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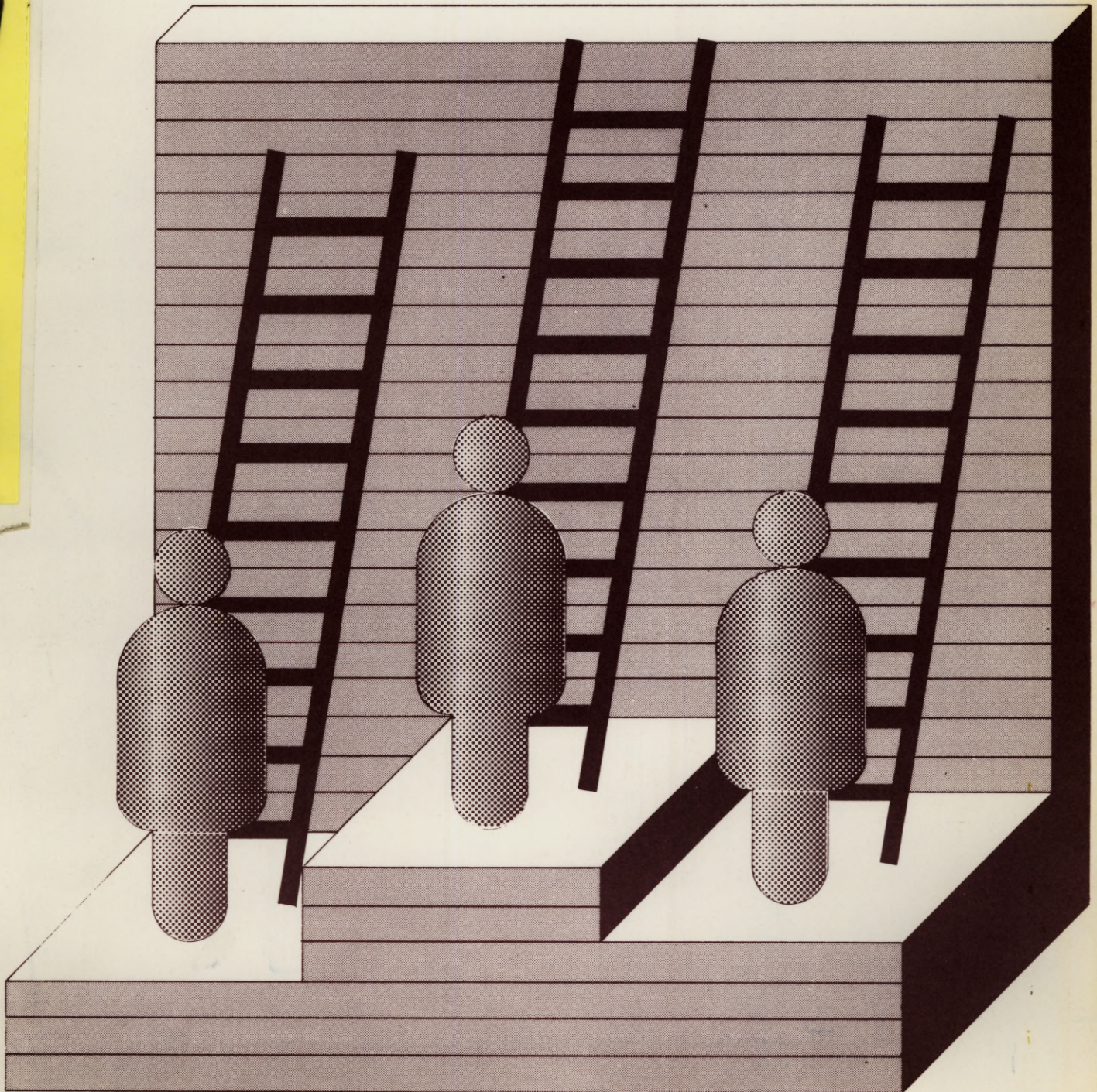
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# Preface

This bulletin contains information on the employment problems faced by American workers in 1983 and the impact of these problems on the economic status of their families and households. The bulletin is based largely on data from the March 1984 Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census which relate to the year 1983. Three employment problems are covered: Unemployment; involuntary part-time employment; and low earnings among year-round full-time workers. Statistics for persons with these problems are linked with data on family and household income. The poverty status is then determined using the Federal Government's official poverty lines. In addition, the analysis is extended to cover trends since 1979, multiple

employment problems of workers during 1983, and changes in the poverty status of workers from 1982 to 1983.

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# Linking Employment Problems to Economic Status

In 1983, a year of strong labor market recovery, the number of persons experiencing some unemployment was substantially lower than in 1982, dropping by 2.7 million. The number of persons who were involuntarily limited to part-time work for at least part of the year also dropped by over 1 million. In addition, the number of workers whose reported earnings from year-round full-time work were below the minimum wage equivalent was somewhat lower in 1983. These data in combination indicate a clear-cut improvement in the economic health of the Nation.

However, data concerning the economic problems of those workers left behind and the impact of these problems on the economic well-being of their families should also be examined. In order to determine how unemployment and other employment problems affect the economic well-being of a worker's family, several factors need to be considered: The earnings lost by the worker in question, the presence of other earners in the family, the level of their earnings, and the availability of other sources of income.

American families are much more likely to have two or more workers now than they were two or three decades ago. That has been one of the important results of the rapid increase in labor force participation of women, which has made dual-earner families the rule rather than the exception. Thus, the employment problems which may be encountered by one family member are often cushioned by the earnings of other members. And income transfer programs also shield family income from the full impact of unemployment and other labor market problems.

But not all demographic and social developments of recent years have served to protect Americans from the vicissitudes of the labor market. Some have worked in the opposite direction. For example, while the proportion of married-couple families with two or more earners has increased rapidly, there also has been a large increase in the proportion of families maintained by single women, and, when employment problems strike such families, the economic consequences can be serious.

The data for 1983 reveal that, while the total number of persons with one or more of the three employment problems covered in this bulletin—unemployment, involuntary part-time employment, or low earnings for

full-year work—was 3.2 million lower than in 1982, the proportion of persons with these employment problems whose family income fell below the poverty line (21.8 percent) was actually somewhat higher than in previous years. This reflects, in part, a gradual change in the makeup of persons with employment problems, with a greater proportion in 1983 comprised of persons in lower income families, among which are a considerable number of families maintained by women.

Overall, 23.8 million persons were unemployed for at least a week during 1983; 14.9 million, though preferring to work full time, had to work part time at least part of the year; and 4.5 million, though working full time year round, reported annual earnings below \$6,700. (A person working at the Federal minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour would have earned approximately \$6,700 from a full year's work.) Because many persons experienced a combination of these three problems over the course of the year (for example, both some unemployment and involuntary part-time employment), the total affected—35.8 million—was significantly smaller than would have been obtained through the simple aggregation of the persons in each of the three categories.

Of course, the application of different criteria in identifying persons with employment problems would substantially alter the numbers. For example, if, instead of including all persons with one or more weeks of unemployment or involuntary part-time work, the count was limited to only those whose employment problems lasted a minimum of 5 weeks, the unduplicated count for 1983 would be reduced from 35.8 million to 29.6 million.

Although the data lend themselves to the construction of alternative estimates of the number of persons affected by the three employment problems and of those falling into poverty, they are presented in this bulletin in accordance with the more conventional concepts and definitions used in previous reports of this nature. The concepts and definitions, methods of presentation, and the sources of the data used in this bulletin are described below:

*Unemployment.* Persons with unemployment are those reported as having looked for work while not employed, or as having been on layoff for at least 1 week during the survey year. The actual time unemployed may vary



from a single week to a full year.

*Involuntary part-time employment.* Persons who wanted to work full time but who, because of economic conditions, had to work less than 35 hours a week at some time during the year are considered to have had some involuntary part-time employment. This may have occurred either because their regular full-time hours were reduced due to slack work or material shortages, or because a part-time job was all that they could find.

*Low annual earnings among full-year workers.* Persons who usually work 35 or more hours per week who were employed for 50 or more weeks are defined as full-time year-round workers. Low annual earnings for an individual worker are defined as earnings below \$6,700, corresponding to 50 weeks of 40 hours of work at the minimum wage. The minimum wage was \$3.35 in 1983, unchanged from 1981.

*Income and poverty.* Income levels and poverty status are determined on the basis of total money income, before personal income taxes and payroll deductions, as reported in the March Current Population Survey. The value of noncash income such as food stamps, subsidized housing, and fringe benefits is not taken into account in computing total family income. Unlike the minimum wage figure, the poverty lines are adjusted each year to reflect the changes in the Consumer Price Index. Poverty lines are defined for families of various sizes as well as for individuals living alone or with unrelated individuals. For a family of four in 1983, the poverty line was \$10,178; for a single individual under 65, the line was \$5,180. In this bulletin, the term "family" includes households consisting of individuals living alone or of unrelated persons, so that individual employment problems can be related to poverty.<sup>1</sup>

*Data sources.* This report is the fifth in an annual series focusing on these problems.<sup>2</sup> It is based almost entirely on data obtained from the March 1984 supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The March supplement is used to obtain data on the work experience of the entire population of working age (16 years and over) during the course of the previous calendar year—number of weeks worked, weeks spent looking

for work, and so forth. Data also are gathered on the annual earnings of workers and on the total income of their families.<sup>3</sup>

Data of this nature are now becoming available from the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), conducted by the Bureau of the Census. Information is collected on income, labor force experience, and participation in government assistance programs for a representative sample of U.S. households. The households are interviewed at 4-month intervals for a period of about 2 ½ years. Because the first SIPP report (*Economic and Social Characteristics of Households in the United States: Third Quarter 1983*, Series P-70, No. 1) covers only one quarter of the year, it does not contain any measures of poverty, as it is generally recognized that these can be derived only from annual data. With four quarters of SIPP data, it will be possible to differentiate between poverty and nonpoverty households and to utilize the data for an in-depth examination of the employment problems discussed here and the linkages between these problems and the economic status of the families affected by them.

### Summary of findings

The recent data on these employment problems and their effect on the economic status of families may be summarized as follows:

1. Nearly 23.8 million persons experienced some unemployment during 1983. The vast majority of these persons worked for some part of the year. Nearly 23 percent lived in families with incomes below the poverty level.

2. Slightly more than 14.9 million persons had to work part time for at least a part of the year either because their hours were reduced or because no full-time work was available to them. About 19 percent were members of families living in poverty.

3. About 4.5 million workers with year-round full-time work had total earnings in 1983 below \$6,700. Many were self-employed or otherwise exempt from coverage under the minimum wage law. Close to one-third of the 4.5 million lived in families with incomes below the poverty line.

4. A total of 35.8 million persons experienced one or more of the three above mentioned employment problems, with 7.3 million having encountered two or more—most frequently unemployment and involuntary part-time work—and, on rare occasions, all three.<sup>4</sup> Of the 35.8 million, 7.8 million were members of families

<sup>1</sup> Although recognizing the limitations of the Federal Government measure of poverty, BLS chose it because of its convenience. For information on this measure of poverty, see *Money Income and Poverty Status of Families and Persons in the United States: 1982*, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 140 (Bureau of the Census, July 1983).

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1982 were published in BLS Bulletin 2201 (1984) of the same title; data for 1981 were published in BLS Bulletin 2169 (1983) also of the same title; data for 1980 are available from the National Technical Information Service, No. PB83115345 (1982); and data for 1979 were published in BLS Bulletin 2123 (1982).

<sup>3</sup> More detailed information on earnings, part-time work, and unemployment is presented in the Current Population Reports, Series P-60, of the Bureau of the Census. In addition, work experience data have been reported by BLS in Special Labor Force Reports. Over 50 extensive tables are compiled each year, most of which are unpublished but available by request.



whose total income for 1983 fell below the federally designated poverty thresholds.

5. Between 1979 and 1982, the number of persons with employment problems increased considerably, and the proportion of these persons living in poor families also rose gradually. In 1983, the number of persons with labor market problems dropped 3.2 million below the level for 1982. Yet, the percentage of such persons living in poor families continued to rise.

### The situation in 1983

*Unemployment and poverty.* The 23.8 million persons 16 years and older who were unemployed at some time during 1983 represent 19.6 percent of all individuals in the labor force over the course of the year (121.6 million). This 19.6 percent, which is often referred to in this bulletin as “the incidence of unemployment” during the year, should not be confused with the annual average unemployment rate; in fact, the 19.6-percent figure was double the annual average unemployment rate of 9.6 percent. This large difference reflects the high turnover among persons experiencing unemployment. Since the persons making up the universe of the unemployed are continually changing, their count over an entire year will be much larger than the level for any month or the annual average of the monthly levels.

The majority of persons with some unemployment in 1983 were in the labor force for the entire year. The incidence of unemployment among full-year labor force participants was 19 percent for men and 15 percent for women. For those in the labor force only part of the year, such as students and other work force entrants and reentrants, the incidence of unemployment was considerably higher. For example, as seen in table 1, almost one-third of persons under age 25, many of whom are recent entrants to the labor force, encountered some unemployment during 1983. Persons 25 to 54, who make up the majority of the labor force, had an unemployment incidence of 18 percent, while older workers, 55 and over, who often retire rather than continue to seek employment, had by far the lowest incidence of unemployment—10 percent.

In a family context, almost 1 out of 3 persons with

some unemployment during the year was classified as “other” members. This means they were generally the young adults within married-couple families or families maintained alone by women or men (table 2). These young people had the highest incidence of unemployment (about 30 percent). For women and men who maintained families, the likelihood of encountering some unemployment was about 23 percent. At about 15 percent, husbands and wives experienced the lowest incidence of unemployment of any family member.

Of persons unemployed at some time in 1983, about 920,000 held jobs for at least 50 weeks, and were considered “year-round” workers. Thus, they were unemployed for only very brief spells of 1 or 2 weeks. Another 3.4 million, though classified as “part-year” workers, were unemployed no more than a month. The impact of unemployment on these workers was probably not very severe, particularly if there were other earners in their families.

Almost one-half of all workers with unemployment in 1983 were members of families in which income exceeded \$20,000 (table B-1). At the same time, nearly one-fourth lived in families with incomes below the poverty level (table 3). Of course, the longer the duration of unemployment, the greater the probability of falling into poverty and the greater the reduction in income. For example, among those unemployed for more than half the year, over one-third reported family income below the poverty line.

As indicated earlier, often when a family member encounters unemployment, other family members continue working and sustain some flow of family income. For example, in 1983, the median income in married-couple families was about \$19,000 when the husband encountered some unemployment; it was \$22,000 when the wife had some unemployment; and it was \$34,000 when some “other” family member had a period of joblessness (table 4). Families with the advantage of multiple workers typically had a relatively low incidence of poverty. In contrast, women maintaining their own families were less likely to have other working family members, and their unemployment often was accompanied by income below the poverty line. However, even when women who maintain families suffer no unemployment, their median family income is still relatively low, with a significant proportion in poverty. The sharp rise in the number of single-parent families over the past decade has contributed significantly to the increase of families in poverty.

Although unemployment may not, by itself, result in a family’s income falling below the poverty level, it may still cause a considerable reduction in the standard of living. As indicated in table 4, the median family income of persons with some unemployment in 1983 was nearly 40 percent lower than it was for those without any unemployment. Of course, the 40-percent gap could not

<sup>4</sup> It may not seem possible that a person could encounter all three employment problems during the same year—that is, be unemployed for a period, work part time for economic reasons for another period, and also fall in the category of year-round full-time workers with low earnings. Yet, it is possible. *Year-round employment* is defined as 50 or more weeks of employment in a given year, a definition which allows for 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment. *Year-round full-time employment* is defined as 50 or more weeks of employment which is usually of a full-time nature, but which may include some weeks of part-time work, as well as a very brief period of unemployment. Depending on the type of job, this pattern of employment could also conceivably produce less than the \$6,700 minimum wage equivalent in terms of annual earnings, leaving the worker in question with all three employment problems.



be attributed entirely to unemployment. It is also a reflection of the type of jobs held by persons who are generally prone to unemployment, the number of workers in their families, and various other factors.

The disparity in family incomes between those with and without unemployment was particularly large for blacks: Median family income of blacks with unemployment was 47 percent lower than for those with no unemployment. This difference was about 10 percentage points larger than the comparable proportions for their white and Hispanic counterparts. (The Hispanic category is not a racial classification since persons in this group may appear in the white or black racial categories.)

*Involuntary part-time employment and poverty.* Some 42.9 million persons worked part time for at least 1 week during 1983, and 14.9 million of them did so involuntarily. About three-fifths of those who worked involuntarily part time cited slack work or material shortages as the reason for their short hours; the rest reported that they could not find full-time work (table 5).

Among men, almost 70 percent of those with some involuntary part-time work had been on short schedules because of slack work or material shortages. By comparison, women with involuntary part-time work were almost equally divided between those whose hours had been cut back at least temporarily and those who had worked part time after being unable to find full-time work. A substantially larger proportion of men than women reporting part-time work attributed it to economic factors beyond their control (43 and 28 percent, respectively). This difference reflects the fact that women are more likely to choose to work part time and that they are also less likely to hold cyclically sensitive jobs.

About one-half of all blacks and Hispanics who worked part time in 1983 did so involuntarily, compared with about one-third of white workers. Again, in each group, a larger proportion of men than women worked involuntarily part time.

If husbands worked part time, about one-half of them did so involuntarily, as did about one-half of men and women who maintained their own families. On the other hand, only about one-quarter of the wives who worked part time in 1983 did so involuntarily (table 6). The presence of other earners in the family allows some workers to choose part-time hours.

The duration of involuntary part-time work during 1983 was much shorter for those who reported "slack work" than for persons citing that they could not find a full-time job. Only 28 percent of those working part time because of reduced workweeks did so for 15 weeks or more in 1983 compared with 54 percent of those who reported they could only find part-time work (table 7).

The poverty rate among persons with some involuntary part-time work in 1983 was 19 percent, compared with 10 percent for those working part time by choice (table 8). As seen in table 8, those who could not find a full-time job had about double the incidence of poverty of persons working involuntarily part time due to slack work (27 percent and 14 percent, respectively).

Over 1 in 3 blacks and 1 in 4 Hispanics who worked part time involuntarily in 1983 lived in a poor family, in contrast to about 1 in 6 for whites. The incidence of poverty was over 60 percent for black women who maintained families and had some involuntary part-time work.

*Low earnings and poverty.* The economic recovery in 1983 was reflected in an increase of about 2.9 million workers employed year round full time—66.8 million compared to 64.0 million persons in 1982. Yet, of these full-year workers, 4.5 million, or 7 percent, reported earnings of less than the \$6,700 which would have been earned by someone working the full year (2,000 hours) at the Federal minimum wage (\$3.35 an hour).

Although the majority of these low earners were wage and salary workers, a substantial number were self-employed in family-operated enterprises such as farms or small businesses. Many of these workers, therefore, were exempt from the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Also, since full-year status is defined as employment of 50 weeks or more, and full-time status is based on usual hours of work, some persons could fall below \$6,700 merely because of "unusual" weeks of part-time hours or a week or two of unemployment. In fact, 675,000 persons classified as low earners with year-round work did report some brief spells of unemployment or part-time work during the year.

Of the 4.5 million low earners, almost 9 in 10 (3.9 million) were white, divided almost equally between men and women (table 9). There were 464,000 blacks and 315,000 Hispanics with reported earnings of less than \$6,700, despite year-round full-time work. About 7 percent of both white and black year-round full-time workers were low earners. For Hispanics, the proportion of year-round full-time workers with less than minimum wage earnings was 9 percent.

Low earnings from a full-year's work were most often reported for teenagers and workers 65 years and over (table 10). More than one-third of young men and women 16 to 19 years old and about one-quarter of men and women 65 and over with year-round full-time work were reported as earning below \$6,700 in 1983. Overall, the incidence of low earnings among full-year workers was much higher for women than for men, 9 percent compared to 5 percent. The highest incidence was among Hispanic women (12.7 percent), and the lowest was among white men (5.2 percent).



Table 11 shows the incidence of low earnings among year-round full-time workers by marital and family status. Young persons, generally classified as "others" in a family context, had a high incidence of low earnings, about 7 to 13 percent, depending on the type of family in which they lived. Only 4 percent of husbands fell in the low-earnings category, while 9 percent of wives fell below the minimum.

Nearly 1 in 3 of the 4.5 million workers with low earnings from year-round full-time work lived in families with total income below their specific poverty line (table 12). As in past years, the poverty incidence associated with low earnings was higher than that associated with either unemployment or involuntary part-time work. The distribution by family income of persons who worked full time year round with earnings of less than \$6,700, shows that low earners who were not likely to have other earners in the family were more prone to be in lower income families (table 13).

### Trends since 1979

Between 1979 and 1982, the economy was affected by two back-to-back recessions. The number of persons experiencing unemployment or involuntary part-time employment increased throughout the period. The year 1983, however, was one of strong economic recovery, with a drop from the previous year of 2.7 million in the number of persons encountering some unemployment, and an increase of nearly 3 million in the number working year round full time. As seen in text table 1, the number of persons with 2 of the 3 labor market problems, namely, unemployment and involuntary part-time employment, declined substantially from the 1982 number. The number of persons with low earnings for full-year work was also somewhat lower than in 1982. However, as seen in text table 2, the proportion of persons with employment problems living in families below the poverty line increased slightly (from 20 to 22 percent).

**Unemployment.** Of the three labor market problems, unemployment showed the largest relative increase

**Text table 1. Persons with employment problems, 1979-83**

Year	Persons with unemployment		Persons with involuntary part-time employment		Persons with low earnings	
	Number (in thousands)	Percent below poverty line	Number (in thousands)	Percent below poverty line	Number (in thousands)	Percent below poverty line
1979 .....	18,468	14.3	11,455	13.4	4,922	22.4
1980 .....	21,410	17.5	13,033	15.4	5,199	24.4
1981 .....	23,382	19.1	14,627	16.7	5,202	26.5
1982 .....	26,493	20.5	16,064	18.0	4,608	29.8
1983 .....	23,799	22.9	14,903	19.1	4,453	30.5

**Text table 2. Persons with employment problems, 1980-83**

Year	Persons with one or more of the labor market problems (in thousands)	Persons with problems living in "poor" families	
		Number (in thousands)	Percent
1980 .....	32,342	5,626	17.4
1981 .....	35,924	6,717	18.7
1982 .....	39,040	7,800	20.0
1983 .....	35,797	7,796	21.8

between 1979 and 1982 and the largest relative decrease between 1982 and 1983. In 1979, the number of persons encountering unemployment over the course of the year was 18.5 million; by 1982, it had climbed to 26.5 million; and in 1983, it dropped to 23.8 million. This drop benefitted men and women, blacks, whites, and Hispanics, and, as seen in table 14, was spread across all types of families. However, the proportion of persons with unemployment whose family income fell below the poverty level gradually increased. Between 1979 and 1982, the percentage of such persons increased from 14.3 to 20.5 percent, and, by 1983, it rose to 22.9 percent. As already noted, this increase appears to reflect the gradual increase in the proportion of persons with some unemployment who are members of lower income families.

**Involuntary part-time employment.** Workers with some involuntary part-time employment totaled 14.9 million in 1983, down from 16.1 million in 1982. As seen in table 15, this year-to-year decline, which reflected the rebound of the economy from the 1981-82 recession, was widespread among most labor force groups. (However, the proportion of persons working involuntary part time with family income below the poverty line rose from 18.0 to 19.1 percent.) Between 1979 and 1982, all of the racial and family groups had shown increases in the proportion with some involuntary part-time employment.

**Low earnings.** In 1982, the number of year-round full-time workers with earnings below \$6,700 dropped by 600,000 from 1981. This decline reflected, in part, the standard used to classify low earners, namely, the Federal minimum wage, which in 1982 remained at the same level as in the previous year.<sup>5</sup> However, it also may have reflected the fact that, because of the recession, some of these workers may simply have not been able to work a full year. In 1983, there was a further small decline in year-round full-time workers with low earnings.

<sup>5</sup> The low earnings line was set at \$5,800 in 1979 (2,000 hours x \$2.90), \$6,200 in 1980 (2,000 hours x \$3.10), and \$6,700 in 1981, 1982, and 1983 (2,000 hours x \$3.35). These hourly wage rates represent the Federal minimum wage rate in these years.



ings, 4.5 million in 1983 compared to 4.6 million in 1982 (table 16). Partly because the low-earnings line has been held steady in recent years while the poverty thresholds have been raised, there has been a gradual but steady increase since 1979 (when these reports began) in the proportion of low earners whose total family income for the year was below the poverty line. This proportion increased from 22.4 percent in 1979 to 30.5 percent in 1983.

The proportion of white low earners who worked year round full time and whose families were in poverty climbed by 9 percentage points (to 29.8 percent) in the 1979-83 period, in contrast to a decrease of three-tenths of a percentage point for their black counterparts and an increase of 5 percentage points for Hispanics. However, whites continued to have the lowest percentage of full-year workers with low earnings who were in poverty.

### Multiple employment problems

When the number of persons experiencing either unemployment, involuntary part-time employment, or low earnings in 1983 is added up, the total comes to more than 43.1 million persons. However, this figure overestimates the number of separate individuals with employment problems over the year, because many persons encountered more than one of these labor market difficulties in the same year. About 7.3 million individuals experienced a combination of these problems, and, thus, the unduplicated count of persons with one or more of these difficulties was about 35.8 million in 1983 (table 17).

Of the 7.3 million persons with more than one employment problem in 1983, the most common combination of difficulties was unemployment and involuntary part-time work. More than 6 million persons experienced these difficulties, one-fourth of whom were in families below the poverty level.

It should be emphasized that among the 35.8 million persons with employment problems as defined here, many had only short spells of 1 or 2 weeks of unemployment or involuntary part-time work. Not surprisingly, the total number of persons with these problems decreases significantly when more restrictive definitions are used. If only those with a minimum of 5 weeks of unemployment or involuntary part-time work are counted, the total would be lowered by more than 6 million, to 29.6 million for 1983 (table 18). If the definition is restricted to 15 weeks or more, the number is reduced by almost another 9 million, as shown in table 19. At the same time, the application of these varying definitions affects the incidence of poverty by only a small amount. For example, for those with labor market problems for 5 weeks or more, the incidence of poverty was 23.7 percent, versus 21.8 percent for those with employment problems of 1 week or more. The total

number of persons with one or more labor market problems—using the traditional 1-week minimum, either in terms of unemployment or involuntary part-time employment, to identify them—declined by more than 3 million between 1982 and 1983 after steadily increasing over the 3 previous years (text table 2). Yet, as noted above, the proportion of these people living in poverty families crept upward.

### Changes in the poverty status of a matched sample, 1982-83

Once a family is in poverty, does it remain in that condition over a long period of time? A number of studies have found that the proportion of families that remain continually poor is very low.<sup>6</sup> For example, longitudinal data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics show that over the 1969-78 period, less than 1 percent of the respondents reported being in poverty families during all 10 years, while 24.4 percent of the sample reported poverty status in at least 1 year.<sup>7</sup>

This subject was also examined using a specially created match of microrecords from the March 1983 and March 1984 Current Population Survey. The subsample consists of those persons who were in poverty in either 1982 or 1983 and in the labor force in either or both of these years. Because this subsample excluded persons who changed households and because of other technical problems, the data are not fully representative of the U.S. population.<sup>8</sup> Also, movements into and out of poverty are not always related to changes in labor force status alone. For example, findings from the National Longitudinal Surveys of Labor Market Experience show substantial increases in poverty associated with divorce, with the proportion of young women in poverty increasing by 50 percent in a 1-year period immediately preceding and following divorce.<sup>9</sup> Still, some information may be gained by examining two consecutive years of data for 3,530 individuals who either entered, stayed, or left poverty in 1982 or 1983

<sup>6</sup> Mary Jo Bane and David T. Ellwood, "Slipping Into and Out of Poverty: The Dynamics of Spells," Working Paper No. 1199 (New York, National Bureau of Economic Research, September 1983); Mary Jo Bane and David T. Ellwood, "The Dynamics of Dependence: The Routes to Self-Sufficiency" (Cambridge, Mass., Urban Systems Research and Engineering, Inc., June 1983), paper prepared for the Office of Income Security Policy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Richard D. Coe, "Dependency and Poverty in the Short and Long Run," in Greg J. Duncan and James N. Morgan, editors, *5000 American Families: Patterns of Economic Progress*, Vol. VI (Ann Arbor, Michigan, Institute for Social Research, 1978); Martha S. Hill, "Some Dynamic Aspects of Poverty" in Martha S. Hill, Daniel H. Hill, and James N. Morgan, editors, *5000 American Families*, Vol. IX (1981); Greg J. Duncan, et al., *Years of Poverty, Years of Plenty* (Ann Arbor, Michigan, Institute for Social Research, 1984); and Frank L. Mott, editor, *The Employment Revolution, Young American Women in the 1970's* (Cambridge, Mass., The MIT Press, 1982).

<sup>7</sup> Duncan, *Years of Poverty*, p. 41.

<sup>8</sup> See *Using the Current Population Survey as a Longitudinal Data Base*, Report 608 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1980).

<sup>9</sup> Mott, *The Employment Revolution*, p. 25.



**Text table 3. Changes in poverty status of persons in matched sample by labor force status, 1982-83**

Change in poverty status	Number	Percent			
		Total	In labor force both years	In labor force only in 1981	In labor force only in 1982
Total .....	3,530	100.0	72.5	14.2	13.3
Moved into poverty ..	2,375	100.0	71.2	12.7	16.1
Moved out of poverty	1,281	100.0	66.3	17.3	16.5
Remained in poverty	1,094	100.0	77.0	7.4	15.6
Moved into poverty in 1983 .....	1,155	100.0	75.1	17.3	7.6

and had some attachment to the labor force.

As indicated in text table 3, close to half of the persons in the subsample who were in poverty in 1982 were not in poverty the following year. Of the 1,094 who moved out of poverty from 1982 to 1983, 77 percent were in the labor force in both years as were 66.3 percent of those who remained in poverty. However, 75.1 percent of persons entering poverty in 1983 were working or looking for work in both years.

Persons in the subsample who were in poverty in both 1982 and 1983 generally differed in their family type from those in poverty in only 1 of the 2 years. As shown in text table 4, members of families maintained by women made up 30 percent of all persons in the subsample who were in poverty in both years in contrast to about 18 percent of those who were in poverty in only 1 of the 2 years. Whereas more than 1 in 2 persons in married-couple families who were in poverty in 1982 were no longer in poverty in 1983, the proportion who managed to escape poverty among members of families maintained by women was only 1 in 3.

Text table 5 shows the changes in unemployment, involuntary part-time employment, and individual and family earnings of persons with labor market problems in the subsample who remained in poverty in 1983 or who entered or left poverty. Among persons who stayed in poverty in both years, each of these measures remained virtually the same. For those persons entering poverty, average weeks of unemployment increased, as did weeks of involuntary part-time employment, while individual and family earnings showed a substantial decline. For those who moved out of poverty, average weeks of unemployment dropped from 25 in 1982 to 20 in 1983, but average weeks of involuntary part-time

**Text table 4. Changes in poverty status of persons in matched sample by family status, 1982-83**

Change in poverty status	Number	Percent				Unrelated individuals
		Total	In married-couple families	In families maintained by women	In families maintained by men	
Total .....	3,530	100.0	57.5	22.1	2.8	17.7
Moved into poverty .....	1,155	100.0	62.7	17.5	2.9	17.0
Moved out of poverty .....	1,094	100.0	60.9	17.5	2.8	18.8
Remained in poverty .....	1,281	100.0	49.9	30.2	2.6	17.3

employment increased from 18 to 19, median individual earnings climbed from \$2,868 to \$7,840, and family earnings tripled.

Despite the fact that the economy improved considerably in 1983, the proportion of persons in the subsample who managed to escape poverty was no larger than the proportion who escaped poverty in 1982. This reflects, in part, the importance of noneconomic factors, such as family situations which tend to keep a certain proportion of people in poverty regardless of economic trends.

**Text table 5. Selected economic measures for persons in matched sample by change in poverty status, 1982-83**

Measure	Amount			
	Total	For persons who moved into poverty	For persons who moved out of poverty	For persons who remained in poverty
Weeks of unemployment (mean):				
1982 .....	24	21	25	26
1983 .....	25	27	20	26
Weeks of involuntary part-time employment (mean):				
1982 .....	17	16	18	18
1983 .....	19	20	19	18
Individual earnings (median):				
1982 .....	\$3,718	\$7,451	\$2,868	\$2,030
1983 .....	3,913	2,895	7,840	2,003
Family earnings (median):				
1982 .....	\$6,231	\$13,653	\$4,390	\$3,634
1983 .....	6,358	4,595	13,938	3,641



**Table 1. Persons with unemployment by age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and extent of labor force experience, 1983**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Persons with labor force experience	Persons with unemployment							
		Total		50 to 52 weeks of labor force experience		27 to 49 weeks of labor force experience		1 to 26 weeks of labor force experience	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>All persons 16 and over</b>									
Total .....	121,634	23,799	19.6	16,119	17.5	3,509	27.1	4,170	25.5
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	9,241	2,865	31.0	1,001	32.4	609	39.6	1,255	27.2
20 to 24 .....	17,671	5,372	30.4	3,344	28.9	983	40.5	1,044	28.5
25 to 54 .....	77,257	13,758	17.8	10,366	16.1	1,759	25.2	1,633	28.3
55 to 64 .....	13,388	1,577	11.8	1,281	11.8	142	10.6	155	12.7
65 and over .....	4,077	227	5.6	128	5.5	16	2.3	83	7.7
Men .....	66,531	13,973	21.0	10,660	19.4	1,674	32.2	1,639	25.2
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	4,862	1,621	33.3	645	37.4	323	43.6	652	27.2
20 to 24 .....	9,192	3,129	34.0	2,186	34.0	489	45.7	454	26.9
25 to 54 .....	42,298	8,104	19.2	6,892	17.8	772	32.0	440	36.2
55 to 64 .....	7,741	990	12.8	857	13.0	84	13.5	50	9.1
65 and over .....	2,438	128	5.3	79	5.6	6	1.7	43	6.4
Women .....	55,103	9,826	17.8	5,459	14.6	1,835	23.7	2,531	25.7
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	4,379	1,244	28.4	356	26.1	286	35.9	603	27.2
20 to 24 .....	8,479	2,242	26.4	1,158	22.5	494	36.3	590	29.9
25 to 54 .....	34,959	5,654	16.2	3,474	13.4	987	21.7	1,193	26.2
55 to 64 .....	5,647	587	10.4	424	9.9	58	8.1	105	15.6
65 and over .....	1,640	98	6.0	48	5.3	10	3.1	40	9.6
<b>White</b>									
Total .....	106,117	19,576	18.4	13,585	16.8	2,956	25.8	3,035	21.9
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	8,139	2,344	28.8	869	30.9	519	37.0	956	24.3
20 to 24 .....	15,233	4,308	28.3	2,757	27.2	807	38.6	744	24.6
25 to 54 .....	66,986	11,340	16.9	8,715	15.5	1,487	24.4	1,137	23.6
55 to 64 .....	12,074	1,394	11.5	1,130	11.6	130	10.5	134	12.0
65 and over .....	3,684	192	5.2	114	5.5	14	2.2	63	6.4
Men .....	58,737	11,654	19.8	9,114	18.7	1,394	30.4	1,146	21.1
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	4,258	1,315	30.9	550	35.5	274	41.3	491	24.0
20 to 24 .....	7,928	2,555	32.2	1,841	32.7	400	43.4	314	22.8
25 to 54 .....	37,254	6,798	18.2	5,899	17.2	635	30.4	264	29.2
55 to 64 .....	7,092	875	12.3	750	12.5	80	13.5	45	9.0
65 and over .....	2,205	111	5.0	74	5.8	6	1.8	31	5.0
Women .....	47,379	7,922	16.7	4,470	13.9	1,562	22.8	1,890	22.4
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	3,881	1,028	26.5	319	25.3	244	33.2	465	24.7
20 to 24 .....	7,305	1,753	24.0	916	20.4	408	34.8	429	26.2
25 to 54 .....	29,732	4,541	15.3	2,816	12.9	852	21.3	873	22.3
55 to 64 .....	4,982	519	10.4	379	10.2	50	7.8	90	14.4
65 and over .....	1,479	81	5.5	40	5.1	8	2.7	33	8.5

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 1. Persons with unemployment by age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and extent of labor force experience, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Persons with labor force experience	Persons with unemployment							
		Total		50 to 52 weeks of labor force experience		27 to 49 weeks of labor force experience		1 to 26 weeks of labor force experience	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Black</b>									
Total .....	12,593	3,668	29.1	2,222	23.7	456	38.0	991	48.9
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	921	471	51.2	121	52.4	79	69.4	272	47.1
20 to 24 .....	2,028	941	46.4	539	43.0	142	54.9	259	50.5
25 to 54 .....	8,202	2,061	25.1	1,412	21.0	221	31.8	427	55.7
55 to 64 .....	1,111	169	15.2	139	14.9	11	11.9	19	21.5
65 and over .....	331	27	8.1	10	4.9	2	( <sup>1</sup> )	15	17.6
Men .....	6,269	2,019	32.2	1,361	27.9	236	46.6	421	48.1
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	516	277	53.8	88	57.0	40	( <sup>1</sup> )	149	49.1
20 to 24 .....	1,046	510	48.8	318	45.7	78	65.8	114	49.2
25 to 54 .....	3,974	1,109	27.9	850	24.6	113	41.7	145	59.3
55 to 64 .....	544	110	20.3	101	21.6	4	( <sup>1</sup> )	5	( <sup>1</sup> )
65 and over .....	190	12	6.3	4	3.4	-	( <sup>1</sup> )	8	( <sup>1</sup> )
Women .....	6,323	1,650	26.1	860	19.2	220	31.7	570	49.5
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	405	194	47.9	33	43.0	38	( <sup>1</sup> )	123	44.9
20 to 24 .....	982	431	43.9	221	39.5	65	45.8	145	51.5
25 to 54 .....	4,228	952	22.5	562	17.1	108	25.5	282	54.0
55 to 64 .....	567	59	10.3	38	8.2	7	( <sup>1</sup> )	14	( <sup>1</sup> )
65 and over .....	141	15	10.6	6	6.5	2	( <sup>1</sup> )	7	( <sup>1</sup> )
<b>Hispanic origin</b>									
Total .....	6,565	1,598	24.3	1,127	22.4	226	32.8	245	28.9
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	537	169	31.5	73	36.8	33	38.2	63	25.0
20 to 24 .....	1,083	327	30.2	206	27.9	57	37.6	65	33.4
25 to 54 .....	4,369	1,001	22.9	768	21.1	129	32.2	104	31.1
55 to 64 .....	487	86	17.6	72	18.0	6	( <sup>1</sup> )	7	( <sup>1</sup> )
65 and over .....	90	15	16.4	8	( <sup>1</sup> )	1	( <sup>1</sup> )	6	( <sup>1</sup> )
Men .....	3,723	958	25.7	756	24.4	110	36.7	91	28.7
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	291	103	35.5	50	43.6	16	( <sup>1</sup> )	38	27.7
20 to 24 .....	575	180	31.4	134	31.2	27	35.9	19	( <sup>1</sup> )
25 to 54 .....	2,522	613	24.3	519	22.8	64	39.0	31	37.3
55 to 64 .....	287	51	17.8	47	18.7	3	( <sup>1</sup> )	1	( <sup>1</sup> )
65 and over .....	47	10	( <sup>1</sup> )	6	( <sup>1</sup> )	-	( <sup>1</sup> )	3	( <sup>1</sup> )
Women .....	2,843	640	22.5	371	19.3	115	29.8	154	29.0
Age:									
16 to 19 .....	246	66	26.6	23	27.5	17	( <sup>1</sup> )	25	21.8
20 to 24 .....	508	147	29.0	71	23.3	30	39.2	46	36.8
25 to 54 .....	1,846	388	21.0	249	18.3	65	27.5	73	29.2
55 to 64 .....	200	35	17.4	25	16.8	3	( <sup>1</sup> )	6	( <sup>1</sup> )
65 and over .....	42	5	( <sup>1</sup> )	1	( <sup>1</sup> )	1	( <sup>1</sup> )	3	( <sup>1</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

NOTE: Dash represents zero or rounds to zero.



**Table 2. Persons with unemployment and median weeks of unemployment by family status, race, and Hispanic origin, 1983**

Characteristic	Persons with labor force experience (thousands)	Persons with unemployment		Median weeks unemployed
		Number (thousands)	Percent	
<b>All persons 16 and over</b>				
Total .....	121,634	23,799	19.6	14
Husbands .....	40,463	6,418	15.9	17
Wives .....	29,994	4,369	14.6	12
Others in married-couple families .....	16,254	4,551	28.0	13
Women who maintain families .....	6,455	1,552	24.0	16
Others in families maintained by women .....	6,036	2,134	35.4	17
Men who maintain families .....	1,597	296	18.5	20
Others in families maintained by men .....	1,437	475	33.1	18
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	10,528	2,498	23.7	15
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	8,870	1,505	17.0	13
<b>White</b>				
Total .....	106,117	19,576	18.4	14
Husbands .....	36,857	5,704	15.5	17
Wives .....	26,883	3,824	14.2	12
Others in married-couple families .....	14,532	3,902	26.9	13
Women who maintain families .....	4,522	975	21.6	14
Others in families maintained by women .....	4,157	1,283	30.9	17
Men who maintain families .....	1,295	224	17.3	18
Others in families maintained by men .....	1,078	318	29.5	17
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	9,027	2,058	22.8	14
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	7,765	1,288	16.6	12
<b>Black</b>				
Total .....	12,593	3,668	29.1	21
Husbands .....	2,690	562	20.9	21
Wives .....	2,299	417	18.2	17
Others in married-couple families .....	1,323	557	42.1	21
Women who maintain families .....	1,790	545	30.4	18
Others in families maintained by women .....	1,746	807	46.2	21
Men who maintain families .....	263	65	24.6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	315	147	46.6	20
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	1,262	390	30.9	21
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	904	180	19.9	21
<b>Hispanic origin</b>				
Total .....	6,565	1,598	24.3	17
Husbands .....	2,279	534	23.4	21
Wives .....	1,472	312	21.2	14
Others in married-couple families .....	965	276	28.6	13
Women who maintain families .....	429	112	26.0	20
Others in families maintained by women .....	389	118	30.3	20
Men who maintain families .....	121	23	19.4	( <sup>2</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	125	39	31.2	( <sup>2</sup> )
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	481	124	25.7	13
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	303	60	19.7	( <sup>2</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.

<sup>2</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.



**Table 3. Percent of unemployed workers below the poverty level by family status, race, Hispanic origin, and weeks of unemployment, 1983**

Characteristic	Total	1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks	27 to 52 weeks
<b>All unemployed workers</b>					
Total below poverty level .....	22.9	15.0	18.0	21.5	36.1
Husbands .....	19.4	8.9	11.5	18.7	34.8
Wives .....	12.5	11.0	11.3	11.7	17.1
Others in married-couple families .....	8.5	4.0	8.7	7.4	13.3
Women who maintain families .....	61.1	52.1	54.3	63.7	71.9
Others in families maintained by women .....	29.6	21.9	29.8	23.3	38.9
Men who maintain families .....	31.1	( <sup>1</sup> )	16.4	26.8	50.2
Others in families maintained by men .....	10.7	10.8	7.5	13.0	11.4
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	34.7	17.2	21.7	33.3	64.5
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	45.1	36.6	36.5	43.9	66.6
<b>White</b>					
Total below poverty level .....	18.9	11.6	14.4	17.6	32.1
Husbands .....	18.4	7.9	9.9	18.3	34.4
Wives .....	11.0	9.6	10.8	9.6	14.4
Others in married-couple families .....	6.7	3.4	6.8	5.4	11.1
Women who maintain families .....	50.7	41.2	48.6	47.7	61.8
Others in families maintained by women .....	17.7	10.4	13.8	11.5	32.8
Men who maintain families .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	4.2	( <sup>1</sup> )	3.9	( <sup>1</sup> )	3.6
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	30.3	( <sup>1</sup> )	17.6	29.1	59.6
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	42.2	31.2	35.7	42.7	64.9
<b>Black</b>					
Total below poverty level .....	43.5	38.6	39.9	39.5	51.7
Husbands .....	28.2	17.6	28.1	21.7	38.4
Wives .....	26.1	28.5	16.1	27.1	33.1
Others in married-couple families .....	20.2	( <sup>1</sup> )	22.4	16.1	25.5
Women who maintain families .....	79.2	75.2	67.9	83.0	88.3
Others in families maintained by women .....	47.6	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Men who maintain families .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	56.4	( <sup>1</sup> )	46.6	53.2	80.7
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	63.4	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
<b>Hispanic origin</b>					
Total below poverty level .....	31.9	24.3	24.9	32.5	43.4
Husbands .....	35.3	26.2	20.5	37.6	48.6
Wives .....	21.8	( <sup>1</sup> )	26.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	26.3
Others in married-couple families .....	13.4	( <sup>1</sup> )	18.9	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Women who maintain families .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Others in families maintained by women .....	35.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Men who maintain families .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.



**Table 4. Median family income<sup>1</sup> of persons in the labor force by occurrence of unemployment, family status, race, and Hispanic origin, 1983**

Characteristic	Persons with no unemployment	Persons with some unemployment	Percent difference in income
<b>All persons 16 and over</b>			
Total .....	\$29,425	\$17,857	-39.3
Husbands .....	32,509	18,896	-41.9
Wives .....	32,806	22,064	-32.7
Others in married-couple families .....	42,652	34,327	-19.5
Women who maintain families .....	16,582	6,579	-60.3
Others in families maintained by women .....	23,546	14,460	-38.6
Men who maintain families .....	26,832	12,059	-55.1
Others in families maintained by men .....	30,584 <sup>2</sup>	21,425	-29.9
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	17,756	8,132	-54.2
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	14,068	6,176	-56.1
<b>White</b>			
Total .....	30,216	19,236	-36.3
Husbands .....	32,845	19,125	-41.8
Wives .....	33,117	22,875	-30.9
Others in married-couple families .....	43,221	35,951	-16.8
Women who maintain families .....	17,597	7,847	-55.4
Others in families maintained by women .....	24,514	17,190	-29.9
Men who maintain families .....	28,031	12,920	-53.9
Others in families maintained by men .....	32,715	23,336	-28.7
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	18,437	8,945	-51.5
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	14,385	6,588	-54.2
<b>Black</b>			
Total .....	21,820	11,632	-46.7
Husbands .....	27,601	17,201	-37.7
Wives .....	28,681	17,382	-39.4
Others in married-couple families .....	32,931	25,384	-22.9
Women who maintain families .....	13,249	4,865	-63.3
Others in families maintained by women .....	19,773	10,887	-44.9
Men who maintain families .....	21,643	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	26,006	\$16,822	-35.3
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	13,595	4,177	-69.3
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	12,162	3,683	-69.7
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Total .....	23,031	14,607	-36.6
Husbands .....	23,514	13,901	-40.9
Wives .....	26,500	19,266	-27.3
Others in married-couple families .....	33,066	25,162	-23.9
Women who maintain families .....	14,989	7,049	-53.0
Others in families maintained by women .....	18,150	11,878	-34.6
Men who maintain families .....	21,681	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	24,232	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	14,454	\$6,690	-53.7
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	10,900	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Personal income for "all other" men and women.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated

subfamilies.

<sup>3</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.



**Table 5. Persons with part-time employment by age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and reason for working part time, 1983**

(In thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Involuntary part time			Voluntary: Wanted or could only work part time	Other reasons
		Total	Slack work or material shortage	Could only find part-time work		
<b>All persons with part-time employment</b>						
Total .....	42,867	14,903	9,051	5,852	20,456	7,508
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	6,775	1,537	486	1,051	4,572	667
20 to 24 .....	8,208	3,265	1,653	1,612	3,656	1,287
25 to 54 .....	21,711	8,763	5,916	2,847	8,382	4,566
55 to 64 .....	3,670	1,159	853	306	1,849	663
65 and over .....	2,502	179	143	36	1,998	325
Men .....	19,268	8,372	5,753	2,619	6,688	4,208
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	3,490	875	272	603	2,268	347
20 to 24 .....	4,102	1,851	1,107	743	1,512	739
25 to 54 .....	8,784	4,940	3,803	1,137	1,340	2,504
55 to 64 .....	1,482	602	488	114	472	409
65 and over .....	1,411	104	83	22	1,097	210
Women .....	23,599	6,531	3,298	3,232	13,768	3,300
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	3,285	662	214	448	2,303	320
20 to 24 .....	4,107	1,415	546	869	2,144	548
25 to 54 .....	12,927	3,822	2,113	1,709	7,042	2,063
55 to 64 .....	2,188	557	365	192	1,377	254
65 and over .....	1,091	74	60	15	902	115
<b>White</b>						
Total .....	37,934	12,562	7,940	4,622	18,767	6,606
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	6,104	1,297	433	864	4,213	594
20 to 24 .....	7,166	2,758	1,492	1,266	3,274	1,135
25 to 54 .....	19,126	7,361	5,125	2,236	7,773	3,992
55 to 64 .....	3,264	992	762	231	1,683	588
65 and over .....	2,274	154	127	26	1,824	297
Men .....	16,971	7,200	5,125	2,075	6,085	3,686
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	3,116	722	237	486	2,082	311
20 to 24 .....	3,588	1,592	1,017	575	1,352	644
25 to 54 .....	7,660	4,273	3,366	907	1,214	2,173
55 to 64 .....	1,326	530	436	94	433	362
65 and over .....	1,283	82	69	13	1,004	196
Women .....	20,963	5,362	2,814	2,548	12,682	2,919
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	2,988	574	196	378	2,131	283
20 to 24 .....	3,579	1,165	475	690	1,922	491
25 to 54 .....	11,467	3,088	1,759	1,329	6,560	1,819
55 to 64 .....	1,938	462	326	137	1,249	226
65 and over .....	992	71	58	13	819	101

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 5. Persons with part-time employment by age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and reason for working part time, 1983—Continued**

(In thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Involuntary part time			Voluntary: Wanted or could only work part time	Other reasons
		Total	Slack work or material shortage	Could only find part-time work		
<b>Black</b>						
Total .....	4,068	2,053	955	1,098	1,244	771
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	548	218	43	175	266	63
20 to 24 .....	848	456	140	316	254	138
25 to 54 .....	2,109	1,209	677	532	422	479
55 to 64 .....	359	149	81	68	143	67
65 and over .....	204	21	14	7	158	24
Men .....	1,922	1,030	535	495	451	440
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	315	140	28	111	143	33
20 to 24 .....	413	229	75	154	98	85
25 to 54 .....	939	578	372	206	89	272
55 to 64 .....	143	65	48	17	37	41
65 and over .....	112	19	12	6	84	10
Women .....	2,146	1,023	420	603	793	330
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	232	78	15	63	124	30
20 to 24 .....	435	227	65	162	155	53
25 to 54 .....	1,170	631	304	327	332	207
55 to 64 .....	217	84	33	51	107	26
65 and over .....	91	3	2	1	74	14
<b>Hispanic origin</b>						
Total .....	2,230	1,039	712	327	769	422
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	350	86	43	42	232	33
20 to 24 .....	461	214	141	74	163	84
25 to 54 .....	1,251	668	468	200	300	283
55 to 64 .....	126	68	57	10	40	19
65 and over .....	42	4	3	1	35	3
Men .....	1,114	614	450	164	265	235
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	188	61	32	29	108	18
20 to 24 .....	228	117	81	36	67	44
25 to 54 .....	616	391	297	93	67	158
55 to 64 .....	67	44	39	5	10	12
65 and over .....	16	1	1	1	12	2
Women .....	1,117	425	263	163	505	187
Age:						
16 to 19 .....	162	24	11	13	124	15
20 to 24 .....	233	97	60	37	96	40
25 to 54 .....	636	278	171	107	233	125
55 to 64 .....	60	24	19	5	29	7
65 and over .....	26	2	2	-	23	1

NOTE: Dash represents zero or rounds to zero.



**Table 6. Persons with part-time employment by family status, race, Hispanic origin, and reason for working part time, 1983**

(In thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Involuntary part time			Voluntary: Wanted or could only work part time	Other reasons
		Total	Slack work or material shortage	Could only find part-time work		
<b>All persons with part-time employment</b>						
Total .....	42,867	14,903	9,051	5,852	20,456	7,508
Husbands .....	8,500	4,130	3,384	746	1,989	2,381
Wives .....	13,034	3,153	1,856	1,298	8,068	1,813
Others in married-couple families .....	9,061	2,529	1,026	1,502	5,529	1,003
Women who maintain families .....	2,134	1,022	492	530	751	361
Others in families maintained by women .....	2,781	1,086	437	648	1,299	396
Men who maintain families .....	436	218	165	53	103	116
Others in families maintained by men .....	591	269	151	118	231	92
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	3,358	1,530	1,051	479	1,028	801
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	2,970	966	488	478	1,459	545
<b>White</b>						
Total .....	37,934	12,562	7,940	4,622	18,767	6,606
Husbands .....	7,756	3,731	3,104	627	1,866	2,158
Wives .....	12,043	2,747	1,661	1,086	7,632	1,664
Others in married-couple families .....	8,240	2,217	926	1,291	5,111	912
Women who maintain families .....	1,549	670	332	338	613	266
Others in families maintained by women .....	2,034	689	298	392	1,054	291
Men who maintain families .....	356	181	139	41	83	92
Others in families maintained by men .....	468	192	120	73	201	75
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	2,854	1,289	912	377	902	663
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	2,634	845	448	397	1,304	486
<b>Black</b>						
Total .....	4,068	2,053	955	1,098	1,244	771
Husbands .....	600	322	229	93	105	174
Wives .....	739	323	155	168	287	129
Others in married-couple families .....	602	271	82	189	257	75
Women who maintain families .....	539	327	148	179	125	87
Others in families maintained by women .....	701	376	129	247	224	101
Men who maintain families .....	74	37	26	11	13	24
Others in families maintained by men .....	109	71	28	43	23	14
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	422	218	123	95	86	118
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	280	108	36	73	123	49
<b>Hispanic origin</b>						
Total .....	2,230	1,039	712	327	769	422
Husbands .....	587	384	312	73	57	145
Wives .....	583	239	163	76	252	92
Others in married-couple families .....	444	145	78	67	246	53
Women who maintain families .....	155	75	43	32	36	44
Others in families maintained by women .....	172	60	35	25	85	28
Men who maintain families .....	30	19	13	6	3	8
Others in families maintained by men .....	39	20	16	4	16	2
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	129	59	37	22	34	37
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	91	37	16	21	41	13

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.



**Table 7. Persons with involuntary part-time employment by reason, family status, race, Hispanic origin, and weeks of involuntary part-time employment, 1983**

(In thousands)

Characteristic	Total	1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks	27 weeks or more
<b>All persons</b>					
Total with involuntary part-time employment .....	14,903	4,219	4,957	2,795	2,932
Husbands .....	4,130	1,483	1,548	660	439
Wives .....	3,153	816	860	645	832
Others in married-couple families .....	2,529	629	920	453	527
Women who maintain families .....	1,022	253	282	202	285
Others in families maintained by women .....	1,086	238	399	234	215
Men who maintain families .....	218	63	65	47	44
Others in families maintained by men .....	269	63	91	66	49
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	1,530	462	536	286	245
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	966	214	256	202	295
Total with slack work .....	9,051	3,350	3,160	1,482	1,059
Husbands .....	3,384	1,320	1,282	497	285
Wives .....	1,856	665	582	322	286
Others in married-couple families .....	1,026	395	349	155	127
Women who maintain families .....	492	179	149	95	69
Others in families maintained by women .....	437	154	149	84	51
Men who maintain families .....	165	53	52	36	24
Others in families maintained by men .....	151	45	61	32	13
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	1,051	388	389	170	103
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	488	151	147	91	100
Total who could only find part-time work .....	5,852	869	1,796	1,314	1,873
Husbands .....	746	162	267	164	154
Wives .....	1,298	151	277	323	546
Others in married-couple families .....	1,502	234	571	298	400
Women who maintain families .....	530	73	133	107	216
Others in families maintained by women .....	648	84	251	150	164
Men who maintain families .....	53	10	12	11	19
Others in families maintained by men .....	118	18	30	33	37
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	479	73	147	116	142
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	478	63	108	111	195
<b>White</b>					
Total with involuntary part-time employment .....	12,562	3,672	4,169	2,390	2,331
Husbands .....	3,731	1,363	1,403	604	362
Wives .....	2,747	734	735	586	691
Others in married-couple families .....	2,217	555	820	404	438
Women who maintain families .....	670	168	172	149	180
Others in families maintained by women .....	689	162	226	158	144
Men who maintain families .....	181	52	53	38	37
Others in families maintained by men .....	192	46	68	44	35
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	1,289	396	465	235	194
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	845	196	227	172	251
Total with slack work .....	7,940	2,964	2,780	1,311	885
Husbands .....	3,104	1,222	1,176	464	242
Wives .....	1,661	604	508	296	253
Others in married-couple families .....	926	356	330	138	101
Women who maintain families .....	332	123	95	72	42
Others in families maintained by women .....	298	107	96	57	38
Men who maintain families .....	139	46	43	29	21
Others in families maintained by men .....	120	35	49	25	10
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	912	333	348	145	86
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	448	138	135	83	92
Total who could only find part-time work .....	4,622	708	1,389	1,080	1,446
Husbands .....	627	141	227	140	120
Wives .....	1,086	130	228	290	438
Others in married-couple families .....	1,291	199	490	266	337
Women who maintain families .....	338	45	77	78	137
Others in families maintained by women .....	392	55	130	101	106
Men who maintain families .....	41	6	10	9	16
Others in families maintained by men .....	73	11	18	18	25
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	377	63	117	90	108
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	397	58	91	88	159

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 7. Persons with involuntary part-time employment by reason, family status, race, Hispanic origin, and weeks of involuntary part-time employment, 1983—Continued**

(In thousands)

Characteristic	Total	1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks	27 weeks or more
<b>Black</b>					
Total with involuntary part-time employment .....	2,053	453	695	369	536
Husbands .....	322	86	126	48	62
Wives .....	323	70	95	46	112
Others in married-couple families .....	271	57	83	45	86
Women who maintain families .....	327	74	103	48	102
Others in families maintained by women .....	376	68	165	73	70
Men who maintain families .....	37	10	11	9	7
Others in families maintained by men .....	71	16	22	21	12
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	218	57	63	50	47
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	108	14	26	30	38
Total with slack work .....	955	308	334	158	156
Husbands .....	229	69	94	29	37
Wives .....	155	54	57	16	27
Others in married-couple families .....	82	25	15	16	25
Women who maintain families .....	148	47	51	24	26
Others in families maintained by women .....	129	41	49	27	13
Men who maintain families .....	26	7	9	6	3
Others in families maintained by men .....	28	9	11	7	-
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	123	47	36	25	16
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	36	9	12	7	8
Total who could only find part-time work .....	1,098	145	361	212	381
Husbands .....	93	17	32	18	25
Wives .....	168	16	38	30	85
Others in married-couple families .....	189	32	68	28	60
Women who maintain families .....	179	27	52	24	76
Others in families maintained by women .....	247	27	116	47	56
Men who maintain families .....	11	3	2	2	4
Others in families maintained by men .....	43	7	11	14	11
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	95	10	27	25	32
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	73	5	15	23	30
<b>Hispanic origin</b>					
Total with involuntary part-time employment .....	1,039	318	324	193	205
Husbands .....	384	120	138	73	55
Wives .....	239	76	68	40	55
Others in married-couple families .....	145	41	43	24	38
Women who maintain families .....	75	22	17	16	20
Others in families maintained by women .....	60	23	16	8	12
Men who maintain families .....	19	6	6	5	2
Others in families maintained by men .....	20	4	7	7	2
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	59	17	18	9	15
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	37	9	10	11	7
Total with slack work .....	712	271	226	117	99
Husbands .....	312	101	113	59	39
Wives .....	163	68	46	21	28
Others in married-couple families .....	78	33	21	10	15
Women who maintain families .....	43	19	12	7	5
Others in families maintained by women .....	35	21	6	5	3
Men who maintain families .....	13	4	5	4	-
Others in families maintained by men .....	16	4	7	4	1
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	37	14	13	3	6
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	16	7	3	5	2
Total who could only find part-time work .....	327	47	98	75	107
Husbands .....	73	19	25	14	15
Wives .....	76	8	22	18	28
Others in married-couple families .....	67	7	22	14	24
Women who maintain families .....	32	3	5	9	14
Others in families maintained by women .....	25	2	10	4	9
Men who maintain families .....	6	2	1	2	2
Others in families maintained by men .....	4	-	-	3	1
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	22	3	5	6	8
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	21	3	7	6	5

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.

NOTE: Dash represents zero or rounds to zero.



**Table 8. Percent of persons with part-time employment below the poverty level by family status, race, Hispanic origin, and reason for working part time, 1983**

Characteristic	Total	Involuntary part time			Voluntary: Wanted or could only work part time	Other reasons
		Total	Slack work or material shortage	Could only find part-time work		
<b>All persons with part-time employment</b>						
Total below poverty level .....	13.5	19.1	14.0	27.1	10.0	12.0
Husbands .....	12.6	16.2	12.8	31.7	7.2	10.8
Wives .....	6.3	10.0	7.7	13.4	4.6	7.6
Others in married-couple families .....	5.1	7.1	6.5	7.4	4.0	6.4
Women who maintain families .....	41.1	48.0	34.5	60.6	37.0	29.9
Others in families maintained by women .....	18.5	22.6	13.6	28.7	15.4	17.6
Men who maintain families .....	17.8	22.8	17.3	( <sup>1</sup> )	20.8	5.7
Others in families maintained by men .....	8.5	13.6	10.1	18.1	4.1	4.4
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	28.8	32.4	21.6	56.1	31.1	18.9
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	31.6	38.2	24.7	51.9	32.4	18.0
<b>White</b>						
Total below poverty level .....	11.6	16.3	12.5	23.0	8.7	10.6
Husbands .....	11.7	15.1	11.9	31.1	6.2	10.5
Wives .....	5.8	9.1	6.8	12.5	4.3	7.2
Others in married-couple families .....	4.5	5.8	5.9	5.7	3.8	5.4
Women who maintain families .....	35.1	40.8	31.1	50.3	31.7	28.5
Others in families maintained by women .....	12.6	15.5	10.9	19.1	11.6	9.4
Men who maintain families .....	16.3	19.5	13.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	19.7	6.9
Others in families maintained by men .....	4.9	7.7	8.1	( <sup>1</sup> )	2.4	4.6
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	26.3	29.9	20.2	53.5	28.0	17.0
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	29.6	34.8	23.3	47.7	31.4	15.8
<b>Black</b>						
Total below poverty level .....	30.7	35.9	25.8	44.6	26.5	23.9
Husbands .....	23.0	27.7	24.5	35.6	20.6	15.8
Wives .....	14.0	17.6	14.3	20.5	11.3	10.9
Others in married-couple families .....	13.2	17.2	15.0	18.1	7.0	20.3
Women who maintain families .....	58.6	62.7	41.8	79.9	63.4	36.4
Others in families maintained by women .....	35.5	35.3	20.9	42.8	33.1	41.6
Men who maintain families .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	23.3	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	43.2	47.2	30.7	68.7	51.1	30.0
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	49.8	63.3	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	42.4	( <sup>1</sup> )
<b>Hispanic origin</b>						
Total below poverty level .....	22.9	28.0	25.3	33.9	18.9	17.4
Husbands .....	25.7	30.6	26.9	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	17.7
Wives .....	14.3	17.6	15.2	22.7	13.5	8.2
Others in married-couple families .....	11.9	14.2	18.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	11.2	( <sup>1</sup> )
Women who maintain families .....	44.3	42.9	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Others in families maintained by women .....	26.6	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	27.2	( <sup>1</sup> )
Men who maintain families .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	37.8	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	42.6	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.



**Table 9. Earnings distribution of year-round full-time workers by sex, race, and Hispanic origin, 1983**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	With earnings of -						Median earnings
		Under \$6,700	\$6,700-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$14,999	\$15,000-\$19,999	\$20,000-\$24,999	\$25,000 and over	
Total .....	66,828	4,453	6,511	14,009	12,546	9,536	19,773	\$18,169
Men .....	41,540	2,233	2,576	6,076	6,949	6,644	17,061	21,921
Women .....	25,288	2,220	3,935	7,933	5,597	2,891	2,712	13,906
White .....	58,858	3,858	5,273	11,910	10,968	8,546	18,303	18,700
Men .....	37,285	1,954	2,055	5,173	6,159	6,001	15,943	22,511
Women .....	21,573	1,904	3,218	6,737	4,809	2,545	2,360	14,054
Black .....	6,305	464	1,081	1,756	1,321	713	970	14,432
Men .....	3,284	217	453	781	655	459	718	15,934
Women .....	3,021	247	628	975	666	254	252	12,872
Hispanic origin .....	3,502	315	562	1,008	691	393	533	14,223
Men .....	2,202	150	267	558	458	305	464	16,152
Women .....	1,301	165	296	449	233	88	69	11,770

**Table 10. Earnings distribution of year-round full-time workers by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin, 1983**

Characteristic	Men						Women					
	Total (thousands)	Percent distribution				Median earnings	Total (thousands)	Percent distribution				Median earnings
		Total	Under \$6,700	\$6,700-\$9,999	\$10,000 and over			Total	Under \$6,700	\$6,700-\$9,999	\$10,000 and over	
<b>All year-round full-time workers</b>												
Total .....	41,540	100.0	5.4	6.2	88.4	\$21,921	25,288	100.0	8.8	15.6	75.7	\$13,906
Age:												
16 to 19 .....	393	100.0	32.4	29.5	38.1	8,331	313	100.0	38.5	32.3	29.1	7,412
20 to 24 .....	3,599	100.0	10.2	19.7	70.0	12,800	3,019	100.0	11.9	27.3	60.8	10,872
25 to 54 .....	31,257	100.0	4.0	4.5	91.5	23,306	18,658	100.0	7.3	13.2	79.4	14,818
55 to 64 .....	5,490	100.0	5.5	4.9	89.6	24,193	2,920	100.0	9.4	15.9	74.7	13,948
65 and over .....	801	100.0	22.7	9.7	67.6	16,951	378	100.0	27.3	19.5	53.2	11,090
<b>White</b>												
Total .....	37,285	100.0	5.2	5.5	89.2	22,511	21,573	100.0	8.8	14.9	76.3	14,054
Age:												
16 to 19 .....	359	100.0	33.9	26.7	39.4	8,496	295	100.0	38.9	31.3	29.8	7,409
20 to 24 .....	3,208	100.0	10.1	17.4	72.5	13,138	2,707	100.0	11.3	26.5	62.2	10,991
25 to 54 .....	27,923	100.0	3.8	4.0	92.2	23,879	15,679	100.0	7.5	12.7	79.9	14,972
55 to 64 .....	5,065	100.0	5.2	4.4	90.4	24,785	2,552	100.0	9.0	14.0	77.0	14,420
65 and over .....	730	100.0	23.4	9.6	67.0	17,001	339	100.0	24.6	18.9	56.5	12,172
<b>Black</b>												
Total .....	3,284	100.0	6.6	13.8	79.6	15,934	3,021	100.0	8.2	20.8	71.1	12,872
Age:												
16 to 19 .....	28	100.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	13	100.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
20 to 24 .....	319	100.0	11.7	41.1	47.2	\$9,733	266	100.0	18.6	34.3	47.1	\$9,717
25 to 54 .....	2,546	100.0	5.4	10.1	84.5	17,380	2,397	100.0	5.7	17.7	76.6	13,766
55 to 64 .....	337	100.0	10.1	12.5	77.4	14,698	311	100.0	12.5	30.8	56.7	10,780
65 and over .....	54	100.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	34	100.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
<b>Hispanic origin</b>												
Total .....	2,202	100.0	6.8	12.1	81.1	\$16,152	1,301	100.0	12.7	22.7	64.6	\$11,770
Age:												
16 to 19 .....	33	100.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	32	100.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
20 to 24 .....	256	100.0	13.6	21.7	64.6	\$11,463	183	100.0	18.9	30.7	50.5	\$10,030
25 to 54 .....	1,701	100.0	5.3	10.0	84.7	17,339	966	100.0	10.6	20.1	69.4	12,505
55 to 64 .....	192	100.0	7.3	11.0	81.7	17,654	112	100.0	15.7	32.8	51.5	10,217
65 and over .....	19	100.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	8	100.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.



**Table 11. Number of year-round full-time workers, percent earning less than \$6,700, and median earnings by family status, race, and Hispanic origin, 1983**

Characteristic	Number (thousands)	Percent earning less than \$6,700	Median earnings
<b>All year-round full-time workers</b>			
Total .....	66,828	6.7	\$18,169
Husbands .....	30,145	4.3	24,012
Wives .....	13,929	9.2	13,932
Others in married-couple families .....	4,222	13.2	12,016
Women who maintain families .....	3,521	6.6	13,794
Others in families maintained by women .....	1,951	13.3	12,528
Men who maintain families .....	1,085	3.7	21,723
Others in families maintained by men .....	555	6.9	14,020
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	6,323	6.4	19,865
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	5,096	6.9	15,766
<b>White</b>			
Total .....	58,858	6.6	18,700
Husbands .....	27,575	4.2	24,360
Wives .....	12,225	9.2	13,993
Others in married-couple families .....	3,766	13.4	12,108
Women who maintain families .....	2,548	6.6	14,178
Others in families maintained by women .....	1,408	11.8	13,025
Men who maintain families .....	908	4.0	22,540
Others in families maintained by men .....	419	6.0	13,988
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	5,512	6.4	20,304
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	4,497	6.9	16,013
<b>Black</b>			
Total .....	6,305	7.4	14,432
Husbands .....	1,869	4.8	18,322
Wives .....	1,252	8.5	13,273
Others in married-couple families .....	349	10.2	10,676
Women who maintain families .....	895	6.3	12,673
Others in families maintained by women .....	488	16.7	10,593
Men who maintain families .....	152	2.8	16,589
Others in families maintained by men .....	117	8.3	13,384
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	686	6.4	15,820
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	499	7.3	14,068
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Total .....	3,502	9.0	14,223
Husbands .....	1,549	5.4	17,523
Wives .....	674	10.8	12,053
Others in married-couple families .....	329	15.0	10,920
Women who maintain families .....	226	12.5	12,125
Others in families maintained by women .....	131	17.9	11,060
Men who maintain families .....	83	2.3	16,097
Others in families maintained by men .....	57	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	279	8.8	\$15,340
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	175	12.9	12,532

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.

<sup>2</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.



**Table 12. Incidence of poverty among year-round full-time workers by family status, earnings, race, and Hispanic origin, 1983**

Characteristic	Total		With earnings of -			
	Number (thousands)	Percent in families below poverty level	Under \$6,700		\$6,700 or more	
			Number (thousands)	Percent in families below poverty level	Number (thousands)	Percent in families below poverty level
<b>All year-round full-time workers</b>						
Total .....	66,828	3.1	4,453	30.5	62,375	1.1
Husbands .....	30,145	3.5	1,290	47.6	28,855	1.6
Wives .....	13,929	1.9	1,275	13.2	12,654	.7
Others in married-couple families .....	4,222	1.3	559	5.1	3,663	.7
Women who maintain families .....	3,521	6.2	233	50.0	3,289	3.1
Others in families maintained by women .....	1,951	2.0	260	8.7	1,691	1.0
Men who maintain families .....	1,085	3.1	40	( <sup>1</sup> )	1,044	.7
Others in families maintained by men .....	555	2.2	38	( <sup>1</sup> )	517	.5
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	6,323	3.7	406	57.2	5,917	-
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	5,096	2.9	351	40.1	4,745	.1
<b>White</b>						
Total .....	58,858	2.8	3,858	29.8	55,000	.9
Husbands .....	27,575	3.3	1,171	46.7	26,405	1.4
Wives .....	12,225	1.7	1,123	12.3	11,103	.6
Others in married-couple families .....	3,766	1.0	504	4.0	3,261	.5
Women who maintain families .....	2,548	4.6	169	44.4	2,379	1.7
Others in families maintained by women .....	1,408	1.7	166	8.6	1,242	.8
Men who maintain families .....	908	3.3	36	( <sup>1</sup> )	872	.6
Others in families maintained by men .....	419	1.7	25	( <sup>1</sup> )	394	.5
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	5,512	3.6	354	56.4	5,158	-
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	4,497	2.9	310	41.2	4,186	.1
<b>Black</b>						
Total .....	6,305	5.0	464	32.3	5,841	2.8
Husbands .....	1,869	5.8	90	50.3	1,779	3.5
Wives .....	1,252	2.8	107	13.0	1,146	1.8
Others in married-couple families .....	349	4.0	35	( <sup>1</sup> )	313	3.0
Women who maintain families .....	895	11.1	56	( <sup>1</sup> )	839	7.2
Others in families maintained by women .....	488	3.0	81	8.8	406	1.8
Men who maintain families .....	152	2.2	4	( <sup>1</sup> )	148	1.5
Others in families maintained by men .....	117	2.2	10	( <sup>1</sup> )	107	.7
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	686	3.9	44	( <sup>1</sup> )	642	-
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	499	2.5	36	( <sup>1</sup> )	462	.4
<b>Hispanic origin</b>						
Total .....	3,502	6.4	315	33.0	3,187	3.7
Husbands .....	1,549	9.1	84	56.3	1,466	6.4
Wives .....	674	2.0	73	( <sup>1</sup> )	601	.8
Others in married-couple families .....	329	1.3	49	( <sup>1</sup> )	280	1.1
Women who maintain families .....	226	10.5	28	( <sup>1</sup> )	198	3.7
Others in families maintained by women .....	131	9.1	23	( <sup>1</sup> )	107	2.8
Men who maintain families .....	83	6.2	2	( <sup>1</sup> )	81	6.0
Others in families maintained by men .....	57	( <sup>1</sup> )	9	( <sup>1</sup> )	47	( <sup>1</sup> )
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	279	4.7	24	( <sup>1</sup> )	254	.4
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	175	5.0	22	( <sup>1</sup> )	153	.6

<sup>1</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.

NOTE: Dash represents zero or rounds to zero.



**Table 13. Year-round full-time workers earning less than \$6,700 by family income, family status, race, and Hispanic origin, 1983**

Characteristic	Total	With family income <sup>1</sup> of -					
		Under \$5,000	\$5,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$14,999	\$15,000-\$19,999	\$20,000-\$24,999	\$25,000 and over
<b>All year-round full-time workers</b>							
Total earning less than \$6,700 (thousands) .....	4,453	832	980	635	493	375	1,138
Percent distribution .....	100.0	18.7	22.0	14.3	11.1	8.4	25.5
Husbands .....	100.0	28.6	23.3	19.4	10.3	8.2	10.2
Wives .....	100.0	6.6	8.7	15.9	16.3	12.5	39.9
Others in married-couple families .....	100.0	1.8	3.3	6.3	11.4	9.9	67.3
Women who maintain families .....	100.0	19.1	44.9	13.3	8.3	5.0	9.4
Others in families maintained by women .....	100.0	2.8	13.4	23.7	18.0	14.5	27.6
Men who maintain families .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
All other men <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	47.8	42.7	4.5	3.0	.9	1.1
All other women <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	30.2	59.0	9.2	.5	-	1.0
<b>White</b>							
Total earning less than \$6,700 (thousands) .....	3,858	735	804	559	420	333	1,007
Percent distribution .....	100.0	19.0	20.8	14.5	10.9	8.6	26.1
Husbands .....	100.0	29.2	21.6	19.3	10.6	8.8	10.4
Wives .....	100.0	6.1	8.8	15.7	15.6	12.9	40.9
Others in married-couple families .....	100.0	1.4	2.8	5.9	11.6	10.1	68.2
Women who maintain families .....	100.0	19.0	41.3	16.0	7.9	4.9	11.0
Others in families maintained by women .....	100.0	3.3	15.7	27.3	17.4	12.2	24.1
Men who maintain families .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
All other men <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	47.1	42.1	5.1	3.5	1.0	1.2
All other women <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	31.2	56.8	10.4	.6	-	1.0
<b>Black</b>							
Total earning less than \$6,700 (thousands) .....	464	62	146	64	68	33	90
Percent distribution .....	100.0	13.3	31.6	13.8	14.8	7.1	19.5
Husbands .....	100.0	13.7	43.4	25.8	8.7	1.3	7.1
Wives .....	100.0	6.7	5.5	17.6	27.8	10.1	32.2
Others in married-couple families .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Women who maintain families .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Others in families maintained by women .....	100.0	2.4	9.2	17.7	22.2	16.7	31.8
Men who maintain families .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
All other men <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
All other women <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Hispanic origin</b>							
Total earning less than \$6,700 (thousands) .....	315	43	88	55	40	24	66
Percent distribution .....	100.0	13.6	27.8	17.3	12.8	7.6	21.0
Husbands .....	100.0	19.4	34.0	27.0	10.0	4.5	5.2
Wives .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Others in married-couple families .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Women who maintain families .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Others in families maintained by women .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Men who maintain families .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Others in families maintained by men .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
All other men <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
All other women <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Personal income for "all other" men and women.

<sup>2</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

<sup>3</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.

NOTE: Dash represents zero or rounds to zero.



**Table 14. Incidence of unemployment among persons with labor force experience and percent in families below the poverty level by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and family status, 1981-83**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1981				1982				1983			
	Persons with labor force experience	With unemployment			Persons with labor force experience	With unemployment			Persons with labor force experience	With unemployment		
		Number	Percent	Percent in families below the poverty level		Number	Percent	Percent in families below the poverty level		Number	Percent	Percent in families below the poverty level
Total .....	119,658	23,382	19.5	19.1	120,235	26,493	22.0	20.5	121,634	23,799	19.6	22.9
Men .....	65,950	13,175	20.0	17.7	66,160	15,441	23.3	18.6	66,531	13,973	21.0	20.8
Women .....	53,708	10,207	19.0	21.0	54,074	11,052	20.4	23.2	55,103	9,826	17.8	25.8
White .....	104,668	19,140	18.3	15.7	104,942	21,730	20.7	17.1	106,117	19,576	18.4	18.9
Men .....	58,378	10,963	18.8	15.5	58,560	12,883	22.0	16.3	58,737	11,654	19.8	17.6
Women .....	46,290	8,177	17.7	16.1	46,381	8,847	19.1	18.3	47,379	7,922	16.7	20.8
Black .....	12,153	3,703	30.5	36.2	12,276	4,096	33.4	38.6	12,593	3,668	29.1	43.5
Men .....	6,030	1,884	31.2	29.3	5,994	2,186	36.5	32.0	6,269	2,019	32.2	38.4
Women .....	6,123	1,819	29.7	43.4	6,282	1,910	30.4	46.2	6,323	1,650	26.1	49.8
Hispanic origin .....	6,293	1,491	23.7	25.3	6,331	1,717	27.1	31.6	6,565	1,598	24.3	31.9
Men .....	3,678	891	24.2	24.7	3,646	1,038	28.5	32.6	3,723	958	25.7	31.7
Women .....	2,615	600	22.9	26.1	2,685	679	25.3	30.2	2,843	640	22.5	32.3
Husbands .....	40,535	5,717	14.1	16.2	40,440	7,228	17.9	16.9	40,463	6,418	15.9	19.4
Wives .....	29,272	4,577	15.6	8.4	29,510	4,957	16.8	10.4	29,994	4,369	14.6	12.5
Others in married-couple families .....	16,592	4,689	28.3	6.3	16,893	5,334	31.6	7.2	16,254	4,551	28.0	8.5
Women who maintain families .....	6,214	1,457	23.4	55.8	6,108	1,636	26.8	59.2	6,455	1,552	24.0	61.1
Others in such families .....	5,660	2,024	35.8	25.4	5,784	2,270	39.3	28.1	6,036	2,134	35.4	29.6
Men who maintain families .....	1,548	322	20.8	19.3	1,587	386	24.3	32.0	1,597	296	18.5	31.1
Others in such families .....	1,477	521	35.3	10.2	1,469	509	34.7	16.0	1,437	475	33.1	10.7
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	9,922	2,510	25.3	32.1	10,022	2,557	25.5	32.7	10,528	2,498	23.7	34.7
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	8,438	1,565	18.5	39.2	8,422	1,615	19.2	41.4	8,870	1,505	17.0	45.1

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.



**Table 15. Incidence of involuntary part-time employment among persons working part time and percent in families below the poverty level by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and family status, 1981-83**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1981				1982				1983			
	Persons with part-time work	With involuntary part time			Persons with part-time work	With involuntary part time			Persons with part-time work	With involuntary part time		
		Number	Percent of part-time workers	Percent in families below the poverty level		Number	Percent of part-time workers	Percent in families below the poverty level		Number	Percent of part-time workers	Percent in families below the poverty level
Total .....	44,063	14,627	33.2	16.7	43,599	16,064	36.8	18.0	42,867	14,903	34.8	19.1
Men .....	19,807	8,199	41.4	15.9	19,835	9,043	45.6	17.1	19,268	8,372	43.5	18.2
Women .....	24,256	6,428	26.5	17.8	23,764	7,022	29.5	19.2	23,599	6,531	27.7	20.3
White .....	38,909	12,223	31.4	14.2	38,480	13,555	35.2	15.8	37,934	12,562	33.1	16.3
Men .....	17,370	6,962	40.1	13.9	17,425	7,736	44.4	15.4	16,971	7,200	42.4	16.1
Women .....	21,539	5,262	24.4	14.6	21,055	5,819	27.6	16.2	20,963	5,362	25.6	16.7
Black .....	4,268	2,081	48.8	31.1	4,177	2,180	52.2	31.9	4,068	2,053	50.5	35.9
Men .....	2,015	1,073	53.3	27.4	1,985	1,131	57.0	27.8	1,922	1,030	53.6	33.0
Women .....	2,253	1,008	44.7	35.1	2,192	1,049	47.9	36.3	2,146	1,023	47.7	38.7
Hispanic origin .....	2,198	987	44.9	26.7	2,180	1,060	48.6	30.1	2,230	1,039	46.6	28.0
Men .....	1,150	602	52.4	25.4	1,174	664	56.6	29.6	1,114	614	55.2	30.1
Women .....	1,048	385	36.7	28.7	1,006	396	39.4	30.8	1,117	425	38.1	25.0
Husbands .....	8,954	4,121	46.0	14.7	8,983	4,618	51.4	15.8	8,500	4,130	48.6	16.2
Wives .....	13,349	3,158	23.7	8.4	13,178	3,413	25.9	9.0	13,034	3,153	24.2	10.0
Others in married-couple families .....	9,481	2,432	25.7	6.5	9,579	2,846	29.7	8.9	9,061	2,529	27.9	7.1
Women who maintain families .....	2,170	877	40.4	45.5	2,010	947	47.1	45.3	2,134	1,022	47.9	48.0
Others in such families .....	2,736	1,049	38.3	24.2	2,673	1,131	42.3	23.5	2,781	1,086	39.0	22.6
Men who maintain families .....	398	196	49.3	15.4	438	243	55.3	22.6	436	218	49.9	22.8
Others in such families .....	649	300	46.2	9.8	662	271	41.0	9.0	591	269	45.5	13.6
All other men <sup>1</sup> .....	3,222	1,474	45.8	26.1	3,165	1,527	48.2	28.7	3,358	1,530	45.5	32.4
All other women <sup>1</sup> .....	3,104	1,020	32.9	31.6	2,912	1,068	36.7	37.0	2,970	966	32.5	38.2

<sup>1</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.



**Table 16. Incidence of low earnings among year-round full-time workers and percent in families below the poverty level by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and family status, 1981-83**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	1981				1982				1983			
	Year-round full-time workers	Low earners (under \$6,700)			Year-round full-time workers	Low earners (under \$6,700)			Year-round full-time workers	Low earners (under \$6,700)		
		Number	Percent of fully employed	Percent in families below the poverty level		Number	Percent of fully employed	Percent in families below the poverty level		Number	Percent of fully employed	Percent in families below the poverty level
Total .....	65,292	5,202	8.0	26.5	63,973	4,608	7.2	29.8	66,828	4,453	6.7	30.5
Men .....	41,806	2,527	6.0	36.3	40,129	2,240	5.6	38.0	41,540	2,233	5.4	41.1
Women .....	23,486	2,675	11.4	17.2	23,844	2,368	9.9	22.1	25,288	2,220	8.8	19.8
White .....	57,689	4,443	7.7	25.8	56,523	4,008	7.1	29.6	58,858	3,858	6.6	29.8
Men .....	37,576	2,179	5.8	37.0	36,210	2,003	5.5	39.0	37,285	1,954	5.2	40.9
Women .....	20,112	2,263	11.3	15.0	20,314	2,005	9.9	20.2	21,573	1,904	8.8	18.4
Black .....	6,059	669	11.0	31.5	5,840	474	8.1	32.5	6,305	464	7.4	32.3
Men .....	3,322	307	9.2	32.3	2,987	192	6.4	28.4	3,284	217	6.6	38.2
Women .....	2,737	362	13.2	30.8	2,853	282	9.9	35.3	3,021	247	8.2	27.0
Hispanic origin .....	3,345	328	9.8	28.1	3,192	261	8.2	32.2	3,502	315	9.0	33.0
Men .....	2,212	155	7.0	40.9	2,044	121	5.9	41.3	2,202	150	6.8	43.6
Women .....	1,133	173	15.3	16.6	1,148	139	12.1	24.3	1,301	165	12.7	23.3
Husbands .....	30,777	1,444	4.7	43.4	29,464	1,342	4.6	43.2	30,145	1,290	4.3	47.6
Wives .....	12,911	1,482	11.5	9.9	13,184	1,387	10.5	14.7	13,929	1,275	9.2	13.2
Others in married-couple families .....	4,179	713	17.1	10.6	3,976	541	13.6	10.2	4,222	559	13.2	5.1
Women who maintain families .....	3,335	311	9.3	47.7	3,277	256	7.8	51.2	3,521	233	6.6	50.0
Others in such families .....	1,788	277	15.5	20.9	1,784	185	10.4	16.6	1,951	260	13.3	8.7
Men who maintain families .....	1,080	62	5.8	( <sup>1</sup> )	1,040	68	6.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	1,085	40	3.7	( <sup>1</sup> )
Others in such families .....	560	68	12.1	( <sup>1</sup> )	545	60	11.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	555	38	6.9	( <sup>1</sup> )
All other men <sup>2</sup> .....	5,949	405	6.8	39.6	5,920	374	6.3	49.1	6,323	406	6.4	57.2
All other women <sup>2</sup> .....	4,712	439	9.3	28.2	4,783	396	8.3	38.6	5,096	351	6.9	40.1

<sup>1</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.



**Table 17. Persons with labor market problems by number and type of problems: Unemployment or involuntary part-time employment or low earnings, 1983**

(In thousands)

Labor market problem	Persons with labor market problems	Persons with labor market problems living in "poor" families
Total .....	35,797	7,796
Workers employed year round, full time .....	8,079	1,448
One problem only:		
Low earnings .....	3,779	1,157
Unemployment .....	594	10
Involuntary part-time employment .....	2,843	76
Two problems:		
Low earnings, unemployment .....	46	12
Low earnings, involuntary part-time employment .....	606	189
Unemployment, involuntary part-time employment .....	189	4
Three problems:		
Low earnings, unemployment, involuntary part-time employment .....	22	2
Workers employed less than year round, full time .....	23,802	4,602
One problem only:		
Unemployment .....	12,559	2,021
Involuntary part-time employment .....	4,770	928
Two problems:		
Unemployment, involuntary part-time employment .....	6,473	1,653
Nonworkers who looked for work .....	3,916	1,745

**Table 18. Persons with labor market problems by number and type of problems: 5 weeks or more of unemployment or involuntary part-time employment or low earnings, 1983**

(In thousands)

Labor market problem	Persons with labor market problems	Persons with labor market problems living in "poor" families
Total .....	29,571	6,999
Workers employed year round, full time .....	6,111	1,411
One problem only:		
Low earnings .....	4,024	1,238
Involuntary part-time employment, 5 weeks or more .....	1,658	52
Two problems:		
Low earnings; involuntary part-time employment, 5 weeks or more .....	429	121
Workers employed less than year round, full time .....	20,264	4,099
One problem only:		
Unemployment, 5 weeks or more .....	11,667	2,194
Involuntary part-time employment, 5 weeks or more .....	4,668	892
Two problems:		
Unemployment, 5 weeks or more; involuntary part-time employment, 5 weeks or more .....	3,929	1,013
Nonworkers who looked for work, 5 weeks or more .....	3,196	1,489



**Table 19. Persons with labor market problems by number and type of problems: 15 weeks or more of unemployment or involuntary part-time employment or low earnings, 1983**

(In thousands)

Labor market problem	Persons with labor market problems	Persons with labor market problems living in "poor" families
Total .....	20,650	5,571
Workers employed year round, full time .....	4,917	1,379
One problem only:		
Low earnings .....	4,259	1,308
Involuntary part-time employment, 15 weeks or more .....	464	20
Two problems:		
Low earnings; involuntary part-time employment, 15 weeks or more .....	195	50
Workers employed less than year round, full time .....	13,446	3,110
One problem only:		
Unemployment, 15 weeks or more .....	8,378	2,012
Involuntary part-time employment, 15 weeks or more .....	4,006	768
Two problems:		
Unemployment, 15 weeks or more; involuntary part-time employment, 15 weeks or more .....	1,062	329
Nonworkers who looked for work, 15 weeks or more .....	2,287	1,802



# Appendix A. Explanatory Notes

The source, coverage, concepts and definitions, and limitations of the data presented in this bulletin are described below.

## Data source

The primary source of data is the supplement to the March 1984 Current Population Survey (CPS). The data refer to calendar year 1983.

## Population coverage

Each month, trained interviewers collect information from a sample which in 1983 totaled about 60,000 occupied households in 629 areas in 1,148 counties and independent cities in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Estimates in this bulletin are for persons 16 years of age and over in the civilian noninstitutional population during the calendar week ending March 17, 1984. The civilian noninstitutional population excludes all members of the Armed Forces and inmates of institutions such as homes for the aged and correctional institutions.

No information was obtained on persons who might have been in the civilian labor force during 1983 but were not in the civilian noninstitutional population as of the March date. Similarly, data on persons who died in 1983 or in 1984 before the survey date are not reflected. Persons who reached age 16 during January, February, or March 1984, however, are included.

## Concepts and definitions

*Work experience.* Persons with work experience are those who worked as civilians at any time during the year at full- or part-time jobs. Respondents are asked how many hours they usually worked per week during the year. They are classified as having worked at full-time jobs if they worked 35 hours per week or more in a majority of the weeks employed during the year; respondents are classified as having worked at part-time jobs if they worked 1 to 34 hours per week in a majority of the weeks employed during the year.

*Income.* Data on income are limited to money income received before personal income taxes and payroll deductions. Money income is the sum of the amounts received from earnings (hourly wages, salaries, or profits or losses of self-employed operations); social security or railroad retirement benefits; public assistance or welfare payments; supplemental security income;

dividends, interest, and rental income or losses; unemployment, veterans', and workers' compensation; government and private employee pensions; alimony, child support, or regular contributions from persons not living in the household; and other periodic income. In the March 1984 CPS, income did not reflect nonmoney transfers, such as food stamps; subsidized housing; goods produced on a farm or in a home; and employer-financed fringe benefits such as retirement, educational expenses, stock options, or health and life insurance. For more information on the income concept, see *Money Income of Households, Families, and Persons in the United States: 1982*, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 142 (Bureau of the Census, February 1984).

*Poverty (low-income) classification.* Poverty statistics presented in this bulletin are based on definitions developed by the Social Security Administration in 1964 and revised by Federal interagency committees in 1969 and 1980. These definitions are based on the Department of Agriculture's Economy Food Plan and reflect the different consumption requirements of families based on their size and number of children under 18 years old. Unrelated individuals and two-person families are further differentiated by age.

The latest modifications, implemented in the March 1982 CPS, were: (1) Elimination of separate thresholds (poverty levels) for farm families, (2) averaging of thresholds for female householders and "all other" families, and (3) development of a poverty threshold for families with nine or more members.

In 1983, the average poverty threshold for a family of four was \$10,178; for a family of nine persons or more, the threshold was \$20,310; and for an unrelated individual age 65 and over, \$4,775. The poverty thresholds are updated each year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. For more information, see *Money Income and Poverty Status of Families and Persons in the United States: 1983*, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 145 (Bureau of the Census, August 1984).

*Civilian labor force.* The civilian labor force comprises all civilians 16 years and older classified as employed or unemployed sometime during the year.

*Employed.* Employed persons are all those who in 1983 worked as civilians for pay or profit (including paid vacations and sick leave) or worked without pay on a family-operated farm or business.



*Year-round, full-time work.* Year-round, full-time work is employment of 50 to 52 weeks during the year, usually at a full-time job.

*Unemployed.* Unemployed persons are those who were looking for work while not employed or were on layoff for at least 1 week during the year. The number of weeks unemployed is the total number of weeks accumulated during the entire year.

*Involuntary part-time employment.* Persons who worked less than 35 hours for at least 1 week during the year a) because of slack work or material shortages, or b) because they could not find part-time work.

*Median.* The median is the value which divides a distribution into two equal parts, one part having values above the median and the other having values below the median. Median earnings in this bulletin are based on distributions which include zero values. The median is estimated by linear interpolation within the distribution. The precision of the estimates depends on the size of the interval which contains the median.

*Earnings.* Earnings are all money income from hourly wages, salaries, and profits or losses from self-employment.

*Age.* The age classification is based upon a person's age as of the last birthday.

*Family.* A family is a group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. All such persons are considered as members of one family even though they may include a "sub-family," that is, a married couple or a parent-child group sharing the living quarters of the married-couple or person maintaining the household.

*Family or household income.* In this report, this term refers to family income for persons in families and personal income for unrelated individuals.

## **Reliability of the estimates**

*Estimating procedure.* The estimating procedure used in this survey inflates weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population by age, sex, and race. These independent estimates were based on statistics from the 1980 Census of Population and other data on births, deaths, immigration, emigration, and size of the Armed Forces.

Since the CPS estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same questionnaires, instructions, and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: Sampling and nonsampling. The standard errors provided for this bulletin primarily indicate the magnitude of the sampling error. They also partially measure the effect of some nonsampling errors

in response and enumeration, but do not measure any systematic biases in the data. The full extent of non-sampling error is unknown. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates.

*Sampling variability.* The standard errors that may be obtained using this appendix are primarily measures of sampling variability; that is, of the variation that occurred by chance because a sample rather than the entire population was surveyed. The sample estimate and its estimated standard error enable one to construct confidence intervals—ranges that would include the average result of all possible samples with a known probability. For example, if all possible samples were selected, each surveyed under essentially the same general conditions and using the same sample design, and if an estimate and its estimated standard error were calculated from each sample, then:

1. Approximately 68 percent of the intervals from one standard error below the estimate to one standard error above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.
2. Approximately 90 percent of the intervals from 1.6 standard errors below the estimate to 1.6 standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.
3. Approximately 95 percent of the intervals from two standard errors below the estimate to two standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.

The average estimate derived from all possible samples may not be contained in any particular computed interval. However, for a particular sample, one can say with a specified confidence that the average estimate derived from all possible samples is included in the confidence interval.

*Standard errors for data based on the CPS.* Because of the large number of estimates that are produced from the CPS, it is not feasible to give a standard error for each of the estimates. Instead, generalized standard error tables and adjustment factors for different types of estimates provided by the Bureau of the Census can be used. These will be available in the detailed report for 1983 in the Current Population Reports, Series P-60, when it is published.

In this bulletin, formulas and parameters used to derive the generalized tables and adjustment factors are provided.

*Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages.* Standard errors of estimated numbers and



estimated percentages can be computed directly with formulas (1) and (2) respectively:

$$(1) \quad \sigma_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx}$$

Here  $x$  is the size of the estimate and  $a$  and  $b$  are the parameters associated with the characteristic.

$$(2) \quad \sigma_{(x,p)} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} (p(100-p))}$$

Here  $x$  is the size of the subclass of the population which is the base of the percentage,  $p$  is the percentage ( $0 \leq p \leq 100$ ), and  $b$  is the parameter associated with the characteristic.

Table A-1 provides the values of the  $a$  and  $b$  parameters that are used in formulas (1) and (2) to create standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages of households, families, unrelated individuals, and persons.

**Standard error of a difference.** The formula for approximate standard errors of the difference between two estimates  $x$  and  $y$ , is given by:

$$(3) \quad \sigma_{(x-y)} = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - 2\rho\sigma_x\sigma_y}$$

where  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  are the standard errors of the estimates  $x$  and  $y$ , and  $\rho$  represents the correlation between the two estimates.

For the year-to-year comparisons of income and poverty estimates, the correlation coefficients,  $\rho$ , are contained in the upcoming detailed reports in the series, Current Population Reports, P-60. For other comparisons, assume  $\rho$  equals zero. Making this assumption

**Table A-1. Parameters for direct computation of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages of households, families, unrelated individuals, and persons, 1983**

Characteristics	Parameters	
	a	b
Number of households, families, and unrelated individuals:		
All races or white .....	-0.000010	1,721
Black and/or other races .....	-.000089	1,876
Hispanic origin .....	-.000014	2,420
Number of persons:		
All races or white .....	-.000009	1,885
Black and/or other races .....	-.000077	2,155
Hispanic origin .....	-.000020	3,000
Families below poverty level:		
All races or white .....	.000076	1,876
Black and/or other races .....	.000076	1,876
Hispanic origin .....	-.000014	2,420
Persons below poverty level:		
All races or white .....	-.000031	7,946
Black and/or other races .....	-.000270	7,946
Hispanic origin .....	-.000063	11,528

tion will result in accurate estimates of the difference between two estimates of the same characteristics in two different areas, or for the difference between separate and uncorrelated characteristics in the same area. If, however, there is a high positive (negative) correlation between the two characteristics, the formula will overestimate (underestimate) the true standard error.

**Note when using small estimates.** Summary measures (such as means, medians, and percent distributions) are shown in this bulletin only when the base is 75,000 or greater. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that summary measures would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated numbers are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit combinations of the categories which may serve users' needs.

### Other limitations of the data

Besides errors that result directly from sampling variation, the CPS is known to have other limitations which affect results of the survey. Foremost, the income estimates reported in the CPS are lower than amounts reported by other independent sources, such as the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Social Security Administration. These differences are termed "under-reporting" and occur for a variety of reasons, among them: Overlooking small amounts of income, lack of information on money-income-producing activities of family members not present during the interview, and reluctance to reveal certain types of income such as public assistance or alimony. More generally, the CPS is affected by recall problems—inability to recall completely or accurately events which took place during the previous year. Other errors can occur in conducting or processing interviews, such as misstating or misunderstanding interview questions.

In the March 1983 CPS, no interview was obtained for approximately 4 percent of the households in the sample for reasons such as "no one home," "temporarily absent," or "refusals." In order to account for these households, the weights assigned to households in which interviews were obtained have been increased slightly. The "noninterview" adjustment procedure adjusts the weights of sample households by race of householder and within a specified set of geographical restrictions. Nonresponse is a serious problem in most household surveys and is especially troublesome for income questions. In many cases, even though an interview is obtained, complete information for all of the income questions is not available, unknown, or not divulged. Missing income items are imputed or allocated by values which are obtained from active respondents with similar







# Appendix B. Supplementary Tables

**Table B-1. Persons with unemployment by family status, family income, poverty status, and weeks of unemployment, 1983**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Persons with labor force experience	Without unemployment	Total with unemployment	Weeks of unemployment				
				1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks	27 to 51 weeks	52 weeks
<b>All persons 16 and over</b>								
Total .....	121,634	97,835	23,799	5,006	7,065	5,555	4,776	1,397
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	5,796	2,834	2,962	398	661	618	887	398
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	9,559	5,818	3,741	616	990	893	912	331
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	12,448	9,004	3,444	651	1,085	781	713	214
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	13,545	10,573	2,973	582	906	755	593	138
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	13,633	11,134	2,499	584	731	609	480	94
\$25,000 and over .....	66,652	58,473	8,179	2,175	2,693	1,899	1,191	222
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	11,081	5,634	5,447	750	1,272	1,195	1,549	680
Percent .....	9.1	5.8	22.9	15.0	18.0	21.5	32.4	48.6
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	15,244	8,285	6,960	969	1,643	1,572	1,987	788
Percent .....	12.5	8.5	29.2	19.4	23.3	28.3	41.6	56.4
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	20,138	11,657	8,480	1,263	2,098	1,953	2,287	880
Percent .....	16.6	11.9	35.6	25.2	29.7	35.2	47.9	63.0
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	30,991	19,578	11,413	1,841	3,024	2,602	2,908	1,039
Percent .....	25.5	20.0	48.0	36.8	42.8	46.8	60.9	74.4
Median family income .....	\$27,133	\$29,425	\$17,857	\$22,016	\$19,380	\$18,210	\$14,024	\$9,522
<b>Husbands</b>								
Total .....	40,463	34,044	6,418	1,125	1,833	1,664	1,446	351
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	886	488	398	24	45	103	138	87
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1,973	1,047	926	87	174	238	310	117
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	3,197	2,139	1,058	130	284	289	305	50
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	4,103	3,022	1,081	168	311	290	268	45
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	4,843	3,978	865	179	278	232	154	22
\$25,000 and over .....	25,460	23,370	2,090	537	741	512	270	29
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	2,673	1,426	1,247	101	210	310	425	201
Percent .....	6.6	4.2	19.4	8.9	11.5	18.7	29.4	57.2
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	3,932	2,177	1,755	154	310	472	591	229
Percent .....	9.7	6.4	27.4	13.7	16.9	28.4	40.8	65.4
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	5,367	3,177	2,190	221	436	583	705	244
Percent .....	13.3	9.3	34.1	19.6	23.8	35.1	48.8	69.6
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	8,722	5,653	3,069	358	703	804	924	280
Percent .....	21.6	16.6	47.8	31.8	38.3	48.3	63.9	79.9
Median family income .....	\$30,387	\$32,509	\$18,896	\$24,333	\$21,505	\$18,590	\$14,221	\$8,373

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**Table B-1. Persons with unemployment by family status, family income, poverty status, and weeks of unemployment, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Persons with labor force experience	Without unemployment	Total with unemployment	Weeks of unemployment				
				1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks	27 to 51 weeks	52 weeks
<b>Wives</b>								
Total .....	29,994	25,625	4,369	1,164	1,385	928	727	166
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	505	330	175	37	45	30	46	18
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1,211	762	449	103	132	94	88	31
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	2,208	1,590	618	175	203	113	91	36
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	3,028	2,388	641	153	208	144	111	24
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	3,593	2,953	639	177	188	127	124	24
\$25,000 and over .....	19,450	17,602	1,848	518	609	420	267	33
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	1,470	924	546	128	157	109	109	44
Percent .....	4.9	3.6	12.5	11.0	11.3	11.7	15.0	26.6
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,267	1,462	806	181	247	156	164	57
Percent .....	7.6	5.7	18.4	15.6	17.8	16.8	22.5	34.7
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	3,298	2,223	1,075	257	328	209	201	80
Percent .....	11.0	8.7	24.6	22.1	23.7	22.5	27.6	48.2
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	5,612	3,987	1,625	411	479	305	324	106
Percent .....	18.7	15.6	37.2	35.3	34.6	32.9	44.5	64.1
Median family income .....	\$31,265	\$32,806	\$22,064	\$23,120	\$22,850	\$22,921	\$20,796	\$14,789
<b>Others in married-couple families</b>								
Total .....	16,254	11,703	4,551	1,048	1,363	1,008	874	258
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	194	115	79	8	29	8	24	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	399	193	207	15	67	43	48	34
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	670	386	284	37	70	56	83	38
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	943	616	327	61	91	77	72	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	1,258	798	460	107	103	99	127	25
\$25,000 and over .....	12,791	9,596	3,194	821	1,005	725	520	124
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	787	402	386	42	119	75	96	54
Percent .....	4.8	3.4	8.5	4.0	8.7	7.4	11.0	21.1
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,164	631	533	60	156	102	147	68
Percent .....	7.2	5.4	11.7	5.8	11.5	10.1	16.8	26.4
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,649	934	715	90	196	152	190	86
Percent .....	10.1	8.0	15.7	8.6	14.4	15.1	21.8	33.4
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,817	1,676	1,140	163	311	249	302	116
Percent .....	17.3	14.3	25.1	15.6	22.8	24.7	34.5	44.9
Median family income .....	\$40,391	\$42,652	\$34,327	\$41,024	\$35,720	\$34,123	\$27,979	\$23,821

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**Table B-1. Persons with unemployment by family status, family income, poverty status, and weeks of unemployment, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Persons with labor force experience	Without unemployment	Total with unemployment	Weeks of unemployment				
				1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks	27 to 51 weeks	52 weeks
<b>Women who maintain families</b>								
Total .....	6,455	4,903	1,552	301	465	319	346	121
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	884	325	559	95	147	99	141	77
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1,278	768	510	89	141	123	126	30
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	1,232	1,024	208	53	79	35	34	7
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	1,055	936	119	29	46	21	21	2
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	672	609	63	8	23	19	10	2
\$25,000 and over .....	1,334	1,241	93	26	29	22	14	2
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	1,733	785	948	157	253	203	235	100
Percent .....	26.8	16.0	61.1	52.1	54.3	63.7	68.1	82.7
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,213	1,140	1,073	181	278	228	278	107
Percent .....	34.3	23.2	69.2	60.3	59.8	71.7	80.5	88.5
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,688	1,517	1,171	201	324	245	292	109
Percent .....	41.6	30.9	75.5	66.7	69.6	76.9	84.6	90.5
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	3,577	2,275	1,302	232	378	265	310	116
Percent .....	55.4	46.4	83.9	77.0	81.2	83.3	89.8	96.5
Median family income .....	\$14,238	\$16,582	\$6,579	\$7,512	\$7,537	\$6,717	\$6,124	\$3,751
<b>Others in families maintained by women</b>								
Total .....	6,036	3,902	2,134	405	585	499	428	218
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	340	99	241	37	71	37	59	37
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	823	383	440	64	100	87	126	64
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	902	471	431	64	108	114	93	53
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	914	619	295	51	91	75	49	29
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	752	555	197	40	50	60	35	12
\$25,000 and over .....	2,305	1,774	531	150	165	125	67	24
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	1,012	381	631	89	174	116	154	97
Percent .....	16.8	9.8	29.6	21.9	29.8	23.3	36.1	44.4
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,362	570	793	114	208	151	199	120
Percent .....	22.6	14.6	37.1	28.2	35.6	30.4	46.5	55.0
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,747	771	976	137	258	194	243	145
Percent .....	28.9	19.7	45.8	33.9	44.1	39.0	56.8	66.3
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,462	1,214	1,248	172	327	270	303	176
Percent .....	40.8	31.1	58.5	42.4	55.9	54.2	70.8	80.8
Median family income .....	\$20,277	\$23,546	\$14,460	\$18,658	\$15,593	\$15,615	\$11,648	\$10,622

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**Table B-1. Persons with unemployment by family status, family income, poverty status, and weeks of unemployment, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Persons with labor force experience	Without unemployment	Total with unemployment	Weeks of unemployment				
				1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks	27 to 51 weeks	52 weeks
<b>Men who maintain families</b>								
Total .....	1,597	1,301	296	42	81	84	60	30
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	89	33	56	3	10	13	17	14
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	138	68	70	13	9	23	14	11
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	176	120	55	12	21	9	12	1
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	207	172	36	2	9	17	7	-
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	224	191	33	3	9	12	7	2
\$25,000 and over .....	762	717	45	8	23	10	3	2
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	158	66	92	11	13	23	23	22
Percent .....	9.9	5.1	31.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	16.4	26.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	209	96	113	15	19	28	27	24
Percent .....	13.1	7.4	38.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	23.4	33.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	285	140	145	20	26	40	34	25
Percent .....	17.8	10.7	49.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	32.7	47.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	432	254	178	28	38	42	43	26
Percent .....	27.1	19.5	60.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	47.4	50.4	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Median family income .....	\$23,945	\$26,832	\$12,059	( <sup>2</sup> )	\$15,348	\$14,446	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Others in families maintained by men</b>								
Total .....	1,437	961	475	75	126	121	121	32
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	25	9	16	-	4	5	7	-
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	106	56	51	9	13	10	15	5
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	127	57	70	3	23	15	18	11
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	173	96	77	11	16	25	19	6
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	199	121	77	18	15	22	17	6
\$25,000 and over .....	806	622	184	34	56	44	45	5
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	88	37	51	8	9	16	15	3
Percent .....	6.1	3.8	10.7	10.8	7.5	13.0	12.2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	119	59	60	9	11	16	17	7
Percent .....	8.3	6.2	12.5	11.9	9.1	13.0	13.7	( <sup>2</sup> )
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	195	99	96	12	21	28	26	9
Percent .....	13.6	10.3	20.2	16.5	16.9	22.8	21.6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	317	146	171	22	45	45	43	16
Percent .....	22.1	15.2	36.1	29.4	36.0	37.1	35.7	( <sup>2</sup> )
Median family income .....	\$27,125	\$30,584	\$21,425	\$23,249	\$22,459	\$20,991	\$21,509	( <sup>2</sup> )

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table B-1. Persons with unemployment by family status, family income, poverty status, and weeks of unemployment, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Persons with labor force experience	Without unemployment	Total with unemployment	Weeks of unemployment				
				1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks	27 to 51 weeks	52 weeks
<b>All other men<sup>2</sup></b>								
Total .....	10,528	8,030	2,498	483	748	623	494	150
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	1,491	682	809	78	147	193	282	109
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1,775	1,109	666	136	207	185	115	22
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	1,870	1,402	468	93	197	107	59	12
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	1,636	1,362	274	68	94	78	30	4
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	1,181	1,058	124	39	45	33	6	2
\$25,000 and over .....	2,575	2,416	158	69	58	27	2	2
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	1,633	765	868	83	162	208	303	112
Percent .....	15.5	9.5	34.7	17.2	21.7	33.3	61.4	74.4
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,009	976	1,034	102	195	261	353	123
Percent .....	19.1	12.2	41.4	21.1	26.0	42.0	71.5	81.8
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,478	1,271	1,207	154	251	310	368	125
Percent .....	23.5	15.8	48.3	31.8	33.6	49.7	74.5	83.5
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	3,555	1,970	1,585	223	413	397	412	139
Percent .....	33.8	24.5	63.5	46.2	55.3	63.7	83.4	92.7
Median family income .....	\$15,297	\$17,756	\$8,132	\$11,286	\$10,280	\$7,851	\$3,998	\$2,391
<b>All other women<sup>2</sup></b>								
Total .....	8,870	7,365	1,505	362	480	310	281	71
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	1,380	752	628	114	163	131	174	47
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	1,856	1,432	424	101	148	89	70	16
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	2,066	1,815	252	83	102	44	18	6
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	1,485	1,361	124	39	39	27	15	3
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	911	870	41	13	21	6	2	-
\$25,000 and over .....	1,170	1,134	36	12	8	13	3	-
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	1,526	848	679	132	175	136	188	47
Percent .....	17.2	11.5	45.1	36.6	36.5	43.9	66.8	( <sup>2</sup> )
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,969	1,175	794	152	219	157	212	53
Percent .....	22.2	16.0	52.7	42.0	45.6	50.7	75.6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,431	1,527	904	170	257	192	228	57
Percent .....	27.4	20.7	60.1	47.0	53.6	61.9	81.1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	3,497	2,401	1,096	232	330	223	247	63
Percent .....	39.4	32.6	72.8	64.0	68.7	72.0	88.0	( <sup>2</sup> )
Median family income .....	\$12,687	\$14,068	\$6,176	\$8,520	\$7,388	\$6,427	\$3,897	( <sup>2</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Personal income for "all other" men and women.

<sup>2</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

<sup>3</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.

NOTE: Dash represents zero or rounds to zero.



**Table B-2. Persons with part-time employment by family status, family income, poverty status, and reason for working part time, 1983**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Reason for working part time						Other reasons
		Voluntary: Wanted or could only work part time	Involuntary: Slack work or could only find part-time work				27 weeks or more	
			Total	1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks		
<b>All persons 16 and over</b>								
Total .....	42,867	20,456	14,903	4,219	4,957	2,795	2,932	7,508
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	3,168	1,202	1,516	425	489	305	296	450
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	4,972	1,847	2,285	546	731	439	570	840
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	5,122	2,014	2,159	589	714	436	420	949
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	4,977	2,071	1,940	552	688	352	348	966
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	4,684	2,080	1,736	514	575	339	309	869
\$25,000 and over .....	19,943	11,243	5,267	1,594	1,759	925	989	3,433
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	5,785	2,037	2,851	772	910	573	595	897
Percent .....	13.5	10.0	19.1	18.3	18.4	20.5	20.3	12.0
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	7,974	2,828	3,898	1,029	1,314	743	812	1,248
Percent .....	18.6	13.8	26.2	24.4	26.5	26.6	27.7	16.6
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	10,321	3,727	4,962	1,280	1,678	954	1,051	1,632
Percent .....	24.1	18.2	33.3	30.3	33.9	34.1	35.9	21.7
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	15,042	5,681	6,883	1,810	2,287	1,328	1,458	2,478
Percent .....	35.1	27.8	46.2	42.9	46.2	47.5	49.7	33.0
Median family income .....	\$23,404	\$27,480	\$18,741	\$19,979	\$18,973	\$17,505	\$17,425	\$23,048
<b>Husbands</b>								
Total .....	8,500	1,989	4,130	1,483	1,548	660	439	2,381
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	359	57	218	68	84	46	21	84
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	914	196	522	159	180	104	80	195
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	1,280	325	616	189	251	90	86	339
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	1,314	318	663	236	257	105	66	333
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	1,216	238	634	229	255	93	56	344
\$25,000 and over .....	3,418	855	1,477	602	522	223	130	1,086
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	1,071	144	670	202	230	132	105	257
Percent .....	12.6	7.2	16.2	13.6	14.9	20.0	24.0	10.8
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,601	226	989	301	372	176	140	386
Percent .....	18.8	11.4	23.9	20.3	24.0	26.6	31.9	16.2
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,136	320	1,297	383	499	238	177	519
Percent .....	25.1	16.1	31.4	25.9	32.2	36.1	40.2	21.8
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	3,193	527	1,869	567	743	324	235	797
Percent .....	37.6	26.5	45.2	38.3	48.0	49.0	53.5	33.5
Median family income .....	\$21,388	\$21,907	\$20,314	\$21,643	\$20,047	\$19,155	\$17,133	\$23,309

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**Table B-2. Persons with part-time employment by family status, family income, poverty status, and reason for working part time, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Reason for working part time						Other reasons
		Voluntary: Wanted or could only work part time	Involuntary: Slack work or could only find part-time work				27 weeks or more	
			Total	1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks		
<b>Wives</b>								
Total .....	13,034	8,068	3,153	816	860	645	832	1,813
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	287	141	101	29	32	20	21	45
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	687	320	261	65	73	49	74	106
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	1,181	606	420	108	114	85	112	155
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	1,630	910	507	129	147	103	128	212
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	1,779	1,042	509	121	136	112	140	228
\$25,000 and over .....	7,471	5,050	1,355	364	357	277	356	1,065
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	824	370	316	85	86	61	83	138
Percent .....	6.3	4.6	10.0	10.4	10.0	9.5	10.0	7.6
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,286	578	504	132	151	94	127	203
Percent .....	9.9	7.2	16.0	16.1	17.6	14.6	15.3	11.2
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,868	879	717	181	218	129	189	272
Percent .....	14.3	10.9	22.7	22.1	25.3	20.0	22.8	15.0
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	3,145	1,604	1,111	282	321	221	287	430
Percent .....	24.1	19.9	35.2	34.5	37.3	34.2	34.5	23.7
Median family income .....	\$27,823	\$29,804	\$22,477	\$22,755	\$21,929	\$22,551	\$22,601	\$28,865
<b>Others in married-couple families</b>								
Total .....	9,061	5,529	2,529	629	920	453	527	1,003
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	114	55	42	18	16	3	5	17
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	250	117	97	30	36	13	18	37
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	407	210	165	42	47	43	34	32
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	559	292	199	45	91	28	35	68
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	732	418	244	75	72	51	47	70
\$25,000 and over .....	6,999	4,437	1,782	420	658	315	389	780
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	465	223	178	65	64	27	21	65
Percent .....	5.1	4.0	7.1	10.4	7.0	6.0	4.1	6.4
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	698	334	281	97	98	49	38	82
Percent .....	7.7	6.0	11.1	15.4	10.6	10.7	7.3	8.2
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	975	487	378	120	127	69	61	111
Percent .....	10.8	8.8	14.9	19.1	13.8	15.3	11.5	11.0
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,680	865	623	184	209	108	123	191
Percent .....	18.5	15.6	24.6	29.2	22.7	23.8	23.3	19.1
Median family income .....	\$39,001	\$41,067	\$34,395	\$31,507	\$35,319	\$33,878	\$35,369	\$37,886

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**Table B-2. Persons with part-time employment by family status, family income, poverty status, and reason for working part time, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Reason for working part time						Other reasons
		Voluntary: Wanted or could only work part time	Involuntary: Slack work or could only find part-time work				27 weeks or more	
			Total	1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks		
<b>Women who maintain families</b>								
Total .....	2,134	751	1,022	253	282	202	285	361
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	455	143	259	70	78	51	60	53
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	625	195	342	76	96	61	108	88
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	403	139	186	33	46	42	66	78
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	263	103	110	33	33	16	28	51
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	129	52	51	6	14	17	14	27
\$25,000 and over .....	259	120	75	35	16	15	9	65
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	877	278	491	124	135	95	136	108
Percent .....	41.1	37.0	48.0	49.1	47.9	47.3	47.6	29.9
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,091	350	602	145	181	113	164	139
Percent .....	51.1	46.6	58.9	57.4	63.9	55.8	57.6	38.5
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,274	399	706	165	207	135	198	169
Percent .....	59.7	53.2	69.1	65.4	73.4	67.1	69.4	46.7
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,538	495	823	190	225	162	245	220
Percent .....	72.1	65.9	80.5	75.3	79.8	80.3	86.0	60.9
Median family income .....	\$9,877	\$10,909	\$8,570	\$8,601	\$8,373	\$8,754	\$8,742	\$11,967
<b>Others in families maintained by women</b>								
Total .....	2,781	1,299	1,086	238	399	234	215	396
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	153	55	77	17	38	10	11	21
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	477	186	234	56	89	51	38	57
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	486	226	204	40	79	60	25	56
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	450	195	175	33	65	33	44	80
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	366	191	124	23	42	28	31	51
\$25,000 and over .....	849	445	272	69	86	52	66	131
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	515	200	245	56	104	53	32	70
Percent .....	18.5	15.4	22.6	23.4	26.1	22.8	15.0	17.6
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	710	268	344	77	145	74	47	99
Percent .....	25.5	20.6	31.6	32.4	36.4	31.6	22.1	24.9
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	930	358	452	110	178	94	69	120
Percent .....	33.4	27.5	41.7	46.4	44.6	40.4	32.3	30.3
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,322	525	630	147	236	145	103	167
Percent .....	47.6	40.5	58.1	61.8	59.0	62.2	47.8	42.0
Median family income .....	\$17,559	\$19,618	\$15,665	\$15,473	\$14,568	\$14,618	\$17,880	\$18,200

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**Table B-2. Persons with part-time employment by family status, family income, poverty status, and reason for working part time, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Reason for working part time						Other reasons
		Voluntary: Wanted or could only work part time	Involuntary: Slack work or could only find part-time work				27 weeks or more	
			Total	1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks		
<b>Men who maintain families</b>								
Total .....	436	103	218	63	65	47	44	116
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	49	17	29	11	7	5	6	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	64	12	42	9	12	12	9	10
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	65	23	27	8	10	4	5	14
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	70	10	41	11	13	4	13	19
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	77	13	35	8	5	15	6	29
\$25,000 and over .....	111	28	43	15	17	7	4	40
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	78	21	50	13	16	7	14	7
Percent .....	17.8	20.8	22.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	5.7
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	101	24	65	15	20	15	16	12
Percent .....	23.2	23.0	29.9	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	10.7
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	136	32	84	23	26	17	18	19
Percent .....	31.1	31.2	38.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	16.4
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	185	50	105	28	32	21	24	31
Percent .....	42.4	48.4	48.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	26.4
Median family income .....	\$18,148	\$15,061	\$16,265	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	\$21,753
<b>Others in families maintained by men</b>								
Total .....	591	231	269	63	91	66	49	92
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	15	4	8	3	1	4	-	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	60	15	41	8	10	17	6	5
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	75	27	44	12	8	13	11	4
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	70	25	30	2	9	9	9	14
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	79	30	38	10	16	4	8	10
\$25,000 and over .....	293	129	108	28	45	18	16	55
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	50	9	37	8	8	15	6	4
Percent .....	8.5	4.1	13.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	9.3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	4.4
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	63	16	39	8	10	15	6	8
Percent .....	10.6	7.0	14.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	11.3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	8.3
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	93	30	55	12	12	24	8	8
Percent .....	15.7	13.0	20.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	12.9	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	8.3
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	158	42	97	25	19	33	20	19
Percent .....	26.6	18.2	36.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	21.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	20.2
Median family income .....	\$24,250	\$27,201	\$21,700	( <sup>2</sup> )	\$24,362	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	\$28,318

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table B-2. Persons with part-time employment by family status, family income, poverty status, and reason for working part time, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	Reason for working part time						Other reasons
		Voluntary: Wanted or could only work part time	Involuntary: Slack work or could only find part-time work				27 weeks or more	
			Total	1 to 4 weeks	5 to 14 weeks	15 to 26 weeks		
<b>All other men<sup>3</sup></b>								
Total .....	3,358	1,028	1,530	462	536	286	245	801
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	881	297	448	136	146	93	73	136
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	902	312	396	85	144	70	96	194
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	648	194	308	112	102	52	42	146
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	377	87	175	53	66	41	15	115
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	173	41	75	29	28	14	4	58
\$25,000 and over .....	377	97	128	48	49	16	15	152
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	966	319	495	141	167	102	84	152
Percent .....	28.8	31.1	32.4	30.6	31.2	35.7	34.3	18.9
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,184	397	607	163	210	117	117	180
Percent .....	35.3	38.6	39.7	35.3	39.2	40.9	47.5	22.5
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,421	480	704	188	248	134	134	237
Percent .....	42.3	46.7	46.0	40.7	46.3	46.6	54.7	29.6
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,904	631	913	244	313	174	182	360
Percent .....	56.7	61.4	59.7	53.0	58.5	60.6	74.0	45.0
Median family income .....	\$9,287	\$8,418	\$8,647	\$10,312	\$8,708	\$8,340	\$7,089	\$12,299
<b>All other women<sup>3</sup></b>								
Total .....	2,970	1,459	966	214	256	202	295	545
Family income: <sup>1</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	856	433	334	75	87	73	99	89
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	992	495	350	58	90	62	140	147
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	579	266	187	45	56	48	39	126
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	245	130	41	10	8	13	9	74
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	132	54	26	12	7	4	3	52
\$25,000 and over .....	166	81	27	13	8	2	4	58
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	940	473	369	78	98	79	113	98
Percent .....	31.6	32.4	38.2	36.5	38.5	39.2	38.4	18.0
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,240	634	467	92	127	90	157	139
Percent .....	41.7	43.5	48.3	43.3	49.6	44.5	53.3	25.5
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,489	742	569	96	163	113	197	178
Percent .....	50.1	50.9	58.9	45.0	63.7	55.7	66.8	32.7
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,917	941	712	143	189	140	240	264
Percent .....	64.5	64.5	73.7	66.8	74.1	69.2	81.5	48.4
Median family income .....	\$7,761	\$7,466	\$6,862	\$8,483	\$6,467	\$7,345	\$6,277	\$10,789

<sup>1</sup> Personal income for "all other" men and women.

<sup>2</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

<sup>3</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.



**Table B-3. Earnings distribution of year-round full-time workers by family status, family income, and poverty status, 1983**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	With personal earnings of -						Median personal earnings <sup>1</sup>
		Under \$6,700			\$6,700 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 and over	
		Total	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 to \$6,699				
<b>All persons 16 and over</b>								
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	66,828	4,453	1,645	2,808	6,511	14,009	41,855	\$18,169
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	862	832	623	210	13	17	-	857
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	2,629	980	204	776	1,598	40	11	7,368
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	5,789	635	191	444	940	4,189	25	11,283
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	7,285	493	155	338	928	1,735	4,129	15,394
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	7,837	375	99	276	783	1,749	4,930	18,200
\$25,000 and over .....	42,426	1,138	373	765	2,249	6,280	32,759	23,771
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	2,065	1,359	746	612	442	249	15	5,003
Percent .....	3.1	30.5	45.4	21.8	6.8	1.8	-	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	3,418	1,825	836	989	888	642	62	\$6,370
Percent .....	5.1	41.0	50.8	35.2	13.6	4.6	.1	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	5,264	2,167	939	1,228	1,530	1,251	317	\$7,386
Percent .....	7.9	48.7	57.1	43.7	23.5	8.9	.8	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	10,035	2,660	1,076	1,584	2,899	2,912	1,565	\$9,374
Percent .....	15.0	59.7	65.4	56.4	44.5	20.8	3.7	-
Median family income .....	\$30,785	\$13,072	\$9,854	\$14,680	\$18,766	\$23,019	\$36,189	-
<b>Husbands</b>								
Total .....	30,145	1,290	630	659	1,264	3,632	23,960	\$24,012
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	372	370	313	56	2	1	-	1
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	641	301	88	213	323	15	3	7,019
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	1,602	250	77	173	317	1,028	7	10,715
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	2,451	133	62	70	285	734	1,300	15,181
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	3,484	105	32	73	146	807	2,425	18,605
\$25,000 and over .....	21,595	132	58	74	191	1,047	20,224	28,502
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	1,064	614	379	235	261	181	8	5,679
Percent .....	3.5	47.6	60.1	35.7	20.7	5.0	-	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,659	716	413	304	438	452	52	\$7,522
Percent .....	5.5	55.5	65.5	46.0	34.7	12.4	.2	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	2,464	833	458	375	553	805	273	\$9,233
Percent .....	8.2	64.6	72.7	56.8	43.8	22.2	1.1	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	4,529	968	500	468	762	1,441	1,357	\$11,474
Percent .....	15.0	75.1	79.3	71.0	60.3	39.7	5.7	-
Median family income .....	\$33,591	\$9,347	\$5,101	\$11,402	\$14,890	\$20,219	\$37,776	-

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table B-3. Earnings distribution of year-round full-time workers by family status, family income, and poverty status, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	With personal earnings of -						Median personal earnings <sup>1</sup>
		Under \$6,700			\$6,700 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 and over	
		Total	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 to \$6,699				
<b>Wives</b>								
Total .....	13,929	1,275	492	783	2,146	4,350	6,159	\$13,932
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	107	85	72	13	6	16	-	296
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	208	111	52	59	77	13	6	6,389
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	604	203	66	137	214	180	7	7,653
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	1,013	208	62	147	356	330	118	9,444
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	1,366	160	40	120	435	559	213	10,492
\$25,000 and over .....	10,631	508	200	309	1,058	3,252	5,814	15,641
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	263	169	104	65	50	38	7	4,804
Percent .....	1.9	13.2	21.1	8.2	2.3	.9	.1	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	461	251	139	112	120	82	9	\$6,272
Percent .....	3.3	19.7	28.1	14.3	5.6	1.9	.1	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	722	315	164	151	221	170	16	\$7,162
Percent .....	5.2	24.7	33.4	19.2	10.3	3.9	.3	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,363	486	214	273	449	365	63	\$7,779
Percent .....	9.8	38.1	43.4	34.8	20.9	8.4	1.0	-
Median family income .....	\$36,247	\$20,923	\$19,526	\$21,390	\$24,882	\$32,640	\$46,411	-
<b>Others in married-couple families</b>								
Total .....	4,222	559	152	408	932	1,392	1,339	\$12,016
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	14	10	8	2	4	-	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	31	19	14	4	9	3	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	69	35	9	26	29	5	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	178	63	15	48	61	48	5	\$8,158
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	242	55	18	38	85	78	23	8,962
\$25,000 and over .....	3,689	376	87	289	743	1,258	1,311	12,548
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	55	28	19	10	17	10	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
Percent .....	1.3	5.1	12.5	2.3	1.8	.7	-	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	119	68	26	43	39	13	-	\$6,358
Percent .....	2.8	12.2	16.9	10.4	4.2	.9	-	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	179	85	32	53	65	20	9	\$6,913
Percent .....	4.2	15.2	21.4	12.9	7.0	1.5	.7	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	398	155	60	95	152	65	26	\$7,389
Percent .....	9.4	27.8	39.7	23.3	16.3	4.7	1.9	-
Median family income .....	\$45,625	\$31,875	\$30,126	\$32,810	\$38,957	\$45,183	\$57,026	-

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table B-3. Earnings distribution of year-round full-time workers by family status, family income, and poverty status, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	With personal earnings of -						Median personal earnings <sup>1</sup>
		Under \$6,700			\$6,700 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 and over	
		Total	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 to \$6,699				
<b>Women who maintain families</b>								
Total .....	3,521	233	47	186	591	1,167	1,531	\$13,794
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	44	44	28	16	-	-	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	367	105	5	99	262	-	-	\$7,527
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	760	31	2	29	162	567	-	11,270
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	770	19	4	16	76	288	388	15,016
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	514	12	3	9	33	120	349	17,888
\$25,000 and over .....	1,066	22	5	17	58	193	794	20,940
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	219	116	31	86	87	16	-	6,532
Percent .....	6.2	50.0	( <sup>3</sup> )	46.1	14.8	1.4	-	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	444	148	32	116	218	77	1	\$7,459
Percent .....	12.6	63.7	( <sup>3</sup> )	62.5	36.9	6.6	.1	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	714	168	33	135	348	185	13	\$8,480
Percent .....	20.3	72.4	( <sup>3</sup> )	72.7	58.9	15.8	.8	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	1,291	188	37	151	453	566	83	\$10,024
Percent .....	36.7	80.8	( <sup>3</sup> )	81.3	76.7	48.5	5.4	-
Median family income .....	\$18,581	\$7,934	( <sup>3</sup> )	\$8,384	\$10,672	\$15,214	\$25,459	-
<b>Others in families maintained by women</b>								
Total .....	1,951	260	61	199	383	580	728	\$12,528
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	7	7	7	-	-	-	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	53	35	6	29	18	-	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	166	62	20	42	77	28	-	\$7,562
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	301	47	8	39	96	134	24	10,257
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	269	38	3	35	47	104	80	11,683
\$25,000 and over .....	1,155	72	17	55	145	313	624	15,675
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	39	23	10	13	14	3	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
Percent .....	2.0	8.7	( <sup>3</sup> )	6.6	3.6	.5	-	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	94	50	13	38	36	7	-	\$6,618
Percent .....	4.8	19.3	( <sup>3</sup> )	19.0	9.4	1.2	-	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	158	74	22	53	64	20	-	\$6,835
Percent .....	8.1	28.5	( <sup>3</sup> )	26.4	16.8	3.4	-	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	333	130	30	100	127	64	12	\$7,271
Percent .....	17.1	49.9	( <sup>3</sup> )	50.1	33.2	11.1	1.6	-
Median family income .....	\$27,614	\$16,702	( <sup>3</sup> )	\$17,705	\$20,035	\$26,019	\$35,399	-

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table B-3. Earnings distribution of year-round full-time workers by family status, family income, and poverty status, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	With personal earnings of -						Median personal earnings <sup>1</sup>
		Under \$6,700			\$6,700 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 and over	
		Total	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 to \$6,699				
<b>Men who maintain families</b>								
Total .....	1,085	40	24	17	68	173	803	\$21,723
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	15	15	11	4	-	-	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	41	16	5	11	25	-	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	79	1	1	-	11	67	-	\$12,257
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	132	4	4	-	8	32	88	15,915
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	168	2	2	-	14	28	124	19,378
\$25,000 and over .....	651	4	2	1	10	46	592	28,081
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	34	26	16	10	7	1	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
Percent .....	3.1	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	.4	-	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	59	29	16	13	20	9	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
Percent .....	5.4	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	5.2	-	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	90	31	16	15	31	23	5	\$8,032
Percent .....	8.3	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	13.2	.7	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	161	31	16	15	37	76	17	\$10,598
Percent .....	14.9	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	44.2	2.2	-
Median family income .....	\$28,433	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	\$17,434	\$32,618	-
<b>Others in families maintained by men</b>								
Total .....	555	38	14	24	77	205	235	\$14,020
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	15	13	8	5	-	2	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	16	3	2	2	8	5	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	52	4	-	4	21	22	5	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	55	-	-	-	13	26	16	( <sup>3</sup> )
\$25,000 and over .....	415	16	2	13	36	149	214	\$15,220
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	12	9	7	3	1	2	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
Percent .....	2.2	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	1.4	.8	-	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	15	13	7	5	1	2	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
Percent .....	2.8	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	1.4	.8	-	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	32	19	12	8	6	7	-	( <sup>3</sup> )
Percent .....	5.8	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	7.1	3.7	-	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	44	21	12	9	6	15	3	( <sup>3</sup> )
Percent .....	8.0	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	7.1	7.4	1.3	-
Median family income .....	\$33,763	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	\$23,742	\$31,769	\$43,365	-

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table B-3. Earnings distribution of year-round full-time workers by family status, family income, and poverty status, 1983—Continued**

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total	With personal earnings of -						Median personal earnings <sup>1</sup>
		Under \$6,700			\$6,700 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 and over	
		Total	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 to \$6,699				
<b>All other men<sup>4</sup></b>								
Total .....	6,323	406	145	261	481	1,106	4,330	\$19,865
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	194	194	129	65	-	-	-	1,597
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	590	173	9	164	411	5	-	7,699
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	1,090	18	4	14	48	1,013	11	12,481
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	1,214	12	-	12	13	71	1,118	16,900
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	977	4	2	2	2	8	964	21,924
\$25,000 and over .....	2,259	4	1	4	6	11	2,237	31,609
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	233	232	129	104	1	-	-	2,331
Percent .....	3.7	57.2	88.9	39.6	.2	-	-	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	304	300	134	166	2	2	-	\$3,681
Percent .....	4.8	73.9	92.4	63.6	.4	.2	-	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	475	346	136	210	120	8	-	\$5,212
Percent .....	7.5	85.3	93.9	80.6	25.0	.7	-	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	932	367	138	229	423	138	2	\$7,498
Percent .....	14.7	90.5	95.4	87.8	88.1	12.5	-	-
Median family income .....	\$20,352	\$5,086	\$926	\$6,035	\$8,652	\$12,854	\$25,221	-
<b>All other women<sup>4</sup></b>								
Total .....	5,096	351	80	271	570	1,406	2,769	\$15,766
Family income: <sup>2</sup>								
Under \$5,000 .....	107	106	54	52	1	-	-	2,744
\$5,000 to \$9,999 .....	684	207	15	192	473	3	2	7,799
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	1,403	32	10	22	75	1,296	-	12,151
\$15,000 to \$19,999 .....	1,175	2	-	2	12	78	1,083	16,935
\$20,000 to \$24,999 .....	763	-	-	-	8	20	735	21,482
\$25,000 and over .....	965	4	1	3	2	10	950	28,342
Below poverty level:								
Total .....	145	141	54	87	4	-	-	3,906
Percent .....	2.9	40.1	66.9	32.2	.8	-	-	-
Below 1.25 poverty level:								
Total .....	263	250	58	192	14	-	-	\$5,060
Percent .....	5.2	71.1	71.9	70.9	2.4	-	-	-
Below 1.50 poverty level:								
Total .....	430	295	65	229	121	12	2	\$5,942
Percent .....	8.4	83.9	81.3	84.7	21.3	.8	.1	-
Below 2.00 poverty level:								
Total .....	984	313	69	244	489	180	2	\$8,125
Percent .....	19.3	89.2	86.5	90.0	85.8	12.8	.1	-
Median family income .....	\$16,302	\$5,938	\$1,746	\$6,105	\$8,965	\$12,757	\$21,571	-

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are defined as all money income from wages, salaries, and profits or losses from self-employment.

<sup>3</sup> Data not shown where base is less than 75,000.

<sup>4</sup> Includes a small number of members of unrelated subfamilies.

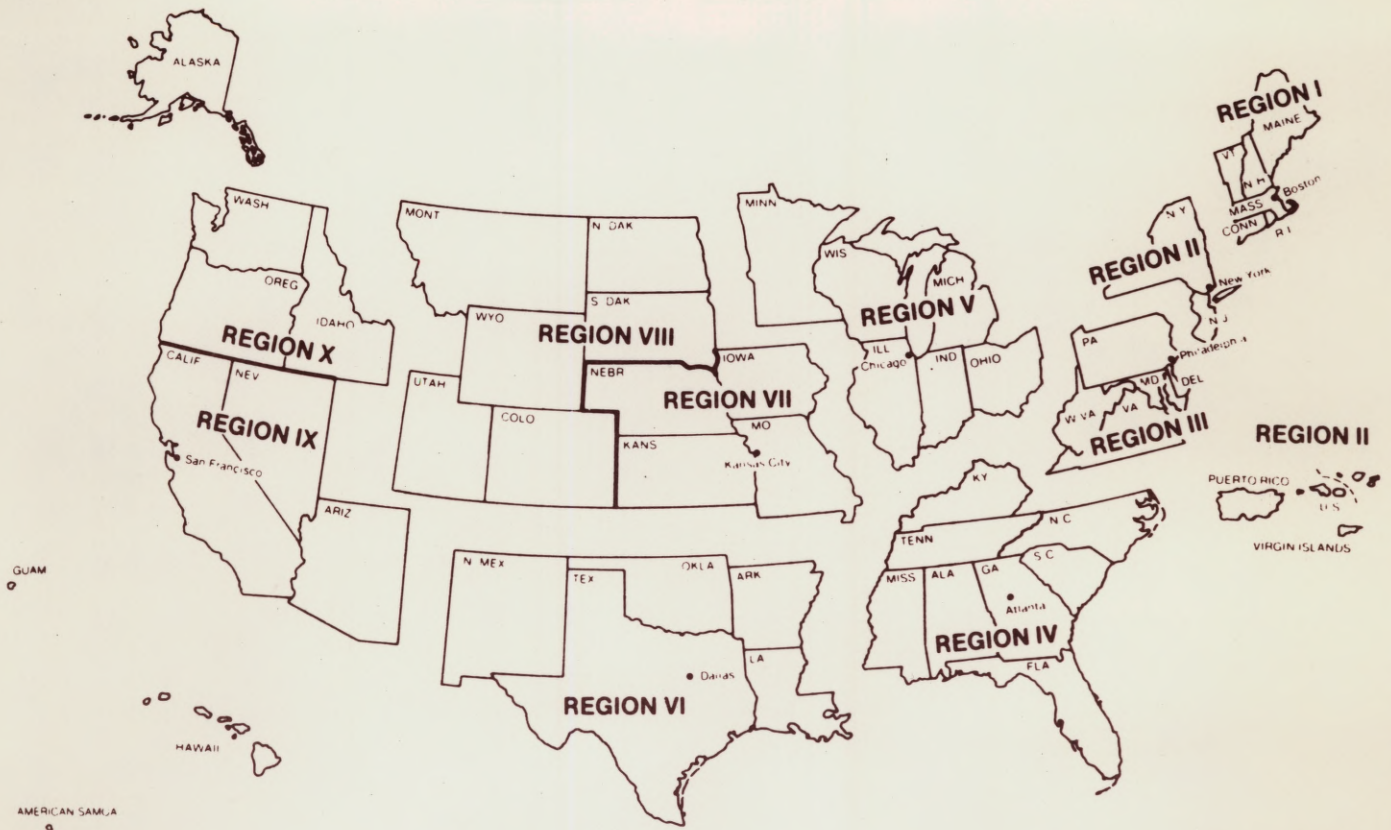
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