
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
Disabled workers								
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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