

Table 9.L1.—Recipients of cash payments and total amount, 1936–97¹

Year	Average monthly number (in thousands) of—		Amount of payments			Average number of persons per case
			Total (in thousands)	Average per—		
	Cases	Recipients		Case	Recipient	
1936.....	(2)	³ 4,545	\$437,134	(2)	³ \$8.00	(2)
1940.....	1,410	³ 3,618	404,963	\$23.93	³ 38.30	2.57
1945.....	244	³ 507	87,930	29.70	³ 16.55	2.08
1950.....	523	³ 866	298,262	47.55	³ 22.25	1.66
1955.....	326	785	214,266	54.80	22.74	2.41
1960.....	390	1,071	322,465	68.82	25.10	2.75
1961.....	433	1,182	355,991	68.57	25.11	2.73
1962.....	360	902	292,709	67.81	27.03	2.51
1963.....	349	861	279,623	66.82	27.07	2.47
1964.....	341	782	272,737	66.61	29.07	2.29
1965.....	324	703	259,225	66.69	30.72	2.17
1966.....	297	636	263,866	74.06	34.60	2.14
1967.....	326	713	325,847	83.38	38.07	2.19
1968.....	370	789	421,211	94.79	44.51	2.13
1969.....	403	817	472,360	97.59	48.15	2.03
1970.....	477	957	618,319	107.96	53.82	2.01
1971.....	562	1,009	760,559	112.79	62.82	1.80
1972.....	550	889	740,499	112.22	69.44	1.62
1973.....	504	746	688,502	113.89	76.87	1.48
1974.....	522	758	825,408	131.78	90.70	1.45
1975.....	667	964	1,138,211	142.24	98.40	1.45
1976.....	685	934	1,227,865	149.27	109.56	1.36
1977.....	675	861	1,237,609	152.73	119.74	1.28
1978.....	640	793	1,205,381	156.96	126.62	1.24
1979.....	647	796	1,230,744	158.49	128.84	1.23
1980.....	756	945	1,442,278	158.59	127.18	1.25
1981.....	826	1,006	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.22
1982.....	934	1,141	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.22
1983.....	1,057	1,299	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.23
1984.....	1,110	1,364	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.23
1985.....	1,069	1,326	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.24
1986.....	1,045	1,303	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.25
1987.....	954	1,168	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.22
1988.....	909	1,106	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.22
1989.....	916	1,105	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.21
1990.....	1,004	1,220	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.21
1991.....	1,009	1,332	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.20
1992.....	978	1,184	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.21
1993.....	975	1,161	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.19
1994.....	949	1,105	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.16
1995.....	782	922	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.18
1996.....	628	744	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.18
1997 ⁴	547	645	(2)	(2)	(2)	1.18

¹ Data partly estimated. Number of states reporting: 1960-61, 53; 1962 and 1963, 52; 1964-67, 51; 1968, 48; 1969, 47; 1970, 45; 1971-72, 47; 1973-75, 45; 1976, 44; 1977-78, 42; 1979, 43; 1980-82, 41; 1983, 40; 1984, 39; 1985-86, 38; 1987-89, 36; 1990, 37; 1991, 36; 1992, 36; 1993, 34; and 1994-95, 32; 1996, 31; and 1997, 30.

² Data not available.

³ As of December of each year.

⁴ Monthly averages are based on number of months states continued to report General Assistance data. For most states, reporting stopped June 30, 1997; others continued to submit reports for an additional one or two quarters.