
Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 43.
Distribution, by selected personal characteristics, December 1999

| Characteristic | Number | | | Percentage of all in category | | |
|---|-----------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Total | Workers | Adult children | Total | Workers | Adult children |
| All noninstitutionalized disabled beneficiaries | 6,145,121 | 5,444,977 | 625,172 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Sex | | | | | | |
| Men | 3,632,828 | 3,273,514 | 359,313 | 59.1 | 60.1 | 57.5 |
| Women | 2,512,293 | 2,171,462 | 265,858 | 40.9 | 39.9 | 42.5 |
| Race | | | | | | |
| White | 4,830,983 | 4,310,471 | 459,014 | 78.6 | 79.2 | 73.4 |
| Black | 1,134,631 | 989,124 | 137,833 | 18.5 | 18.2 | 22.0 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 125,652 | 91,527 | 28,324 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 4.5 |
| Asian, Pacific Islander | 53,855 | 53,855 | ^a | 0.9 | 1.0 | ^a |
| Ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Non-Hispanic | 5,709,753 | 5,102,349 | 542,930 | 92.9 | 93.7 | 86.8 |
| Hispanic | 435,368 | 342,628 | 82,241 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 13.2 |
| Relationship to householder | | | | | | |
| Householder | 3,836,233 | 3,641,047 | 127,887 | 62.4 | 66.9 | 20.5 |
| Spouse | 1,117,357 | 1,112,818 | ^a | 18.2 | 20.4 | 0.0 |
| Child | 847,078 | 454,837 | 392,242 | 13.8 | 8.4 | 62.7 |
| Grandchild | 6,573 | ^a | 6,573 | 0.1 | ^a | 1.1 |
| Parent | 46,279 | 46,279 | ^a | 0.8 | 0.8 | ^a |
| Sibling | 104,217 | 65,810 | 38,408 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 6.1 |
| Other relative | 74,095 | 46,327 | 27,768 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 4.4 |
| Other nonrelative | 113,288 | 77,860 | 32,294 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 5.2 |
| Years of education | | | | | | |
| 0–8 | 954,373 | 653,094 | 258,918 | 15.5 | 12.0 | 41.4 |
| 9–11 | 1,108,516 | 996,712 | 102,967 | 18.0 | 18.3 | 16.5 |
| 12 | 2,127,622 | 1,909,447 | 202,057 | 34.6 | 35.1 | 32.3 |
| 13–15 | 1,369,984 | 1,326,309 | 43,675 | 22.3 | 24.4 | 7.0 |
| 16 or more | 584,626 | 559,416 | 17,555 | 9.5 | 10.3 | 2.8 |
| Marital status | | | | | | |
| Married | 2,796,830 | 2,786,121 | 6,169 | 45.5 | 51.2 | 1.0 |
| Widowed | 338,715 | 271,608 | ^a | 5.5 | 5.0 | ^a |
| Divorced or separated | 1,399,011 | 1,395,685 | ^a | 22.8 | 25.6 | ^a |
| Never married | 1,610,564 | 991,562 | 619,002 | 26.2 | 18.2 | 99.0 |
| Health insurance ^b | | | | | | |
| Medicaid | 2,535,368 | 1,966,576 | 510,386 | 41.3 | 36.1 | 81.6 |
| Medicare | 4,311,541 | 3,810,000 | 463,467 | 70.2 | 70.0 | 74.1 |
| Private insurance | 2,736,599 | 2,560,267 | 160,423 | 44.5 | 47.0 | 25.7 |
| No insurance | 365,516 | 334,481 | 19,008 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 3.0 |

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Individual Income

Table 43.
Distribution, by selected personal characteristics, December 1999—Continued

| Characteristic | Number | | | Percentage of all in category | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| | Total | Workers | Adult children | Total | Workers | Adult children |
| Source of income ^b | | | | | | |
| Earnings | 1,350,593 | 1,182,727 | 167,865 | 22.0 | 21.7 | 26.9 |
| Supplemental Security Income | 1,566,801 | 1,113,649 | 402,848 | 25.5 | 20.5 | 64.4 |
| Other public assistance | 1,896,317 | 1,496,732 | 353,820 | 30.9 | 27.5 | 56.6 |
| Property income | 2,625,292 | 2,499,745 | 113,059 | 42.7 | 45.9 | 18.1 |
| Other sources | 5,460,907 | 4,867,631 | 533,281 | 88.9 | 89.4 | 85.3 |
| Total personal income in 1999 ^c (dollars) | | | | | | |
| Less than 2,500 | 438,534 | 46,374 | 392,161 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.4 |
| 2,500–4,999 | 597,379 | 52,011 | 527,609 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 8.3 |
| 5,000–7,499 | 1,257,854 | 304,645 | 925,196 | 20.5 | 17.0 | 48.7 |
| 7,500–9,999 | 1,044,851 | 94,870 | 941,281 | 17.0 | 17.3 | 15.2 |
| 10,000–12,499 | 708,566 | 56,125 | 640,176 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 9.0 |
| 12,500–14,999 | 460,239 | 12,371 | 447,867 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 2.0 |
| 15,000–17,499 | 284,165 | 20,503 | 263,661 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 3.3 |
| 17,500–19,999 | 279,944 | 8,193 | 271,751 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 1.3 |
| 20,000–22,499 | 197,855 | 6,916 | 182,703 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 1.1 |
| 22,500–24,999 | 204,904 | 19,753 | 185,151 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| 25,000 or more | 670,831 | 3,411 | 667,420 | 10.9 | 12.3 | 0.5 |

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

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

n.a. = not applicable.

- a. Sample size is too small to support statistically reliable estimates.
- b. Details do not add to totals because individuals can be counted in more than one category.
- c. Annual data.

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Table 44.
Social Security as a percentage of personal income, by selected characteristics,
December 1999

| Characteristic | Number | Percentage of total or subtotal | Percentage distribution | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | Total | Under 25% of income | 25–49% of income | 50–74% of income | 75–99% of income | 100% of income |
| <i>All disabled beneficiaries</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 6,145,121 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 25.3 | 16.5 | 17.4 | 25.3 | 15.4 |
| Age | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 148,086 | 2.4 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 25–34 | 477,184 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 30.7 | 22.3 | 14.6 | 23.5 | 9.0 |
| 35–44 | 1,167,284 | 19.0 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 10.4 | 18.2 | 27.6 | 18.8 |
| 45–54 | 1,887,162 | 30.7 | 100.0 | 23.7 | 17.6 | 15.3 | 25.3 | 18.2 |
| 55 or older | 2,465,405 | 40.1 | 100.0 | 25.1 | 17.4 | 19.2 | 24.6 | 13.8 |
| Sex | | | | | | | | |
| Men | 3,632,828 | 59.1 | 100.0 | 23.6 | 18.4 | 17.4 | 24.7 | 15.9 |
| Women | 2,512,293 | 40.9 | 100.0 | 27.8 | 13.9 | 17.4 | 26.3 | 14.7 |
| Race | | | | | | | | |
| White | 4,830,983 | 78.6 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 16.4 | 17.6 | 26.1 | 15.0 |
| Black | 1,134,631 | 18.5 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 17.8 | 18.5 | 23.5 | 19.1 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 125,652 | 2.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Asian, Pacific Islander | 53,855 | 0.9 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Ethnicity | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Hispanic | 5,709,753 | 92.9 | 100.0 | 25.3 | 16.8 | 17.2 | 25.3 | 15.4 |
| Hispanic | 435,368 | 7.1 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 13.5 | 19.6 | 26.3 | 15.7 |
| Marital status | | | | | | | | |
| Married | 2,796,830 | 45.5 | 100.0 | 25.5 | 17.6 | 16.0 | 25.5 | 15.5 |
| Widowed | 338,715 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 22.3 | 11.2 | 24.8 | 21.9 | 19.9 |
| Divorced or separated | 1,399,011 | 22.8 | 100.0 | 29.0 | 16.1 | 15.6 | 25.0 | 14.3 |
| Never married | 1,610,564 | 26.2 | 100.0 | 22.4 | 16.2 | 19.9 | 26.1 | 15.3 |
| Years of education | | | | | | | | |
| 0–8 | 954,373 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 23.4 | 13.8 | 20.7 | 25.5 | 16.6 |
| 9–11 | 1,108,516 | 18.0 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 11.8 | 18.7 | 29.0 | 24.7 |
| 12 | 2,127,622 | 34.6 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 18.2 | 16.1 | 27.2 | 13.6 |
| 13–15 | 1,369,984 | 22.3 | 100.0 | 29.4 | 19.7 | 16.3 | 23.1 | 11.6 |
| 16 or more | 584,626 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 37.8 | 16.8 | 17.3 | 16.6 | 11.6 |
| Living arrangement | | | | | | | | |
| Lives alone | 1,536,534 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 16.7 | 19.5 | 24.5 | 15.3 |
| Lives with relatives | 4,342,941 | 70.7 | 100.0 | 25.9 | 16.4 | 16.5 | 25.5 | 15.8 |
| Lives only with nonrelatives | 265,646 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 18.0 | 20.7 | 27.7 | 9.7 |

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Individual Income

Table 44.
Social Security as a percentage of personal income, by selected characteristics,
December 1999—Continued

| Characteristic | Number | Percentage of total or subtotal | Percentage distribution | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | Total | Under 25% of income | 25–49% of income | 50–74% of income | 75–99% of income | 100% of income |
| <i>Disabled workers</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 5,444,977 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 24.9 | 17.2 | 16.0 | 26.1 | 15.8 |
| Age | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 23,969 | 0.4 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 25–34 | 349,104 | 6.4 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 35–44 | 942,263 | 17.3 | 100.0 | 23.3 | 11.0 | 15.9 | 31.2 | 18.6 |
| 45–54 | 1,798,631 | 33.0 | 100.0 | 23.5 | 17.3 | 15.1 | 26.2 | 18.0 |
| 55 or older | 2,331,009 | 42.8 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 18.1 | 17.8 | 24.4 | 14.5 |
| Sex | | | | | | | | |
| Men | 3,273,514 | 60.1 | 100.0 | 23.6 | 19.1 | 16.3 | 25.2 | 15.9 |
| Women | 2,171,462 | 39.9 | 100.0 | 26.9 | 14.4 | 15.5 | 27.5 | 15.7 |
| Race | | | | | | | | |
| White | 4,310,471 | 79.2 | 100.0 | 25.4 | 16.5 | 15.8 | 26.7 | 15.6 |
| Black | 989,124 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 20.5 | 18.0 | 24.4 | 18.6 |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 91,527 | 1.7 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Asian, Pacific Islander | 53,855 | 1.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Ethnicity | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Hispanic | 5,102,349 | 93.7 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 17.2 | 16.1 | 25.8 | 15.8 |
| Hispanic | 342,627 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 17.1 | 13.4 | 31.8 | 16.9 |
| Marital status | | | | | | | | |
| Married | 2,786,121 | 51.2 | 100.0 | 25.6 | 17.6 | 15.8 | 25.4 | 15.6 |
| Widowed | 271,608 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 11.3 | 25.0 | 23.8 | 23.2 |
| Divorced or separated | 1,395,685 | 25.6 | 100.0 | 29.1 | 16.2 | 15.6 | 24.8 | 14.3 |
| Never married | 991,562 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 14.4 | 30.7 | 16.7 |
| Years of education | | | | | | | | |
| 0–8 | 653,094 | 12.0 | 100.0 | 21.8 | 16.1 | 13.8 | 28.3 | 20.1 |
| 9–11 | 996,712 | 18.3 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 9.7 | 20.2 | 28.9 | 24.4 |
| 12 | 1,909,447 | 35.1 | 100.0 | 24.5 | 19.2 | 13.9 | 28.1 | 14.3 |
| 13–15 | 1,326,309 | 24.4 | 100.0 | 28.3 | 20.3 | 16.6 | 23.8 | 11.0 |
| 16 or more | 559,415 | 10.3 | 100.0 | 36.4 | 17.5 | 16.7 | 17.3 | 12.1 |
| Living arrangement | | | | | | | | |
| Lives alone | 1,389,283 | 25.5 | 100.0 | 23.5 | 17.3 | 18.2 | 24.9 | 16.1 |
| Lives with relatives | 3,825,476 | 70.3 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 17.4 | 15.0 | 26.4 | 16.0 |
| Lives only with nonrelatives | 230,218 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 13.0 | 18.6 | 29.7 | 11.2 |

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Table 44.
Social Security as a percentage of personal income, by selected characteristics,
December 1999—Continued

| Characteristic | Number | Percentage of total or subtotal | Percentage distribution | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | Total | Under 25% of income | 25–49% of income | 50–74% of income | 75–99% of income | 100% of income |
| Disabled adult children | | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | 625,172 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 27.3 | 11.6 | 29.5 | 18.6 | 13.0 |
| Age | | | | | | | | |
| Under 25 | 124,116 | 19.9 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 25–34 | 128,081 | 20.5 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 35–44 | 225,021 | 36.0 | 100.0 | 31.9 | 8.1 | 27.9 | 12.6 | 19.5 |
| 45–54 | 81,113 | 13.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 55 or older | 66,841 | 10.7 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Sex | | | | | | | | |
| Men | 359,313 | 57.5 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 12.3 | 28.1 | 20.2 | 15.6 |
| Women | 265,858 | 42.5 | 100.0 | 32.1 | 10.5 | 31.5 | 16.5 | 9.4 |
| Race | | | | | | | | |
| White | 459,014 | 73.4 | 100.0 | 19.0 | 15.7 | 34.1 | 20.8 | 10.4 |
| Black | 137,833 | 22.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| American Indian, Alaska Native | 28,324 | 4.5 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Asian, Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Ethnicity | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Hispanic | 542,930 | 86.8 | 100.0 | 24.5 | 13.3 | 27.7 | 21.5 | 13.0 |
| Hispanic | 82,241 | 13.2 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Marital status | | | | | | | | |
| Married | 6,169 | 1.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Widowed | 0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Divorced or separated | 0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Never married | 619,002 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 11.7 | 28.8 | 18.8 | 13.1 |
| Years of education | | | | | | | | |
| 0–8 | 258,918 | 41.4 | 100.0 | 26.0 | 7.6 | 38.2 | 17.7 | 10.6 |
| 9–11 | 102,967 | 16.5 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 12 | 202,057 | 32.3 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 13–15 | 43,675 | 7.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| 16 or more | 17,555 | 2.8 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Living arrangement | | | | | | | | |
| Lives alone | 106,292 | 17.0 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |
| Lives with relatives | 486,585 | 77.8 | 100.0 | 29.4 | 9.3 | 28.0 | 18.3 | 15.1 |
| Lives only with nonrelatives | 32,294 | 5.2 | 100.0 | a | a | a | a | a |

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