

9.K Adult Assistance

Table 9.K1.—Average monthly number of recipients, total amount of cash payments, and average monthly payment, 1936–96

[Includes nonmedical vendor payments. Includes Alaska and Hawaii, beginning in 1943; Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, beginning in October 1950, and Guam, beginning in July 1959]

| Year ¹ | Old-Age Assistance ² | | | Aid to the Blind ² | | | Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled ^{2,3} | | |
|-------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| | Average monthly number of recipients (in thousands) | Amount of cash payments during year (in thousands) | Average monthly payment per recipient | Average monthly number of recipients (in thousands) | Amount of cash payments during year (in thousands) | Average monthly payment per recipient | Average monthly number of recipients (in thousands) | Amount of cash payments during year (in thousands) | Average monthly payment per recipient |
| 1936..... | 738 | \$155,484 | \$17.55 | 42.7 | \$12,811 | \$25.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1940..... | 1,986 | 475,704 | 19.96 | 71.6 | 21,838 | 24.43 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1945..... | 2,044 | 726,550 | 29.62 | 71.2 | 26,557 | 31.07 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1950..... | 2,783 | 1,461,624 | 43.76 | 95.5 | 52,698 | 45.96 | 63 | \$7,967 | \$42.35 |
| 1955..... | 2,539 | 1,490,352 | 48.92 | 103.5 | 67,958 | 54.72 | 234 | 135,168 | 48.24 |
| 1960..... | 2,330 | 1,629,541 | 58.27 | 107.4 | 86,231 | 66.92 | 359 | 237,366 | 55.18 |
| 1961..... | 2,261 | 1,571,309 | 57.91 | 104.6 | 84,739 | 67.50 | 379 | 256,910 | 56.50 |
| 1962..... | 2,196 | 1,571,162 | 59.61 | 99.9 | 84,039 | 70.12 | 409 | 282,711 | 57.63 |
| 1963..... | 2,159 | 1,615,023 | 62.34 | 97.4 | 85,335 | 72.98 | 448 | 318,948 | 59.30 |
| 1964..... | 2,131 | 1,612,983 | 63.07 | 96.2 | 86,558 | 74.97 | 488 | 357,856 | 61.12 |
| 1965..... | 2,105 | 1,600,708 | 63.37 | 91.5 | 85,121 | 77.54 | 536 | 417,720 | 64.95 |
| 1966..... | 2,077 | 1,633,675 | 65.54 | 84.4 | 85,615 | 84.56 | 572 | 487,301 | 70.94 |
| 1967..... | 2,067 | 1,702,091 | 68.61 | 83.0 | 87,711 | 88.08 | 617 | 574,574 | 77.64 |
| 1968..... | 2,032 | 1,676,632 | 68.76 | 81.3 | 88,885 | 91.06 | 674 | 658,589 | 81.47 |
| 1969..... | 2,043 | 1,752,730 | 71.51 | 80.3 | 92,204 | 95.72 | 758 | 788,079 | 86.68 |
| 1970..... | 2,061 | 1,862,412 | 75.32 | 80.4 | 98,292 | 101.93 | 877 | 999,861 | 95.06 |
| 1971..... | 2,055 | 1,888,878 | 76.60 | 80.5 | 100,840 | 104.39 | 1,004 | 1,189,636 | 98.78 |
| 1972..... | 2,003 | 1,876,755 | 78.07 | 80.6 | 105,515 | 109.03 | 1,133 | 1,390,509 | 102.29 |
| 1973..... | 1,852 | 1,743,465 | 78.44 | 78.2 | 104,373 | 111.29 | 1,217 | 1,609,572 | 110.25 |
| 1974..... | 19 | 4,725 | 20.48 | .5 | 88 | 14.97 | 17 | 2,947 | 14.39 |
| 1975..... | 18 | 4,599 | 20.74 | .4 | 79 | 15.22 | 17 | 2,953 | 14.67 |
| 1976..... | 19 | 4,783 | 21.01 | .4 | 75 | 15.78 | 17 | 3,066 | 14.98 |
| 1977..... | 19 | 4,938 | 21.75 | .4 | 76 | 16.91 | 18 | 3,426 | 15.94 |
| 1978..... | 19 | 5,076 | 22.31 | .4 | 82 | 18.59 | 19 | 3,754 | 16.72 |
| 1979..... | 19 | 9,448 | 41.52 | .4 | 170 | 39.35 | 20 | 9,064 | 38.02 |
| 1980..... | 19 | 8,873 | 39.18 | .3 | 135 | 35.85 | 21 | 8,702 | 34.61 |
| 1981..... | 19 | 9,400 | 41.18 | .3 | 159 | 42.97 | 22 | 10,364 | 39.57 |
| 1982..... | 19 | 8,039 | 35.53 | .3 | 139 | 36.94 | 22 | 9,869 | 36.57 |
| 1983..... | 18 | 7,889 | 35.99 | .3 | 136 | 36.45 | 22 | 9,846 | 36.85 |
| 1984..... | 18 | 7,839 | 36.18 | .3 | 129 | 37.28 | 22 | 10,057 | 37.41 |
| 1985..... | 18 | 7,620 | 35.97 | .3 | 134 | 38.91 | 23 | 10,412 | 37.61 |
| 1986..... | 17 | 7,532 | 36.02 | .3 | 155 | 38.65 | 24 | 10,976 | 37.78 |
| 1987..... | 17 | 7,434 | 36.07 | .3 | 137 | 39.78 | 24 | 10,825 | 37.71 |
| 1988..... | 17 | 7,354 | 35.90 | .3 | 131 | 38.86 | 24 | 10,012 | 37.99 |
| 1989..... | 17 | 7,273 | 35.59 | .3 | 139 | 41.80 | 25 | 11,559 | 38.71 |
| 1990..... | 17 | 8,530 | 42.18 | .3 | 157 | 41.32 | 26 | 12,352 | 39.92 |
| 1991..... | 17 | 11,088 | 55.19 | .3 | 218 | 55.97 | 27 | 19,006 | 57.98 |
| 1992..... | 17 | 7,504 | 37.66 | .3 | 139 | 38.45 | 28 | 13,189 | 39.05 |
| 1993..... | 16 | 8,791 | 44.88 | .3 | 131 | 39.63 | 28 | 14,044 | 41.43 |
| 1994..... | 16 | 9,398 | 48.76 | .3 | 119 | 39.22 | 27 | 13,267 | 40.50 |
| 1995..... | 16 | 8,124 | 43.13 | .2 | 106 | 37.58 | 26 | 12,636 | 41.15 |
| 1996..... | 15 | 8,076 | 43.58 | .2 | 99 | 37.57 | 25 | 12,163 | 40.36 |

¹ Beginning in 1974, represents data only for Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

² Beginning in January 1974, for the 50 states and the District of Columbia, superseded by Supplemental Security Income program.

³ Program initiated October 1950 under the 1950 Social Security Amendments.