
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. The SIPP has been matched to SSA administrative records. Receipt of disability benefits is based on December 1998 SSA records, while all other characteristics and income amounts are taken from the SIPP. The estimates are weighted using SIPP sample weights to produce population estimates.

Poverty calculations based on the SIPP use survey-reported family income for 1998. The poverty thresholds also are provided in the SIPP and are adjusted for family size and composition. In 1998, the poverty threshold for a one-person family under age 65 was \$8,480. For a four-person family with two related children under the age of 18, the poverty threshold was \$16,530.

SIPP and SSA counts of disabled beneficiaries differ because the SIPP excludes people living in institutions or outside the continental United States. And, the match rate between the SIPP and SSA records is not a perfect match. 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. Rather than attempting to provide tables with approximate SIPP variance estimates, the interested reader is 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 45.
Selected characteristics, December 1998

Characteristic	Number of disabled beneficiaries			Percentage distribution		
	Total ^a	Workers	Adult children	Total ^a	Workers	Adult children
All	6,039,819	5,158,545	772,507	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sex						
Men	3,524,438	3,048,809	468,694	58.4	59.1	60.7
Women	2,515,382	2,109,736	303,813	41.6	40.9	39.3
Race						
White	4,756,006	4,099,373	568,138	78.7	79.5	73.5
Black	1,142,576	949,186	178,256	18.9	18.4	23.1
American Indian, Alaska Native	90,551	64,114	21,300	1.5	1.2	2.8
Asian, Pacific Islander	50,686	45,872	4,814	0.8	0.9	0.6
Ethnicity						
Non-Hispanic	5,649,663	4,852,556	699,444	93.5	94.1	90.5
Hispanic	390,157	305,990	73,064	6.5	5.9	9.5
Age						
Under 25	148,570	28,802	119,767	2.5	0.6	15.5
25-34	616,417	396,441	219,975	10.2	7.7	28.5
35-44	1,188,745	968,478	220,267	19.7	18.8	28.5
45-54	1,702,449	1,607,604	94,845	28.2	31.2	12.3
55 or older	2,383,638	2,157,218	117,653	39.5	41.8	15.2
Years of education						
Unknown	9,174	9,174	0	0.2	0.2	0
0-8	1,030,000	642,331	357,303	17.1	12.5	46.3
9-11	1,029,707	916,855	90,879	17.0	17.8	11.8
12	2,164,207	1,863,777	266,931	35.8	36.1	34.6
13-15	1,229,337	1,179,585	35,936	20.4	22.9	4.7
16 or more	577,394	546,823	21,459	9.6	10.6	2.8
Marital status						
Married	2,661,071	2,647,511	9,632	44.1	51.3	1.2
Nonmarried						
Never married	1,826,546	1,066,811	759,735	30.2	20.7	98.3
Divorced or separated	1,155,141	1,152,000	3,140	19.1	22.3	0.4
Widowed	397,061	292,223	0	6.6	5.7	0
Family size						
1 person	1,820,615	1,504,984	243,130	30.1	29.2	31.5
2 persons	2,065,996	1,865,164	169,523	34.2	36.2	21.9
3-4 persons	1,658,502	1,387,670	266,018	27.5	26.9	34.4
5 or more persons	494,706	400,727	93,836	8.2	7.8	12.1
Household size						
1 person	1,424,628	1,229,291	131,014	23.6	23.8	17.0
2 persons	2,285,734	2,053,706	195,153	37.8	39.8	25.3
3-4 persons	1,748,952	1,443,544	297,981	29.0	28.0	38.6
5 or more persons	580,505	432,003	148,359	9.6	8.4	19.2
Under age 18 in household						
None	4,738,295	3,987,447	650,294	78.5	77.3	84.2
1 person	680,734	601,900	70,765	11.3	11.7	9.2
2-3 persons	561,214	509,622	51,449	9.3	9.9	6.7
4 or more persons	59,575	59,575	0	1.0	1.2	0

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Characteristic	Number of disabled beneficiaries			Percentage distribution		
	Total ^a	Workers	Adult children	Total ^a	Workers	Adult children
Health insurance coverage						
Medicare	4,529,176	3,879,068	561,171	75.0	75.2	72.6
Medicaid	2,415,203	1,836,086	529,032	40.0	35.6	68.5
Private insurance	2,671,514	2,449,011	175,301	44.2	47.5	22.7
No insurance	238,859	208,971	29,888	4.0	4.1	3.9
Source of individual income						
Earnings ^b	1,406,786	1,190,381	203,240	23.3	23.1	26.3
Supplemental Security Income	1,480,711	1,092,703	347,405	24.5	21.2	45.0
Pensions	653,038	601,889	4,210	10.8	11.7	0.5
Public assistance	189,885	154,283	31,977	3.1	3.0	4.1
Total annual family income (dollars)						
None ^c	18,201	11,659	6,542	0.3	0.2	0.8
1,000–4,999.00	97,307	89,345	7,963	1.6	1.7	1.0
5,000.00–9,999.00	1,244,748	1,018,806	176,594	20.6	19.7	22.9
10,000.00–14,999.00	703,952	586,225	101,136	11.7	11.4	13.1
15,000.00–19,999.00	635,682	511,258	111,677	10.5	9.9	14.5
20,000.00–24,999.00	428,146	348,484	63,755	7.1	6.8	8.3
25,000.00–29,999.00	409,438	380,487	28,951	6.8	7.4	3.7
30,000.00–34,999.00	510,926	437,052	69,946	8.5	8.5	9.1
35,000.00–39,999.00	385,268	329,483	55,785	6.4	6.4	7.2
40,000.00 or more	1,606,151	1,445,747	150,157	26.6	28.0	19.4

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

NOTE: Individuals receiving disability benefits in December 1998 are identified using SSA administrative data. The unweighted sample size is 1,039 cases for disabled workers and 142 cases for disabled adult children. The unweighted sample size is less than 30 cases for disabled widow(er)s and is deemed too small to support statistically reliable estimates.

- a. The total is different from the sums of disabled workers and disabled adult children because disabled widow(er)s are not being displayed due to sample size constraints.
- b. Can include pre-disability earnings, sick payments, and short-term disability payments.
- c. Misreporting in the SIPP likely produced the small number of disability recipients with nonreported family income in 1998.

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Table 46.
Social Security as a percentage of personal income, December 1998

Characteristic	Total number	Under 25% of income	25–49% of income	50–74% of income	75–99% of income	100% of income
<i>Disabled workers</i>						
All	5,158,545	20.3	18.8	22.4	24.3	14.3
Sex						
Men	3,048,809	18.6	21.2	23.0	21.8	15.4
Women	2,109,736	22.6	15.4	21.7	27.7	12.6
Race						
White	4,099,373	19.7	20.1	21.9	25.2	13.1
Black	949,186	20.8	14.1	24.7	20.7	19.8
American Indian, Alaska Native	64,114	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	45,872	a	a	a	a	a
Ethnicity						
Non-Hispanic	4,852,556	20.0	19.0	23.1	23.4	14.6
Hispanic	305,990	25.0	15.4	12.3	37.5	9.8
Age						
Under 25	28,802	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	396,441	25.5	17.7	32.5	16.7	7.6
35–44	968,478	23.5	15.9	23.5	20.2	17.0
45–54	1,607,604	20.0	19.7	19.2	24.8	16.3
55 or older	2,157,218	18.3	19.2	22.3	27.4	12.8
Marital status						
Married	2,647,511	22.5	22.1	20.2	24.7	10.5
Nonmarried	2,511,034	17.9	15.3	24.9	23.8	18.2
Years of education						
Unknown	9,174	a	a	a	a	a
0–8	642,331	16.5	14.1	18.9	38.6	12.0
9–11	916,855	17.3	14.4	22.0	25.5	20.9
12	1,863,777	22.0	19.2	22.7	23.2	12.9
13–15	1,179,585	19.6	19.4	24.0	20.9	16.2
16 or more	546,823	23.9	29.4	23.6	16.7	6.5
Living arrangement						
Alone	1,229,291	17.0	14.8	21.6	24.8	21.9
With others	3,929,254	21.3	20.1	22.7	24.1	11.9

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Characteristic	Total number	Under 25% of income	25–49% of income	50–74% of income	75–99% of income	100% of income
<i>Disabled adult children</i>						
All	772,507	22.0	16.0	23.2	19.0	19.9
Sex						
Men	468,694	25.4	15.2	17.2	20.4	21.8
Women	303,813	16.8	17.2	32.3	16.8	17.0
Race						
White	568,138	17.7	18.2	24.1	21.7	18.3
Black	178,256	33.3	8.5	17.2	13.0	27.9
American Indian, Alaska Native	21,300	a	a	a	a	a
Asian, Pacific Islander	4,814	a	a	a	a	a
Ethnicity						
Non-Hispanic	699,444	20.7	16.4	20.5	20.4	22.0
Hispanic	73,064	a	a	a	a	a
Age						
Under 25	119,767	a	a	a	a	a
25–34	219,975	25.4	17.5	22.9	11.9	22.2
35–44	220,267	33.9	8.4	21.2	19.7	16.8
45–54	117,653	a	a	a	a	a
55 or older	69,458	a	a	a	a	a
Marital status						
Married	9,632	a	a	a	a	a
Nonmarried	762,876	21.5	16.2	23.0	19.2	20.2
Years of education						
Unknown	0	a	a	a	a	a
0–8	357,303	18.4	14.1	28.4	21.3	17.8
9–11	90,879	a	a	a	a	a
12	266,930	19.7	19.5	26.5	12.1	22.3
13–15	35,936	a	a	a	a	a
16 or more	21,459	a	a	a	a	a
Living arrangement						
Alone	131,014	21.6	13.4	29.3	25.1	10.5
With others	641,493	22.0	16.5	21.9	17.7	21.8

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