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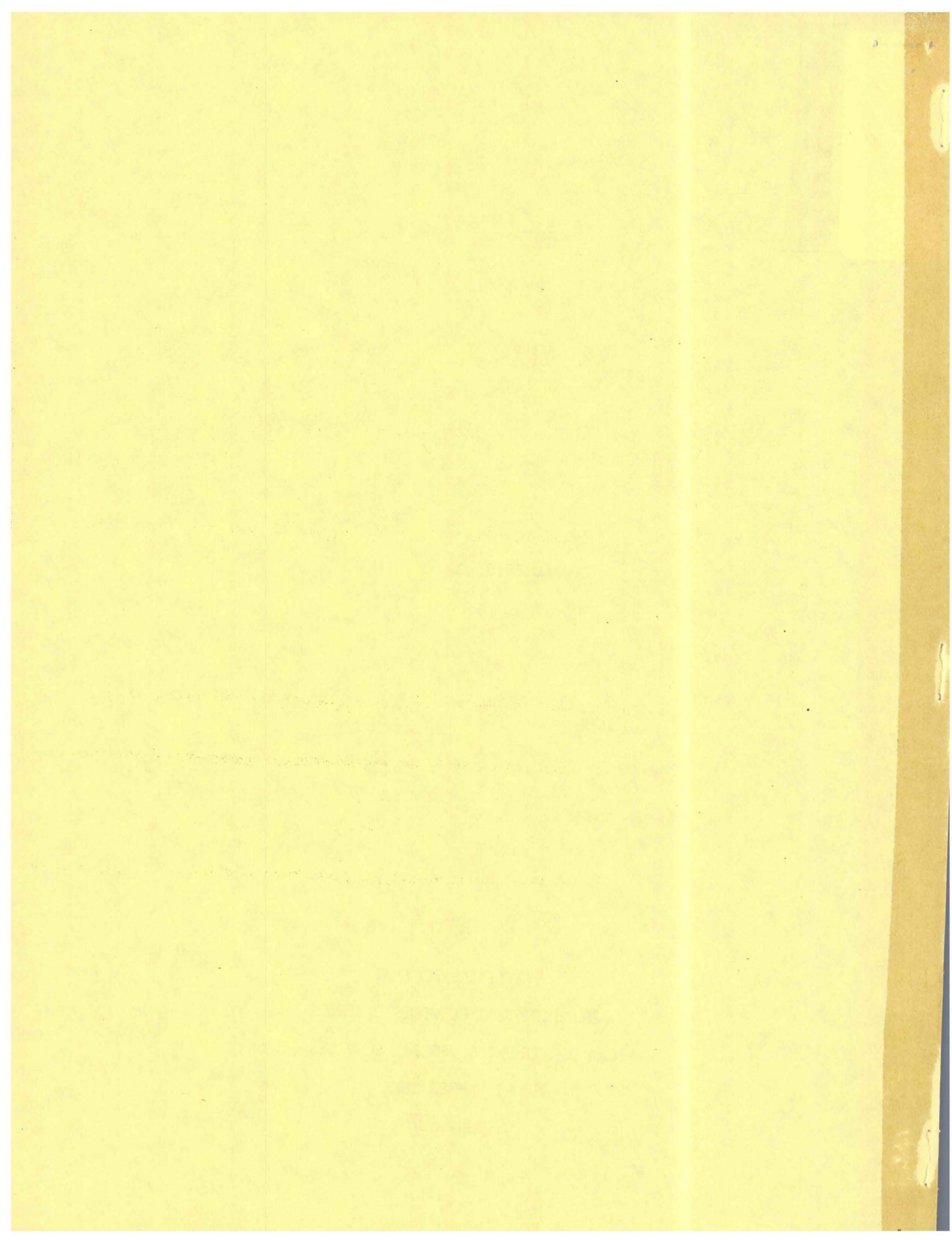
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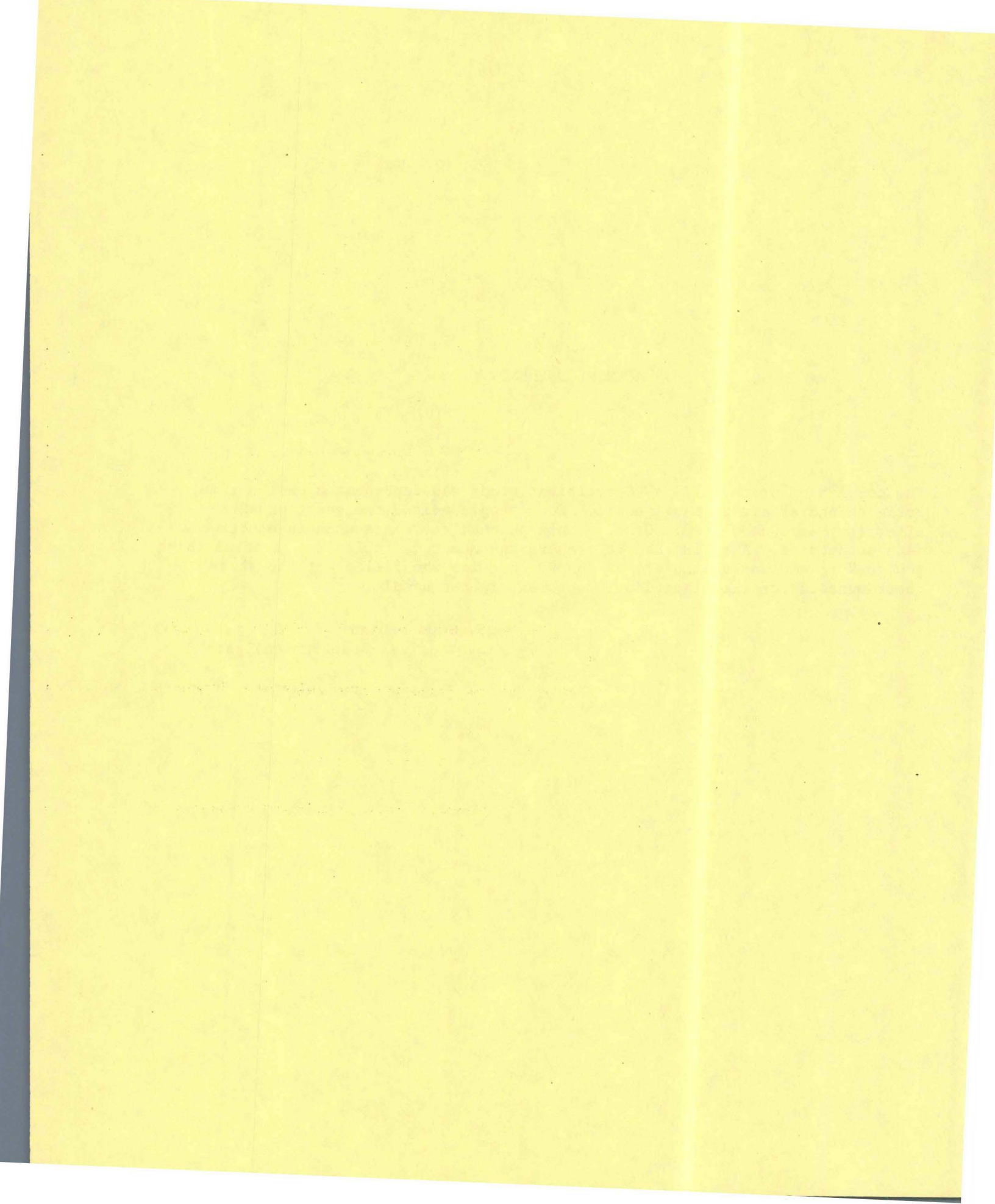
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## INTRODUCTION

Why invest time and money in a study of AFDC characteristics? A superficial answer might go as follows:

"The State of Iowa has a responsibility toward deprived children. Maybe a little data on the subject might be useful."

The question deserves a more sophisticated answer. In March of 1977 the state of Iowa had 31,187 households which received assistance under the program known as, Aid To Families With Dependent Children (AFDC). A family can qualify for AFDC only if there are children who are deprived of the financial support of one of their parents. An assessment of needs must precede any kind of rational conviction about the program. There are alternative levels of help. A choice of one level or another must precede action. In conclusion from this it may be said that a fund of data showing the social and economic characteristics of recipients is essential.

The responsibility for deprived children falls heavily upon persons in the General Assembly and perhaps even more heavily upon persons in the Department of Social Services. Inevitably the responsibility falls in greater than normal degree upon a relatively few individuals. Almost as inevitably these persons need detailed information. This report is designed to give these persons the kind of information they need.

The people who attempt to supply this data soon discover that information about a single case is not enough. The social and economic characteristics of the AFDC household vary from case to case. The usual and the unusual case must both be served. The actual amount of an AFDC payment depends on the number of persons in the assistance group and the amount of other income. The cases are numerous and varied. Under these circumstances it becomes imperative to summarize the data.

It seems worthy to emphasize a distinction between the qualitative and the quantitative aspects of a table or statement. The qualitative aspect is expressed in words and serves to identify a distinct feature commonly found from case to case. The quantitative aspect is expressed in numbers and serves to count what ever has been identified. For instance, the study tells us that a child may have a Father who is absent from the home. A total of 54,729 children share this characteristic.

Proper summarization can be achieved through an understanding of each aspect and the relationship between them. We wish to avoid the kind of fallacy illustrated in simple form by counting apples and oranges.





## SUMMARY

A series of somewhat independent statements can summarize in approximate fashion the most common characteristics of the AFDC household. The household is likely to consist of less than four (4) persons. The number of children will likely be less than three (3), but can vary from one to eight. The children will be legitimate and under thirteen years of age. The other person will be the Mother. She will very likely be unemployed and without earned income. The Father will be absent from the home, and the household will be without income other than public assistance.

### SUMMARY TABLE NO. 1

Group	Characteristic	Percent
Households	Less than 4 persons	53.2
Households	Less than 3 children	70.8
AFDC children	Legitimate	80.1
Children household	Under 13 years of age	70.8
AFDC children	Mother in home	92.9
Households	Mother unemployed	76.3
AFDC children	Father absent from home	83.6
Households	No other income	60.8

### SUMMARY TABLE NO. 2

Group	Characteristic	Average
All cases	Monthly full standard of need	\$318
All cases	Monthly standard of payment	\$301
All cases	Monthly AFDC payment	\$265
All cases	Monthly value food stamps	\$103
All cases	Monthly charge food stamps	\$ 51

The data shows an average of 2.34 children per household. The 1975 AFDC characteristics study shows an average of 2.02. It offers the following comment on the size of the AFDC family. "These facts are worth noting, since one of the predominate images of an ADC family is that of a Mother who has several children in order to obtain a larger ADC check. Judging from the number of one or two-child families, this is very obviously a false image." The present study verifies this statement.

In a way the data is conspicuous for what it does not say. The data provides no evidence that the AFDC family is pampered. The presence of children in the home acts to limit employment opportunities for the Mother. The data tells us nothing about the consequences and costs that might follow from not helping deprived children. These costs are not visible.

The annual report, Iowa Department of Social Services for the year ending June 30, 1977 shows that the state spent \$46,304,087 of its own money on Aid to Dependent Children. This is a lot of money. However, the expenditure falls on a population estimated at 2,870,000 for the year 1976. This estimate appears in the statistical abstract of the U.S., in this perspective the cost of the program amounted to \$16.00 per person per year.

E-1 When was the most recent opening of this AFDC case?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
1953	78	.2
1956	78	.2
1959	78	.2
1960	233	.7
1961	78	.2
1962	78	.2
1965	233	.7
1966	78	.2
1967	544	1.7
1968	467	1.5
1969	778	2.5
1970	1,244	4.0
1971	622	2.0
1972	1,478	4.7
1973	2,022	6.5
1974	4,200	13.5
1975	7,233	23.2
1976	8,944	28.7
1977	2,722	8.7
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

E-2 When was the most recent redetermination of eligibility for this AFDC case?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
1976	10,499	33.7
1977	15,087	48.4
No Redetermination	5,522	17.7
Unknown	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 3

E-3 Has this case ever received AFDC in this state before the most recent opening?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No	18,120	58.1
Yes	12,288	39.4
Unknown	778	2.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 4

E-4 What is the race of payee?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
White	27,531	88.3
Black	2,878	9.2
American Indian	156	.5
Asian	156	.5
Other	78	.2
Unknown	389	1.2
TOTAL Add AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## E-5 Is payee's origin or descent

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Mexican	389	1.2
Other Spanish	78	.2
None of These	30,719	98.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 6

## E-6 Where does the AFDC assistance group currently live?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
100,000 to 250,000	6,999	22.4
Less than 100,000	5,833	18.7
Urban 2,000+	1,400	4.5
Rural 2,500-	933	3.0
Non SMSA Urban 2,500+	10,421	33.4
Non SMSA Rural	5,600	18.0
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 7

## E-7 What is the shelter arrangement of the AFDC assistance group for their current living quarters?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Owns or buying	5,988	19.2
Public housing renter	1,944	6.2
Private housing renter	20,609	66.1
Quarters rent free	1,633	5.2
Group quarters	856	2.7
Unknown	156	.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

E-8 Is the AFDC assistance group certified for participation in U.S. Department of Agriculture food distribution program?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Food stamp plan	21,698	69.6
No food program	9,488	30.4
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 9

E-9 Food Stamps Authorized for purchase during study month by Household?

A. Total dollar value of food stamps authorized.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	9,410	30.2
\$51 thru \$100	5,755	18.5
\$101 thru \$150	7,466	23.9
\$151 thru \$200	6,377	20.4
\$201 thru \$250	1,244	4.0
\$251 thru \$300	856	2.7
\$301 thru \$350	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

B. Purchase amount for food stamps.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	9,333	29.9
\$1 thru \$50	7,388	23.7
\$51 thru \$100	9,644	30.9
\$101 thru \$150	3,422	11.0
\$151 thru \$200	1,244	4.0
\$201 thru \$250	78	.2
Unreported	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## E-10 Payments to persons not in AFDC Group?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	27,453	88.0
\$1 thru \$50	156	.5
\$51 thru \$100	156	.5
\$101 thru \$150	544	1.7
\$151 thru \$200	1,011	3.2
\$201 thru \$250	389	1.2
\$251 thru \$300	78	.2
\$301 thru \$350	78	.2
\$351 thru \$400	78	.2
\$501 thru \$550	78	.2
Unreported	1,167	3.7
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 11

## E-11 Money payments WIN and CETA Incentives?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	30,486	97.8
\$1 thru \$50	156	.5
\$51 thru \$100	311	1.0
\$101 thru \$150	156	.5
\$151 thru \$200	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 12

## E-12 How many persons are in the Household?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Two persons	7,777	24.9
Three persons	8,788	28.2
Four persons	5,289	17.0
Five persons	4,278	13.7
Six persons	2,567	8.2
Seven persons	1,089	3.5
Eight persons	544	1.7
Nine persons	311	1.0
Ten persons	78	.2
Group quarters	389	1.2
Unknown	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## E-13 Adults in household

## B Adult head of household

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
Yes	31,187	69.6
Other adult	13,553	30.2
Unreported	77	.2
TOTAL All adults in each household in 3/77	44,816	100.0

## C Adult relationship to youngest child in this AFDC group

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
Natural or adopted Mother	28,723	64.1
Stepmother	154	.3
Natural Father	4,620	10.3
Stepfather Nonadopted	693	1.5
Grandparent	6,006	13.4
Other relative	2,618	5.8
Nonrelative	1,848	4.1
Unknown	154	.3
TOTAL All adults in each household in 3/77	44,816	100.0

## D Adult sex

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
Male	9,934	22.2
Female	34,729	77.5
Unreported	154	.3
TOTAL All adults in each household in 3/77	44,816	100.0

## E Adult Money payment status

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
AFDC this group	32,727	73.0
AFDC other group	770	1.7
SSI	1,386	3.1
SSI state supplement	154	.3
No money payment	8,624	19.2
Unreported	1,155	2.6
TOTAL All adults in each household in 3/77	44,816	100.0

## F Adult highest grade of school completed

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
Less than five	231	.7
5th. or 6th. grade	308	.9
7th. grade	231	.7
8th. grade	2,772	7.9
9th. grade	2,772	7.9
10th. or 11th. grade	7,623	21.6
High school graduate	12,013	34.1
Some college or vocational training	770	2.2
Advanced degree	77	.2
Unreported	8,470	24.0
TOTAL Each adult recipient, parent step-parent in each household in 3/77	35,268	100.0

## G Adult usual kind of work

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
Prof-Tech	616	1.7
Sales	1,078	3.1
Clerical	3,311	9.4
Craft	1,694	4.8
Operative Non-trans.	1,001	2.8
Operative-trans.	154	.4
Laborer	5,698	16.2
Farmer-manager	154	.4
Farm laborer	308	.9
Service worker	7,546	21.4
Houseworker	1,001	2.8
Not reported	693	2.0
Kind unknown	2,387	6.8
No record	5,544	15.7
Never employed	4,081	11.6
TOTAL Each adult recipient, parent, step-parent in each household in 3/77	35,268	100.0



## H Adult current employment status

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
Full time	5,621	15.9
Part time	3,234	9.2
Incapacitated	3,465	9.8
Needed in home	9,318	26.4
Attending school	1,155	3.3
Temporary layoff	616	1.7
Seeking work	3,003	8.5
Not seeking work	8,008	22.7
Not reported	847	2.4
TOTAL Each adult recipient, parent step-parent in each household in 3/77	35,268	100.0

## I Adult years since job began

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
Less 1 year	2,387	6.8
1 year	3,157	9.0
2 years	1,001	2.8
3 years	385	1.1
4 years	924	2.6
5 years	77	.2
6 thru 10 years	231	.7
11 thru 20 years	77	.2
Not reported	27,028	76.6
TOTAL Each adult recipient, parent step-parent in each household in 3/77	35,268	100.0

## J Adult years since last job

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
Less than 1 year	1,848	5.2
1 year	5,313	15.1
2 years	1,232	3.5
3 years	616	1.7
4 years	462	1.3
5 years	231	.7
6 thru 10 years	924	2.6
11 thru 20 years	77	.2
More than 30 years	385	1.1
Not reported	24,179	68.6
TOTAL Each adult recipient, parent step-parent in each household in 3/77	35,268	100.0

## K Adult current age

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
1 thru 18	693	2.0
19 thru 20	2,079	5.9
21 thru 25	7,777	22.1
26 thru 30	8,008	22.7
31 thru 35	6,006	17.0
36 thru 40	3,696	10.5
41 thru 45	2,926	8.3
46 thru 50	1,848	5.2
51 thru 55	847	2.4
56 thru 60	462	1.3
61 thru 65	154	.4
Over 65	77	.2
Unreported	693	2.0
TOTAL Each adult recipient, parent step-parent in each household in 3/77	35,268	100.0

## L Adult WIN status

Value Label	Number of Adults	Percent of Adults
Registered-mandatory	6,006	18.4
Registered-voluntary	4,081	12.5
Ill	462	1.4
Ref Voc. rehab.	1,001	3.1
Not ref voc. rehab.	539	1.6
Voc. re. unknown	154	.5
Too far	616	1.9
Needed in home	154	.5
Child under six	10,550	32.2
Caretaker of child	539	1.6
Other exemption	1,617	4.9
Win status pending	385	1.2
No project in area	6,468	19.8
Not reported	154	.5
TOTAL Each adult recipients in AFDC group in 3/77	32,727	100.0

E-14 Number of households in sample?

A Number of children per household in sample

Value Label	Number of Households	Percent of Households
Child No. one	408	42.7
Child No. two	268	28.1
Child No. three	142	14.9
Child No. four	78	8.2
Child No. five	35	3.7
Child No. six	14	1.5
Child No. seven	8	.8
Child No. eight	2	.2
TOTAL Households in Sample 3/77	955	100.0

B Children current age

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Less 1 year	917	1.3
1-2 years	8,637	11.8
3-4 years	8,867	12.1
5-6 years	9,325	12.8
7-8 years	8,637	11.8
9-10 years	7,338	10.1
11-12 years	7,950	10.9
13-14 years	6,727	9.2
15-16 years	7,185	9.8
17-18 years	4,816	6.6
19-20 years	1,987	2.7
21-22 years	306	.4
23-24 years	76	.1
Not reported	229	.3
TOTAL All children in each case in 3/77	72,998	100.0

## C Children sex

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Male	36,079	49.4
Female	36,919	50.6
TOTAL All children in each case in 3/77	72,998	100.0

## D Children is child a recipient in this AFDC group?

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
No	7,644	10.5
Yes	65,354	89.5
TOTAL All children in each case in 3/77	72,998	100.0

## E Children reason not in this AFDC group

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Other AFDC group	1,682	22.0
SSI group	459	6.0
Not deprived	3,210	42.0
Over age	229	3.0
Not in school	612	8.0
Application in process	76	1.0
No application	459	6.0
Other reason	688	9.0
Unreported	229	3.0
TOTAL All children not in AFDC group in 3/77	7,644	100.0

## F Children relationship to youngest child in this AFDC group

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Brother or sister	1,987	26.0
Other relative	4,510	59.0
Nonrelative	917	12.0
Unknown	229	3.0
TOTAL All children not in AFDC group in 3/77	7,644	100.0

## G Children currently enrolled in school

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Not in school	22,626	34.6
In school	42,729	65.4
TOTAL All children in AFDC group in 3/77	65,354	100.0

## H Children current employment status

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Full time	76	.1
Part time	535	.8
Not employed	64,743	99.1
TOTAL All children in AFDC group in 3/77	65,354	100.0

## I Children WIN status

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Registered mandatory	153	.2
Under age	48,309	73.9
Attending school	4,586	7.0
Ref Voc Rehab	76	.1
Too far away	153	.2
Other exemption	1,376	2.1
No WIN in area	10,396	15.9
Unreported	306	.5
TOTAL All children in AFDC group in 3/77	65,354	100.0

## J Children reason for eligibility status of Father

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Deceased	612	.9
Incapacitated	5,886	9.0
Unemployed	2,446	3.7
Absentarmed forces	306	.5
Absent divorced	27,670	42.3
Absent legally separated	2,905	4.4
Absent Nonlegal separated	9,631	14.7
Not married to Mother	12,994	19.9
Absent other reason	1,223	1.9
Absent Mother	1,605	2.5
Unreported	76	.1
TOTAL All children in AFDC group in 3/77	65,354	100.0

## K Children current residence of child's Mother

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Deceased	306	.5
In home	60,691	92.9
Same county	917	1.4
Different county	459	.7
Different state	1,070	1.6
Location unknown	1,147	1.8
Unreported	764	1.2
TOTAL All children in AFDC group in 3/77	65,354	100.0

## L Children current residence of child's Father

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Deceased	612	.9
In home	10,701	16.4
Inst correctional	1,223	1.9
Institution med	382	.6
Same county	15,593	23.9
Different county	7,567	11.6
Different state	7,950	12.2
Foreign country	459	.7
Location unknown	20,867	31.9
TOTAL All children in AFDC group in 3/77	65,354	100.0

## M Children years since Father left home

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
Never in home	11,389	20.8
Less than 1 year	459	.8
1-2 years	13,988	25.6
3-4 years	7,185	13.1
5-6 years	4,816	8.8
7-8 years	5,504	10.1
9-10 years	1,605	2.9
11-12 years	1,911	3.5
13-14 years	1,376	2.5
15-16 years	917	1.7
17-18 years	153	.3
19-20 years	153	.3
Unreported	5,274	9.6
TOTAL All children in AFDC group whose Father is absent from the Home	54,729	100.0

## N Is there a court order or other obligation for support of child

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
No court order	26,677	48.7
Yes court order	25,683	46.9
Other obligation	1,299	2.4
Unreported	1,070	2.0
TOTAL All children in AFDC group whose Father is absent from the Home	54,729	100.0

## O Children status action to establish paternity

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
No action	47,926	87.6
Paternity established	4,281	7.8
Not established	1,987	3.6
Not reported	535	1.0
TOTAL All children in AFDC group whose Father is absent from the Home	54,729	100.0



## P Children locate absent parent

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
No action	17,351	31.7
Parent located	24,078	44.0
Not located	12,994	23.7
Unreported	306	.6
TOTAL All children in AFDC group whose Father is absent from the Home	54,729	100.0

## Q Children enforce support obligation

Value Label	Number of Children	Percent of Children
No action	27,212	49.7
Obligation enforced	14,370	26.3
Not enforced	12,842	23.5
Unreported	306	.6
TOTAL All children in AFDC group whose Father is absent from the Home	54,729	100.0

E-15 Has action been taken since the most recent opening of this AFDC case in regard to assignment of support rights for any of the children in this AFDC Assistance Group?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Inapplicable	78	.2
Rights assigned IV-D	31,108	99.8
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 16

E-16 Has this AFDC cas been referred to the IV-D Agency since the most opening of this case?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Inapplicable	1,478	4.7
No	156	.5
Yes	29,553	94.8
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 17

E-17 How many absent parents have a court order or other obligation for support (established by legal process) of children in the AFDC Assistance Group?

A. Court-ordered support.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	17,732	56.9
One parent	12,754	40.9
Two parents	622	2.0
Unreported	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## B. Other obligation for support (established by legal process.)

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	30,097	96.5
One parent	700	2.2
Unreported	389	1.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 18

E-18 What is the total monthly amount ordered or established for such support payments?

## A. Court-ordered support.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	19,209	61.6
\$1 thru \$50	1,633	5.2
\$51 thru \$100	3,578	11.5
\$101 thru \$150	2,955	9.5
\$151 thru \$200	2,100	6.7
\$201 thru \$250	778	2.5
\$251 thru \$300	544	1.7
\$301 thru \$350	156	.5
\$351 thru \$400	78	.2
Unreported	156	.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## B. Other obligation for support (established by legal process.)

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	30,330	97.3
\$1 thru \$50	233	.7
\$51 thru \$100	78	.2
\$101 thru \$150	233	.7
\$201 thru \$250	78	.2
Unreported	233	.7
TOTAL ALL AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

E-19 What was the total amount of child support actually paid during the study month to the IV-D Agency or its agent by the absent parent on behalf of children in the AFDC Assistance Group?

A. For March 1977 obligation.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	26,364	84.5
\$1 thru \$50	1,478	4.7
\$51 thru \$100	1,400	4.5
\$101 thru \$150	778	2.5
\$151 thru \$200	544	1.7
\$251 thru \$300	156	.5
\$301 thru \$350	78	.2
Unreported	389	1.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

B. For obligation prior to March 1977

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	27,764	89.0
\$1 thru \$50	622	2.0
\$51 thru \$100	778	2.5
\$101 thru \$150	78	.2
\$151 thru \$200	156	.5
\$201 thru \$300	78	.2
\$301 thru \$350	78	.2
\$351 thru \$400	233	.7
\$451 thru \$500	78	.2
\$441 thru \$600	78	.2
Unreported	1,244	4.0
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

E-20 What was the total amount of child support actually paid during the study month to the AFDC family by the absent parent on behalf of children in the AFDC Assistance Group?

A. For March 1977 obligation.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	29,786	95.5
\$1 thru \$50	156	.5
\$51 thru \$100	311	1.0
\$101 thru \$150	156	.5
\$151 thru \$200	78	.2
Over \$600	78	.2
Unreported	622	2.0
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

B. For obligation prior to March 1977.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
None	29,553	94.8
\$1 thru \$50	78	.2
\$51 thru \$100	156	.5
Unreported	1,400	4.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 21

E-21 To whom are support payments to be made for children in the AFDC Assistance Group?

A. IV-D Agency

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Yes	28,231	90.5
No	2,644	8.5
Unreported	311	1.0
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

B.     AFDC parent, other child caretaker, or legally appointed representative.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Yes	389	1.2
No	29,941	96.0
Unreported	856	2.7
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

C.     Law Enforcement Official pursuant to cooperative agreement.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Yes	311	1.0
No	30,019	96.3
Unreported	856	2.7
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

D.     Law Enforcement Official NOT pursuant to cooperative agreement.

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No	30,408	97.5
Unreported	778	2.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 22

E-22 Is this a protective payment case?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No	30,875	99.0
Mismanagement	156	.5
Other	156	.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

E-23 In determining the amount of the AFDC payment, are the needs and/or income of the AFDC Assistance Group combined with the needs and/or income of any other person who receives General Assistance only?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Yes	233	.7
No	30,952	99.3
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 24

E-24 Monthly full standard of need (basic, special, and/or shelter) for the AFDC Assistance Group?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
\$101 thru \$150	78	.2
\$151 thru \$200	1,167	3.7
\$201 thru \$250	12,054	38.7
\$301 thru \$350	7,933	25.4
\$351 thru \$400	3,966	12.7
\$401 thru \$450	3,189	10.2
\$451 thru \$500	1,944	6.2
\$501 thru \$550	389	1.2
\$601 thru \$650	311	1.0
\$651 thru \$700	78	.2
Over \$1,000	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

E-25 Monthly payment standard (basic, special, and/or shelter) for AFDC Assistance Group?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
\$101 thru \$150	1,322	4.2
\$151 thru \$200	78	.2
\$201 thru \$250	12,054	38.7
\$251 thru \$300	7,855	25.2
\$351 thru \$400	3,966	12.7
\$401 thru \$450	3,266	10.5
\$451 thru \$500	1,789	5.7
\$501 thru \$550	389	1.2
\$551 thru \$600	311	1.0
\$601 thru \$650	78	.2
Over \$1,000	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 26

E-26 Does this AFDC Assistance Group have any income other than Public Assistance?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Yes	12,132	38.9
No	18,976	60.8
Unreported	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0



## E-27 Total monthly nonassistance income considered in budget?

## A Earned income (cash and in kind) of persons in the AFDC assistance group:

## (a) Mother

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percentage of Cases
No income reported	23,798	76.3
\$1 thru \$50	156	.5
\$51 thru \$100	467	1.5
\$101 thru \$150	544	1.7
\$151 thru \$200	622	2.0
\$201 thru \$250	544	1.7
\$251 thru \$300	311	1.0
\$301 thru \$350	778	2.5
\$351 thru \$400	311	1.0
\$401 thru \$450	856	2.7
\$451 thru \$500	856	2.7
\$501 thru \$550	389	1.2
\$551 thru \$600	622	2.0
\$601 thru \$650	389	1.2
\$651 thru \$700	156	.5
\$701 thru \$750	233	.7
\$801 thru \$950	156	.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## (b) Father

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percentage of Cases
No income reported	30,330	97.3
\$51 thru \$100	78	.2
\$151 thru \$200	78	.2
\$201 thru \$250	78	.2
\$451 thru \$500	156	.5
\$551 thru \$600	78	.2
\$601 thru \$650	78	.2
\$651 thru \$700	78	.2
\$701 thru \$750	78	.2
\$751 thru \$800	78	.2
\$801 thru \$950	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## (c) Children age 14 and over (except full-time students or part-time students not employed full time)

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	31,186	100.0
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## (d) Other adults

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	31,108	99.8
\$201 thru \$250	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## B Earnings from Public Service Employment (WIN)

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	31,108	99.8
\$151 thru \$200	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## C OASDI and/or Railroad Retirement benefits

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	29,864	95.8
\$1 thru \$50	156	.5
\$51 thru \$100	467	1.5
\$101 thru \$150	233	.7
\$151 thru \$200	233	.7
\$201 thru \$250	78	.2
\$251 thru \$300	78	.2
\$301 thru \$350	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## D Veterans' benefits

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	30,797	98.8
\$1 thru \$50	156	.5
\$51 thru \$100	78	.2
\$151 thru \$200	78	.2
\$201 thru \$250	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## E Other pensions or benefits

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	30,875	99.0
\$101 thru \$150	156	.5
\$151 thru \$200	78	.2
\$201 thru \$250	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## F Unemployment compensation

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	30,875	99.0
\$51 thru \$100	78	.2
\$151 thru \$200	78	.2
\$251 thru \$300	78	.2
\$451 thru \$500	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## G Workmen's compensation

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	31,108	99.9
\$201 thru \$250	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## H Contributions from stepparent in the household

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	31,030	99.5
\$51 thru \$100	78	.2
\$101 thru \$150	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## I Contributions from other persons in the household

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	30,952	99.3
\$51 thru \$100	233	.7
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## J Other cash income

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	30,253	97.0
\$1 thru \$50	311	1.0
\$51 thru \$100	311	1.0
\$101 thru \$150	156	.5
\$301 thru \$350	78	.2
\$351 thru \$400	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## K Other income in kind to which a money value is given

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No income reported	30,797	98.8
\$1 thru \$50	78	.2
\$51 thru \$100	233	.7
\$101 thru \$150	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 28

## E-28 Monthly nonassistance income disregarded in budget?

## A Optional disregard of not more than \$5 per individual of income from all sources

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	31,186	100.0
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## B Disregard of first \$30 + 1/3 of remaining earned income

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	22,942	73.6
\$1 thru \$50	467	1.5
\$51 thru \$100	2,022	6.5
\$101 thru \$150	1,244	4.0
\$151 thru \$200	1,555	5.0
\$201 thru \$250	1,478	4.7
\$251 thru \$300	933	3.0
\$301 thru \$350	233	.7
\$351 thru \$400	233	.7
\$401 thru \$450	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

C Allowed employment expense; if computed separately, enter amounts in (a) and (b):

## (a) Child care

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	26,597	85.3
\$1 thru \$50	1,167	3.7
\$51 thru \$100	1,633	5.2
\$101 thru \$150	1,555	5.0
\$151 thru \$200	78	.2
\$201 thru \$250	156	.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

(b) Other employment expenses or deductions (taxes, transportation, etc.)  
Or, if not computed separately, enter amount in (c):

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	24,031	77.1
\$1 thru \$50	2,644	8.5
\$51 thru \$100	1,944	6.2
\$101 thru \$150	1,322	4.2
\$151 thru \$200	622	2.0
\$201 thru \$250	233	.7
\$251 thru \$300	78	.2
\$301 thru \$350	78	.2
\$351 thru \$400	156	.5
\$451 thru \$500	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

(c) Total allowed employment expense

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	28,775	92.3
\$1 thru \$50	467	1.5
\$51 thru \$100	311	1.0
\$101 thru \$150	622	2.0
\$151 thru \$200	389	1.2
\$201 thru \$250	467	1.5
\$301 thru \$350	156	.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

D Allocated to support of dependents outside the AFDC assistance group

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	30,797	98.8
\$101 thru \$150	233	.7
\$201 thru \$250	156	.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## E Additional disregard income

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	30,175	96.8
\$1 thru \$50	467	1.5
\$51 thru \$100	233	.7
\$101 thru \$150	233	.7
\$251 thru \$300	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 29

## E-29 Monthly assistance income?

## A AFDC payment (Federal/Statefunds)

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
\$1 thru \$50	856	2.7
\$51 thru \$100	1,478	4.7
\$101 thru \$150	2,411	7.7
\$151 thru \$200	1,633	5.2
\$201 thru \$250	10,110	32.4
\$251 thru \$300	7,077	22.7
\$301 thru \$350	467	1.5
\$351 thru \$400	3,189	10.2
\$401 thru \$450	1,944	6.2
\$451 thru \$500	1,322	4.2
\$501 thru \$550	156	.5
\$551 thru \$600	311	1.0
\$601 thru \$650	78	.2
Over \$1,000	78	.2
Unreported	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## B General assistance (State and local not matched by federal funds)

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	31,186	100.0
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0



## C Emergency assistance paid during study month (Federal/State funds)

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	31,030	99.5
\$1 thru \$50	156	.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 30

## E-30 Did this case receive AFDC during 1976?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No	2,255	7.2
Yes	28,853	92.5
Unreported	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

Table No. 31

## E-31 What is the total number of months that the AFDC Assistance Group received an AFDC payment during 1976?

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
1 month	1,244	4.0
2 months	933	3.0
3 months	700	2.2
4 months	1,011	3.2
5 months	933	3.0
6 months	700	2.2
7 months	622	2.0
8 months	544	1.7
9 months	933	3.0
10 months	622	2.0
11 months	1,322	4.2
12 months	19,443	62.3
Unreported	2,178	6.9
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

E-32 What total amount was budgeted for each of the following categories for the combined months during 1976?

A Full standard of need

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	2,100	6.7
\$1 thru \$1,000	2,578	11.5
\$1,001 thru \$2,000	3,266	10.5
\$2,001 thru \$3,000	8,010	25.7
\$3,001 thru \$4,000	6,344	20.4
\$4,001 thru \$5,000	3,578	11.5
\$5,001 thru \$6,000	3,578	11.5
\$6,001 thru \$7,000	233	.7
\$7,001 thru \$8,000	311	1.0
\$8,001 thru \$9,000	78	.2
Over \$12,000	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

B Earned income considered in budget

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	22,553	72.3
\$1 thru \$1,000	3,033	9.7
\$1,001 thru \$2,000	1,789	5.7
\$2,001 thru \$3,000	700	2.2
\$3,001 thru \$4,000	233	.7
\$4,001 thru \$5,000	544	1.7
\$5,001 thru \$6,000	933	3.0
\$6,001 thru \$7,000	1,011	3.2
\$7,001 thru \$8,000	156	.5
\$9,001 thru \$10,000	156	.5
\$11,001 thru \$12,000	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## C Other income considered in budget

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	28,075	90.0
\$1 thru \$1,000	1,711	5.5
\$1,001 thru \$2,000	700	2.2
\$2,001 thru \$3,000	467	1.5
\$3,001 thru \$4,000	233	.7
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## D Income disregarded in budget

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	22,009	70.6
\$1 thru \$1,000	4,044	13.0
\$1,001 thru \$2,000	1,478	4.7
\$2,001 thru \$3,000	1,011	3.2
\$3,001 thru \$4,000	856	2.7
\$4,001 thru \$5,000	778	2.5
\$5,001 thru \$6,000	622	2.0
\$6,001 thru \$7,000	233	.7
\$9,001 thru \$10,000	78	.2
\$11,001 thru \$12,000	78	.2
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## E AFDC payment

Value Label	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
No amount reported	2,100	6.7
\$1 thru \$1,000	4,511	14.5
\$1,001 thru \$2,000	4,900	15.7
\$2,001 thru \$3,000	8,088	25.9
\$3,001 thru \$4,000	6,377	20.4
\$4,001 thru \$5,000	3,655	11.7
\$5,001 thru \$6,000	1,089	3.5
\$6,001 thru \$7,000	311	1.0
\$7,001 thru \$8,000	156	.5
TOTAL All AFDC cases in 3/77	31,186	100.0

## TECHNICAL APPENDIX

The recipient characteristics study for March, 1977 was conducted by the National Center for Social Statistics (NCSS), Department of Health Education and Welfare. This unit composed the questionnaires or schedules and other materials published and distributed in connection with the study.

The sampling procedure was prescribed by NCSS. It is described in a document subtitled "Sampling Instructions." Part C thereof is titled "Method of Selecting Sample" and is quoted as follows:

"AFDC cases and SSI cases will be selected based on prescribed random digits that correspond to digits associated with the case. A list of random numbers is in Appendix A. All cases with the numbers from the list of random numbers will be included in the sample. For those cases that do not have a social security number available for drawing the sample, another number containing randomly assigned digits (such as the case number) will be used."

The size of the sample was set at 400 cases. The AFDC caseload in March, of 1977 amounted to 31,187 individual cases. The ratio between the number of cases in the sample and the number of cases in the universe is 1/78. Random numbers were used to select approximately one (1) case out of every seventy-eight (78) cases on the case Data Master File.

The questionnaires for the selected cases were sent out to the county offices and completed by local office personnel. The local office personnel had to rely on their knowledge of the client and the records pertaining to the individual case. The questionnaires were later returned to the central office. Here they were edited with intent to detect improper coding.

The next step involved keypunching and placed the information from the questionnaires on IBM punch cards. A decision was made to create two sets of cards. One set was forwarded to NCSS, the other set was retained for our own use. From this point in time the data could be studied here with the use of our electronic data processing equipment.

A distinction has been made and a separate schedule has been provided for; Income Maintenance, Medical Services and Social Services. This report deals with income maintenance. The income maintenance schedule is in turn divided into three parts. The separate parts of the income maintenance schedule are focused on; The case, Adults in the Household, and Children in the Household.

The Income Maintenance and other schedules have a format for the individual question which includes a code number and a statement. A similar format now appears in the computer programs and in this report. The system facilitates cross reference between the various documents pertaining to the AFDC Study for 1977. These documents include one with the subtitle, "Instructions for Income Maintenance Schedule." A knowledge of these instructions may give new insight into some of the results.



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