# SSI Disabled Recipients Who Work, 2005

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### **Preface**

Since its implementation in 1974, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program has included certain provisions to encourage blind and disabled recipients to work while allowing them to retain their eligibility and exclude a portion of their income from counting against their SSI payment. This report provides data on all SSI blind and disabled recipients who work, those who retain eligibility for special cash benefits when their earnings exceed the substantial gainful activity level, those who retain Medicaid eligibility when their earnings make them ineligible for any cash payments, and those who participate under work incentive provisions.

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### Introduction

This report provides information about Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disabled and blind recipients who work and receive earnings. The report presents data on all SSI disabled recipients who work, section 1619 participants, and recipients who benefit from other work incentive provisions. Unless specifically excluded or listed separately, all references to SSI disabled recipients and workers include persons whose eligibility is based on blindness.

Since the beginning of the SSI program, a number of SSI disabled recipients have worked and received SSI payments. Initially, the program contained basic general and earned income exclusions that recognized the additional costs associated with employment. In computing the SSI payment, the first \$20 of income is not counted. In addition, the first \$65 of monthly earnings and one-half of the earnings in excess of \$65 are also excluded.

The law also contained a number of special income exclusions that were intended as work incentives:

- Blind work expenses (BWE) permit the exclusion of any earned income of a blind person that is used to meet any expenses reasonably attributable to earning the income.
- Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) permit a
  recipient with an approved PASS to set aside
  earned or unearned income and resources for a
  work goal. The income or resources set aside are
  used to pay for goods or services needed to reach
  the goal, such as education, vocational training,
  starting a business, or purchasing work-related
  equipment. The income and resources that are set
  aside under a PASS are excluded from SSI income
  and resource tests, but they do not influence the
  determination of ability to engage in substantial
  gainful activity (SGA).
- Student child earned income exclusions allow for the exclusion of certain earnings of child recipients under age 22 who are students regularly attending school.

The 1980 amendments to the Social Security Act established section 1619 and provided additional work incentive provisions to assist SSI recipients in entering the workforce. These provisions included income exclusions for impairment-related work expenses, a change in the treatment of sheltered workshop earnings, and the continuation of SSI payments for some individuals whose disability ceased because of a medical recovery.

- Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE) exclude from earnings the costs of items and services needed to work because of the person's disability and are paid for by the individual. These expenses are excluded from earned income used to compute ongoing SSI monthly payments. Beginning December 1990, the IRWE exclusions are also applied in the determination of income for purposes of initial SSI eligibility. IRWE may also be deducted from earned income when determining SGA.
- A change in the treatment of sheltered workshop earnings provides that remuneration for services performed in sheltered workshops or activity centers is treated as earned income. This change makes it possible to apply the earned income exclusion to earnings that previously were subject to the general income exclusion; that is, the first \$20 and a dollar-for-dollar offset thereafter.
- The provision for continuation of payments allows for SSI (and also Social Security Disability Insurance) payments to disabled individuals to continue after the disability ceases because of a medical recovery, if they are participating in approved vocational rehabilitation plans and the Social Security Administration (SSA) determines that completion of the program will increase the chances of permanent removal from the disability rolls. The provision assists individuals whose medical improvement occurs before completion of vocational training. This provision was extended, effective April 1988, to SSI recipients whose eligibility is based on blindness.

Congress enacted these provisions because it concluded that additional incentives were required to help SSI disabled recipients to become self-supporting. Congress believed that individuals who could work outside of sheltered workshops might have been discouraged from doing so by the fear of losing their benefits before they had established for themselves the capability for continued self-support.

Section 1619(a) provides special SSI cash benefits to disabled individuals who lose eligibility for SSI payments because they have earnings at the level that is ordinarily considered to represent SGA. Section 1619(b) provides special SSI recipient status for Medicaid purposes to working disabled or blind individuals when their earnings make them ineligible for cash payments.

Under P.L. 99–643, which made section 1619 permanent, disabled individuals on the SSI rolls retain disability status until their medical condition improves. The distinction between a disabled person eligible for regular SSI benefits and a disabled person eligible for 1619(a) benefits is that the latter has several months with gross earnings above the SGA level.

Under previous law, 1619(a) status did not begin until a trial work period had been completed and a determination had been made that subsequent work was SGA. A number of cases were defined as 1619(a)

after June 1987 as a result of this change in the definition, rather than from any change in their work activity.

SSA regulations set the amount of earnings used to determine SGA. This amount is periodically adjusted to reflect increases in the national average wage index. Effective with 2001, the amount is adjusted annually. When these increases occur, the status of a number of recipients changes from 1619(a) to regular eligibility status. The SGA level was increased from \$300 to \$500 in 1990. It was further increased to \$700 in 1999, \$740 in 2001, \$780 in 2002, \$800 in 2003, \$810 in 2004, \$830 in 2005, and \$860 in 2006.

Under section 1619(b), cash payments are not made. However, recipient status for Medicaid purposes continues until earnings reach a plateau that takes into account the person's ability to afford medical care as well as normal living expenses.

An individual may benefit from more than one of the work incentive provisions. For example, he or she may receive special cash payments under section 1619 and have income excluded under a PASS. Other combinations are also possible, but it is not possible to have both IRWE and BWE.

The data in this report are based on the SSI caseload at the end of December 2005.

### Highlights, December 2005

In December 2005, there were 336,570 SSI disabled beneficiaries who were working—5.6 percent of the total SSI disabled caseload. Included in this count were 78,205 section 1619(b) participants who do not receive an SSI payment but have special SSI recipient status for Medicaid purposes. Over four-fifths (81.9 percent) of the workers had amounts of earned income below the substantial gainful activity (SGA) level of \$860 per month; 22.8 percent earned \$65 or less.

### **Geographic Distribution**

Among the states, the percentage of disabled workers varied from a low of 2.8 percent in Mississippi to a high of 18.5 percent in North Dakota. In general, the percentage of disabled workers was higher in the northern states than in the southern states.

### **Demographic Characteristics**

The majority of these disabled workers were male (53.4 percent). Almost half (49.3 percent) had unearned income; 43.5 percent were receiving Social Security benefits. Comparable figures for all disabled recipients in December 2005 were 45.5 percent male, 38.2 percent with unearned income, and 30.6 percent receiving Social Security benefits.

### **Diagnosis**

Disabled workers are more likely to have certain impairments than other disabled recipients. Almost two-thirds (66.2 percent) of the workers had a mental disorder, including 41.5 percent who were diagnosed with mental retardation. By comparison, 57.7 percent of all disabled recipients were diagnosed with a mental disorder, including 21.7 percent with mental retardation.

### Section 1619

The greatest use of work incentive provisions was by participants under section 1619—roughly 28.5 percent of disabled workers. This included 5.2 percent under section 1619(a) and 23.2 percent under section 1619(b).

### **Other Work Incentives**

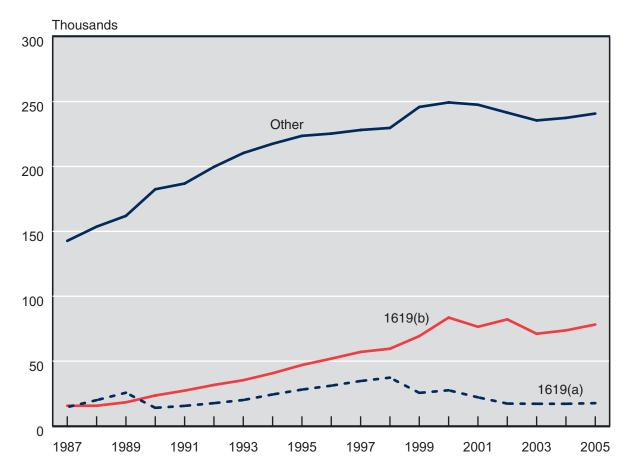
Use of other work incentive provisions continued to have a smaller, but measurable, impact. In December 2005, about 3.1 percent of the SSI disabled workers had some of their income excluded under one of these provisions—plans for achieving self-support (PASS), 0.5 percent; impairment-related work expenses, 1.9 percent; or blind work expenses, 0.8 percent.

Plans for achieving self-support permit an SSI recipient to set aside income and resources to help obtain the training or education necessary for certain specified occupational goals. In December 2005, 419 PASS participants had earnings, which averaged \$840 per month. However, exclusions under a PASS are not limited to earnings. Of the 1,582 disabled recipients with a PASS, 68.8 percent did not have any earnings reported for December 2005. For this group, the PASS excluded unearned income such as Social Security benefits. Out of all PASS participants, 400 had a PASS that excluded only resources.

# **Blind and Disabled** Recipients

Chart 1. Number who work, December 1987-2005

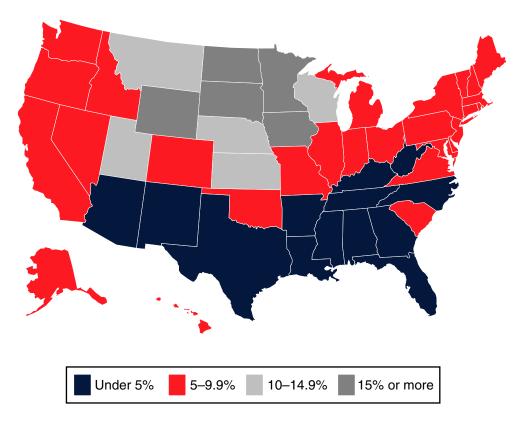
The number of blind and disabled recipients who work almost doubled between 1987 and 2005, from 173,000 to 337,000. Initially, the number of participants under sections 1619(a) and 1619(b) were approximately equal. However, participation under section 1619(b) gradually increased to five times the initial total, and it now exceeds participation under section 1619(a) by more than four to one. The number of working recipients not participating under either of these provisions has increased by more than 69 percent.



SOURCE: Tables 1 and 9.

Chart 2. Percentage who work, by state, December 2005

In 13 of the 50 states, mostly in the South and Southeast, less than 5 percent of blind and disabled recipients were working in December 2005. The highest employment rates, 15 percent or more, were in the upper Midwest: lowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.



SOURCE: Table 2.

Table 1. Number and percentage who work, selected months, 1976–2005

|           |  |         | Recipients                 | who work                     |  |
|-----------|--|---------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Month     | All blind<br>and disabled<br>recipients <sup>a</sup> | Total   | Receiving SSI <sup>b</sup> | Section 1619(b) participants | Total as a<br>percentage<br>of all blind<br>and disabled<br>recipients |
| December  |  |         |                            |                              |  |
| 1976      | 2,088,242  | 70,719  | 70,719                     |                              | 3.4  |
| 1977      | 2,186,771  | 83,697  | 83,697                     |                              | 3.8  |
| 1978      | 2,249,025  | 87,697  | 87,697                     |                              | 3.9  |
| 1979      | 2,277,859  | 92,270  | 92,270                     |                              | 4.1  |
| 1980      | 2,334,241  | 99,276  | 99,276                     |                              | 4.3  |
| 1981      | 2,340,785  | 102,632 | 102,632                    |                              | 4.4  |
| 1982      | 2,314,364  | 107,803 | 102,288                    | 5,515                        | 4.7  |
| 1983      | 2,391,262  | 113,899 | 108,734                    | 5,165                        | 4.8  |
| 1984      | 2,499,046  |         |                            |                              |  |
| 1985      | 2,633,552  |         |                            |                              |  |
| 1986      | 2,795,756  |         |                            |                              |  |
| 1987      | 2,945,244  | 172,855 | 157,223                    | 15,632                       | 5.9  |
| 1988      | 3,046,074  | 189,144 | 173,519                    | 15,625                       | 6.2  |
| 1989      | 3,172,270  | 205,837 | 187,583                    | 18,254                       | 6.5  |
| 1990      | 3,386,603  | 219,932 | 196,415                    | 23,517                       | 6.5  |
| 1991      | 3,681,050  | 229,619 | 202,355                    | 27,264                       | 6.2  |
| 1992      | 4,126,816  | 248,917 | 217,268                    | 31,649                       | 6.0  |
| 1993      | 4,544,777  | 265,649 | 230,350                    | 35,299                       | 5.8  |
| 1994      | 4,870,564  | 282,476 | 241,793                    | 40,683                       | 5.8  |
| 1995      | 5,115,014  | 298,635 | 251,633                    | 47,002                       | 5.8  |
| 1996      | 5,252,991  | 308,300 | 256,395                    | 51,905                       | 5.9  |
| 1997      | 5,189,724  | 319,855 | 262,766                    | 57,089                       | 6.2  |
| 1998      | 5,293,829  | 326,475 | 266,933                    | 59,542                       | 6.2  |
| 1999      | 5,317,861  | 340,618 | 271,353                    | 69,265                       | 6.4  |
| 2000      | 5,395,935  | 360,427 | 276,855                    | 83,572                       | 6.7  |
| 2001      | 5,500,481  | 346,110 | 269,655                    | 76,455                       | 6.3  |
| 2002      | 5,618,506  | 340,910 | 258,733                    | 82,177                       | 6.1  |
| 2003      | 5,740,683  | 323,682 | 252,585                    | 71,097                       | 5.6  |
| 2004      | 5,850,359  | 328,204 | 254,523                    | 73,681                       | 5.6  |
| 2005      | 5,977,788  | 336,570 | 258,365                    | 78,205                       | 5.6  |
| 2003      |  |         |                            |                              |  |
| March     | 5,657,353  | 334,378 | 259,820                    | 74,558                       | 5.9  |
| June      | 5,705,871  | 329,740 | 257,724                    | 72,016                       | 5.8  |
| September | 5,749,384  | 329,195 | 255,619                    | 73,576                       | 5.7  |
| December  | 5,740,683  | 323,682 | 252,585                    | 71,097                       | 5.6  |

Table 1. Number and percentage who work, selected months, 1976-2005—Continued

|           |  |         | Recipients v               | vho work                        |  |
|-----------|--|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Month     | All blind<br>and disabled<br>recipients <sup>a</sup> | Total   | Receiving SSI <sup>b</sup> | Section 1619(b)<br>participants | Total as a<br>percentage<br>of all blind<br>and disabled<br>recipients |
| 2004      |  |         |                            |                                 |  |
| March     | 5,796,837  | 321,030 | 251,498                    | 69,532                          | 5.5  |
| June      | 5,834,265  | 323,624 | 250,726                    | 72,898                          | 5.5  |
| September | 5,869,004  | 328,831 | 253,174                    | 75,657                          | 5.6  |
| December  | 5,850,359  | 328,204 | 254,523                    | 73,681                          | 5.6  |
| 2005      |  |         |                            |                                 |  |
| March     | 5,919,765  | 325,357 | 251,110                    | 74,247                          | 5.5  |
| June      | 5,946,966  | 333,089 | 253,721                    | 79,368                          | 5.6  |
| September | 5,966,290  | 337,325 | 257,191                    | 80,134                          | 5.7  |
| December  | 5,977,788  | 336,570 | 258,365                    | 78,205                          | 5.6  |

NOTE: ... = not applicable; -- = not available.

a. Includes section 1619(b) participants.

b. Includes section 1619(a) participants and SSI recipients earning less than the substantial gainful activity level (\$860 effective January 2006).

Table 2. Number and percentage who work, by state or other area, December 2005

|                      |                     | Recipients v | vho work                |  |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|
|                      | All blind and       |              | Percentage of all blind |  |
| State or area        | disabled recipients | Number       | and disabled recipients |  |
| All areas            | 5,977,788           | 336,570      | 5.6                     |  |
| Alabama              | 146,839             | 4,059        | 2.8                     |  |
| Alaska               | 9,055               | 597          | 6.6                     |  |
| Arizona              | 85,381              | 3,919        | 4.6                     |  |
| Arkansas             | 82,046              | 3,700        | 4.5                     |  |
| California           | 864,099             | 44,807       | 5.2                     |  |
| Colorado             | 47,743              | 4,016        | 8.4                     |  |
| Connecticut          | 46,446              | 3,825        | 8.2                     |  |
| Delaware             | 12,600              | 890          | 7.1                     |  |
| District of Columbia | 19,433              | 720          | 3.7                     |  |
| Florida              | 327,657             | 12,752       | 3.9                     |  |
| Georgia              | 176,985             | 7,145        | 4.0                     |  |
| Hawaii               | 16,421              | 893          | 5.4                     |  |
| Idaho                | 20,940              | 1,892        | 9.0                     |  |
| Illinois             | 231,183             | 13,534       | 5.9                     |  |
| Indiana              | 94,133              | 5,755        | 6.1                     |  |
| lowa                 | 41,272              | 6,690        | 16.2                    |  |
| Kansas               | 36,792              | 4,101        | 11.1                    |  |
| Kentucky             | 167,213             | 4,749        | 2.8                     |  |
| Louisiana            | 139,585             | 5,271        | 3.8                     |  |
| Maine                | 30,165              | 2,160        | 7.2                     |  |
| Maryland             | 80,596              | 6,032        | 7.5                     |  |
| Massachusetts        | 129,792             | 9,505        | 7.3                     |  |
| Michigan             | 208,237             | 13,526       | 6.5                     |  |
| Minnesota            | 65,107              | 9,976        | 15.3                    |  |
| Mississippi          | 110,205             | 3,088        | 2.8                     |  |
| Missouri             | 109,850             | 7,299        | 6.6                     |  |
| Montana              | 14,084              | 1,805        | 12.8                    |  |
| Nebraska             | 20,898              | 3,046        | 14.6                    |  |
| Nevada               | 24,878              | 1,689        | 6.8                     |  |
| New Hampshire        | 13,134              | 1,283        | 9.8                     |  |
| New Jersey           | 120,669             | 7,683        | 6.4                     |  |
| New Mexico           | 45,810              | 2,259        | 4.9                     |  |
| New York             | 507,304             | 30,609       | 6.0                     |  |
| North Carolina       | 175,678             | 8,202        | 4.7                     |  |
| North Dakota         | 7,276               | 1,346        | 18.5                    |  |
| Ohio                 | 238,161             | 16,792       | 7.1                     |  |
| Oklahoma             | 72,296              | 3,971        | 5.5                     |  |
| Oregon               | 53,790              | 4,064        | 7.6                     |  |
| Pennsylvania         | 291,744             | 15,472       | 5.3                     |  |
| Rhode Island         | 26,662              | 1,683        | 6.3                     |  |
|                      |                     |              |                         |  |

Table 2.

Number and percentage who work, by state or other area, December 2005—Continued

|                          |                                   | Recipients v | who work  |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|
| State or area            | All blind and disabled recipients | Number       | Percentage of all blind and disabled recipients |
| South Carolina           | 93,917                            | 4,883        | 5.2   |
| South Dakota             | 11,357                            | 2,061        | 18.1  |
| Tennessee                | 145,366                           | 5,210        | 3.6   |
| Texas                    | 395,498                           | 14,113       | 3.6   |
| Utah                     | 20,861                            | 2,263        | 10.8  |
| Vermont                  | 12,381                            | 1,157        | 9.3   |
| Virginia                 | 118,210                           | 6,852        | 5.8   |
| Washington               | 102,768                           | 6,042        | 5.9   |
| West Virginia            | 73,019                            | 2,166        | 3.0   |
| Wisconsin                | 86,049                            | 10,171       | 11.8  |
| Wyoming                  | 5,576                             | 836          | 15.0  |
| Outlying area            |                                   |              |   |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 627                               | 11           | 1.8   |

NOTE: Includes section 1619(b) participants.

Table 3. Percentage distribution of recipients and those who work aged 18-64, by diagnostic group, December 2005

| Diagnostic group                               | All blind and disabled recipients | Recipients who work <sup>a</sup> |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total  | u                                 | Troopromo mio mom                |
| Number   | 4,082,870                         | 321,327                          |
| Percent  | 4,082,870                         | 100.0                            |
| reicent  | 100.0                             | 100.0                            |
| Congenital anomalies                           | 0.6                               | 1.4                              |
| Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | 3.5                               | 1.3                              |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases              | 1.6                               | 1.0                              |
| Injuries                                       | 2.6                               | 1.4                              |
| Mental disorders                               |                                   |                                  |
| Retardation                                    | 21.7                              | 41.5                             |
| Schizophrenia                                  | 9.9                               | 7.1                              |
| Other  | 26.1                              | 17.6                             |
| Neoplasms                                      | 1.1                               | 0.7                              |
| Diseases of the—                               |                                   |                                  |
| Blood and blood-forming organs                 | 0.4                               | 0.4                              |
| Circulatory system                             | 4.5                               | 1.2                              |
| Digestive system                               | 0.9                               | 0.4                              |
| Genitourinary system                           | 1.0                               | 0.6                              |
| Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue   | 10.2                              | 3.4                              |
| Nervous system and sense organs b              | 7.8                               | 9.0                              |
| Respiratory system                             | 2.1                               | 0.7                              |
| Skin and subcutaneous tissue                   | 0.2                               | 0.1                              |
| Other  | 0.2                               | 0.3                              |
| Unknown  | 5.6                               | 12.2                             |

a. Includes section 1619(b) participants.

b. Most disabled recipients classified as blind are included in this category. A few blind recipients with a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye are coded in other categories. Also, a few recipients are classified with diseases of the eye, but their impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

Table 4. Number and percentage of recipients, those who work, and section 1619(b) participants aged 18-64, by age, December 2005

|       |                                 |         | Recipients v | vho work                                   | Section 1619(b | ) participants                             |
|-------|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|--|----------------|--|
|       | All blind ar<br>disabled recipi | _       |              | Percentage<br>of all blind<br>and disabled |                | Percentage<br>of all blind<br>and disabled |
| Age   | Number                          | Percent | Number       | recipients                                 | Number         | recipients                                 |
| Total | 4,158,453                       | 100.0   | 321,327      | 7.7  | 75,583         | 1.8  |
| 18–21 | 285,640                         | 6.9     | 32,658       | 11.4                                       | 3,176          | 1.1  |
| 22-29 | 520,247                         | 12.5    | 79,819       | 15.3                                       | 19,252         | 3.7  |
| 30-39 | 681,095                         | 16.4    | 76,150       | 11.2                                       | 20,653         | 3.0  |
| 40-49 | 1,061,793                       | 25.5    | 72,837       | 6.9  | 19,234         | 1.8  |
| 50-59 | 1,123,466                       | 27.0    | 46,716       | 4.2  | 10,379         | 0.9  |
| 60–64 | 486,212                         | 11.7    | 13,147       | 2.7  | 2,889          | 0.6  |

a. Includes section 1619(b) participants.

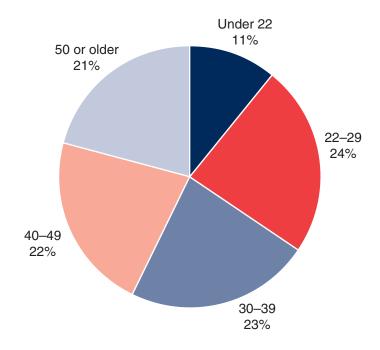
Table 5. Number in December 2004, by program status and earnings in December 2005

|                                   |           |         |                           |           |          | Ν              | lot receiving<br>in Decemb |          |         |         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------|-----------|----------|----------------|----------------------------|----------|---------|---------|
|                                   |           |         |                           |           | Ineligib | e because      | of earned in               | come     |         |         |
|                                   |           |         |                           |           |          | Reason         | s no longer e              | eligible |         |         |
|                                   |           |         | eiving paym<br>December 2 |           |          | Do not<br>need | Can<br>pay for             |          | Other   |         |
| Program status                    |           | Section | Have                      | No        | Section  | or use         | equivalent                 |          | excess  | Other   |
| in December 2004                  | Total     | 1619(a) | earnings                  | earnings  | 1619(b)  | Medicaid       | coverage                   | Both     | income  | nonpay  |
| All blind and disabled recipients | 5,806,479 | 16,823  | 226,942                   | 5,038,249 | 74,093   | 741            | 180                        | 388      | 128,492 | 320,571 |
| Receiving payments                |           |         |                           |           |          |                |                            |          |         |         |
| Section 1619(a)                   | 17,581    | 6,589   | 2,395                     | 3,826     | 2,504    | 41             | 8                          | 23       | 681     | 1,514   |
| Have earnings                     | 237,741   | 2,889   | 174,133                   | 35,624    | 8,580    | 65             | 11                         | 25       | 6,977   | 9,437   |
| No earnings                       | 5,477,369 | 5,731   | 46,074                    | 4,987,752 | 19,750   | 196            | 30                         | 74       | 114,595 | 303,167 |
| Not receiving payments            |           |         |                           |           |          |                |                            |          |         |         |
| Section 1619(b)                   | 73,788    | 1,614   | 4,340                     | 11,047    | 43,259   | 439            | 131                        | 266      | 6,239   | 6,453   |

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Chart 3. Percentage distribution, by age, December 2005

Over one-third of the working recipients in December 2005 were under age 30, and 23 percent were aged 30–39. Only 21 percent were aged 50 or older.

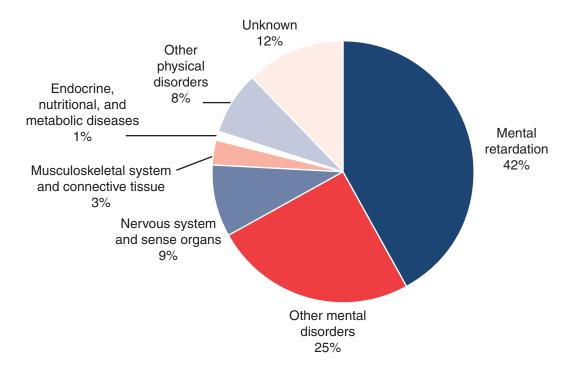


SOURCE: Table 7.

NOTE: Data include section 1619(b) participants.

Chart 4. Percentage distribution, by diagnostic group, December 2005

A large majority of working SSI recipients aged 18–64 in December 2005 were disabled because of a mental impairment. Forty-two percent were diagnosed with mental retardation and 25 percent with other mental disorders. Nine percent had diseases of the nervous system and sense organs, mostly blindness.

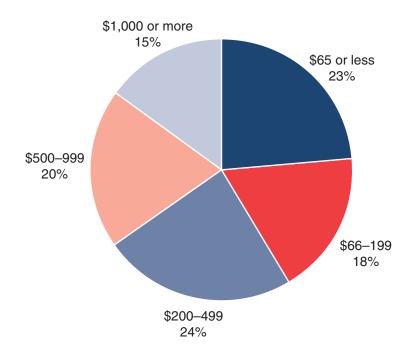


SOURCE: Table 3.

NOTE: Data include section 1619(b) participants.

Chart 5. Percentage distribution, by monthly earnings, December 2005

Two out of three working recipients earned less than \$500 in December 2005. This amount would not affect their status as disabled, since it is less than the substantial gainful activity level of \$830 for 2005. One out of seven earned \$1,000 or more. This proportion includes those receiving special cash benefits, or special Medicaid status, under section 1619.



SOURCE: Table 7.

NOTE: Data include section 1619(b) participants.

Table 6. Number participating in section 1619(a) or 1619(b) and others who work, by state or other area, December 2005

| Otata ay ayaa        |         | Section 1619(a) | Section 1619(b) | Other recipients |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| State or area        | Total   | participants    | participants    | who work         |
| All areas            | 336,570 | 17,621          | 78,205          | 240,744          |
| Alabama              | 4,059   | 290             | 1,002           | 2,767            |
| Alaska               | 597     | 25              | 186             | 386              |
| Arizona              | 3,919   | 260             | 1,126           | 2,533            |
| Arkansas             | 3,700   | 147             | 785             | 2,768            |
| California           | 44,807  | 3,970           | 8,254           | 32,583           |
| Colorado             | 4,016   | 171             | 848             | 2,997            |
| Connecticut          | 3,825   | 135             | 1,051           | 2,639            |
| Delaware             | 890     | 43              | 251             | 596              |
| District of Columbia | 720     | 68              | 251             | 401              |
| Florida              | 12,752  | 865             | 3,836           | 8,051            |
| Georgia              | 7,145   | 332             | 1,640           | 5,173            |
| Hawaii               | 893     | 62              | 272             | 559              |
| daho                 | 1,892   | 95              | 520             | 1,277            |
| Illinois             | 13,534  | 753             | 3,044           | 9,737            |
| ndiana               | 5,755   | 229             | 1,462           | 4,064            |
| lowa                 | 6,690   | 177             | 1,496           | 5,017            |
| Kansas               | 4,101   | 128             | 949             | 3,024            |
| Kentucky             | 4,749   | 275             | 1,150           | 3,324            |
| Louisiana            | 5,271   | 329             | 1,370           | 3,572            |
| Maine                | 2,160   | 98              | 636             | 1,426            |
| Maryland             | 6,032   | 305             | 1,429           | 4,298            |
| Massachusetts        | 9,505   | 601             | 2,957           | 5,947            |
| Michigan             | 13,526  | 535             | 3,042           | 9,949            |
| Minnesota            | 9,976   | 261             | 2,215           | 7,500            |
| Mississippi          | 3,088   | 208             | 805             | 2,075            |
| Missouri             | 7,299   | 260             | 1,774           | 5,265            |
| Montana              | 1,805   | 48              | 405             | 1,352            |
| Nebraska             | 3,046   | 95              | 590             | 2,361            |
| Nevada               | 1,689   | 95              | 428             | 1,166            |
| New Hampshire        | 1,283   | 45              | 367             | 871              |
| New Jersey           | 7,683   | 315             | 1,868           | 5,500            |
| New Mexico           | 2,259   | 114             | 626             | 1,519            |
| New York             | 30,609  | 1,585           | 6,731           | 22,293           |
| North Carolina       | 8,202   | 323             | 1,792           | 6,087            |
| North Dakota         | 1,346   | 29              | 330             | 987              |
| Ohio                 | 16,792  | 602             | 3,120           | 13,070           |
| Oklahoma             | 3,971   | 150             | 798             | 3,023            |
| Oregon               | 4,064   | 129             | 1,005           | 2,930            |
| Pennsylvania         | 15,472  | 745             | 3,844           | 10,883           |
| Rhode Island         | 1,683   | 77              | 402             | 1,204            |

Table 6. Number participating in section 1619(a) or 1619(b) and others who work, by state or other area, December 2005—*Continued* 

| State or area            | Total  | Section 1619(a)<br>participants | Section 1619(b)<br>participants | Other recipients who work |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| South Carolina           | 4,883  | 171                             | 879                             | 3,833                     |
| South Dakota             | 2,061  | 52                              | 457                             | 1,552                     |
| Tennessee                | 5,210  | 237                             | 1,182                           | 3,791                     |
| Texas                    | 14,113 | 705                             | 3,559                           | 9,849                     |
| Utah                     | 2,263  | 81                              | 519                             | 1,663                     |
| Vermont                  | 1,157  | 64                              | 379                             | 714                       |
| Virginia                 | 6,852  | 362                             | 1,700                           | 4,790                     |
| Washington               | 6,042  | 481                             | 1,902                           | 3,659                     |
| West Virginia            | 2,166  | 141                             | 549                             | 1,476                     |
| Wisconsin                | 10,171 | 319                             | 2,199                           | 7,653                     |
| Wyoming                  | 836    | 31                              | 220                             | 585                       |
| Outlying area            |        |                                 |                                 |                           |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 11     | 3                               | 3                               | 5                         |

Table 7.

Number and percentage who work and their average earnings, by selected characteristics,
December 2005

| Characteristic               | Number  | Percent | Average<br>earnings<br>(dollars) |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Total                        | 336,570 | 100.0   | 500                              |
| Age                          |         |         |                                  |
| Under 18                     | 3,314   | 1.0     | 404                              |
| 18–21                        | 32,658  | 9.7     | 465                              |
| 22–29                        | 79,819  | 23.7    | 544                              |
| 30–39                        | 76,150  | 22.6    | 533                              |
| 40–49                        | 72,837  | 21.6    | 512                              |
| 50-59                        | 46,716  | 13.9    | 460                              |
| 60–64                        | 13,147  | 3.9     | 403                              |
| 65 or older                  | 11,929  | 3.5     | 311                              |
| Sex                          |         |         |                                  |
| Male                         | 179,586 | 53.4    | 503                              |
| Female                       | 156,984 | 46.6    | 497                              |
| Earned income <sup>a</sup>   |         |         |                                  |
| Wages                        | 317,589 | 94.4    | 513                              |
| Self-employment              | 20,467  | 6.1     | 336                              |
| Earnings (dollars)           |         |         |                                  |
| 65 or less                   | 76,605  | 22.8    | 50                               |
| 66–99                        | 16,012  | 4.8     | 82                               |
| 100–199                      | 43,089  | 12.8    | 137                              |
| 200–299                      | 32,838  | 9.8     | 234                              |
| 300–399                      | 25,897  | 7.7     | 333                              |
| 400–499                      | 22,552  | 6.7     | 433                              |
| 500–599                      | 20,589  | 6.1     | 528                              |
| 600–699                      | 16,807  | 5.0     | 630                              |
| 700–799                      | 12,303  | 3.7     | 732                              |
| 800–899                      | 10,980  | 3.3     | 828                              |
| 900–999                      | 7,416   | 2.2     | 932                              |
| 1,000 or more                | 51,482  | 15.3    | 1,646                            |
| Unearned income <sup>a</sup> |         |         |                                  |
| None                         | 170,583 | 50.7    | 586                              |
| Social Security              | 146,252 | 43.5    | 387                              |
| Other pensions               | 2,465   | 0.7     | 337                              |
| Income based on need         | 167     | 0       | 725                              |
| Asset income                 | 17,656  | 5.2     | 432                              |
| Other                        | 13,902  | 4.1     | 610                              |

Table 7.

Number and percentage who work and their average earnings, by selected characteristics, December 2005—Continued

| Characteristic                     | Number | Percent | Average<br>earnings<br>(dollars) |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Work incentives <sup>a</sup>       |        |         |                                  |
| Section 1619(a)                    | 17,621 | 5.2     | 1,111                            |
| Section 1619(b)                    | 78,205 | 23.2    | 1,118                            |
| Plans for achieving self-support b | 419    | 0.1     | 840                              |
| Impairment-related work expenses   | 6,310  | 1.9     | 526                              |
| Blind work expenses                | 2,552  | 0.8     | 969                              |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data. NOTE: Includes section 1619(b) participants.

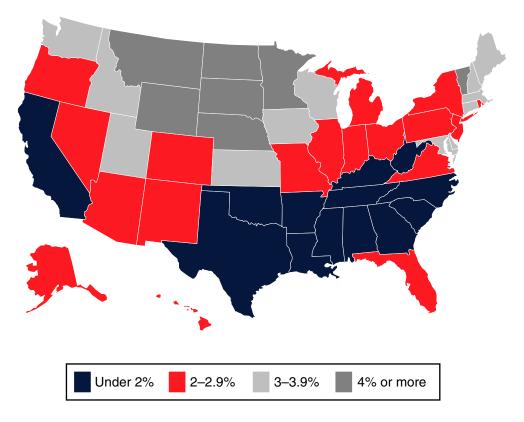
a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of earned or unearned income or both earned and unearned income, or they may benefit from more than one work incentive provision.

b. Number of working recipients with a plan for achieving self-support (PASS). See Tables 14–17 for data on all recipients with a PASS. CONTACT: Clark Pickett (410) 965-9016 or ssi.workers@ssa.gov.

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Chart 6. Percentage distribution, by state, December 2005

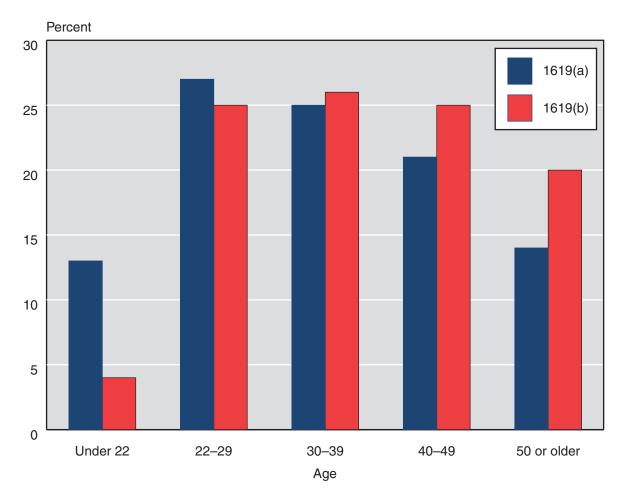
The state distribution of section 1619 cases mirrors that for all working recipients in Chart 2. Proportions of section 1619 cases were higher in the Midwest and lower in the South.



SOURCE: Table 9.

Chart 7. Percentage distribution, by age, December 2005

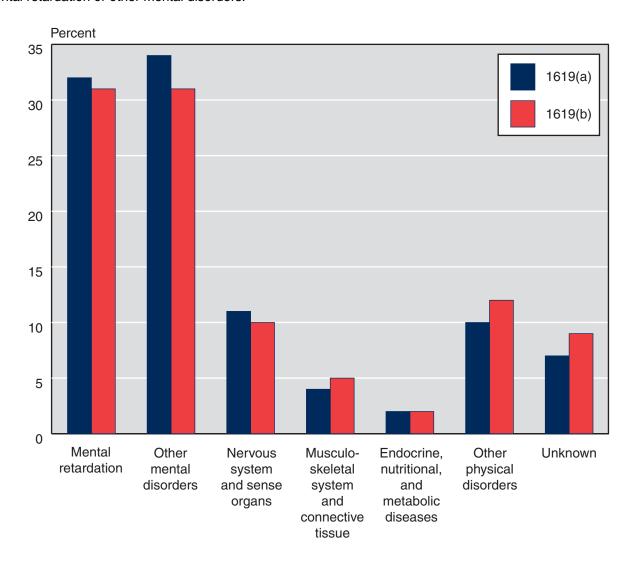
Recipients who benefit from section 1619(a) are younger than those who benefit from 1619(b).



SOURCE: Table 12.

Chart 8. Percentage distribution, by diagnostic group, December 2005

As with all working recipients, the majority of the section 1619 participants were diagnosed with a mental disorder. Two-thirds of participants under section 1619(a) and three-fifths of participants under section 1619(b) had either mental retardation or other mental disorders.



SOURCE: Table 13.

Table 8. Number and percentage change from prior period, selected months, 1982–2005

| Month     | Section 1619(a) | participants                        | Section 1619(b) participants <sup>a</sup> |                                     |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|           | Number          | Percentage change from prior period | Number                                    | Percentage change from prior period |
|           |                 |                                     |   |                                     |
| December  | 227             |                                     | 5.54.5                                    |                                     |
| 1982      | 287             |                                     | 5,515                                     |                                     |
| 1983      | 392             | 36.6                                | 5,165                                     | -6.3                                |
| 1984      |                 | <del></del>                         |   |                                     |
| 1985      |                 |                                     |   |                                     |
| 1986      |                 |                                     |   |                                     |
| 1987      | 14,559          |                                     | 15,632                                    |                                     |
| 1988      | 19,920          | 36.8                                | 15,625                                    | 0                                   |
| 1989      | 25,655          | 28.8                                | 18,254                                    | 16.8                                |
| 1990      | 13,994          | -45.5                               | 23,517                                    | 28.8                                |
| 1991      | 15,531          | 11.0                                | 27,264                                    | 15.9                                |
| 1992      | 17,603          | 13.3                                | 31,649                                    | 16.1                                |
| 1993      | 20,028          | 13.8                                | 35,299                                    | 11.5                                |
| 1994      | 24,315          | 21.4                                | 40,683                                    | 15.3                                |
| 1995      | 28,060          | 15.4                                | 47,002                                    | 15.5                                |
| 1996      | 31,085          | 10.8                                | 51,905                                    | 10.4                                |
| 1997      | 34,673          | 11.5                                | 57,089                                    | 10.0                                |
| 1998      | 37,271          | 7.5                                 | 59,542                                    | 4.3                                 |
| 1999      | 25,528          | -31.5                               | 69,265                                    | 16.3                                |
| 2000      | 27,542          | 7.9                                 | 83,572                                    | 20.7                                |
| 2001      | 22,100          | -19.8                               | 76,455                                    | -8.5                                |
| 2002      | 17,271          | -21.9                               | 82,177                                    | 7.5                                 |
| 2003      | 17,130          | -0.8                                | 71,097                                    | -13.5                               |
| 2004      | 17,115          | -0.1                                | 73,681                                    | 3.6                                 |
| 2005      | 17,621          | 3.0                                 | 78,205                                    | 6.1                                 |
| 2003      |                 |                                     |   |                                     |
| March     | 16,771          | -2.9                                | 74,558                                    | -9.3                                |
| June      | 16,539          | -1.4                                | 72,016                                    | -3.4                                |
| September | 16,562          | 0.1                                 | 73,576                                    | 2.2                                 |
| December  | 17,130          | 3.4                                 | 71,097                                    | -3.4                                |

Table 8. Number and percentage change from prior period, selected months, 1982–2005—*Continued* 

|           | Section 1619(a | ) participants                      | Section 1619(b) participants <sup>a</sup> |                                     |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Month     | Number         | Percentage change from prior period | Number                                    | Percentage change from prior period |
| 2004      |                |                                     |   |                                     |
| March     | 16,879         | -1.5                                | 69,532                                    | -2.2                                |
| June      | 16,587         | -1.7                                | 72,898                                    | 4.8                                 |
| September | 16,891         | 1.8                                 | 75,657                                    | 3.8                                 |
| December  | 17,115         | 1.3                                 | 73,681                                    | -2.6                                |
| 2005      |                |                                     |   |                                     |
| March     | 17,082         | -0.2                                | 74,247                                    | 0.8                                 |
| June      | 17,655         | 3.4                                 | 79,368                                    | 6.9                                 |
| September | 17,874         | 1.2                                 | 80,134                                    | 1.0                                 |
| December  | 17,621         | -1.4                                | 78,205                                    | -2.4                                |

NOTES: When the substantial gainful activity (SGA) level is periodically raised, SSI recipients with earnings below the increased SGA level become eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a). This can lead to decreases in the number of 1619(a) participants.

<sup>... =</sup> not applicable; -- = not available.

a. Includes blind participants. Of the 75,583 participants in December 2005, 1,228 were blind.

Table 9.

Ranking of state or other area, by section 1619 participants as a percentage of all blind and disabled recipients in state aged 18–64, December 2005

|                      |         | All blind and                    | Section 1619 partic | ipants  |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| State or area        | Ranking | disabled recipients <sup>a</sup> | Number              | Percent |
| All areas            |         | 4,158,453                        | 92,950              | 2.24    |
| North Dakota         | 1       | 5,474                            | 353                 | 6.45    |
| South Dakota         | 2       | 8,079                            | 495                 | 6.13    |
| Wyoming              | 3       | 4,308                            | 247                 | 5.73    |
| lowa                 | 4       | 30,922                           | 1,652               | 5.34    |
| Minnesota            | 5       | 48,104                           | 2,433               | 5.06    |
| Vermont              | 6       | 9,379                            | 431                 | 4.60    |
| Nebraska             | 7       | 15,594                           | 671                 | 4.30    |
| Montana              | 8       | 10,816                           | 443                 | 4.10    |
| Wisconsin            | 9       | 61,877                           | 2,469               | 3.99    |
| Kansas               | 10      | 26,583                           | 1,043               | 3.92    |
| Idaho                | 11      | 15,493                           | 606                 | 3.91    |
| Utah                 | 12      | 15,127                           | 585                 | 3.87    |
| New Hampshire        | 13      | 10,399                           | 402                 | 3.87    |
| Connecticut          | 14      | 34,097                           | 1,166               | 3.42    |
| Delaware             | 15      | 8,295                            | 283                 | 3.41    |
| Massachusetts        | 16      | 108,545                          | 3,444               | 3.17    |
| Washington           | 17      | 76,381                           | 2,319               | 3.04    |
| Maine                | 18      | 23,886                           | 718                 | 3.01    |
| Maryland             | 19      | 56,490                           | 1,694               | 3.00    |
| Alaska               | 20      | 7,033                            | 204                 | 2.90    |
| Colorado             | 21      | 35,530                           | 1,001               | 2.82    |
| Nevada               | 22      | 18,558                           | 507                 | 2.73    |
| Oregon               | 23      | 40,585                           | 1,101               | 2.71    |
| New Jersey           | 24      | 81,219                           | 2,116               | 2.61    |
| Hawaii               | 25      | 12,843                           | 326                 | 2.54    |
| Indiana              | 26      | 66,968                           | 1,661               | 2.48    |
| Virginia             | 27      | 81,394                           | 2,017               | 2.48    |
| Missouri             | 28      | 79,844                           | 1,974               | 2.47    |
| Rhode Island         | 29      | 19,273                           | 465                 | 2.41    |
| District of Columbia | 30      | 12,821                           | 304                 | 2.37    |
| New York             | 31      | 342,309                          | 8,081               | 2.36    |
| Arizona              | 32      | 58,328                           | 1,341               | 2.30    |
| Michigan             | 33      | 151,213                          | 3,473               | 2.30    |
| Illinois             | 34      | 159,328                          | 3,657               | 2.30    |
| New Mexico           | 35      | 31,416                           | 708                 | 2.25    |
| Pennsylvania         | 36      | 202,597                          | 4,485               | 2.21    |
| Florida              | 37      | 204,821                          | 4,530               | 2.21    |
| Ohio                 | 38      | 174,435                          | 3,619               | 2.07    |
| California           | 39      | 598,454                          | 11,678              | 1.95    |
| Oklahoma             | 40      | 51,138                           | 921                 | 1.80    |

Table 9.

Ranking of state or other area, by section 1619 participants as a percentage of all blind and disabled recipients in state aged 18–64, December 2005—*Continued* 

|                          |         | All blind and                    | Section 1619 parti | cipants |
|--------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| State or area            | Ranking | disabled recipients <sup>a</sup> | Number             | Percent |
| North Carolina           | 41      | 115,687                          | 2,061              | 1.78    |
| Louisiana                | 42      | 93,942                           | 1,650              | 1.76    |
| Arkansas                 | 43      | 54,505                           | 890                | 1.63    |
| South Carolina           | 44      | 62,895                           | 1,017              | 1.62    |
| Texas                    | 45      | 256,784                          | 4,128              | 1.61    |
| Georgia                  | 46      | 119,503                          | 1,911              | 1.60    |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 47      | 384                              | 6                  | 1.56    |
| Mississippi              | 48      | 72,173                           | 981                | 1.36    |
| Tennessee                | 49      | 103,983                          | 1,368              | 1.32    |
| Alabama                  | 50      | 101,533                          | 1,259              | 1.24    |
| West Virginia            | 51      | 56,459                           | 677                | 1.20    |
| Kentucky                 | 52      | 120,649                          | 1,379              | 1.14    |

a. Includes section 1619(b) participants.

Table 10.
Section 1619(a) participants and their average earnings, by state or other area, selected months, 2004–2005

|                      | December | r 2004    | Septemb | er 2005   | December 2005 |           |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
|                      |          | Average   |         | Average   |               | Average   |
|                      |          | earnings  |         | earnings  |               | earnings  |
| State or area        | Number   | (dollars) | Number  | (dollars) | Number        | (dollars) |
| All areas            | 17,115   | 1,076     | 17,874  | 1,081     | 17,621        | 1,111     |
| Alabama              | 250      | 1,037     | 284     | 1,029     | 290           | 1,074     |
| Alaska               | 32       | 1,133     | 30      | 1,006     | 25            | 1,039     |
| Arizona              | 206      | 1,044     | 240     | 1,059     | 260           | 1,084     |
| Arkansas             | 152      | 1,013     | 150     | 1,028     | 147           | 1,083     |
| California           | 3,788    | 1,181     | 4,117   | 1,194     | 3,970         | 1,221     |
| Colorado             | 163      | 1,044     | 175     | 1,029     | 171           | 1,060     |
| Connecticut          | 144      | 1,042     | 135     | 1,022     | 135           | 1,054     |
| Delaware             | 42       | 1,032     | 47      | 1,044     | 43            | 1,076     |
| District of Columbia | 60       | 1,040     | 61      | 1,038     | 68            | 1,050     |
| Florida              | 697      | 1,030     | 823     | 1,034     | 865           | 1,065     |
| Georgia              | 338      | 1,014     | 332     | 1,033     | 332           | 1,068     |
| Hawaii               | 62       | 1,033     | 65      | 1,052     | 62            | 1,085     |
| Idaho                | 91       | 1,062     | 84      | 1,038     | 95            | 1,085     |
| Illinois             | 701      | 1,024     | 736     | 1,035     | 753           | 1,058     |
| Indiana              | 253      | 1,040     | 236     | 1,037     | 229           | 1,066     |
| lowa                 | 185      | 1,051     | 171     | 1,055     | 177           | 1,076     |
| Kansas               | 152      | 1,068     | 121     | 1,061     | 128           | 1,077     |
| Kentucky             | 238      | 1,031     | 260     | 1,056     | 275           | 1,088     |
| Louisiana            | 335      | 1,032     | 347     | 1,034     | 329           | 1,083     |
| Maine                | 96       | 1,080     | 98      | 1,060     | 98            | 1,095     |
| Maryland             | 310      | 1,041     | 301     | 1,050     | 305           | 1,082     |
| Massachusetts        | 582      | 1,082     | 595     | 1,086     | 601           | 1,130     |
| Michigan             | 606      | 1,033     | 562     | 1,041     | 535           | 1,057     |
| Minnesota            | 262      | 1,059     | 264     | 1,038     | 261           | 1,066     |
| Mississippi          | 194      | 1,017     | 199     | 1,023     | 208           | 1,050     |
| Missouri             | 257      | 1,043     | 272     | 1,041     | 260           | 1,074     |
| Montana              | 49       | 1,034     | 53      | 1,045     | 48            | 1,086     |
| Nebraska             | 79       | 1,045     | 96      | 1,050     | 95            | 1,117     |
| Nevada               | 78       | 1,065     | 90      | 1,040     | 95            | 1,063     |
| New Hampshire        | 63       | 1,057     | 48      | 1,041     | 45            | 1,097     |
| New Jersey           | 321      | 1,037     | 352     | 1,047     | 315           | 1,086     |
| New Mexico           | 100      | 1,024     | 120     | 1,019     | 114           | 1,065     |
| New York             | 1,617    | 1,086     | 1,643   | 1,087     | 1,585         | 1,121     |
| North Carolina       | 292      | 1,019     | 333     | 1,026     | 323           | 1,052     |
| North Dakota         | 37       | 1,032     | 26      | 1,024     | 29            | 1,048     |
| Ohio                 | 677      | 1,041     | 660     | 1,038     | 602           | 1,070     |
| Oklahoma             | 143      | 1,022     | 154     | 1,038     | 150           | 1,066     |
| Oregon               | 125      | 1,038     | 133     | 1,053     | 129           | 1,098     |
| Pennsylvania         | 775      | 1,041     | 738     | 1,040     | 745           | 1,064     |
| Rhode Island         | 85       | 1,099     | 87      | 1,067     | 77            | 1,102     |

Table 10.
Section 1619(a) participants and their average earnings, by state or other area, selected months, 2004–2005—*Continued* 

|                          | Decembe | er 2004          | Septemb | er 2005          | Decembe | r 2005           |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|
|                          |         | Average earnings |         | Average earnings |         | Average earnings |
| State or area            | Number  | (dollars)        | Number  | (dollars)        | Number  | (dollars)        |
| South Carolina           | 136     | 1,030            | 158     | 1,037            | 171     | 1,071            |
| South Dakota             | 60      | 1,063            | 50      | 1,014            | 52      | 1,052            |
| Tennessee                | 256     | 1,047            | 250     | 1,042            | 237     | 1,079            |
| Texas                    | 643     | 1,024            | 714     | 1,031            | 705     | 1,062            |
| Utah                     | 79      | 1,023            | 75      | 1,036            | 81      | 1,105            |
| Vermont                  | 62      | 1,097            | 56      | 1,081            | 64      | 1,097            |
| Virginia                 | 321     | 1,043            | 359     | 1,036            | 362     | 1,069            |
| Washington               | 421     | 1,056            | 476     | 1,055            | 481     | 1,081            |
| West Virginia            | 127     | 1,039            | 152     | 1,072            | 141     | 1,093            |
| Wisconsin                | 341     | 1,050            | 316     | 1,049            | 319     | 1,080            |
| Wyoming                  | 29      | 1,034            | 27      | 1,001            | 31      | 1,053            |
| Outlying area            |         |                  |         |                  |         |                  |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 3       | 945              | 3       | 1,018            | 3       | 1,018            |

Table 11. Section 1619(b) participants and their average earnings, by state or other area, selected months, 2004-2005

|                            | December | 2004                             | Septemb | er 2005                          | December | 2005                             |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| State or area              | Number   | Average<br>earnings<br>(dollars) | Number  | Average<br>earnings<br>(dollars) | Number   | Average<br>earnings<br>(dollars) |
| All areas                  | 73,681   | 1,070                            | 80,134  | 1,107                            | 78,205   | 1,118                            |
| Alabama                    | 903      | 1,110                            | 1,040   | 1,096                            | 1,002    | 1,121                            |
| Alaska <sup>a</sup>        | 178      | 1,183                            | 187     | 1,249                            | 186      | 1,222                            |
| Arizona                    | 944      | 1,104                            | 1,134   | 1,164                            | 1,126    | 1,171                            |
| Arkansas                   | 778      | 1,004                            | 827     | 1,029                            | 785      | 1,052                            |
| California                 | 7,216    | 1,399                            | 7,961   | 1,439                            | 8,254    | 1,420                            |
| Colorado                   | 809      | 1,021                            | 879     | 1,138                            | 848      | 1,148                            |
| Connecticut a              | 1,056    | 979                              | 1,131   | 1,034                            | 1,051    | 1,043                            |
| Delaware                   | 246      | 1,123                            | 265     | 1,201                            | 251      | 1,224                            |
| District of Columbia       | 239      | 1,441                            | 242     | 1,438                            | 251      | 1,429                            |
| Florida                    | 3,248    | 1,094                            | 3,861   | 1,121                            | 3,836    | 1,161                            |
| Georgia                    | 1,558    | 1,055                            | 1,688   | 1,100                            | 1,640    | 1,110                            |
| Hawaii <sup>a</sup>        | 203      | 1,148                            | 270     | 1,210                            | 272      | 1,246                            |
| Idaho <sup>a</sup>         | 470      | 957                              | 539     | 1,008                            | 520      | 980                              |
| Illinois <sup>a</sup>      | 2,875    | 1,078                            | 3,187   | 1,107                            | 3,044    | 1,095                            |
| Indiana <sup>a</sup>       | 1,434    | 944                              | 1,522   | 966                              | 1,462    | 973                              |
| lowa                       | 1,419    | 819                              | 1,519   | 847                              | 1,496    | 843                              |
| Kansas <sup>a</sup>        | 930      | 867                              | 986     | 929                              | 949      | 951                              |
| Kentucky                   | 1,141    | 1,069                            | 1,189   | 1,164                            | 1,150    | 1,155                            |
| Louisiana                  | 1,464    | 1,001                            | 1,421   | 1,052                            | 1,370    | 1,071                            |
| Maine                      | 662      | 988                              | 706     | 985                              | 636      | 1,000                            |
| Maryland                   | 1,241    | 1,131                            | 1,459   | 1,181                            | 1,429    | 1,189                            |
| Massachusetts              | 2,979    | 1,200                            | 3,046   | 1,210                            | 2,957    | 1,240                            |
| Michigan                   | 3,124    | 989                              | 3,212   | 1,026                            | 3,042    | 1,024                            |
| Minnesota <sup>a</sup>     | 2,150    | 863                              | 2,338   | 922                              | 2,215    | 935                              |
| Mississippi                | 785      | 1,123                            | 862     | 1,104                            | 805      | 1,125                            |
| Missouri <sup>a</sup>      | 1,717    | 879                              | 1,841   | 900                              | 1,774    | 917                              |
| Montana                    | 383      | 876                              | 424     | 880                              | 405      | 906                              |
| Nebraska <sup>a</sup>      | 579      | 933                              | 581     | 951                              | 590      | 919                              |
| Nevada <sup>a</sup>        | 392      | 1,211                            | 426     | 1,244                            | 428      | 1,278                            |
| New Hampshire <sup>a</sup> | 339      | 985                              | 375     | 984                              | 367      | 1,023                            |
| New Jersey                 | 1,752    | 1,166                            | 1,906   | 1,185                            | 1,868    | 1,182                            |
| New Mexico                 | 568      | 1,080                            | 647     | 1,109                            | 626      | 1,089                            |
| New York                   | 6,242    | 1,221                            | 6,791   | 1,247                            | 6,731    | 1,270                            |
| North Carolina             | 1,629    | 1,009                            | 1,814   | 1,036                            | 1,792    | 1,054                            |
| North Dakota <sup>a</sup>  | 319      | 815                              | 335     | 881                              | 330      | 879                              |
| Ohio <sup>a</sup>          | 3,072    | 950                              | 3,256   | 974                              | 3,120    | 965                              |
| Oklahoma <sup>a</sup>      | 676      | 840                              | 789     | 898                              | 798      | 900                              |
| Oregon <sup>a</sup>        | 945      | 900                              | 1,036   | 939                              | 1,005    | 916                              |
| Pennsylvania               | 3,587    | 1,025                            | 4,003   | 1,074                            | 3,844    | 1,082                            |
| Rhode Island               | 367      | 1,105                            | 410     | 1,136                            | 402      | 1,112                            |

Table 11. Section 1619(b) participants and their average earnings, by state or other area, selected months, 2004-2005—Continued

|                          | Decembe |                  | September 2005 |                  | Decemb | er 2005          |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------|------------------|
|                          |         | Average earnings |                | Average earnings |        | Average earnings |
| State or area            | Number  | (dollars)        | Number         | (dollars)        | Number | (dollars)        |
| South Carolina           | 858     | 945              | 903            | 981              | 879    | 984              |
| South Dakota             | 458     | 776              | 453            | 798              | 457    | 849              |
| Tennessee                | 1,178   | 1,085            | 1,303          | 1,107            | 1,182  | 1,101            |
| Texas                    | 3,342   | 1,008            | 3,675          | 1,042            | 3,559  | 1,054            |
| Utah <sup>a</sup>        | 471     | 889              | 525            | 965              | 519    | 980              |
| Vermont                  | 378     | 946              | 365            | 964              | 379    | 1,083            |
| Virginia <sup>a</sup>    | 1,554   | 1,043            | 1,767          | 1,118            | 1,700  | 1,113            |
| Washington               | 1,721   | 1,116            | 1,895          | 1,143            | 1,902  | 1,163            |
| West Virginia            | 525     | 1,140            | 563            | 1,184            | 549    | 1,197            |
| Wisconsin                | 2,351   | 884              | 2,338          | 907              | 2,199  | 925              |
| Wyoming                  | 222     | 827              | 238            | 894              | 220    | 887              |
| Outlying area            |         |                  |                |                  |        |                  |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 4       | 1,080            | 4              | 906              | 3      | 808              |

a. The Social Security Administration identifies persons as potential participants; the state makes final Medicaid determinations.

Table 12. Number and average earnings, by selected characteristics, December 2005

|                                    | Section 1619(a | ı) participants  | Section 1619(b) participants |                  |  |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|
|                                    |                | Average earnings |                              | Average earnings |  |
| Characteristic                     | Number         | (dollars)        | Number                       | (dollars)        |  |
| All participants                   | 17,621         | 1,111            | 78,205                       | 1,118            |  |
| Age                                |                |                  |                              |                  |  |
| Under 18                           | 135            | 1,059            | 185                          |                  |  |
| 18–21                              | 2,139          | 1,072            | 3,176                        | 1,255            |  |
| 22–29                              | 4,752          | 1,104            | 19,252                       | 1,167            |  |
| 30–39                              | 4,358          | 1,119            | 20,653                       | 1,112            |  |
| 40–49                              | 3,774          | 1,127            | 19,234                       | 1,095            |  |
| 50–59                              | 1,982          | 1,120            | 10,379                       | 1,107            |  |
| 60–64                              | 362            | 1,137            | 2,889                        | 1,003            |  |
| 65 or older                        | 119            | 1,132            | 2,437                        | 926              |  |
| Sex                                |                |                  |                              |                  |  |
| Male                               | 9,750          | 1,122            | 40,782                       | 1,144            |  |
| Female                             | 7,871          | 1,098            | 37,423                       | 1,089            |  |
| Earned income <sup>a</sup>         |                |                  |                              |                  |  |
| Wages                              | 17,148         | 1,113            | 75,876                       | 1,125            |  |
| Self-employment                    | 586            | 1,065            | 2,997                        | 1,036            |  |
| Earnings (dollars)                 |                |                  |                              |                  |  |
| Less than 400                      |                |                  | 9,954                        | 268              |  |
| 400–499                            |                |                  | 6,106                        | 436              |  |
| 500-599                            |                |                  | 7,205                        | 529              |  |
| 600-699                            |                |                  | 6,791                        | 630              |  |
| 700–899                            | 1,062          | 879              | 9,947                        | 775              |  |
| 900–1,199                          | 10,849         | 1,017            | 7,757                        | 1,011            |  |
| 1,200 or more                      | 5,710          | 1,334            | 30,445                       | 1,920            |  |
| Unearned income <sup>a</sup>       |                |                  |                              |                  |  |
| None                               | 15,809         | 1,113            | 24,970                       | 1,784            |  |
| Social Security                    | 545            | 1,074            | 49,837                       | 747              |  |
| Other pensions                     | 27             | 1,100            | 488                          | 994              |  |
| Income based on need               | 7              | 1,043            | 41                           | 1,312            |  |
| Asset income                       | 736            | 1,133            | 3,693                        | 1,030            |  |
| Other                              | 563            | 1,077            | 3,765                        | 1,259            |  |
| Work incentives <sup>a</sup>       |                |                  |                              |                  |  |
| Plans for achieving self-support b | 176            | 1,439            | 0                            | 0                |  |
| Impairment-related work expenses   | 446            | 1,197            | 1,486                        | 989              |  |
| Blind work expenses                | 3              | 1,869            | 545                          | 1,503            |  |

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Record (Characteristic Extract Record format), 100 percent data. NOTE: -- = not available; . . . = not applicable.

a. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of earned or unearned income or both earned and unearned income, or they may benefit from more than one work incentive provision.

b. Includes 18 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

Table 13.

Percentage distribution of participants aged 18–64, by diagnostic group, December 2005

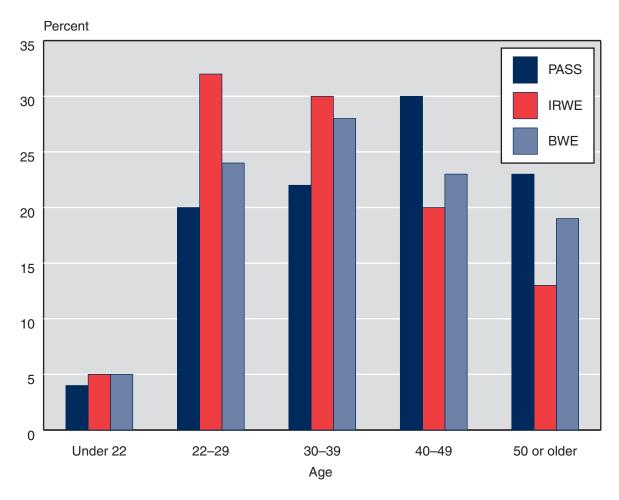
| Diagnostic group                               | All blind and disabled recipients | Section 1619(a)<br>participants | Section 1619(b) participants |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total  |                                   |                                 |                              |
| Number   | 4,082,870                         | 17,367                          | 75,583                       |
| Percent  | 100.0                             | 100.0                           | 100.0                        |
| Congenital anomalies                           | 0.6                               | 0.7                             | 0.8                          |
| Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | 3.5                               | 1.8                             | 1.9                          |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases              | 1.6                               | 1.6                             | 1.8                          |
| Injuries                                       | 2.6                               | 1.8                             | 2.3                          |
| Mental disorders                               |                                   |                                 |                              |
| Retardation                                    | 21.7                              | 32.3                            | 30.6                         |
| Schizophrenia                                  | 9.9                               | 8.4                             | 8.6                          |
| Other  | 26.1                              | 25.7                            | 22.6                         |
| Neoplasms                                      | 1.1                               | 1.1                             | 1.1                          |
| Diseases of the—                               |                                   |                                 |                              |
| Blood and blood-forming organs                 | 0.4                               | 0.6                             | 0.7                          |
| Circulatory system                             | 4.5                               | 1.5                             | 1.7                          |
| Digestive system                               | 0.9                               | 0.5                             | 0.6                          |
| Genitourinary system                           | 1.0                               | 1.0                             | 1.2                          |
| Musculoskeletal system and                     |                                   |                                 |                              |
| connective tissue                              | 10.2                              | 3.9                             | 5.3                          |
| Nervous system and sense organs <sup>a</sup>   | 7.8                               | 10.8                            | 10.4                         |
| Respiratory system                             | 2.1                               | 1.0                             | 1.0                          |
| Skin and subcutaneous tissue                   | 0.2                               | 0.1                             | 0.1                          |
| Other  | 0.2                               | 0.4                             | 0.3                          |
| Unknown  | 5.6                               | 6.8                             | 9.0                          |

a. Most disabled recipients classified as blind are included in this category. A few blind recipients with a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye are coded in other categories. Also, a few recipients are classified with diseases of the eye, but their impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.



Chart 9. Percentage distribution, by age and provision, December 2005

Recipients with income excluded under plans for achieving self-support (PASS), impairment-related work expenses (IRWE), or blind work expenses (BWE) were similar in age to all working recipients (Chart 3). PASS participants were somewhat older—53 percent were aged 40 or older, compared with 33 percent of those with IRWE and 42 percent of those with BWE.

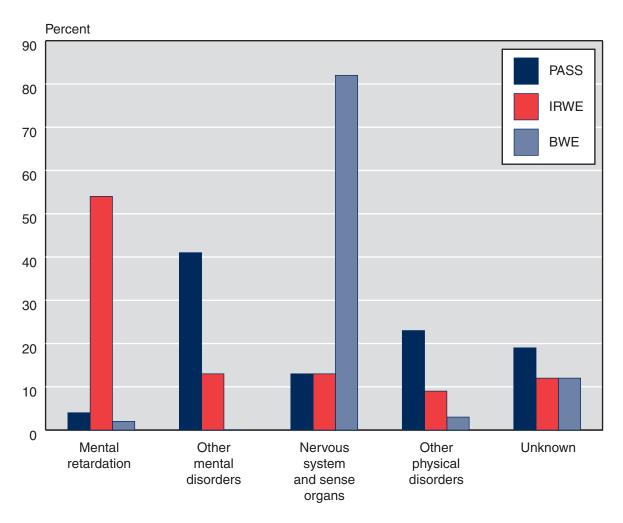


SOURCE: Table 15.

Chart 10.

Percentage distribution, by diagnostic group and provision, December 2005

The most frequently identified diagnosis varied among recipients who had income excluded under plans for achieving self-support (PASS), impairment-related work expenses (IRWE), or blind work expenses (BWE). Over half of the recipients who had some income excluded under IRWE were mentally retarded, and 41 percent of those with a PASS had other mental disorders. Over four-fifths of those with BWE had a nervous system disorder.



SOURCE: Table 16.

Table 14. Number, by state or other area and provision, December 2005

|                      | Plans for achieving self-support | Impairment-related work expenses | Blind<br>work expenses |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| State or area        | (PASS) <sup>a</sup>              | (IRWE)                           | (BWE)                  |
| All areas            | 1,582                            | 6,310                            | 2,552                  |
| Alabama              | 25                               | 159                              | 26                     |
| Alaska               | 7                                | 4                                | b                      |
| Arizona              | 15                               | 72                               | 29                     |
| Arkansas             | 27                               | 58                               | 20                     |
| California           | 414                              | 475                              | 397                    |
| Colorado             | 17                               | 27                               | 30                     |
| Connecticut          | 9                                | 130                              | 23                     |
| Delaware             | 0                                | 29                               | 9                      |
| District of Columbia | 0                                | b                                | 4                      |
| Florida              | 35                               | 352                              | 99                     |
| Georgia              | 27                               | 206                              | 50                     |
| Hawaii               | 9                                | 10                               | 10                     |
| ldaho                | 28                               | 10                               | b                      |
| Illinois             | 31                               | 210                              | 55                     |
| Indiana              | 16                               | 105                              | 44                     |
| lowa                 | 33                               | 51                               | 58                     |
| Kansas               | 20                               | 329                              | 28                     |
| Kentucky             | 63                               | 89                               | 38                     |
| Louisiana            | b                                | 110                              | 34                     |
| Maine                | 38                               | 30                               | 12                     |
| Maryland             | 26                               | 181                              | 38                     |
| Massachusetts        | 80                               | 168                              | 212                    |
| Michigan             | 41                               | 113                              | 87                     |
| Minnesota            | 35                               | 106                              | 49                     |
| Mississippi          | 8                                | 30                               | 32                     |
| Missouri             | 20                               | 134                              | 38                     |
| Montana              | 24                               | 8                                | 9                      |
| Nebraska             | 20                               | 22                               | 10                     |
| Nevada               | 6                                | 24                               | 14                     |
| New Hampshire        | 10                               | 22                               | 8                      |
| New Jersey           | 3                                | 198                              | 47                     |
| New Mexico           | 4                                | 61                               | 13                     |
| New York             | 80                               | 479                              | 202                    |
| North Carolina       | 69                               | 329                              | 111                    |
| North Dakota         | 3                                | 8                                | 3                      |
| Ohio                 | 35                               | 110                              | 89                     |
| Oklahoma             | 7                                | 79                               | 20                     |
| Oregon               | 27                               | 36                               | 30                     |
| Pennsylvania         | 19                               | 289                              | 103                    |
| Rhode Island         | 8                                | 11                               | 9                      |

Table 14. Number, by state or other area and provision, December 2005—*Continued* 

| State or area            | Plans for achieving<br>self-support<br>(PASS) <sup>a</sup> | Impairment-related<br>work expenses<br>(IRWE) | Blind<br>work expenses<br>(BWE) |
|--------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| South Carolina           | 16   | 66  | 30                              |
| South Dakota             | 12   | 13  | 5                               |
| Tennessee                | 19   | 121   | 36                              |
| Texas                    | 24   | 306   | 177                             |
| Utah                     | 3  | 46  | 13                              |
| Vermont                  | 27   | 7   | 4                               |
| Virginia                 | 14   | 482   | 62                              |
| Washington               | 41   | 104   | 42                              |
| West Virginia            | 8  | 31  | 16                              |
| Wisconsin                | 75   | 265   | 72                              |
| Wyoming                  | b  | 4   | b                               |
| Outlying area            |  |   |                                 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | b  | b   | b                               |

a. Includes 400 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

b. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

Table 15. Number, by selected characteristics and provision, December 2005

|                              | Plans for achieving self-support | Impairment-related work expenses | Blind<br>work expenses |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Characteristic               | (PASS) <sup>a</sup>              | (IRWE)                           | (BWE)                  |
| Total                        | 1,582                            | 6,310                            | 2,552                  |
| Age                          |                                  |                                  |                        |
| Under 18                     | 3                                | 5                                | 4                      |
| 18–21                        | 65                               | 312                              | 111                    |
| 22–29                        | 321                              | 2,042                            | 619                    |
| 30–39                        | 345                              | 1,874                            | 723                    |
| 40–49                        | 482                              | 1,254                            | 598                    |
| 50–59                        | 312                              | 588                              | 366                    |
| 60–64                        | 46                               | 133                              | 73                     |
| 65 or older                  | 8                                | 102                              | 58                     |
| Sex                          |                                  |                                  |                        |
| Male                         | 644                              | 3,446                            | 1,370                  |
| Female                       | 938                              | 2,864                            | 1,182                  |
| Earned income <sup>b</sup>   |                                  |                                  |                        |
| Wages                        | 409                              | 6,233                            | 2,481                  |
| Self-employment              | 99                               | 101                              | 94                     |
| Earnings (dollars)           |                                  |                                  |                        |
| None                         | 1,089                            | 0                                | 0                      |
| 65 or less                   | 22                               | 499                              | 173                    |
| 66–99                        | 7                                | 256                              | 82                     |
| 100–199                      | 36                               | 932                              | 240                    |
| 200–299                      | 35                               | 828                              | 200                    |
| 300–399                      | 46                               | 734                              | 161                    |
| 400–499                      | 28                               | 636                              | 145                    |
| 500–599                      | 38                               | 568                              | 142                    |
| 600–699                      | 40                               | 383                              | 114                    |
| 700–799                      | 35                               | 299                              | 97                     |
| 800–899                      | 29                               | 199                              | 114                    |
| 900–999                      | 26                               | 152                              | 102                    |
| 1,000 or more                | 151                              | 824                              | 982                    |
| Unearned income <sup>b</sup> |                                  |                                  |                        |
| None                         | 297                              | 2,700                            | 1,311                  |
| Social Security              | 1,240                            | 3,259                            | 1,107                  |
| Other pensions               | 13                               | 35                               | 10                     |
| Income based on need         | 0                                | С                                | С                      |
| Asset income                 | 68                               | 433                              | 170                    |
| Other                        | 56                               | 198                              | 73                     |

a. Includes 400 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

b. The sum of the entries may be greater than the total because some recipients may receive more than one type of earned or unearned income or both earned and unearned income.

c. Data are not shown to avoid disclosure of information for particular individuals.

Table 16.
Percentage distribution, by diagnostic group and provision, December 2005

| Diagnostic group                               | All blind and disabled recipients | Plans for<br>achieving<br>self-support<br>(PASS) <sup>a</sup> | Impairment-<br>related work<br>expenses<br>(IRWE) | Blind work<br>expenses<br>(BWE) |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Total  |                                   |   |   |                                 |
| Number   | 4,082,870                         | 1,582   | 6,310   | 2,552                           |
| Percent  | 100.0                             | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0                           |
| Congenital anomalies                           | 0.6                               | 0.9   | 2.4   | 1.3                             |
| Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases | 3.5                               | 2.3   | 0.5   | 0.2                             |
| Infectious and parasitic diseases              | 1.6                               | 1.8   | 0.7   | 0.2                             |
| Injuries                                       | 2.6                               | 6.0   | 2.1   | 0                               |
| Mental disorders                               |                                   |   |   |                                 |
| Retardation                                    | 21.7                              | 4.4   | 53.5  | 2.0                             |
| Schizophrenia                                  | 9.9                               | 9.1   | 3.4   | 0                               |
| Other  | 26.1                              | 31.4  | 9.7   | 0.3                             |
| Neoplasms                                      | 1.1                               | 1.1   | 0.3   | 0.2                             |
| Diseases of the—                               |                                   |   |   |                                 |
| Blood and blood-forming organs                 | 0.4                               | 0.4   | 0.1   | 0                               |
| Circulatory system                             | 4.5                               | 1.2   | 0.7   | 1.2                             |
| Digestive system                               | 0.9                               | 0.9   | 0.1   | 0.1                             |
| Genitourinary system                           | 1.0                               | 0.6   | 0.3   | 0.1                             |
| Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue   | 10.2                              | 7.3   | 1.4   | 0.1                             |
| Nervous system and sense organs b              | 7.8                               | 13.1  | 12.5  | 82.2                            |
| Respiratory system                             | 2.1                               | 0.4   | 0.3   | 0                               |
| Skin and subcutaneous tissue                   | 0.2                               | 0   | 0   | 0                               |
| Other  | 0.2                               | 0.3   | 0.3   | 0.1                             |
| Unknown  | 5.6                               | 18.7  | 11.5  | 12.0                            |

a. Includes 400 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

b. Most disabled recipients classified as blind are included in this category. A few blind recipients with a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye are coded in other categories. Also, a few recipients are classified with diseases of the eye, but their impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

Table 17.

Percentage distribution of persons with income excluded, by amount excluded and provision, December 2005

| Amount excluded (dollars) | Plans for achieving<br>self-support<br>(PASS) <sup>a</sup> | Impairment-related<br>work expenses<br>(IRWE) | Blind<br>work expenses<br>(BWE) |
|---------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Total                     |  |   |                                 |
| Number                    | 1,182  | 6,310   | 2,552                           |
| Percent                   | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                           |
| Under 25                  | 0.3  | 18.9  | 18.1                            |
| 25-49                     | 1.0  | 23.6  | 10.6                            |
| 50-99                     | 1.7  | 32.5  | 14.6                            |
| 100–199                   | 5.2  | 15.4  | 18.6                            |
| 200-299                   | 8.1  | 4.4   | 11.2                            |
| 300-499                   | 21.7   | 3.4   | 12.8                            |
| 500-999                   | 49.3   | 1.5   | 10.6                            |
| 1,000 or more             | 12.5   | 0.3   | 3.3                             |

a. Data do not include plans for achieving self-support that exclude only resources.