | 52,040 | 15.6 | 35.9 | 28.6 | 13.4 | 6.5 | 194 | 164 |
|  | 17,997 | 18.7 | 43.1 | 23.3 | 10.2 | 4.8 | 166 | 135 |
| Husband -wife- | 14,575 | $\begin{aligned} & 17.9 \\ & 18.2 \\ & 18.5 \\ & 16.7 \end{aligned}$ | 43.0 | 24.3 | $\begin{array}{r} 10.6 \\ 7.2 \end{array}$ | 4.2 | 125 I03 |  |
| Husband-wife, head under 45 yea | $\begin{aligned} & 3,706 \\ & 6,389 \\ & 4,480 \end{aligned}$ |  | 54.140.0 | 18.225.4 |  | * |  |  |  |
| Husband-wife, head 45-64 years--- |  |  |  |  | 38.2 28.0 11.8 5.3 175 |  |  |  |  | 1.46 |
| Husband-wife, head 65 years and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group- | $\begin{array}{r} 3,423 \\ 1,358 \\ 1,189 \\ -876 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22.4 \\ & 22.5 \\ & 17.5 \\ & 29.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43.1 \\ & 50.6 \\ & 39.9 \\ & 35.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18.8 \\ & 11.7 \\ & 21.9 \\ & 26.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.2 \\ * \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | 7.5 | 148 |  |  |
| Othex family group, head under 45 yea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years |  |  |  |  |  | 11.9 | 268 221 <br> 162 115 |  |  |
| Other family group, head 65 years and |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |  |  |
| A11 3 person famili | 10,940 | 14.0 | 34.1 | 32.1 | 14.1 | 5.7 | 194 | 167 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years-------- | $\begin{array}{r} 5,515 \\ 4,079 \\ 1,396 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9.1 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | 32.8 <br> 32.3 | 35.8 35.8 | $$ | 6.4 4.7 | 184 178 | 166 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 year |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 32.3 \\ 35.4 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35.8 \\ 35.9 \\ * \end{array}$ |  | 4.7 10.8 | 178 | 162 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years----m Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over |  |  |  |  |  | 10.8 $*$ | 200 | 181 |  |
|  | 3,530350 | 11.3 | 37.5 | 32.1 | 13.4 | 5.7 | 182 | 161 |  |
|  |  | 11. ${ }^{*}$ |  |  |  | * | 165 | 139 |  |
|  | 2,493 |  | 36.7 | 31.0 | 13.7 | 6.9 | 193 | 170 |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over--------- |  | * | 39.5 | 39.4 | * * |  | 150 | 139 |  |
| Other family group- | $\begin{array}{r} 1,895 \\ 1,030 \\ 672 \\ \star \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 32.9 \\ 42.9 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 31.0 \\ 25.6 \\ 36.7 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 21.0 \\ 18.6 \\ 29.4 \\ \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11.3 \\ \star \\ \star \\ \star \end{array}$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | 265 178 <br> 152 87 <br> 398 333 <br> $*$ $*$ |  |  |
| Other family group, head under 45 ye |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years--- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group, head 65 years and ove |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AlI 4 person famili | 9,810 | 13.3 | 32.9 | 30.9 | 15.8 | 7.0 | 207 | 180 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years- | $\begin{aligned} & 7,217 \\ & 5,236 \\ & 1,959 \end{aligned}$ | 6.85.49.84 | $\begin{array}{r} 33.5 \\ 30.1 \\ 42.7 \\ \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35.0 \\ 39.2 \\ 24.1 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17.2 \\ 17.3 \\ 17.3 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 8.0$*$$*$ | 213226 | 199214 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years --m. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 179 $*$ | 161 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,345 \\ 1,005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19.2 \\ 20.0 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 33.7 \\ 36.7 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 22.5 \\ 18.5 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 16.3 \\ * \\ 14.2 \\ * \end{array}$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | 209$*$219$*$ | 169$*$176$*$ |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years-m-m------- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years-n-m-n---m-n-m |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and ovex-------- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |
| Other family group-m-m-n-m-n-m | $\begin{array}{r} 1,249 \\ 906 \\ 266 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 45.2 \\ 53.5 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | 28.728.5$*$$*$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15.4 \\ * \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | **$*$$*$ | 143128143$*$ | 7859104$*$ |  |
| Other family group, head under 45 years- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years---m |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 13,292 | 14.4 | 29.8 | 31.3 | 15.4 | 9.1 | 219 | 188 |  |
|  | 11,0277,7823,159$*$ | 9.38.210.7$*$ | 30.730.531.4$*$ | 33.534.033.1$\%$ | 17.0 | 9.9 | 224 | 203 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years |  |  |  |  |  | 10.4 | 234197 | 215176 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years---- |  |  |  |  | 16.4 | 8.4 |  |  |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over-m-m-*----- |  |  |  |  |  |  | * * |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years | $\begin{array}{r} 795 \\ \star \\ 579 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25.0 \\ 31.3 \end{array}$ | 23.3 $\begin{array}{r}\text { \% } \\ * \\ * \\ *\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 33.0 \\ * \\ 33.2 \\ * \end{array}$ |  | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | 183171$*$ | 13711818 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,472 \\ 1,035 \\ 367 \\ \star \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 48.0 \\ 53.8 \end{array}$ * |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,471 \\ 1,035 \\ 367 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 48.0 \\ 53.8 \\ \star \\ * \end{array}$ | 26.025.9$*$$*$ |  | * | * | 182 | 94 |  |
| Other family group, head under 45 years- |  |  |  |  | * | * | 195 | 90 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | * | * | 169 | 108 $*$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | * | * | * |  |  |

Table 6. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intexvals of annual out-of-pocket dental expense, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics: United States, 1970
[Data are based on houschold intervews of the civilan, noninstitutionalued population. The survey destgn, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendiv I. Defintions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | No expense | Dental expense |  |  |  | Average for <br> family unit with expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pex } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than $\$ 100$ | $\$ 100-$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families----------------------------1- | 65,300 | 39.0 | 35.2 | 14.3 | 7.4 | 4.1 | 151 | 92 |
|  | 13,261 | 62.0 | 26.3 | 7.2 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 110 | 42 |
| Living alone, all ages.- | 11, 180 | 64.7 | 24.1 | 6.7 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 114 | 40 |
| Living alone, under 45 years | 1,358 3,166 | 48.0 | 36.5 22.1 | 9.3 | * | * | 105 149 | 55 53 |
| Living alone, 65 years and ov | 4,656 | 76.8 | 16.5 | 4.3 | * |  | 93 | 21 |
| Living with nonrelatives, all ages | 2,081 | 47.5 | 38.1 | 9.5 | * | * | 92 | 48 |
| Living with nonrelatives, under 45 year | 1,460 | 41.0 | 41.8 | 11.4 | * | * | 87 | 51 |
| Living with nonrelatives, 45-64 years- | 231 |  |  | * | * | * | 152 | 89 |
|  | 390 | 77.5 | * | * | * | * | 48 | 11 |
| All families | 52,040 | 33.2 | 37.5 | 16.0 | 8.5 | 4.7 | 156 | 105 |
| A11 2 person families | 17,997 | 43.7 | 36.1 | 11.4 | 6.2 | 2.5 | - 125 | 70 |
| Husband-wife- | 14,575 | 43.2 | 36.8 | 11.1 | 6.4 | 2.6 | 124 | 71 |
| Husband-wife, head under 45 year | 3,706 | 36.4 | 44.0 | 11.5 | 6.5 |  | 103 | 66 |
| Husband-wife, head 45-64 years- | 6,389 | 39.3 | 37.4 | 11.8 | 6.8 | 4.6 | 146 | 89 |
| Husband-wife, head 65 years and | 4,480 | 54.6 | 29.7 | 9.5 | 5.8 | * | 107 | 49 |
|  | 3,423 1,358 | 46.2 38.4 | 33.0 <br> 38.6 | 13.1 | 5.3 | $\begin{aligned} & * \\ & * \end{aligned}$ | 129 94 | 69 58 |
|  | 1,358 | 38.4 45.2 | 38.6 33.0 | 15.4 | $*$ $*$ $*$ | * | $\begin{array}{r}94 \\ 166 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 58 98 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and ov | 876 | 60.3 | 24.3 | * | * | * | 144 | 57 |
| All 3 person families | 10,940 | 32.6 | 39.2 | 17.4 | 6.5 | 4.3 | 150 | 101 |
|  | 5,515 | 30.2 | 44.6 | 16.3 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 119 | 83 |
|  | 4,079 | 33.0 | 47.0 | 13.3 | 4.6 | * | 101 | 67 |
|  | 1,396 | 22.0 | 37.7 | 25.5 $*$ | * | * | 164 | 128 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over----------- |  | * |  |  | * | * |  |  |
|  | 3,530 | 30.7 | 34.6 | 18.9 | 9.7 | 6.0 | 204 | 141 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years--.-------- | 350 |  |  |  |  | * | 145 | 113 |
|  | 2,488 | 27.7 | 35.1 | 19.9 | 10.3 | 7.1 | 216 | 156 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over-m----- | 693 | 46.2 | 31.5 |  | * | * | 188 | 101 |
|  | 1,895 | 43.4 | 31.9 | 17.6 | * | * | 141 | 80 |
|  | 1,030 | 49.7 | 24.9 | 21.2 | * | * | 113 | 57 |
|  | $\underset{*}{672}$ | 33.7 | 38.8 | * | * | * | 180 $*$ | 119 |
| A11 4 person families | 9,810 | 24.8 | 41.5 | 27.8 | 10.1 | 5.8 | 164 | 123 |
|  | 7,217 | 22.1 | 42.7 | 18.2 | 10.7 | 6.3 | 168 | 131 |
|  | 5,236 | 22.3 | 44.6 | 18.2 | 8.3 | 6.6 | 161 | 125 |
|  | 1,959 | 21.3 | 37.8 | 18.4 | 17.1 | * | 185 | 146 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |
|  | 1,345 | 27.1 | 32.6 | 24.7 | 11.6 | * | 166 | 121 |
|  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{*}{ }^{*}$ | * | * | ${ }^{*}$ |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years--- | 1,005 | 27.0 | 28.6 | - 25.6 | 14.4 | * | 177 $*$ | 129 |
|  | 1,249 | 38.7 | 43.8 | * | * | * | 130 | 80 |
|  | 906 | 42.3 | 41.8 | * | * | * | 145 | 84 |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years- | 266 |  |  | * | * | * | 85 | 61 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over |  | * | * | * | * | * |  |  |
| All 5 person families or more | 13,292 | 25.6 | 35.1 | 19.9 | 12.2 | 7.2 | 188 | 140 |
|  | 11,027 | 22.8 | 34.3 | 21.6 | 13.4 | 7.8 | 198 | 153 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years | 7,782 | 24.2 | 34.4 | 22.8 | 12.2 | 6.3 | 184 | 140 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years- | 3,159 | 18.6 | 34.0 | 19.3 | 16.7 | 11.4 | 230 | 187 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 795 | 26.6 | 50.3 | * | * | * | 96 | 70 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years-...-...---- | * |  | ${ }^{*}$ | * | * | * | ${ }^{*}$ | ${ }^{*}$ |
|  | 579 | 23.3 | 48.8 | * | * | * | 104 | 80 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over-------- |  |  |  | * |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group | 1,471 | 47.0 | 33.1 | 10.4 | * | * | 142 | 76 |
| Other family group, head under 45 years | 1,035 | 51.6 | 26.8 | * | * | * | 155 107 | 75 67 |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years--- | 367 $*$ |  |  | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | 107 | * |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over-------------- |  |  |  | * |  |  |  |  |

Table 7. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by fintervals of annnual out-of-pocket prescription medicine expense, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics: United States, 1970
[Data are based on houschold interviews of the eivilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \text { expense } \end{aligned}$ | Prescription medicine expense |  |  | Average for <br> family unit with expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
|  | 65,300 | 22.9 | 49.7 | 19.1 | 8.3 | 108 | 83 |
|  | 13,261 | 41.4 | 43.6 | 11.5 | 3.4 | $76 \quad 44$ |  |
| Living alone, all ages- | 11,180 | 42.7 | 41.9 | 12.1 | 3.3 | 79  <br> 57  <br> 80  <br> 90  |  |
| Living alone, under 45 year | 3,358 | 50.6 | 41.2 | 7.0 | * |  |  |  |
| Elving alone, 45-64 years- | 3,166 | 44.9 | 41.4 | 10.3 | * |  |  |  |
| Living alone, 65 years and ov | 4,656 | 35.4 | 42.6 | 17.1 | 4.9 | 91.59 |  |
|  | 2,081 | 34.5 | 53.1 | 8.4 | * | 61 | 40 |
|  | 1,460 | 32.4 | 58.6 | * | * | 50 | 34 |
|  | 390 | * | * | * | * | 95 89 | 47 |
| All families | 52,040 | 18.2 | 51.2 | 21.0 | 9.6 | 113 | 93 |
|  | 17,997 | 21.1 | 46.0 | 22.2 | 10.6 | 122 | 96 |
|  | 14,5753,7066,3894,480 | $\begin{aligned} & 19.4 \\ & 26.1 \\ & 20.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47.0 \\ & 60.9 \\ & 42.5 \end{aligned}$ | 23.011.1 | 10.6 | 12058 |  |
| Husband-wife, head under 45 years |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9743105 |
| Husband-wife, head 45-64 years- |  |  |  | 25.4 | 11.9 | 132 |  |
|  |  |  22.7 41.7 29.5 16.1 |  |  |  |  | 130 |
|  | 3,423 | $\begin{aligned} & 28.7 \\ & 26.5 \\ & 30.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41.9 \\ & 52.2 \\ & 36.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18.9 \\ & 16.3 \\ & 20.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10.6 \\ & 13.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 131 \\ 74 \\ 171 \end{array}$ | 9355119 |
|  | 1,358 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years | 1,189 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 876 | $\begin{aligned} & 30.3 \\ & 16.7 \end{aligned}$ | 33.0 |  | 15.5 | 174 | 121 |
| All 3 person families | 10,940 |  | $56.2$ | 19.1 | 8.0 | 102 | 85 |
|  | 5,515 | 12.0 | 66.8 16.0 5.2 <br> 74.4 12.5 3.3 <br> 45.3 26.5 10.4 |  |  |  | 72 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years---------- | 4,079 | 9.7 |  |  |  | 69122 | $\begin{array}{r}63 \\ 100 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years--------.---- | 1,396 | 17.9 | 45.3 | 26.5 | 10.4 |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years------------------------ | 3,530 | $\begin{aligned} & 51.9 \\ & \text { 16. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46.2 \\ & 45.3 \end{aligned}$ | 24.7 | 13.1 | 131102 | 11082 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years------- | 350 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years---------- | 2,488 |  |  | 24.9 | 13.7 | 130 | 109 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over---- | 693 |  | 49.6 | 20.1 | + | 146 | 126 |
|  | 1,895 | 32.543.5 | 43.844.646.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 17.3^{*} \\ & 27.6^{2} \end{aligned}$ | *$*$$*$$*$ | $\begin{array}{r} 113 \\ 78 \\ 419 \\ * \end{array}$ |  |
|  | 1,030 |  |  |  |  |  | 44 |
|  | 672 $*$ | * |  |  |  |  | 129 |
| All 4 person families | 9,810 | 15.9 | 54.8 | 19.9 | 9.4 | 112 | 94 |
|  | 7,217 | 9.78.3 | 59.562.552.5 | 21.3 | 9.58.018.7 | 108 | $\begin{array}{r}98 \\ 95 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years---m-...-- | 5,236 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,959 | 12.6 | 52.2 | 21.5 | 13.7 | 123** | 107 $*$ |
|  | 1,345 | 19.8 | 45.6 | 21.7 | 12.9 | 141 | 113 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years-m-n-m- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years---......- | 1,005 | 21.8 | 46.4 | 20.9 | * | 132$*$ | 103$*$ |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over---- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,249 | $\begin{array}{r} 49.5 \\ 54.0 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | 36.231.9$*$$*$ | *$*$$*$$*$ | *$*$$*$$*$ |  | 47 |
|  | 1,906 |  |  |  |  | 95 | 44 |
|  | 266 |  |  |  |  | 57 | 35 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 13,292 | 17.1 | 51.5 | 21.8 | 9.6 | 113 | 94 |
|  | 11,027 | $\begin{array}{r} 14.1 \\ 13.5 \\ 14.6 \\ * \end{array}$ | 52.354.447.5$*$ | 24.1 | 9.5 | 113 | 97 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years-----------10-1 | 7,782 |  |  | 21.830.2$*$ | 10.37.8$*$ | 113 | 98 |
|  | 3,159 |  |  |  |  | 114 | 98$*$ |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over------- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years------------------------ | 795 | 21.928.2$*$ | 53.6*54.4 | * | * | 104 | * |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years------- | * |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 579 |  |  | * | * | 9 | ${ }_{6}^{6}$ |
|  | 1,471 | 37.342.8$*$$*$ | 44.540.662.9$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$$*$ | $*$$*$$*$$*$ | 121 | 7662554 |
|  | 1,035 |  |  |  |  | $109$ |  |
| Other 'family group, head 45-64 years | 367 |  |  |  |  | * |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 8. Percent distribution of families or umrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-of-pocket optical expense, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics United States, 1970
[Data are based on houschold interviews of the civilian, nonmstututionalized population. The survey design, gencral qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family characteristic | Number of indi- <br> viduals and <br> families <br> in thou- <br> sands | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \text { expense } \end{aligned}$ | Optical expense |  | Average for family unit with expense | Per <br> family unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and famili | 65,300 | 54.0 | 37.2 | 8.8 | 68 | 31 |
| All individuals | 13,261 | 65.3 | 31.4 | 3.3 | 52 | 18 |
| Ifiving alone, all ages | 11,180 | -69.0 | 28.8 | 2.2 | 525959 | 161520 |
| Iiving alone, under 45 year | 3,358 3,166 | 72.9 65.7 | 24.6 <br> 31.4 | * |  |  |
| Living alone, 65 years and | 4,656 | 68.5 | 30.0 | * | 45 | 14 |
|  <br> Living with nonrelatives, under 45 years- <br> Iiving with nonrelatives, 45-64 years- <br>  | 2,081 | 44.4 | 46.0 | 9.6 | 52 | 29 |
|  | 1,460 | 35.9 | 52.8 | 11.4 | 50 | 32 |
|  | 231 390 |  |  |  | 70 | 38 10 |
|  | 390 | 77.8 | * | * | 44 | 10 |
|  | 52,040 | 51.1 | 38.7 | 10.2 | 71 | 35 |
|  | 17,997 | 49.7 | 42.5 | 7.8 | 61 | 31 |
|  | 14,575 | 47.4 | 44.1 | 8.5 | 62 | 33 |
|  | 3,706 | 59.4 | 34.6 | 6.0 | 56 | 23 |
|  | 6,389 | 41.3 | 48.2 | 10.5 | 64 | 38 |
|  | 4,480 | 45.9 | 46.3 | 7.9 | 64 | 35 |
|  <br>  Other family group; head 45-64 yearsOther family group, head 65 years and over---...................... | 3,423 | 60.0 | 35.5 | * | 53 | 21 |
|  | 1,358 | 73.1 | 25.2 | * | 44 | 12 |
|  | 1,189 | 44.8 | 47.9 | * | 59 | 33 |
|  | 876 | 59.7 | 35.0 | * | 52 | 21 |
|  | 10,940 | 52.8 | 37.4 | 9.8 | 69 | 33 |
|  Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years-------. Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years---------0.-Husband-wife, child | 5,515 | 57.4 | 37.0 | 5.6 | 60 | 25 |
|  | 4,079 | 64.3 | 33.1 |  | 51 | 18 |
|  | 1,396 | 38.1 | 47.5 | 14.5 | 74 | 46 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years----------------...--Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years----. Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years---...... Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over-- | 3,530 | 38.3 | 43.8 | 17.9 | 80 | 49 |
|  | 350 |  |  |  | 78 | 52 |
|  | 2,488 | 37.8 | 41.8 | 20.4 | 81 | 50 |
|  | 693 | 42.3 | 49.0 |  | 76 | 44 |
|  | 1,895 | 66.2 | 26.5 | * | 71 | 24 |
|  | 1,030 | 73.4 | 20.4 | * | 68 | 18 |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years- | 672 | 57.9 | 32.9 | * | 81 | 34 |
|  | 9,810 | 54.4 | 35.0 | 10.6 | 73 | 34 |
|  | 7,217 | 54.2 | 36.3 | 9.4 | 71 | 33 |
|  | 5,236 | 60.2 | 31.9 | 8.0 | 69 | 27 |
|  | 1,959 | 38.0 | 48.6 | 13.5 | 75 | * ${ }_{*}$ |
|  Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years-----Husband-wife, no ch11d under 17, head 45-64 years-----Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over-. | 1,345 | 43.1 | 35.2 | 21.8 | 88 | 50 |
|  |  |  |  |  | * | * |
|  | 1,005 | 39.0 | 39.0 | 21.9 | $\stackrel{8}{*}$ | 51 |
|  |  |  |  |  | * | * |
|  <br>  <br>  | 1,249 | 67.8 | 26.8 | * | 66 | 21 |
|  | 906 | 78.2 | 17.8 | * | 67 | 15 |
|  | 266 $*$ |  |  | * | 65 $*$ | + 4 |
|  |  |  | * | * |  | * |
|  | 13,292 | 49.3 | 37.3 | 13.4 | 83 | 42 |
|  | 11,027 | 47.7 | 37.9 | 14.5 | 86 | 45 |
|  | 7,782 | 54.9 | 35.4 | 97.6 | 77 | 35 |
|  | 3,159 | 28.9 | 44. $\frac{1}{*}$ | 27.0 | 100 $*$ | * |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years---. Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years--........ Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over-- | 795 | 40.4 | 44.4 | * | 81 | 48 |
|  | * |  |  | * | * | * |
|  | 579 $*$ | 46.6 | 36.1 | * | 89 | $\stackrel{48}{*}$ |
|  |  |  |  | * | * |  |
|  | 1,471 | 66.0 | 29.6 | * | 57 | 19 |
|  | 1,035 | 67.9 | 28.2 | * | 56 | 18 |
|  | 367 | 62.4 |  | * | 60 | 22 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 9. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-of-pocket heal th insurance premiums, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics: United States, 1970
[nuta are based on household intervews of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, seneral qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are siven in appendix II]

| Family characteristic | Number of individuals and familles in thousands | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \text { expense } \end{aligned}$ | Health insurance premiums |  |  |  | Average for <br> family <br> unit <br> with <br> expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unift } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | $\begin{gathered} \$ 100- \\ \$ 249 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 250- \\ \$ 499 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
|  | 65,300 | 33.7 | 16.8 | 26.9 | 18.7 | 3.9 | 216 | 143 |
| All individuals | 13,261 | 37.7 | 29.7 | 26.4 | 5.6 | * | 128 | 80 |
|  | 11,180 | 37.2 | 28.8 | 27.4 | 5.9 | * | 131 | 82 |
|  | 3,358 3,166 | 58.2 37.8 | 19.4 20.2 | 15.1 32.4 | 5.7 9.1 | * | 151 | 63 94 |
| Living alone, 65 years and | 4,656 | 22.0 | 41.3 | 32.6 | 3.8 | * | 111 | 87 |
| Living with nonrelatives, all age | 2,081 | 40.6 | 34.7 | 20.6 | * | * | 114 | 68 |
| Living with nonrelatives, under 45 year | 1,460 | 47.9 | 32.7 | 16.2 | * | * | 109 | 57 |
| Living with nonrelatives, 45-64 years Living with nonrelatives, 65 years and over | 231 390 | * | * | * | * | * | 181 | 109 82 |
| AI1 families | 52,040 | 32.7 | 13.7 | 27.0 | 21.9 | 4.7 | 236 | 159 |
|  | 17,997 | 26.9 | 15.2 | 31.7 | 21.9 | 4.2 | 226 | 165 |
| Husband-wife | 14,575 | 24.4 | 14.1 | 32.9 | 23.8 | 4.7 | 235 | 177 |
| Husband-wife, head under 45 ye | 3,706 | 40.3 | 18.6 | 25.6 | 14.4 | * | 184 | 110 |
|  | 6,389 4,480 | 25.5 10.0 | 11.9 | 27.9 | 27.3 | 7.4 3.8 | 273 218 | 193 |
|  | 4,480 | 10.0 | 13.6 | 46.1 | 26.5 | 3.8 | 218 | 196 |
|  | 3,423 | 37.8 | 19.7 | 26.5 | 13.8 | * | 181 | 112 |
| Other family group, head under 45 yea | I,358 | 52.8 | 16.7 | 21.6 |  | * | 153 | 72 |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years | 1,189 | 34.6 | 16.0 | 26.5 | 19.2 | * | 212 | 138 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over | 876 | 19.4 | 29.2 | 33.7 |  | * | 171 | 137 |
| A11 3 person families | 10,940 | 32.6 | 12.8 | 26.7 | 22.8 | 5.2 | 243 | 164 |
|  | 5,515 | 30.5 | 14.2 | 28.4 | 22.9 | 4.0 | 231 | 160 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years---------- | 4,079 | 34.1 | 14.4 | 28.1 | 19.2 | 4.1 | 219 | 144 |
|  | 1,396 $*$ | 20.1 | 12.7 | 30.1 | 34.0 | * | 258 | 206 $*$ |
|  | 3,530 | 23.2 | 12.3 | 29.9 | 27.2 | 7.5 | 264 | 202 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years---m-n- | 350 |  | * | * | * | * | 222 | 163 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years----------- | 2,488 | 25.3 | 12.2 | 29.1 | 24.2 | 9.2 | 276 | 206 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over---- | 693 | * | * | 28.5 | 39.6 | * | 242 | 208 |
|  | 1,895 | 56.9 | 9.3 | 15.4 | 13.9 | * | 235 | 101 |
|  | 1,030 | 65.8 | * |  |  | * | 254 | 87 |
|  | 672 * | 52.7 | * | * | * | * | 226 | 107 |
| All 4 person families | 9,810 | 38.1 | 13.6 | 24.5 | 18.8 | 5.1 | 238 | 148 |
|  | 7,217 | 35.4 | 14.4 | 26.3 | 19.2 | 4.6 | 233 | 151 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years--n---n-m- | 5,236 | 35.3 | 15.9 | 27.4 | 18.3 | 3.1 | 213 | 138 |
|  | 1,959 | 35.0 | 10.6 | 23.7 | 22.0 | 8.8 | $\stackrel{285}{*}$ | 186 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over------- |  |  |  |  |  | * | * |  |
|  | 1,345 | 30.0 | 13.2 | 24.2 | 24.0 | * | 264 | 185 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years------- |  |  |  |  | * | * | * | * |
|  | 1,005 | 29.1 | 14.4 | 20.2 | 25.7 | * | 276 | 196 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over---- |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |
|  | 1,249 | 62.3 | * | 13.9 | * | * | 239 | 90 |
|  | 90.6 | 68.5 | * | * | * | * | 189 | 60 |
|  | 266 | * | * | * | * | * | 347 | 148 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over------------------- |  | * | * | * | * | * | * |  |
|  | 13,292 | 36.8 | 12.4 | 22.8 | 23.6 | 4.5 | 245 | 155 |
|  | 11,027 | 33.4 | 12.3 | 24.7 | 24.9 | 4.7 | 247 | 164 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years--m-m-..-- | 7,782 | 33.3 | 13.1 | 25.9 | 24.3 | 3.4 | 232 | 155 |
|  | 3,159 | 33.3 | 9.7 | 21.7 | 27.1 | 8.2 | $\stackrel{28}{*}$ | 191 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over------- |  |  |  |  |  | * |  |  |
|  | 795 | 39.6 | * | 19.4 | 28.2 | * | 262 | 158 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years---.---- | * |  | * |  | * | * | * | * |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years--...---..- | 579 | 33.5 | * | * | 34.8 | * | 275 | 183 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over---- |  |  | * | * |  | * | * |  |
|  | 1,471 | 60.5 | 14.9 | * | 12.0 | * | 205 | 81 |
|  | 1,035 | 68.7 |  | * | * | * | 196 | 61 |
|  | 367 |  | * | * | * | * | 189 | 109 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over-------------------- |  | * | * | * | * | * | * |  |

Table 10. Percent distribution of families or umrelated individuals by Intervals of annual out-of-pocket other medical expenses for family members, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics: United States, 1970
[Data are based on household intervicws of the civlian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey ciesign, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix 1 . Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \text { expense } \end{aligned}$ | Other medical expense |  |  | Average for family unit with expense | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per } \\ \text { family } \\ \text { unit } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less <br> than <br> $\$ 100$ | $\$ 100-$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 250 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
|  | 65,300 | 87.1 | 9.4 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 118 | 15 |
| All individual | 13,261 | 90.7 | 6.7 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 133 | 12 |
| Living alone, all ages- | 11,180 | 90.1 | 7.1 | * | 1.6 | 134 | 13 |
| Living alone, under 45 yea | 3,358 | 96.3 | * | * | * | 210 | 8 |
| Living alone, 45-64 years | 3,166 | 92.5 | 5.0 | * | * | 108 | 8 |
| Living alone, 65 years and over----------------------------- | 4,656 | 83.9 | 11.9 | * | * | 130 | 21 |
| Living with nonrelatives, all ages | 2,081 | 94.1 | * | * | * | 121 | 7 |
|  | 1,460 | 93.1 | * | * | * | 86 | 6 |
|  | 231 | 94.9 | * | * | * | 49 | 3 |
|  | 390 | 98.4 | * | * | * | 806 | 15 |
| All families | 52,040 | 86.1 | 10.0 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 116 | 16 |
|  | 17,997 | 84.7 | 10.4 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 130 | 20 |
| Husband-wife- | 14,575 | 84.3 | 10.9 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 118 | 19 |
| Husband-wife, head under 45 year | 3,706 | 91.7 | 5.7 | * | * | 179 | 15 |
| Husband-wife, head 45-64 years | 6,389 | 84.5 | 11.4 | 3.0 | * | 94 | 15 |
|  | 4,480 | 77.5 | 14.7 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 124 | 28 |
|  | 3,423 | 86.6 | 8.3 | * | * | 191 | 26 |
| Other family group, head under 45 years--------------------- | 1,358 | 94.6 |  | * | * | 53 | 3 |
|  | 1,189 | 79.8 | * | * | * | 258 | 52 |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over--------------- | 876 | 82.7 | * | * | * | 150 | 26 |
|  | 10,940 | 87.2 | 10.0 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 133 | 17 |
|  | 5,515 | 88.8 | 9.0 | * | * | 72 | 8 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years-------- | 4,079 | 91.4 | 7.3 | * | * | 50 | 4 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 45-64 years---------- | 1,396 | 81.6 | 13.9 | * | * | 95 | 17 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head 65 years and over----- |  |  |  | * | * | * |  |
|  | 3,530 | 84.2 | 12.4 | * | * | 155 | 25 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years----- | , 350 | 96.3 | * | * | * | 250 | 9 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years------- Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over-- | 2,488 693 | 83.4 81.3 | 13.0 | * | * | 171 | 18 |
| Other family group------------------------------------------ | 1,895 | 88.2 | 8.5 | * | * | 260 | 30 |
|  | 1,030 | 85.6 |  | * | * | 85 | 12 |
|  | 672 | 90.3 | * | * | * | 640 | 62 |
|  | * |  | * | * | * | * | * |
| All 4 person families | 9,810 | 85.6 | 10.5 | 2.4 | * | 98 | 14 |
|  | 7,217 | 84.0 | 12.1 | 2.9 | * | 85 | 14 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years-------- | 5,236 | 85.3 | 11.7 | * | * | 73 | 11 |
|  | 1,959* | 80.3 | 13.3 | * | * | 111 | 22 |
|  | 1,345 | 83.6 | * | * | * | 145 | 24 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years----- | * | $8{ }^{*}$ | * | * | * | * | ${ }^{*}$ |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head $45-64$ years--------- Husband-wife, | 1,005 | 80.6 | * | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | 141 $*$ | 27 |
|  | 1,249 | 96.6 | * | * | * | 220 | 7 |
|  | 906 | 98.1 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Other family group, head 45-64 years---m------------------ | 266 | 92.9 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Other family group, head 65 years and over----------------1- |  |  | * | * | * | * | * |
|  | 13,292 | 87.4 | 9.3 | 2.3 | * | 93 | 12 |
|  | 11,027 | 86.2 | 10.0 | 2.7 | * | 96 | 13 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17, head under 45 years------- | 7,782 | 87.1 | 10.5 | 2.2 | * | 57 | ${ }^{7}$ |
|  | 3,159 | 83.6 | 9.2 | * | * | 173 $*$ | 28 |
|  | 795 | 96.8 | * | * | * | 79 | 3 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head under 45 years---.. | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 45-64 years...-....- | 579 | 96.7 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17, head 65 years and over-- |  |  | * | * | * | * | * |
|  | 1,471 | 92.0 | * | * | * | 60 |  |
|  | 1,035 | 92.7 | * | * | * | 75 | 5 |
|  | 367 | 88.6 | * | * | * | 33 $*$ | $\stackrel{4}{*}$ |
|  |  |  | * | * | * | * |  |

Table 11. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of ammal out-of-pocket health expenses for persons outside the family unit, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, penses for persons outside the family unit, average exper 1970
[1ata are based on houschold interviews of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The surve§ design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in apperdix 1 . Definitions of terms are given in appendiv II]


Table 12. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-ofpocket health expenses, including health insurance premiums, for family members and for persons outside the family unit, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics and sex of head: United States, 1970
[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliabaility of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family characteristic and sex of individual or head of other family group | Number of individuals and families in thousands | No expense | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for <br> family unit with expense | Per family unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| All individuals- | 13,261 | 14.9 | 19.6 | 25.3 | 22.4 | 17.8 | 389 | 331 |
| Male- | 4,587 | 23.4 | 21.2 | 20.7 | 22.1 | 12.5 | 322 | 246 |
| Femal | 8,674 | 10.5 | 18.7 | 27.7 | 22.5 | 20.6 | 420 | 376 |
| Living alone-------------------- | 11,180 | 15.9 | 19.3 | 25.8 | 20.8 | 18.3 | 392 | 329 |
| Male-- | 3,523 | 26.2 | 19.4 | 20.8 | 19.1 | 14.5 | 340 | 251 |
| Female | 7,657 | 11.2 | 19.2 | 28.0 | 21.6 | 20.0 | 412 | 366 |
| Living with nonrelatives------ | 2,081 | * | 21.6 | 22.3 | 32.8 | 14.7 | 373 | 341 |
|  | 1,064 1,017 | * | 27.9 | 20.3 | 33.6 31.7 | 25.9 | 262 495 | 228 478 |
| A11 other family groups ${ }^{1}$-.----- | 8,038 | 13.6 | 16.8 | 18.6 | 20.1 | 30.9 | 589 | 509 |
| Male head--------------------------- | 1,325 | * | 14.4 | 18.0 | 20.2 | 39.1 | 885 | 811 |
| Female head- | 6,713 | 14.7 | 17.3 | 18.7 | 20.1 | 29.2 | 526 | 449 |
| 2 person other family group--- | 3,423 | 6.9 | 16.9 | 19.9 | 24.0 | 32.4 | 578 | 539 |
| Male head-- | 748 | * | 25.8 | 20.7 | * | 32.1 | 475 | 438 |
| Female head | 2,675 | 6.6 | 14.3 | 19.6 | 26.9 | 32.5 | 607 | 567 |
| 3 person other family group--- | 1,895 | 14.6 | 13.4 | 15.9 | 20.5 | 35.5 | 658 | 562 |
| Male head--------------------------- | 278 | * | * | * | * | * | 1,489 | 1,489 |
| Female head-------------------------- | 1,618 | 17.3 | 15.9 | 14.1 | 20.1 | 32.4 | 472 | 390 |
| 4 person other family group--- | 1,249 | 13.6 | 27.5 | 25.1 | 15.7 | 18.2 | 386 | 334 |
| Male headFemale head | 1,075 ${ }^{*}$ | $14.6$ | $\begin{array}{r} * \\ 32.4 \end{array}$ | $28.8$ | * | 15.2 | 342 | 29* |
| 5 person other family group or more | 1,471 | 26.8 | 12.5 | 13.8 | 15.0 | 31.8 | 706 | 517 |
| Male head <br> Female head | $1,346^{*}$ | 26.3 | $13.5$ | 14.4 ${ }^{\text {* }}$ | 15.7 ${ }^{*}$ | 29.8 | 554 | 407 |

[^5]Table 13. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-of-pocket health expenses, including health insurance premiums, for family members, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics and sex of head: United States, 1970
[Data are based on houschold interviews of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family characteristic and sex of individual or head of other family group | Number of individuals and families in thousands | No expense | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for <br> family unit with expense | Per <br> family <br> unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Expense in } \\ & \text { dollars } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Al1 individuals-------------- | 13,261 | 15.0 | 20.8 | 25.0 | 23.3 | 16.0 | 339 | 288 |
| Male- | 4,587 | 23.6 | 23.2 | 19.8 | 22.7 | 10.6 | 287 | 220 |
| Female | 8,674 | 10.5 | 19.5 | 27.6 | 23.5 | 18.8 | 361 | 324 |
| Living alone--------------------- | 11,180 | 15.9 | 20.5 | 25.6 | 22.0 | 15.9 | 333 | 280 |
|  | 3,523 | 26.3 | 21.7 | 20.0 | 19.8 | 12.3 | 296 | 218 |
| Female | 7,657 | 11.1 | 19.9 | 28.3 | 23.1 | 17.6 | 347 | 309 |
| Living with nonrelatives------ | 2,081 | 9.1 | 22.6 | 20.9 | 30.9 | 16.5 | 371 | 337 |
|  | 1,064 | 13.0 | 28.9 | 19.5 | 34.4 | * | 259 | 225 |
| Female | 1,017 |  | 16.2 | 22.3 | 27.4 | 29.0 | 476 | 452 |
| All other family groups------- | 8,038 | 14.0 | 16.9 | 18.7 | 20.8 | 29.5 | 541 | 465 |
| Male head------------------------- | 1,325 | * | 17.4 | 17.9 | 21.2 | 35.5 | 742 | 683 |
| Female head------------------------ | 6,713 | 15.1 | 16.9 | 18.9 | 20.7 | 28.4 | 499 | 423 |
| 2 person other family group--- | 3,423 | 6.9 | 16.5 | 20.6 | 23.6 | 32.4 | 549 | 512 |
| Male head--- | 748 | * | 26.4 | * | * | 32.2 | 491 | 455 |
|  | 2,675 | 6.7 | 13.8 | 21.1 | 25.9 | 32.5 | 566 | 528 |
| 3 person other family group--- | 1,895 | 15.4 | 14.2 | 15.5 | 22.9 | 31.9 | 606 | 513 |
| Male head <br> Female head | 278 1,618 | 18.1 | 16.7 | 13.4 | 23.0 | 28.8 | 1,463 423 | 1,463 347 |
| 4 person other family group--- | 1,249 | 15.8 | 24.9 | 24.3 | 13.9 | 21.0 | 419 | 353 |
| Male head <br> Female head | 1,075 | 17.1 ${ }^{\text {* }}$ | 28.8 ${ }^{\text {* }}$ | 26.8 ${ }^{\text {* }}$ | * | 19.3 | $390^{*}$ | 323 |
| 5 person other family group or more | 1,471 | 26.4 | 14.3 | 13.6 | 17.8 | 27.7 | 545 | 400 |
| Male head <br> Female head | $1,346$ | $26 .{ }^{*}$ | 13.3 | 14.2 | 18.9 ${ }_{\text {* }}$ | 27.6 | \% ${ }^{\text {* }}$ | * ${ }^{*}$ |

Table 14. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-of-pocket health expenses, excluding health insurance premiums, for family members, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family characteristics and sex of head: United States, 1970
[Data are based on houschold intervicws of the civilian, nonnstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family characteristic and sex of individual or head of other family group | Number of individuals and families in thousands | No expense | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for <br> family unit with expense | Per family unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | \$100- | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$250- } \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| A11 individuals------------- | 13,261 | 22.6 | 29.4 | 23.3 | 14.3 | 10.4 | 265 | 206 |
| Male- | 4,587 | 31.6 | 32.7 | 14.5 | 16.9 | 4.3 | 209 | 143 |
| Female | 8,674 | 17.7 | 27.6 | 28.0 | 12.9 | 13.8 | 291 | 240 |
| Living alone------------------- | 11,180 | 23.8 | 29.3 | 23.8 | 13.7 | 9.3 | 257 | 195 |
| Male------------------------------- | 3,523 | 35.2 | 30.0 | 15.7 | 15.1 | * | 212 | 138 |
| Female | 7,657 | 18.5 | 29.0 | 27.6 | 13.1 | 11.8 | 273 | 223 |
| Living with nonrelatives------ | 2,081 | 15.9 | 29.6 | 20.1 | 17.8 | 16.6 | 310 | 261 |
| Male- | 1,064 | 20.0 | 41.4 | 31* ${ }^{*}$ | 22.7 | ** | 201 | 161 |
| All other family groups------- | 8,038 | 17.0 | 23.0 | 24.2 | 15.7 | 20.2 | 448 | 372 |
| Male head---------------------------- | 1,325 | * | 30.1 | 21.4 | 12.6 | 25.6 | 616 | 553 |
| Female head- | 6,713 | 18.3 | 21.6 | 24.7 | 16.3 | 19.1 | 412 | 336 |
| 2 person other family group--- | 3,423 | 12.1 | 20.4 | 26.7 | 19.8 | 21.0 | 451 | 396 |
| Male head- $\qquad$ Female head $\qquad$ | 748 2,675 | 12.7 | 33.6 16.5 | 29. $\stackrel{*}{2}$ | 20.7 | 21.6 20.8 | 387 469 | 347 410 |
| 3 person other family group--- | 1,895 | 18.2 | 20.6 | 22.5 | 19.9 | 18.6 | 499 | 408 |
| Male head- <br> Female head | 278 1,618 | 20.9 | 22.9 | 20.0 | 22.1 | 14.2 | 1,406 312 | 1,369 247 |
| 4 person other family group--- | 1,249 | 16.0 | 40.8 | 21.9 | * | 15.9 | 309 | 260 |
| Male head------------------------- | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Female head------------------------ | 1,075 | 17.4 | 39.8 | 21.8 | * | 16.5 | 307 | 253 |
| 5 person other family group or more- | 1,471 | 26.7 | 16.4 | 22.7 | 10.3 | 23.8 | 504 | 369 |
| Male head------------------------ | * | * | \% | * | * | * | * | * |
| Female head--------------------------- | 1,346 | 26.3 | 15.2 | 24.1 | 11.1 | 23.4 | 495 | 365 |

Table 15. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-ofmocket health expenses, including health insurance premiums, for family members and for persons outside the family unit, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family income and family characteristics: United States, 1970
[Datia are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family income and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\stackrel{\text { No }}{\text { expense }}$ | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for family unit with expense | Per family unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than \$100 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| Less than \$5,000 |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 18,998 | 13.8 | 15.2 | 22.9 | 22.1 | 25.9 | 448 | 387 |
| All individuals------------------------ | 7,992 | 16.6 | 17.9 | 27.2 | 22.1 | 16.3 | 365 | 305 |
| Living alone--------------------------------- | 6,584 | 18.0 | 17.3 | 27.6 | 19.8 | 17.3 | 364 | 298 |
| Living with nonrelatives------------------ | 1,408 |  | 20.8 | 25.1 | 34.9 | 10.8 | 369 | 338 |
| All families-- | 11,006 | 11.8 | 13.3 | 19.8 | 22.2 | 32.9 | 506 | 446 |
| All 2 person families-------------------- | 5,656 | 6.9 | 12.9 | 19.7 | 27.3 | 33.1 | 487 523 | 453 |
| Husband-wife------------------------------- | 4,076 | 6.4 | ${ }_{2} 9.6$ | 18.2 | 31.0 | 34.8 | 523 384 | 490 352 |
| Other family group------------------------ | 1,580 |  | 22.3 |  |  |  |  | 352 |
| All 3 person families--------------------1 | 2,201 | 10.6 | 14.6 | 16.7 | 20.6 | 37.5 | 501 | 448 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 757 |  | 21.6 |  | 25.5 | 38.6 | 471 | 433 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 679 | ${ }^{*}$ | * | 24.7 | 26.3 | 42.9 | 565 | 565 |
| Other family group----------------------- | 765 | 22.9 | * | 20.1 | * | 31.5 | 461 |  |
|  | 1,075 | 18.4 | 17.8 | 24.9 | * | 27.9 | 467 | 381 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years.-.-- | 491 |  | * | * | * | * | 565 $*$ | 491* |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-Other family group |  | * | * | * | * | * | 294 | 218 |
| All 5 person families or more------------ | 2,074 | 23.1 | 10.9 | 21.1 | 15.4 | 29.5 | 592 | 455 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 1,208 | 16.3 | * | 25.2 | 13.8 | 35.3 | 672 $*$ | 562 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | $74{ }^{*}$ | 34.3 | * | * | * | 21.5 | 489 | 321 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 21,793 | 5.1 | 11.4 | 17.6 | 27.1 | 38.9 | 574 | 544 |
| All individuals- | 3,402 | 13.6 | 21.1 | 24.7 | 23.4 | 17.1 | 411 | 355 |
| Living alone------------------------------- | 2,908 | 14.0 | 21.2 | 25.7 | 22.9 | 16.2 $*$ | 412 404 | 354 364 |
|  | 18,391 | 3.6 | 9.6 | 16.2 | 27.7 | 42.9 | 601 | 579 |
| All 2 person families----------------1-- | 6,097 | 3.7 | 12.9 | 16.8 | 30.2 | 36.4 | 529 | 509 |
| Husband-wife- | 5,122 | * | 13.2 | 17.2 | 29.2 | 37.6 | 525 | 511 |
|  | 5, 975 | * |  | 14.8 | 35.2 | 30.4 | 546 | 501 |
| Al1 3 person families-------------------- | 3,870 | * | 6.6 | 15.8 | 30.9 | 43.4 | 576 | 557 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 2,187 | * | 6.7 | 19.1 | 33.7 | 39.3 | 539 | 533 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 1,005 | * |  | * | 25.0 | 58.2 | 730 | 708 |
| Other family group-------------------- | 678 | * | * | * | 29.9 | 36.5 | 481 | 432 |
| A11 4 person families-------------------- | 3,687 | * | 7.6 | 20.0 | 27.8 | 41.3 | 592 | 573 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 3,007 | * | * | 20.5 | 28.6 | 45.4 | 634 | 623 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 306 | * | * |  | * |  | 501 | 421 |
|  | 374 | * | * | * | * | * | 311 | 290 |
| All 5 person families or more------------ | 4,737 | 3.9 | 9.0 | 12.6 | 21.5 | 53.0 | 732 | 703 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years-..-- | 4,097 | * | 8.4 | 12.5 | 20.9 | 55.3 | 749 | 727 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 251 | * | * | * | * | * | 534 638 | 509 |
| Other family group----------------------1- | 388 | * | * |  |  | $*$ | 638 | 554 |

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[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family income and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { expense } \end{gathered}$ | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for family unit with expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less <br> than $\$ 100$ | $\$ 100-$ | \$250- | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| Less than \$5,000 |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 18,998 | 13.8 | 15.8 | 22.8 | 22.5 | 25.1 | 430 | 371 |
|  | 7,992 | 16.5 | 19.2 | 27.4 | 22.4 | 14.6 | 336 | 281 |
|  | 6,584 | 17.9 | 18.4 | 27.9 | 20.5 | 15.3 10.6 | 333 350 | 274 320 |
| Living with nonrelatives------------------- |  |  |  |  |  |  | 350 |  |
| A11 families----------------------------- | 11,006 | 11.9 | 13.4 | 19.4 | 22.5 | 32.9 | 496 | 437 |
| A11 2 person families----------------------- | 5,656 | 6.8 | 12.8 | 19.2 | 28.0 | 33.3 | 482 | 449 |
|  | 4,076 1,580 | 6.2 8.2 | 21.5 | 17.8 22.9 | 31.5 18.2 | 34.8 29.1 | 513 395 | 481 |
|  | 2,201 | 10.6 | 15.1 | 16.8 | 20.6 | 36.8 | 473 | 423 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years---1. | 757 |  | 21.4 |  | 26.1 | 38.3 | 469 | 430 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years- | 679 | * | * | 25.9 | 26.6 | 41.7 | 555 | 555 |
|  | 765 | 22.7 | * | 19.2 |  | 30.9 | 384 | 297 |
|  | 1,075 | 21.7 | 17.6 | 24.7 | * | 26.0 | 455 | 357 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 491 | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ |  | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | $\stackrel{546}{*}$ | 477 |
|  | 489 | , | * | * | * | * | 284 | 193 |
| All 5 person families or more----------- | 2,074 | 22.4 | 10.9 | 20.2 | 15.9 | 30.6 | 593 | 460 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years--.-- | 1,208 | 15.5 | * | 23.4 | 14.3 $*$ | 37.1 | 681 | 575 |
|  | 746 | 34.0 | * | * | * | 22.1 | 471 | 311 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 21,793 | 5.0 | 11.5 | 17.5 | 28.0 | 38.0 | 548 | 521 |
|  | 3,402 | 13.3 | 22.1 | 24.0 | 24.5 | 16.0 | 314 | 273 |
| Iiving alone <br>  | 2,908 495 | 13.6 | 23.0 | 25.7 | 24.1 | 13.7 | 294 | 254 |
| All families----------------------------1- | 18,391 | 3.4 | 9.5 | 16.3 | 28.6 | 42.2 | 588 | 568 |
|  | 6,097 | 3.6 | 12.7 | 16.6 | 30.3 | 36.8 | 516 | 497 |
|  | 5,122 |  | 12.9 | 16.8 | 29.4 | 38.1 | 524 | 510 |
| Other family group------------------------ | 975 | * |  | 15.3 | 34.6 | 30.2 | 475 | 435 |
|  | 3,870 | * | 6.7 | 16.0 | 32.4 | 41.8 | 562 | 545 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 2,187 | * | 7.1 | 19.1 | 33.8 | 38.8 | 532 | 525 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-Other family group | 1,005 678 | * | * | * | 26.3 36.5 | 56.4 30.6 | 702 456 | 683 411 |
|  | 3,687 | * | 7.8 | 20.1 | 29.0 | 40.1 | 591 | 573 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years---- | 3,007 | * |  | 20.5 | 30.1 | 43.6 | 629 | 620 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 306 | * | * |  |  |  | 504 | 427 |
|  | 374 | * | * | * | * | * | 330 | 309 |
| All 5 person families or more--n--------- | 4,737 | 3.7 | 8.9 | 12.8 | 22.5 | 52.0 | 710 | 684 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 4,097 | * | 8.4 | 12.6 | 21.4 | 54.8 | 728 | 708 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years.- | 251 | * | * | * | * | * | 514 606 | 491 527 |

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[IJata are based on household intervicws of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family income and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | No expense | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for <br> family <br> unit <br> with <br> expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less } \\ & \text { than } \\ & \$ 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| \$10,000-\$14,999 |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 13,726 | 1.0 | 8.4 | 12.1 | 24.9 | 53.6 | 693 | 686 |
| All individuals- | 825 | * | 29.6 | * | 26.0 | 25.3 | 404 | 389 |
|  <br> Living with nonrelatives | 715 $\%$ | * | 28.8 | * | 26.8 | 25.3 | 412 | 401 |
| All families | 12,902 | * | 6.9 | 11.9 | 24.9 | 55.5 | 712 | 706 |
|  | 3,272 | * | 7.8 | 17.7 | 28.5 | 44.9 | 618 | 611 |
|  | 2,870 | * | 6.8 | 16.9 | 29.0 | 46.2 | 633 | 626 |
|  | 402 | * | 6.8 |  |  |  | 510 | 501 |
|  | 2,843 | * | 7.0 | 9.1 | 31.6 | 51.5 | 722 | 717 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 1,707 | * | * | * | 35.4 | 50.3 | 643 | 643 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-Other family group | 941 $*$ | * | * | * | 29.5 | 55.9 | 651 | 646 $\%$ |
| A11 4 person families--------------------- | 2,798 | * | 7.5 | 9.3 | 24.1 | 58.2 | 668 | 662 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 2,211 | * |  | 10.0 | 23.0 | 62.8 | 687 | 683 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 380 | * | * | * | * | * | 602 | 591 |
|  | 207 | * | * | * | * | * | 581 | 563 |
| All 5 person families or more-....-.-.....- | 3,989 | * | 5.8 | 10.7 | 17.6 | 65.5 | 813 | 809 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years--..- | 3,668 | * | * | 9.3 | 18.3 | 68.0 | 839 | 834 |
|  | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * |  |
| \$15,000 or more |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 8,300 | * | 3.8 | 7.0 | 22.0 | 65.8 | 896 | 883 |
| All individuals | 404 | * | * | * | * | * | 423 | 392 |
|  | 393 $*$ | * | * | * | * | * | 430 $*$ | 397 |
|  | 7,896 | * | 2.7 | 6.6 | 21.5 | 68.1 | 921 | 911 |
|  | 2,227 | * | 6.7 | 12.0 | 21.5 | 58.7 | 813 | 804 |
| Husband-wife-.--------------------------- | 2,016 | * | * | 11.0 | 22.4 | 60.6 | 722 | 715 |
| Other family group----------------------- | 211 | * | * | * | * | * | 1,756 | 1,706 |
|  | 1,636 | * | * | * | 21.5 | 68.9 | 899 | 892 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years--.-. | -751 | * | * | * | 23.3 | 66.9 | 716 | 716 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 177 years -Other family group | 755 $*$ | * | * | * | \% $*$ | 77.4 | 1,148 $*$ | 1,138 |
|  | 1,924 | * | * | * | 24.8 | 68.8 | 980 | 977 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 1,319 | * | * | * | 23.2 | 72.8 | 991 | 986 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-. <br> Other family group | 511 $*$ | * | * | * | 27.7 $\square$ | 60.9 $*$ | 956 $*$ | 956 |
| All 5 person families or more-.-.-.------ | 2,109 | * | * | * | 18.7 | 76.9 | 999 | 980 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years-...- | 1,823 | * | * | * | 17.3 | 79.8 | 1,034 | 1,030 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 205 | * | * | * |  | * | 673 | 673 |
| Other lamily group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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[Data are based on houschold interviews of the civilian, noninstitutionaliced population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix l. Definitions of terms are ;iven in appendix II]

| Family income and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { expense } \end{gathered}$ | Health expenses |  |  |  | ```Average for family unit with expense``` | Per <br> family <br> unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than $\$ 100$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| Less than \$5,000 |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 18,998 | 19.2 | 23.2 | 23.6 | 17.3 | 16.7 | 340 | 274 |
| All individuals- | 7,992 | 24.6 27.8 |  | 24.6 | 12.8 | 10.2 | 268 | 202 |
|  | 6,584 | 26.5 | 27.4 | 24.3 | 12.1 | 9.8 | 263288 | 194 |
| Living with nonrelatives------------------ | 1,408 | 16.1 | 29.7 | 25.6 | 16.3 | 12.3 |  |  |
| All families---------------------------- | 11,006 | 15.1 | 19.7 | 22.9 | 20.7 | 21.6 | 388 | 329 |
|  | 5,6564,0761,580 | 10.99.814.0 | 19.519.320.1 | 26.425.030.5 | 22.325.2 | 20.820.8 | 366 | 326 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 382 | 345 |
| Other family group- |  |  |  |  | 14.0 20.1 30.5 14.4 20.8 318 |  |  | 273 |
|  | 2,201 | 15.5 | 23.9 | 12.4 | 27.3 20.9 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 363 \\ & 354 \end{aligned}$ | 307326 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 757 |  | 29.8 |  | 32.2 | 22.7 |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 679 |  |  | $*$$*$ | 30.9 | 26.0 | 431303 | 383222 |
| Other family group-----------------------1- | 765 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All 4 person families------------------- | 1,075 | 20. | 21.3$\#$$\vdots$$\div$ | 22.4$\%$$\div$$\div$ | 16.3$\vdots$$\vdots$$\vdots$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19.3 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 373 \\ 442 \\ x \\ 226 \end{array}$ | 295392$*$ |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- Husband-wife, no child under 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 489 | * |  |  |  |  |  | 153 |
| All 5 person families or more----------- | 2,074 | 23.2 | 14.6 | 25.225.9 | 11.1 25.9 |  |  | 383 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 1,208 |  |  |  |  | 32.2 | 535 * | 445 $*$ |
| Other family group--------------------- | 746 | 33.8 |  | 27.1 | $*$  <br> $*$ 18.0 |  | 463 | 307 |
| \$5,000-\$9,999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families-- | 21,793 | 7.4 | 18.6 | 26.7 | 22.5 | 24.8 | 417 | 386 |
| All individuals- | 3,402 | 18.1 | 33.0 | 22.3 | 15.8 | 10.7 | 242 | 198 |
|  <br> Living with nonrelatives- | 2,908 | 18.3 | 34.4 | 24.6 | 15.0 | 7.7 | 216 | 176 |
| All families- | 18,391 | 5.4 | 15.9 | 27.5 | 23.8 | 27.5 | 446 | 422 |
| All 2 person families | 6,097 | $5.6$ | 21.6 | 26.828.5 | 23.7 | 21.322.3 | 370 | 346-352317 |
| Husband-wife- | 5,122 |  |  |  | 22.1 |  | 371 |  |
| Other family group- | 975 | 13.8 | 20.1 | 18.3 | 31.4 | 16.5 | 368 |  |
| All 3 person families- | 3,870 | 4.8 | $\begin{array}{r} 11.2 \\ 11.4 \\ \ddot{x} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35.7 \\ & 39.0 \\ & 29.6 \\ & 33.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21.0 \\ & 20.0 \\ & 23.3 \\ & 21.6 \end{aligned}$ | 27.2 | 406397 | 387382455303 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 2,187 |  |  |  |  | 25.9 |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 1,005 |  |  |  |  | 34.7 | 471 |  |
| Other family group-------------------- | 678 |  |  |  |  | 20.6 | 340 |  |
| All 4 person families--- | 3,687 | 5.5$\%$$*$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15.7 \\ 10.0 \\ \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 23.2 \\ 25.6 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27.6 \\ 31.8 \\ * \end{array}$ | 28.0 | 465 | 439486 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years---- | 3,007 |  |  |  |  | 30.3 | 498 |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 306 |  |  |  |  | * | 387 | 252 |
| Other family group---------------------1-1- | 374 |  | * | * | * | * | 240 | 224 |
| All 5 person families or more----------- | 4,737 | 4.1$\frac{1}{*}$$\vdots$$*$$*$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12.1 \\ 11.0 \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25.1 \\ 25.1 \\ t \\ t \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 22.9 \\ 23.0 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35.7 \\ 37.6 \\ * \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 565 \\ & 578 \\ & 383 \\ & 507 \end{aligned}$ | 542559369441 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 4,097 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 251 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 388 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 17. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of amual out-of-pocket health expenses, excluding health insurance premiums, for family members, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to family income and family characteristics: United States, 1970-Con.
[Data are based on houschold intervicws of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Family income and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { expense } \end{gathered}$ | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for <br> family <br> unit <br> with <br> expense | Per family unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less } \\ & \text { than } \\ & \$ 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 100-$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| \$10,000-\$14,999 |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 13,726 | 2.1 | 13.0 | 23.1 | 28.0 | 33.7 | 525 | 514 |
| All individuals------------------------ | 825 | * | 33.0 | 25.3 | * | * | 311 | 281 |
| Living alone <br> Living with nonrelatives | 715 $*$ | * | 32.2 | 27.7 | * | * | 318 $*$ | 287 |
| All families - | 12,902 | 1.6 | 11.7 | 23.0 | 28.8 | 34.9 | 538 | 530 |
| All 2 person families--------------------- | 3,272 | * | 15.7 | 32.5 | 21.4 | 27.1 | 435 | 421 |
|  | 2,870 | * | 15.0 | 32.0 | 21.8 | 28.0 | 447 | 433 |
|  | 402 | * |  |  |  | * | 349 | 339 |
| A11 3 person families--------------------- | 2,843 | * | 13.4 | 18.3 | 35.9 | 31.1 | 544 | 537 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 1,707 | * | 10.7 | 16.7 | 45.3 | 27.0 | 460 | 458 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-Other family group- | 941 | * | 15.5 | 20.8 | 22.3 | 39.2 | 475 $*$ | $\stackrel{465}{*}$ |
| All 4 person families---------------------10 | 2,798 | * | 11.3 | 21.8 | 30.5 | 35.3 | 496 | 491 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 2,211 | * | 7.9 | 21.6 | 32.4 | 37.3 | 515 422 | 511 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-Other family group- | 380 207 | * | * | * | * | * | 428 | 417 |
| All 5 person families or more--n---..---- | 3,989 | * | 7.5 | 19.2 | 28.8 | 43.8 | 645 | 640 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years.-.-- | 3,668 | * |  |  |  |  |  | 657 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-Other family group- | 3,6** | * | $*$ $*$ |  | $\xrightarrow{*}$ |  | * * + | * |
| \$15,000 or more |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 8,300 | 3.1 | 8.1 | 16.2 | 29.4 | 43.3 | 686 | 665 |
| All individuals- | 404 | * | * | * | * | * | 318 | 259 |
|  <br> Living with nonrelatives | 393 $*$ | * | * | * | * | * | 322 | 267 |
| All families - | 7,896 | 2.2 | 6.9 | 16.2 | 29.4 | 45.2 | 703 | 688 |
|  | 2,227 | * | 12.0 | 23.8 | 26.9 | 35.4 | 595 | 583 |
|  | 2,016 | * | 11.0 | 23.3 | 28.6 | 35.4 | 494 | 485 |
|  | 211 | * | * |  | * |  | 1,668 | 1,621 |
| All 3 person families---------------------- | 1,636 | * | * | 17.0 | 30.2 | 41.9 | 713 | 676 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | -751 | * | * | 19.5 | 37.1 | 33.6 | 550 | 515 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 yearsOther family group- | $\stackrel{755}{*}$ | * | * | * | 23.2 | 54.1 | 936 $*$ |  |
|  | 1,924 | * | * | 12.8 | 31.4 | 51.6 | 761 | 759 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years.-.-- | 1,319 | * | * |  | 34.1 | 51.7 | 784 | 780 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 yearsOther family group- |  | * | * | * | 30.3 | 53.0 | 717 $*$ | 717 |
| All 5 person families or more------------ | 2,109 | * | * | 10.6 | 29.8 | 52.6 | 760 | 746 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 1,823 | * | * | 11.9 | 30.6 | 55.1 | 791 | 788 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 205 $*$ | * | * |  |  | * | 440 | 440 |

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[Data are based on household interviews of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliablity of the estimates are given in appendi. I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Color, family income, and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \text { expense } \end{aligned}$ | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for <br> family <br> unit <br> with <br> expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Less than $\$ 100$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250-- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| White, all incomes |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families - - - | 58,807 | 5.2 | 10.4 | 16.4 | 24.9 | 43.2 | 621 | 588 |
| All individuals-------------------------- | 11,949 | 12.7 | 19.7 | 25.8 | 23.9 | 17.9 | 372 | 325 |
|  | 10,062 | 14.1 | 19.2 | 26.1 | 22.0 | 18.6 | 373 | 321 |
| Living with nonrelatives------------------ | 1,888 |  | 23.0 | 24.1 | 35.7 | 13.1 | 366 | 351 |
| All families | 46,857 | 3.3 | 8.1 | 14.0 | 25.1 | 49.5 | 676 | 653 |
|  | 16,750 | 3.5 | 10.8 | 17.4 | 28.1 | 40.2 | 590 | 569 |
|  | 13,910 2,840 | 3.2 5.6 | 10.0 14.6 | $\frac{16.6}{21.2}$ | 28.2 | 42.0 31.2 | 588 603 | 569 569 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9,887 | 2.6 | 7.2 | 11.6 | 27.1 | 51.5 | 681 | 663 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 5,237 3,179 | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | 8.2 | 11.7 10.3 | 30.1 23.1 | 48.4 62.4 | 598 809 | 589 798 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- <br> Other family group | 1,471 | \% | 12.7 | 13.8 | 24.6 | 62.4 39.7 | 716 | 650 |
| All 4 person families---------------------- | 8,881 | 2.4 | 6.7 | 14.2 | 25.2 | 51.4 | 691 | 674 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years.-.-- | 6,758 | , | 3.6 | 13.4 | 25.0 | 56.0 | 727 | 712 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 1,184 | * | * ${ }^{*}$ |  | 32.0 | 51.8 | 732 376 | 719 |
| Other family group--------------------1-1 | 939 | * | 27.6 | 28.3 | 19.0 | 19.4 | 376 | 355 |
| All 5 person families or more----------- | 11,339 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 11.0 | 18.8 | 60.0 | 789 | 755 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 10,017 | 3.0 | 5.4 | 10.4 | 19.0 | 62.2 | 790 | 767 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- |  |  |  |  |  |  | 576 | 562 736 |
|  | 715 | 24.3 | * | * | * | 39.6 | 973 | 736 |
| White, less than \$5,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 15,949 | 11.7 | 14.1 | 23.3 | 24.0 | 26.8 | 458 | 405 |
| All individuals | 7,158 | 14.3 | 17.9 | 27.5 | 23.6 | 16.7 | 374 | 321 |
|  | 5,858 | 16.2 | 17.3 | 27.7 | 21.0 | 17.8 | 375 | 314 |
| Living with nonrelatives------------------ | 1,300 |  | 21.2 | 26.6 | 37.2 |  | 371 | 355 |
| All families | 8,792 | 9.6 | 11.0 | 20.0 | 24.4 | 35.0 | 522 | 472 |
|  | 5,039 | 6.2 | 11.2 | 20.3 | 28.8 | 33.6 | 491 | 460 |
| Husband-wife---- | 3,817 | 6.3 | 9.1 | 18.2 | 31.1 | 35.3 | 524 | 491 |
| Other family group----------------------- | 1,222 | - | 18.4 | 27.4 | 21.0 | 27.5 | 378 | 356 |
| All 3 person families--------------------- |  | 8.1 |  | 13.6 | 22.7 | 42.6 | 542 | 498 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years-...-- | 1,677 |  |  |  | 23.5 | 42.2 | 502 | 461 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 533 | * | * | * |  | 45.9 | 608 | 608 |
| Other family group-----...------------- | 579 | * | * | * | * |  | 517 | 435 |
|  | 704 | * |  | 32.1 | * | 27.9 | 444 | 391 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 368 | * | * |  | * |  | 576 | 477 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | * ${ }^{*}$ | * | * | * | * | * | $22{ }^{\text {* }}$ | $20{ }^{*}$ |
|  | 263 | * |  | * |  |  | 224 | 204 |
| All 5 person families or moren-..-..------ | 1,259 | 24.2 | * | 21.2 | 14.7 | 33.1 | 689 | 522 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years---- | 911 $*$ | 19.1 | * | 22.1 | * | 37.5 | 732 $*$ | 592 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 286 | * | * | * | * | * | $54 \stackrel{\star}{5}$ | 329 |

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[Data are based on household intervews of the civilian, nonınstitutionalized population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estimates are given in appendix I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Color, family income, and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { expense } \end{gathered}$ | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for family unit with expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less } \\ & \text { than } \\ & \$ 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| White, all incomes |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 58,807 | 5.2 | 10.7 | 16.5 | 25.5 | 42.1 | 597 | 566 |
|  | 11,949 | 12.7 | 21.1 | 25.5 | 24.7 | 16.0 | 343 | 300 |
| Living alone---------- | 10,062 | 13.9 | 20.6 | 26.0 | 23.2 | 16.4 | 339 | 292 |
| Living with nonrelatives----------------- | 1,888 |  | 24.0 | 22.8 | 34.1 | 13.9 | 365 | 346 |
| All families | 46,857 | 3.3 | 8.1 | 14.2 | 25.7 | 48.7 | 655 | 633 |
| A11 2 person families--------------------- | 16,750 | 3.5 | 10.6 | 17.4 | 28.2 | 40.2 | 568 | 548 |
| Husband-wife--- | 13,910 | 3.0 | 9.8 | 16.5 | 28.6 | 42.0 | 568 | 550 |
| Other family group------------------------ | 2,840 | 5.7 | 14.4 | 22.0 | 26.6 | 31.1 | 567 | 535 |
|  | 9,887 | 2.6 | 7.4 | 11.9 | 28.6 | 49.5 | 659 | 642 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 5,237 |  | 8.4 | 12.0 | 31.5 | 46.6 | 582 | 573 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- Other family group--------- | 3,179 | * | 13.7 | 10.9 13.4 | 24.4 27.1 | 60.5 36.1 | 791 657 | 781 593 |
|  | 8,881 | 2.3 | 6.7 | 14.6 | 25.6 | 50.7 | 682 | 666 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 6,758 | * | 3.7 | 13.8 | 25.9 | 54.6 | 714 | 700 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 1,184 | * | * |  | 31.4 | 52.0 | 723 | 710 |
| Other family group---------------------1- | 939 | * | 25.4 | 28.1 | 17.6 | 23.8 | 419 | 398 |
| All 5 person families or more----------- | 11,339 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 11.2 | 19.2 | 59.1 | 762 | 729 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 10,017 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 10.6 | 19.1 | 61.8 | 780 | 757 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years- <br>  | 608 715 | 23.8 | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | 24.1 | 47.5 30.9 | 556 636 | 542 484 |
| White, less than \$5,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 15,949 | 11.4 | 14.8 | 23.2 | 24.4 | 26.1 | 438 | 388 |
| All individuals | 7,158 | 13.9 | 19.3 | 27.9 | 23.8 | 15.1 | 344 | 296 |
| Iiving alone--- | 5,858 | 15.6 | 18.4 | 28.3 | 21.7 | 16.0 | 342 | 289 |
| Living with nonrelatives----------------- | 1,300 |  | 23.9 | 25.6 | 34.8 |  | 353 | 335 |
| All families | 8,792 | 9.3 | 11.2 | 19.5 | 24.9 | 35.1 | 511 | 463 |
| All 2 person families-------------------- | 5,039 | 5.9 | 11.1 | 19.7 | 29.5 | 33.8 | 485 |  |
| Husband-wife------------------------------ | 3,817 | 5.9 | 9.1 | 17.9 | 31.8 | 35.4 | 513 | 482 |
| Other family group------------------------ | 1,222 | * | 18.0 | 25.5 | 22.0 | 28.6 | 392 | 369 |
|  | 1,789 | 8.3 | 13.3 | 13.6 | 22.9 | 41.9 | 511 | 469 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 677 |  | * |  | 24.2 | 41.9 | 499 | 459 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 533 579 | * | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | 32.8 | 44.2 39.9 | 594 431 | 594 360 |
| All 4 person families------------------- |  |  |  |  | * |  | 433 |  |
| All 4 person families------------------- | 364 | * | * |  | * | 27.1 | 548 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under ${ }^{\text {Husband-wife, }}$ no child under 17 years----- | 368 $*$ | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | * | * | * | $\stackrel{\text { \% }}{\text { \% }}$ | 4\% |
| Other family group-------------------- | 263 | * | * | * | * | * | 224 | 204 |
| All 5 person families or more--------m-m- | 1,259 | 23.2 | * | 19.8 | 15.1 | 34.9 | 689 | 529 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 yearsm-.-- | 911 | 18.0 | * | 20.2 | * | 39.6 | 741 | $\stackrel{608}{*}$ |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 yearsOther family group | $28{ }^{*}$ | * | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | * | 491 | 297 |

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| Color, family income, and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { expense } \end{gathered}$ | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for family unit with expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less } \\ & \text { than } \\ & \$ 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 100-$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| White, \$5,000 or more |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 40,750 | 2.5 | 9.0 | 13.9 | 26.3 | 48.3 | 653 | 637 |
| All individuals | 4,222 | 9.0 | 24.1 | 22.2 | 27.0 | 17.8 | 342 | 311. |
|  | 3,692 | 9.4 | 24.1 | 22.8 | 26.6 30.8 | 17.1 | 334 403 | 303 381 |
| All families----------------------------- | 36,527 | 1.7 | 7.2 | 12.9 | 26.2 | 52.0 | 688 | 676 |
| All 2 person families--------------------- | 11,055 | 2.4 | 10.2 | 16.4 | 28.2 | 42.9 | 596 | 582 |
| Husband-wife-- | 9,619 | 1.8 | 9.7 | 16.0 | 27.7 | 44.7 | 586 | 576 |
| Other family group------------------------ | 1,436 | * | 13.1 | 18.5 | 31.2 | 31.0 | 664 | 623 |
|  | 7,820 | * | 6.0 | 11.6 | 30.5 | 50.6 | 688 | 679 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 4,448 | * | 6.8 | 13.0 | 33.0 | 46.8 | 592 | 589 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 2,526 | * | * | 9.4 | 23.5 | 63.4 | 833 | 820 |
| Other family group----------------------- | 846 | * | * | * | 37.5 | 33.7 | 790 | 753 |
| All 4 person families----------------n-m | 7,884 | * | 6.2 | 12.7 | 26.7 | 53.2 | 709 | 700 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 6,201 | * | 3.3 | 13.3 | 26.3 | 56.1 | 726 | 719 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 1,065 | * |  |  | 33.9 | 49.6 | 727 | 718 |
| Other family group---------------------- | 619 | * | 30.0 | * |  | 31.7 | 510 | 490 |
| All 5 person families or more---m-n------ | 9,768 | 1.7 | 5.5 | 9.9 | 20.0 | 62.9 | 778 | 764 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years--.-- | 8,892 | * | 5.0 | 9.2 | 19.7 | 64.8 | 790 | 780 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 470 | * | * |  |  |  | 595 | 588 |
| Other family group------------------- | 406 | * | * | * | * | * | 695 | 614 |
| All other; all incomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 6,494 | 19.5 | 15.4 | 16.1 | 15.7 | 33.4 | 613 | 494 |
| All individuals------------------------ | 1,311 | 36.8 | 18.4 | 19.8 | * | 16.0 | 280 | 177 |
|  <br> Living with nonrelatives | 1,118 | 35.7 | 19.8 | 22.7 | * | * | 251 | 161 |
| All families----------------------------- | 5,183 | 15.0 | 14.6 | 15.1 | 17.4 | 37.9 | 677 | 576 |
|  | 1,247 | * | 17.7 | 12.0 | 20.0 | 41.1 | 606 | 550 |
|  | 665 | * |  |  | 30.5 | 42.6 | 729 | 683 |
|  | 582 | * | 27.7 | * | * | 39.0 | 445 | 388 |
| 4113 person families-------------------- | 1,053 | 15.9 | 14.6 | 22.3 | 16.4 | 30.8 | 470 | 395 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----.. | 278 |  |  |  |  | * | 688 | 650 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 351 | * | * | * | * | * | 409 334 | 409 |
| Other family group----------------------- | 424 | * | * | * | * | * | 334 | 212 |
| 1114 person families-------------------- | 929 | 23.1 | * | * | * | 34.5 | 605 | 466 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years---- | 459 |  | * | * | * |  | 579 | 570 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-Other family group | 310 | * | * | * | * | * | $423{ }^{\text {* }}$ | 182 |
| 4115 person families or more-n-..--n-m--- | 1,953 | 14.5 | 13.0 | 13.5 | 17.9 | 41.3 | 858 | 733 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years---- | 1,011 |  | * | 15.0 | 14.7 | 56.7 | 1,157 | 1,109 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- <br> Other family group | 756 ${ }^{\text {* }}$ | 28.9 | * | * | 18.9 | 24.8 | 457 | 326 |

Table 19. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of amnal out-of-pocket health expenses, including health insurance premiums, for family members, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to color, family income, and family characteristics: United States, 1970-Con.
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Table 20. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-of-pocket health expenses, excluding health insurance premiums, for family members, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to color, family income, and family characteristics: United States, 1970



| Color, family income, and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \text { expense } \end{aligned}$ | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for <br> family <br> unit <br> with <br> expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less } \\ & \text { than } \\ & \$ 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 500 \\ & \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| White, all incomes |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | Expense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 58,807 | 8.3 | 17.3 | 23.7 | 23.8 | 26.9 | 455 | 418 |
|  | 11,949 | 20.8 | 30.2 | 23.8 | 14.8 | 10.3 | 267 | 212 |
|  | 10,062 | 22.2 | 30.1 | 24.3 | 14.0 | 9.5 | 260 | 202 |
| Living with nonrelatives------------------- | 1,888 | 13.3 | 31.1 | 21.4 | 19.2 | 15.1 | 304 | 264 |
| All families------------------------------- | 46,857 | 5.0 | 14.0 | 23.7 | 26.1 | 31.2 | 496 | 471 |
|  | 16,750 | 6.4 | 18.4 | 27.4 | 23.5 | 24.3 | 414 | 387 |
| Husband-wife-- | 13,910 | 5.9 | 18.2 | 27.0 | 24.0 | 24.9 | 404 | 380 |
| Other family group------------------------ | 2,840 | 9.2 | 19.4 | 29.4 | 21.2 | 20.9 | 466 | 423 |
| All 3 person families--------------------- | 9,887 | 4.2 | 13.8 | 22.8 | 29.0 | 30.1 | 492 | 471 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 5,237 | 3.5 | 12.2 |  | 32.6 | 26.9 | 429 | 414 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 3,179 | 10.5 | 12.5 23.1 | 19.6 22.3 | 25.7 | 40.1 | 583 535 | 567 479 |
|  | 8,881 | 3.5 | 11.7 | 21.8 | 28.5 | 34.5 | 525 | 507 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 6,758 |  | 7.3 | 22.3 | 31.9 | 36.1 | 552 | 539 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 1,184 | * |  | 16.1 | 27.3 | 40.1 | 545 | 503 |
|  | 939 | * | 44.5 | 25.3 |  | 17.6 | 311 | 293 |
| All 5 person families or more------------ | 11,339 | 4.7 | 9.3 | 20.6 | 25.6 | 39.9 | 597 | 569 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 10,017 | 3.5 | 7.5 | 20.6 | 26.7 | 41.7 | 608 374 | 586 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-other family group | 608 715 | 23.3 | 35.7 | 23.1 | 21.7 | 23.8 | 374 629 | 366 483 |
| White, less than \$5,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 15,949 | 16.5 | 23.2 | 24.2 | 19.1 | 17.0 | 343 | 286 |
| A11 individuals------------------------- | 7,158 | 22.6 | 28.6 | 24.8 | 13.3 | 10.8 | 274 | 212 |
|  | 5,858 | 24.6 | 28.3 | 24.4 | 12.5 | 10.2 | 269 | 203 |
| Living with nonrelatives-----------------1-2- | 1,300 | 13.7 | 29.9 | 26.4 | 17.0 | 13.2 | 293 | 253 |
| All families- | 8,792 | 11.3 | 18.6 | 23.8 | 24.0 | 22.3 | 393 | 349 |
| A11 2 person families-------------------- | 5,039 | 9.4 | 19.5 | 27.1 | 23.6 | 20.4 | 363 | 329 |
| Husband-wife- | 3,817 | 9.7 | 19.3 | 24.6 | 25.6 | 20.8 | 383 | 346 |
| Other family group- | 1,222 |  | 20.4 | 35.5 | 16.7 | 18.9 | 297 | 271 |
| All 3 person families------------------*- | 1,789 | 8.3 | 23.2 | 12.3 | 32.4 | 23.9 | 380 | 349 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 677 |  | 24.1 |  | 36.1 | 24.4 | 382 | 354 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 533 | * |  | * | 35.6 | 28.5 | 426 | 426 |
|  | 579 | * | 26.7 | * | 24.8 | * | 328 | 271 |
| All 4 person families | 704 | * | * | 28.7 | 22.4 | * | 353 | 312 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 368 | * | * |  |  | * | 427 | 368 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-Other family group | 263 | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | * | $\underset{*}{*}$ | 187 | 167 |
| AIl 5 person families or more----------- | 1,259 | 23.3 | * | 24.8 | 13.8 | 30.1 | 588 | 451 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years---- | 917 | 18.5 | * | 24.6 | * | 36.5 | 585 | 477 $*$ |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 286 | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | \% | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | 605 | 378 |

Table 20. Percent distribution of families or unrelated individuals by intervals of annual out-of-pocket health expenses, excluding health insurance premiums, for family members, average expense per family unit with expense, and per family unit expense, according to color, family income, and family characteristics: United States, 1970-Con.
[Data are bused on houschold interviews of the civilian, noninstitutionalyed population. The survey design, general qualifications, and information on the reliability of the estımates are given in appendiv I. Definitions of terms are given in appendix II]

| Color, family income, and family characteristic | Number of individuals and families in thousands | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { expense } \end{gathered}$ | Health expenses |  |  |  | Average for <br> family unit with expense | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { family } \\ & \text { unit } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less } \\ & \text { than } \\ & \$ 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 100- \\ & \$ 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 250- \\ & \$ 499 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 500 \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| White, $\$ 5,000$ or more |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  | xpense in dollars |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 40,750 | 4.5 | 14.7 | 23.8 | 26.1 | 30.9 | 495 | 473 |
| A11 individuals- | 4,222 | 15.2 | 33.3 | 23.7 | 17.5 | 10.2 | 257 | 218 |
| Living alone- | 3,692 | 15.5 | 33.4 | 25.6 | 16.6 | 8.8 | 245 | 207 |
| Living with nonrelatives----------------- | 531 |  | 32.6 |  | 24.6 | * | 349 | 306 |
| A11 families- | 36,527 | 3.2 | 12.4 | 23.9 | 27.2 | 33.4 | 520 | 503 |
| All 2 person families | 11,055 | 4.7 | 17.9 | 28.0 | 23.8 | 25.6 | 428 | 408 |
| Husband-wife--------------------------------- | 9,619 | 3.8 | 17.6 | 28.5 24.5 | 23.6 | 26.5 19.9 | 410 557 | 395 498 |
| Other family group----------------------- | 1,436 | 10.5 | 20.0 | 24.5 | 25.2 | 19.9 | 557 | 498 |
| All 3 person families---n---------------- | 7,820 | 3.3 | 11.3 | 25.7 | 28.9 | 30.9 | 515 | 498 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 4,448 |  | 10.2 | 27.7 | 32.6 | 26.7 | 435 | 423 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 2,526 | * | 10.0 | 20.8 | 23.8 | 42.0 | 619 664 | 598 629 |
| Other family group---------------------- | 846 | * | 20.9 | 28.6 | 23.4 | 22.0 | 664 | 629 |
| A11 4 person families------------------- | 7,884 | 2.5 | 10.9 | 20.6 | 29.6 | 36.4 | 546 | 532 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 6,201 |  | 6.6 | 22.1 | 32.2 | 37.5 | 565 | 557 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 1,065 | * | 53. ${ }^{*}$ | 16.7 | $\xrightarrow{28.5}$ | 37.6 24.4 | 539 375 | 497 361 |
| Other family group-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A11 5 person families or more----------- | 9,768 | 2.0 | 8.3 | 20.3 | 27.6 | 41.8 | 607 | 594 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 8,892 | * | 6.8 | 20.3 | 28.6 | 42.8 | 615 |  |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-Other family group- | 470 406 | * | * | * | * | * | 414 627 | 408 550 |
| All other, all incomes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, individuals and families---- | 6,494 | 23.9 | 20.3 | 19.4 | 12.1 | 24.2 | 502 | 382 |
| All individuals | 1,311 | 40.1 | 21.2 | 17.7 | * | 11.7 | 242 | 145 |
| Living alone <br> Living with nonrelatives | 1,118 | 39.7 | 22.5 | 19.4 | * | * | 216 | 131 |
| All families | 5,183 | 19.7 | 20.1 | 19.8 | 12.9 | 27.5 | 553 | 444 |
| All 2 person families-------------------- | 1,247 | 16.9 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 14.8 | 24.7 | 467 | 388 |
| Husband-wife---------------------------- | 665 |  |  | 29.5 | * | 27.3 | 547 | 502 |
| Other family group----------------------- | 582 | 27.0 | 25.5 |  | * | 21.6 | 352 | 257 |
| A11 3 person families------------------- | 1,053 | 28.7 | 16.9 | 22.7 | * | 23.0 | 387 | 276 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 1,278 |  |  | * | * |  | 518 | 480 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 351 | * | * | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | * | * | 349 283 | 265 153 |
| Other family group--------------- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 929 | 22.4 | 24.4 | * | 17.2 | 22.5 | 475 |  |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 459 |  |  | * |  |  | 457 | 449 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Other family group-------------------- | 310 | * | * | * | * | * | 296 | 135 |
| All 5 person families or more----------- | 1,953 | 15.6 | 18.7 | 19.9 | 11.8 | 34.0 | 714 | 602 |
| Husband-wife, child under 17 years----- | 1,011 |  | 15.9 | 20.2 | * | 46.2 | 963 | 910 |
| Husband-wife, no child under 17 years-- | 756 | 30.0 | * | 22.3 | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | 21.0 | 377 | 264 |

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# APPENDIX <br> LETTERS AND QUESTIONNAIRE SENT TO RESPONDENTS 

## First Letter Sent to Respondents Interviewed During October-December 1970



department of health. education. and welfare

public health service
health services and mental health administration
ROCKVILLE MARYLAND 20952
national center for HEALTH STATISTICS

Dear Friend:

Several months ago your household took part in a health interview conducted by the Census Bureau for the U. S. Public Health Service. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in providing us with the kind of information needed by health planners, the medical profession, the government, hospital administrators, and all the other people concerned with the health problems of the American people.

Another area of great concern is that of the cost of health care in our country today. We are, therefore, requesting your further cooperation in providing us with additional information about the amount of money you, your family, and other relatives living with you spent for medical care during 1970.

Please help by carefully reading and answering the questions on this form. If you have any records such as bills, receipts, or check stubs, the records will be useful in answering the questions. If you cannot supply the exact amounts from your records, please give the best estimate you can.

We would appreciate your completing this form and mailing it back to us within five days. For your convenience, we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope which needs no postage stamp.

Your cooperation in answering the questions on this form will be a definite public service. We assure you that the information will be given confidential treatment by the U. S. Public Health Service. Nothing will be published except statistical summaries.

Sincerely yours,


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. EDUCATION, AND WELFARE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

HEALTH SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ROCKVILLE. MARYLAND 20052

Dear Friend:
The U. S. Public Health Service is conducting a Survey of Family Medical Expenses.

As you know, more information on medical care costs is greatly needed by health planners, the medical profession, hospital administrators, and all the other people concerned with the health problems of the American people.

The enclosed form contains questions relating to the amount of money you, your family, and other relatives living with you spent for medical care during 1970. This information is of great importance in helping to plan and deliver the health services needed.

Please help by carefully reading and answering the questions on this form. If you have any records such as bills, receipts, or check stubs, the records will be useful in answering the questions. If you cannot supply the exact amounts fran your records, please give the best estimate you can.

We would appreciate your completing this form and mailing it back to us within five days. After you have answered the questions, please mail the form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage stamp.

Your cooperation in answering the questions on this form will be a definite public service. We assure you that the information will be given confidential treatment by the U. S. Public Health Service. Nothing will be published except statistical summaries.

Sincerely yours,
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Elijah L. White
Director
Division of Health Interview Statistics
Enclosures

According to our records you have not returned the questionnaire we sent to you concerning your family's medical expenses.

We would appreciate your cooperation in promptly completing and returning this form.

If you have already returned the form, please disregard this reminder. Thank you.

Division of Health Interview Statistics National Center for Health Statistics U.S. Public Health Service

## Second Followup - Letter



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE public health service
heal.th services and mental health administration
ROCKVILLE. MARYLAND 20052

## Dear Friend:

We at the U.S. Public Health Service are contacting you once again in the hope that you will complete and return the enclosed famfly health expenditure form.

Because a relatively small sample of households was sent this form, it is extremely important that each one be completed and returned. The information obtained on this questionnaire will be combined with information collected from other households throughout the United States; then from these figures, statistical estimates will be made about the cost of medical care to the American people.

A copy of the questionnaire and an envelope which requires no postage are enclosed. Please set aside a few minutes of your time within the next few days to fill out and mail the medical care cost form.

If you have already returned the questionnaire, please disregard this reminder.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Sincerely yours,
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Elijah . White
Director
Division of Health Interview Statistics

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. EDUCATION, AND WELFARE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
HEALTH SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20052

Dear Friend:
As of this time, our office has not received the questionnaire which was sent to you about a month ago concerning your family's medical expenses. We realize that it may have been difficult for you to find the time to complete this form but let us assure you of two things.

First, in order for federal or local health planners to be able to develop programs to resolve the Nation's problem of rising health costs, it is essential that better estimates of consumer expenses for medical and dental services be obtained. In order to ensure that the data we collect from this survey are truly representative of the Nation as a whole, it is quite important that we obtain your support.

Secondly, the information you provide will be given confidential treatment by the U.S. Public Health Service and, consequently, nothing will be published or released except statistical sumaries.

We will be most appreciative if you can find the time to complete the attached form and return it to us. A self-addressed envelope which needs no postage has been enclosed for your convenience. By completing this questionnaire, you will be performing a definite public service.

Thank you.
Sincerely yours,

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Eifjah L. White
Director
Division of Health Interview Statistica
Enclosures

## Dear Friend:

The questionnaire you recently filled out on your family's medical expenses has been received. The information that you provided, when combined with data given by other persons throughout the United States, will be extremely useful to health planners interested in evaluating this Nation's health care system.

It is only through the cooperation of you and others like you that a survey such as this one can be carried on. Thank you for the assistance you have given us.

Division of Health Interview Statistics National Center for Health Statistics U. S. Public Health Service

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE pUbLIC HEALTH SERVICE <br> health services and mental health administration ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852 

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## SURVEY OF FAMILY MEDICAL EXPENSES

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## ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY:

All information which would permit identification of an individual, or of an establishmant, will be held confidential, will be used only by persons angaged in and for the purpose of the survay, and will be protected against disciosure in aecordance with provisions of 42 CFR Part 1.


Please list below the names of each family member NOW living at home beginning with the Head of the family.


Are any family members now living at this household on fullitime active duty with the Armed Forces of the Unitad States?
(Check one box)

(Circle one) Elemantary: 12345678
High Sehool: 9101112
Collage: 12345 r

## ITEM B

Besides the family members that you have listed above, is there anyone else living with you now, such as friends or roomers?
(Check one box)No (Ga to next page)
T. Yes
Please list below the name of each person not related to you who is now living at this household.
$\qquad$
1.
$\qquad$
3. $\qquad$
4. $\qquad$
5. $\qquad$
6. $\qquad$

The term "THIS FAMILY" in each of the questions on the following pages refers to all members of your family that you have listed in Item A on the page to the left.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

1. During 1970, that is, from Janvary 1, 1970, to December 31, 1970, how much did THIS FAMILY spend on health insurance premiums for plans that pay for any part of a hospital bill ar a doctor's bill?

or
This family did not pay any insurance premiums

## Include:

Amount deducted from paycheck for health insurance premiums
Amount deducted from Sociel Security check for Medicore
Amount paid directly to health insurance plans or to Social Security for Medtcore

Bo not include:
Health insurance plons that pay only in the case of accidents
Employer or union contributions

## PAYMENTS MADE FOR PERSONS NOT LISTED IN ITEM A ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE •

2. During 1970, did THIS FAMILY pay any medical expenses for any person who is NOT listed in liem A on the page to the left?

This might include expenses for childron now away at school or parants, other celotives or friends now in nursing homes or elsewhere, or who are deceosed.

Thase expenses may include bills from doctors, dentists, optometrists, hospitals, nursing homes, health insurance premiums, cost of prescription medicine, eye glasses, and so forth.
(Check on box)
$[\mathrm{T}$ No


TYPE OF MEDICAL EXPENSE
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

| Amount This Fomily <br> Paid |
| :--- |
| DOLLARS CENTS <br> $s$ 1 <br> DOLLARS CENTS <br> $s$  <br> DOLLARS CENTS <br> $s$  |

3. What income group best describes THIS FAMILY'S total combined income during 1970?
(Check one box)

| Less than $\$ 3,000$ | [ $7 \pm 7 . \mathrm{CCl}-89.999$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$3,000-14,999 | E:10,cco - \$14,999 |
| \$ \$5,000- $\mathbf{i} 6,999$ | $\square 55,000-524,999$ |
|  | 2.35,00Ct |

4. Please print below the name of the person or persons who ore completing this form.

Name

Narre $\qquad$

FILL ONE PAGE FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER NOW LIVING $\mathbb{N}$ THIS HOUSEHOLD. WRITE IN THE PERSON'S NAME BELOW BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS ABOUT HIM:

The following medical and dental expanses were for $\qquad$
All questions on this page should be answered even though the person may not have had any medical or dental expenses in 1970. If the person did not have any expense of a certain kind during 1970, be sure to make a mark in the "no bills paid" box. The amounts you give below should only include what THIS FAMILY paid, NOT any payments made by health insurance or some other person or agency. Do not include payments you made if health insurance has or will remburse you. IF EXACT AMOUNTS ARE NOT KNOWN, PLEASE ENTER YOUR BEST ESTIMATE.

## DENTAL BILLS PAID

1. How much did THIS FAMILY spend on dental bills for this person during 1970, that is, from January 1, 1970, to December 31, 1970 ?

2. How much did THIS FAMILY spend on doctor bills for this person during 1970?

| INCLUDE amounts spent for: |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Roupine doctor visits | Doctor fees while o | Deliverios | Shots |
| Treatments | pationt in ahospital | Pragnancy care | Otherservices by a |
| Check-ups | Operations |  | Loborotory fees |



HOSPITAL BILLS PAID
3. How much did THIS FAMILY spend on hospital bills for this person during 1970 ?

| INCLUDE amounts spent for: |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Room and board Anesthesia <br> Operating and Special treatments <br> delivery rooms Tests | Any other hospital services |  |



PAYMENTS MADE FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE
4. About how much did THIS FAMILY spend on medicine for this person during 1970 that was purchased on a DOCTOR'S OR DENTIST'S PRESCRIPTION?

INCLUDE amounts spent for:
Madicines only if they were prescribed by a doctor or dentist


PAYMENTS MADE FOR EYEGLASSES, CONTACT LENSES OR OPTOMETRIST'S BILLS
5. During 1970 how much did THIS FAMILY spend on eyeglasses, contact lenses, or optometrists' fees for this person?


## PAYMENTS MADE FOR "OTHER" MEDICAL BILLS

6a. How much did THIS FAMILY spend on other medical expenses for this person during 1970?

Do not include any expenses which you hove alreody recorded. De notinclude amounts spent for medicines of any kind.


INCLUDE amounts spent for such expenses as:
Chiropractors' or Podiatrists' foes
Physical or Speech Therapy
Hearing oid
Special braces, trusses, wheelchair
Nursing Home or Convalescent
or artificial fimbs
Home care
6b. What type of medical expense did this person have?

Type of Medical Expense
7. Check one of the following boxes:Referred to records for all dellar amounts entered on this page.Referred to records for some but not all dollar amounts entered on this page.Did not refer to any records.

## APPENDIX II

## RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

Since the statistics presented in this report are based on a sample, they will differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewing personnel and procedures.

As in any survey, the results are also subject to reporting and processing errors and errors due to nonresponse. To the extent possible, these types of errors were kept to a minimum by methods built into survey procedures. Although it is very difficult to measure the extent of bias in the Health Interview Survey, a number of studies have been conducted to study this problem. The results have been published in several reports.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability, that is, the variations that might occur by chance because only a sample of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the standard error also reflects part of the variation which arises in the measurement process. It does not include estimates of any biases which might be in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error and about 99 out of 100 that it would be less than $21 / 2$ times as large.

The relative standard error of an estimate is obtained by dividing the standard error of the estimate by the estimate itself and is expressed as a percentage of the estimate. For this report, asterisks are shown for any cell with more than a 30 -percent relative standard error. Included in this appendix are charts from which the relative
standard errors can be determined for estimates shown in the report. In order to derive relative errors which would be applicable to a wide variety of health statistics and which could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the charts provide an estimate of the approximate relative standard error rather than the precise error for any specific aggregate or percentage.

Since the sampling error charts are based on the full HIS sample design, the sampling errors derived from the charts on pages $56-58$ must be adjusted to reflect the use of the doublesampling technique (see page 14). The adjustment factor is 1.4.

Tables I and II, which include the adjustment factor of 1.4 , present selected sampling errors of percentages of intervals of expense and of per capita expense.

Table I. Standard errors, expressed in percentage points, of estimated percentages for narrow-range statistics

| Base of percentage in thousands | Estimated percentage |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & \text { or } \\ & 98 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 \\ \text { or } \\ 95 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { or } \\ & 90 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & \text { or } \\ & 75 \end{aligned}$ | 50 |
| 500 ............................... | 2.6 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 8.1 | 9.5 |
| 1,000 ............................. | 1.9 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 6.7 |
| 2,000 ............................. | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 4.8 |
| 5,000 ............................. | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 3.1 |
| 10,000 ........................... | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| 20,000 ........................... | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| 30,000 ........................... | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| 50,000 ........................... | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| 100,000 ........................ | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 |

Table II. Relative standard errors for selected amounts of per family unit average health expense per year

| Size of population estimate in thousands | Per family unit health expense per year in dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 25 | 50 | 75 | 100 | 150 | 200 | 250 | 300 |
|  | Percent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 ........ | 43 | 43 | 43 | 43 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 |
| 500 ........ | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| 1,000 ...... | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| 2,500 ...... | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| 5,000 ...... | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 10,000 .... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 25,000 .... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 50,000 .... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 100,000 .. | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Standard errors of percentages not shown in table I may be derived from chart PIAN-M. Read the appropriate curve to find the relative standard error. Multiply the relative standard error by the percentage to obtain the standard error; then apply the adjustment factor of 1.4 to obtain the corrected standard error.

Standard errors of per capita expense not shown in table II may be derived from charts A1AW and A1AN using the following rule:

Estimates of rates where the numerator is not a subclass of the denominator: This rule applies where a unit of the numerator often occurs more than once for any one unit in the denominator. For example, in the computation of the number of persons injured per 100 currently employed persons per year, it is possible that a person in the denominator could have sustained more than one of the injuries included in the numerator. Approximate relative standard errors for rates of this kind may be computed as follows:

The relative standard error of the numerator and of the denominator can be obtained from the appropriate curve. Square each of these relative errors, add the resulting values, and extract the square root of the sum. This procedure will result in an upper bound on the standard error and often will overstate the error.

Relative standard errors for percentages based on one quarter of data collection for type A data, Narrow and Medium range (Base of percentage shown on curves in millions)


Example of use of chart: An estimate of 50 percent (on scale at bottom of chart) based on an estimate of $1,000,000$ has a relative standard error of 9.6 percent (read from the scale at the left side of the chart), the point at which the curve for a base of $1,000,000$ intersects the vertical line for 5 percent. The standard error in percentage points is equal to 50 percent $\times 9.6$ percent or 4.8 percentage points. (The adjustment factor of 1.4 raises the standard error to 6.7 as shown in table I .)

Relative standard errors for aggregates based on one quarter of data for type A data, wide range


Example of use of chart: An aggregate of $\$ 10,000,000$ has a relative standard error of 4.9 percent, or a standard error of 490,000 ( 4.9 percent of $10,000,000$ ).


Example of use of chart: An aggregate of $6,000,000$ (on scale at bottom of chart) for a Narrow range Type B statistic has a relative standard error of 19.3 percent, read from scale at left side of chart, or a standard error of $1,158,000$ ( 19.3 percent of $6,000,000$ ).

# APPENDIX III <br> DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT 

Terms Relating to Out-of-Pocket Health Expenses

Out-of-pocket expense.-The amount paid directly by the individual or family member exclụsive of any part paid by insurance, other person, or agency. The following definitions pertain only to out-of-pocket expenses.

Dental bills.-The amount spent for cleaning, filling, straightening, bridgework, dental laboratory fees, and other services from a dentist or hygienist.

Doctor bills. - The amount spent for routine doctor visits, treatments, checkups, doctor fees while a patient in a hospital, operations, deliveries, pregnancy care, laboratory fees, shots, and other services by a medical doctor.
Hospital bills.-The amount spent for room and board, operating and delivery rooms, ariesthesia, tests, X-rays, special treatments, and any other hospital service.
Payments for prescription medicine.-Amounts spent for only those medicines prescribed by a doctor or dentist.

Payments for optical bills.-Amounts spent for eyeglasses, contact lenses, or optometrist's fees.
Payments for other medical bills.-Amounts spent for chiropractor's or podiatrist's fees, hearing aid, special brace, truss, wheelchair, artificial limbs, physical or speech therapy, special nursing care, and nursing home or convalescent home care.

Payments for health insurance premiums.Amounts spent on premiums for health insur-
ance coverage for any part of a hospital bill or doctor's bill.

## Family and Related Terms

The definitions of families and unrelated individuals (family units) are the same as those used in the 1960 census.

Family refers to a group of two persons or more related by blood, marriage, or adoption who are living together in the same household. Although the usual household contains only the primary family, a household can contain secondary families as well as individuals unrelated to the family. A lodger and his family who are not related to the head of the houschold or a resident employee and his wife living in are considered a secondary family and not part of the primary family. However, if the son of the head of the household and the son's wife and children are members of the household, this subfamily is treated as part of the primary family.

Individuals are persons (other than inmates of institutions) who are not living with any relatives. An unrelated individual can be (1) a household head living alone or with nonrelatives, (2) a lodger or resident employee with no relatives in the household, (3) a staff member of an institution who has no relatives living with him, or (4) a resident of a dormitory, lodging house, or other shared-residence facility who has no relative living with him.

Head of family is usually the person regarded as the "head" by the members of the group. Married women are never classified as heads if their husbands are living with them at the time of the survey except when the husband is a member of the Armed Forces. Only one
person in each family can be designated as the head. Therefore the number of heads of families is equal to the number of families.

Other family members are all persons who are related to the head of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption. The category "child under 17," used as a classifier of husband-wife families, refers to a child of these parents and includes an adopted child, a foster child, or a ward but excludes a grandchild.

## Demographic Terms

Age.-The age recorded for each person is the age at last birthday. Age is recorded in single years and grouped in a variety of distributions depending on the purpose of the table.

Color.-The population is divided into two color groups, "white" and "all other." "All
other" includes Negro, American Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and any other race. Mexican persons are included with "white" unless definitely known to be Indian or of another race.

Income of family or of unrelated individuals.-Each member of a family is classified according to the total income of the family of which he is a member. Within the household all persons related to each other by blood, marriage, or adoption constitute a family. Unrelated individuals are classified according to their own income.

The income recorded is the total of all income received by members of the family (or by an unrelated individual) in the 12 -month period preceding the week of interview. Income from all sources is included, e.g., wages, salaries, rents from property, pensions, and help from relatives.

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