

CHARACTERISTICS OF WELFARE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES:
TABLES BASED ON THE MARCH 1988 CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY

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<u>Region</u>	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
Northeast	19.1%	13.5%	14.4%	20.3%	18.8%
Midwest	28.6%	18.4%	24.7%	25.5%	25.0%
South	31.7%	46.0%	37.3%	32.8%	34.7%
West	20.6%	22.1%	23.5%	21.3%	21.5%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>					
New England	4.2%	2.1%	3.0%	5.5%	4.7%
Mid-Atlantic	14.9%	11.4%	11.4%	14.8%	14.1%
East North Central	22.0%	11.6%	17.0%	17.3%	17.1%
West North Central	6.6%	6.8%	7.7%	8.3%	7.9%
South Atlantic	13.9%	17.2%	17.3%	16.5%	16.3%
East South Central	7.3%	9.0%	8.0%	5.5%	6.3%
West South Central	10.7%	19.9%	12.1%	10.9%	12.0%
Mountain	3.2%	7.0%	8.6%	5.8%	5.9%
Pacific	17.4%	15.2%	14.9%	15.5%	15.6%
<u>Area of Residence</u>					
Central city	44.1%	32.1%	27.8%	20.6%	25.2%
Balance of MSA	20.4%	25.3%	27.7%	42.5%	36.7%
Non-MSA	24.5%	27.1%	28.5%	21.1%	22.8%
Not identifiable	11.0%	15.5%	16.0%	15.9%	15.3%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 2. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>					
White (non-Hispanic)	35.3%	47.5%	62.9%	80.9%	70.3%
Black (non-Hispanic)	41.3%	25.9%	17.3%	8.8%	15.2%
Hispanic	18.3%	22.3%	16.6%	6.8%	10.8%
Other	5.0%	4.3%	3.3%	3.6%	3.8%
<u>Presence of parents in household¹</u>					
Both	20.5%	49.1%	70.1%	85.3%	72.4%
Mother only	72.5%	36.0%	23.4%	10.0%	21.3%
Father only	1.9%	3.7%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
Neither	5.1%	11.1%	3.6%	1.9%	3.5%
<u>Education of More Educated Parent</u>					
Less than high school	17.8%	16.0%	8.7%	1.7%	5.7%
Some high school	31.6%	21.7%	14.1%	4.0%	9.9%
High school graduate	38.8%	40.7%	49.5%	35.2%	37.5%
Some college	10.1%	14.8%	18.2%	24.6%	21.3%
College graduate	1.7%	6.9%	9.6%	34.6%	25.7%
<u>Family Income</u>					
<\$ 5,000	32.6%	34.0%	.0%	.0%	7.6%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	40.4%	37.0%	5.0%	.0%	9.3%
\$10,000 - 14,999	12.2%	25.5%	37.7%	1.4%	8.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	8.9%	3.5%	51.8%	15.9%	17.0%
\$25,000 - 34,999	2.8%	.0%	5.5%	23.8%	17.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	2.0%	.0%	.0%	29.6%	20.4%
\$50,000+	1.1%	.0%	.0%	29.3%	20.0%
<u>Poverty Status²</u>					
Below poverty line	83.1%	100.0%	.0%	.0%	20.9%
100% to 199% poverty	13.1%	--	100.0%	15.0%	20.9%
200% poverty and above	3.9%	--	--	85.0%	58.2%

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¹ Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

² AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 2. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Near-Poor</u>	<u>Non-Poor</u>	<u>All</u>
	<u>Families</u>	<u>Non-AFDC</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Children</u>
<u>Age of youngest child</u>					
Under 1	17.4%	14.7%	13.4%	10.0%	11.7%
1-2	23.2%	18.7%	21.3%	17.6%	18.7%
3-5	24.3%	22.8%	21.6%	20.5%	21.3%
6-15	33.2%	39.8%	40.2%	45.3%	42.8%
16+	2.0%	4.1%	3.6%	6.6%	5.5%
<u>Age of focus child</u>					
2 or younger	20.7%	18.4%	18.0%	16.6%	17.4%
3-5	20.6%	17.0%	17.6%	16.6%	17.2%
6-8	19.4%	17.3%	17.6%	16.4%	17.0%
9-11	14.6%	15.6%	16.8%	16.3%	16.1%
12-14	13.0%	16.4%	15.1%	15.6%	15.4%
15-17	11.7%	15.2%	15.0%	18.4%	17.0%
<u>Number of siblings</u>					
None	16.7%	21.7%	17.7%	27.0%	24.3%
1	29.0%	28.7%	34.6%	43.6%	39.4%
2	28.0%	23.4%	26.4%	20.8%	22.4%
3	14.1%	15.2%	12.2%	6.2%	8.7%
4 or more	12.3%	11.1%	9.1%	2.5%	5.2%
<u>Number of other children in household besides subject child</u>					
None	13.7%	17.0%	16.2%	26.0%	22.6%
1	25.2%	27.9%	34.3%	43.4%	38.7%
2	28.9%	25.6%	27.1%	21.1%	23.0%
3	15.7%	16.2%	12.1%	6.7%	9.3%
4 or more	16.6%	13.4%	10.4%	2.9%	6.3%
<u>Ages of children</u>					
All under 5	17.6%	17.1%	15.6%	16.9%	16.9%
Under 5, 5-11	27.8%	20.5%	23.0%	18.7%	20.3%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	10.7%	10.8%	10.7%	4.6%	6.6%
All 5-11	14.5%	13.1%	14.0%	18.1%	16.8%
5-11, 12-17	18.9%	22.6%	22.4%	19.5%	20.0%
All 12-17	10.6%	16.0%	14.4%	22.2%	19.4%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 3. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)³</u>					
Under 15	6.6%	4.2%	2.4%	1.4%	2.4%
16-17	17.8%	12.3%	8.9%	3.5%	6.5%
18-19	23.4%	18.1%	16.8%	9.2%	12.4%
20-24	34.1%	37.7%	43.9%	38.3%	38.3%
25-29	10.9%	18.9%	18.5%	31.4%	26.6%
30+	7.1%	8.8%	9.6%	16.3%	13.9%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>					
Under 20	3.7%	2.6%	1.6%	.5%	1.2%
20-24	17.1%	12.7%	9.3%	4.8%	7.4%
25-34	51.7%	46.0%	49.9%	42.9%	44.9%
35-44	22.9%	31.5%	32.3%	43.2%	38.7%
45-54	4.1%	6.5%	5.9%	8.0%	7.2%
55+	.6%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	.7%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	19.7%	19.9%	12.0%	2.9%	7.4%
Some high school	32.4%	23.9%	20.0%	6.6%	12.6%
High school graduate	38.2%	39.8%	48.5%	46.2%	44.9%
Some college	8.3%	12.5%	14.3%	22.9%	19.4%
Four or more yrs college	1.5%	3.9%	5.2%	21.3%	15.8%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>					
Married	22.1%	57.7%	74.9%	89.5%	77.3%
Separated	19.1%	15.2%	5.5%	2.1%	5.7%
Divorced	18.9%	12.4%	12.0%	5.6%	8.4%
Widowed	1.5%	3.6%	2.8%	.9%	1.4%
Never Married	38.5%	11.1%	4.8%	1.9%	7.2%

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1. Children with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These children constitute 7% of AFDC children and 6.3% of all children under 18.
2. "Near-Poor" is defined as from 100% to 150% of the poverty level.
3. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 3. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full time	10.1%	24.7%	36.2%	47.0%	39.5%
Employed part-time	8.1%	14.0%	14.5%	20.1%	17.6%
Unemployed	11.4%	8.3%	4.0%	2.4%	4.1%
Keeping house	57.8%	47.1%	40.7%	28.2%	34.6%
In school	6.1%	2.4%	1.6%	.9%	1.7%
Unable to work	1.1%	.4%	.2%	.1%	.2%
Retired, other	5.6%	3.1%	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
<u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	3.3%	12.9%	25.4%	38.2%	30.5%
Part-time, full year	2.0%	6.4%	6.1%	11.3%	9.3%
Full-time, part year	14.2%	16.3%	18.7%	12.4%	13.6%
Part-time, part year	11.5%	12.4%	12.5%	14.0%	13.4%
No work, looked for work	9.0%	4.3%	1.5%	.8%	2.1%
Not in labor force	60.0%	47.8%	36.0%	23.4%	31.2%
<u>Mother Disabled⁴</u>	4.9%	2.7%	1.6%	.4%	1.3%
<u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	5.6%	5.6%	4.0%	1.4%	2.6%

4. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 4. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Fathers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Father's Age</u>					
Under 20	.3%	.4%	.2%	.1%	.2%
20-24	1.7%	3.4%	5.2%	1.8%	2.3%
25-34	9.9%	21.4%	30.1%	29.9%	26.7%
35-44	7.3%	18.4%	27.0%	41.6%	33.7%
45-54	2.6%	5.9%	7.7%	12.6%	10.3%
55+	.7%	3.1%	2.5%	2.0%	2.0%
No father in household	77.6%	47.4%	27.4%	12.0%	24.9%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	7.2%	14.0%	11.4%	3.4%	5.8%
Some High School	5.1%	11.7%	11.7%	6.3%	7.3%
High School Graduate	7.2%	17.4%	32.3%	32.8%	28.1%
Some College	2.6%	5.5%	11.3%	18.4%	14.5%
Four or more yrs college	.3%	4.2%	6.2%	27.2%	19.6%
No father in household	77.6%	47.1%	27.0%	11.9%	24.8%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	6.4%	30.8%	54.6%	80.2%	63.8%
Employed part-time	2.5%	5.8%	4.4%	2.1%	2.8%
Unemployed	4.6%	6.5%	4.6%	2.1%	3.2%
Keeping house	.8%	.8%	.3%	.1%	.3%
In school	2.4%	1.4%	.3%	.3%	.7%
Unable to work	.9%	1.8%	1.1%	.4%	.7%
Retired, other	4.6%	4.2%	3.1%	1.1%	2.1%
No father in household, or father under 15	77.8%	48.8%	31.7%	13.6%	26.6%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	4.3%	21.2%	44.3%	74.9%	57.9%
Part-time, full year	.8%	2.5%	1.7%	.8%	1.1%
Full-time, part year	5.2%	15.7%	15.7%	8.7%	9.7%
Part-time, part year	1.6%	4.0%	2.1%	.7%	1.3%
No work, looked for work	2.4%	.9%	.4%	.1%	.5%
Not in labor force	7.9%	6.8%	4.1%	1.3%	2.9%
No father in household	77.8%	48.8%	31.7%	13.6%	26.6%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 5. Presence of Other Household and Family Members for Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>					
Parent(s) + relative(s)	12.2%	11.4%	12.5%	14.5%	13.7%
Parent(s) only	81.4%	76.7%	83.3%	83.5%	82.4%
No parent present	6.4%	12.0%	4.2%	2.1%	3.9%
<u>Number of males 18 and over⁻ in household (excluding father)</u>					
None	80.6%	81.1%	83.5%	86.9%	85.2%
1	15.7%	15.9%	14.3%	10.8%	12.2%
2	2.9%	2.3%	1.7%	1.8%	2.0%
3 or more	.8%	.7%	.5%	.5%	.6%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>					
None	78.3%	81.0%	86.2%	86.5%	84.9%
1	17.5%	16.0%	12.0%	11.4%	12.7%
2	3.5%	2.8%	1.2%	1.8%	2.1%
3 or more	.7%	.2%	.6%	.3%	.4%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>					
None	91.4%	90.9%	90.4%	90.4%	90.6%
1	7.2%	7.6%	8.0%	8.1%	7.9%
2	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%
3 or more	.2%	.4%	.4%	.3%	.3%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>					
None	89.0%	89.6%	91.0%	90.3%	90.1%
1	9.1%	8.8%	7.9%	8.4%	8.5%
2	1.8%	1.5%	.7%	1.1%	1.2%
3 or more	.2%	.1%	.4%	.2%	.2%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 6. Distribution of Children by Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
Child covered by Medicaid	93.4%	17.3%	5.0%	.9%	13.6%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	10.4%	61.9%	41.5%	15.9%	22.9%
Household received food stamps	86.1%	33.5%	10.8%	.9%	15.2%
At least one child in household received free lunch	71.6%	53.9%	41.8%	5.8%	22.1%
Household received energy assistance	41.6%	16.2%	7.1%	.7%	7.7%
Housing Tenure					
Owned	19.2%	38.1%	47.3%	77.4%	63.5%
Private, rented	52.1%	50.0%	46.9%	21.5%	30.6%
Public housing	28.7%	11.9%	5.8%	1.1%	5.9%
No telephone in household	33.8%	24.9%	14.8%	3.0%	10.1%
No telephone available to the household	27.4%	19.9%	11.3%	2.2%	7.9%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 7. Distribution of Children by Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

Combination of <u>Non-Cash Benefits</u>	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
No benefits	1.2%	33.3%	51.5%	92.6%	71.6%
School lunch only	.7%	23.2%	30.5%	4.8%	8.9%
Food stamps only	.5%	4.1%	2.7%	.4%	1.0%
School lunch & food stamps	2.7%	14.5%	5.0%	.3%	2.7%
Subsidized housing	.0%	1.5%	1.7%	.7%	.8%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.1%	1.7%	2.9%	.3%	.7%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.1%	.9%	.2%	.0%	.1%
Subsidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.2%	3.5%	.5%	.0%	.6%
Medicaid only	5.9%	2.9%	1.0%	.5%	1.5%
Medicaid & school lunch	4.6%	2.8%	1.4%	.2%	1.1%
Medicaid & food stamps	13.8%	2.3%	.9%	.1%	2.0%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	41.8%	4.9%	1.3%	.1%	5.5%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.5%	.5%	.1%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	.9%	.4%	.1%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	6.3%	.5%	.2%	.0%	.8%
All four benefits	19.6%	2.9%	.1%	.0%	2.6%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 8. Proportion of AFDC Children in Various Eligibility, Exempt, and Priority Groups Defined by Provisions of the Family Support Act, Children under 18, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Children in:</u>		
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>
<u>Eligibility Groups</u>			
Eligible for Learnfare	1.4%	1.3%	.8%
Newly eligible for JOBS	19.1%	16.8%	13.9%
Previously eligible for WIN	22.9%	26.6%	21.7%
Eligible at state option	7.9%	6.0%	6.9%
<u>Exempt Groups</u>			
Learnfare exempt	1.1%	.4%	.4%
Child underage	12.1%	8.7%	10.7%
Parent disabled	4.0%	2.3%	1.5%
Parent in school	3.6%	1.4%	1.1%
In optional age group and exempt	2.1%	2.1%	2.6%
<u>Priority Groups</u>			
Parent employed	1.9%	3.7%	5.5%
Low education	5.4%	11.1%	4.5%
Soon off AFDC	4.7%	3.0%	2.5%
Low education, employed mother	14.8%	26.0%	36.8%

1. The provisions of the Family Support Act apply only to families receiving welfare. The poor and near-poor non-AFDC families have been included within the table for purposes of comparison and because these groups are at a risk of needing welfare assistance in the future.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 9. Geographic Distribution of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Region</u>				
Northeast	19.1%	13.5%	19.6%	18.8%
Midwest	28.6%	18.4%	25.4%	25.0%
South	31.7%	46.0%	33.4%	34.7%
West	20.6%	22.1%	21.6%	21.5%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>				
New England	4.2%	2.1%	5.2%	4.7%
Mid-Atlantic	14.9%	11.4%	14.4%	14.1%
East North Central	22.0%	11.6%	17.2%	17.1%
West North Central	6.6%	6.8%	8.2%	7.9%
South Atlantic	13.9%	17.2%	16.6%	16.3%
East South Central	7.3%	9.0%	5.8%	6.3%
West South Central	10.7%	19.9%	11.1%	12.0%
Mountain	3.2%	7.0%	6.1%	5.9%
Pacific	17.4%	15.2%	15.5%	15.6%
<u>Area of Residence</u>				
Central city	44.1%	32.1%	21.4%	25.2%
Balance of MSA	20.4%	25.3%	40.7%	36.7%
Non-MSA	24.5%	27.1%	21.9%	22.8%
Not identifiable	11.0%	15.5%	15.9%	15.3%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 10. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			<u>All Children</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>				
White (non-Hispanic)	35.3%	47.5%	78.8%	70.3%
Black (non-Hispanic)	41.3%	25.9%	9.8%	15.2%
Hispanic	18.3%	22.3%	3.5%	10.8%
Other	5.0%	4.3%	7.9%	3.8%
<u>Presence of parents in household¹</u>				
Both	20.5%	49.1%	83.4%	72.4%
Mother only	72.5%	36.0%	11.6%	21.3%
Father only	1.9%	3.7%	2.9%	2.9%
Neither	5.1%	11.1%	2.1%	3.5%
<u>Education of More Educated Parent</u>				
Less than high school	17.8%	16.0%	2.5%	5.7%
Some high school	31.6%	21.7%	5.2%	9.9%
High school graduate	38.8%	40.7%	36.9%	37.5%
Some college	10.1%	14.8%	23.8%	21.3%
College graduate	1.7%	6.9%	31.6%	25.7%
<u>Family Income</u>				
<\$ 5,000	32.6%	34.0%	.0%	7.6%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	40.4%	37.0%	.6%	9.3%
\$10,000 - 14,999	12.2%	25.5%	5.7%	8.7%
\$15,000 - 24,999	8.9%	3.5%	20.2%	17.0%
\$25,000 - 34,999	2.8%	.0%	21.6%	17.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	2.0%	.0%	26.1%	20.4%
\$50,000+	1.1%	.0%	25.8%	20.0%
<u>Poverty Status²</u>				
Below poverty line	83.1%	100.0%	--	20.9%
100% to 199% poverty	13.1%	--	25.1%	20.9%
200% poverty and above	3.9%	--	74.9%	58.2%

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¹ Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

² AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 10. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Age of youngest child</u>				
Under 1	17.4%	14.7%	10.5%	11.7%
1-2	23.2%	18.7%	18.0%	18.7%
3-5	24.3%	22.8%	20.6%	21.3%
6-15	33.2%	39.8%	44.7%	42.8%
16+	2.0%	4.1%	6.3%	5.5%
<u>Age of focus child</u>				
2 or younger	20.7%	18.4%	16.8%	17.4%
3-5	20.6%	17.0%	16.7%	17.2%
6-8	19.4%	17.3%	16.6%	17.0%
9-11	14.6%	15.6%	16.4%	16.1%
12-14	13.0%	16.4%	15.6%	15.4%
15-17	11.7%	15.2%	18.0%	17.0%
<u>Number of siblings</u>				
None	16.7%	21.7%	25.9%	24.3%
1	29.0%	28.7%	42.5%	39.4%
2	28.0%	23.4%	21.5%	22.4%
3	14.1%	15.2%	6.9%	8.7%
4 or more	12.3%	11.1%	3.3%	5.2%
<u>Number of children</u>				
None	13.7%	17.0%	24.8%	22.6%
1	25.2%	27.9%	42.3%	38.7%
2	28.9%	25.6%	21.8%	23.0%
3	15.7%	16.2%	7.3%	9.3%
4 or more	16.6%	13.4%	3.8%	6.3%
<u>Ages of children</u>				
All under 5	17.6%	17.1%	16.8%	16.9%
Under 5, 5-11	27.8%	20.5%	19.2%	20.3%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	10.7%	10.8%	5.4%	6.6%
All 5-11	14.5%	13.1%	17.6%	16.8%
5-11, 12-17	18.9%	22.6%	19.8%	20.0%
All 12-17	10.6%	16.0%	21.2%	19.4%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 11. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)³</u>				
Under 15	6.6%	4.2%	1.5%	2.4%
16-17	17.8%	12.3%	4.1%	6.5%
18-19	23.4%	18.1%	10.1%	12.4%
20-24	34.1%	37.7%	39.0%	38.3%
25-29	10.9%	18.9%	29.9%	26.6%
30+	7.1%	8.8%	15.5%	13.9%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>				
Under 20	3.7%	2.6%	.6%	1.2%
20-24	17.1%	12.7%	5.3%	7.4%
25-34	51.7%	46.0%	43.7%	44.9%
35-44	22.9%	31.5%	41.9%	38.7%
45-54	4.1%	6.5%	7.7%	7.2%
55+	.6%	.8%	.7%	.7%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>				
Eighth grade or less	19.7%	19.9%	4.0%	7.4%
Some high school	32.4%	23.9%	8.2%	12.6%
High school graduate	38.2%	39.8%	46.5%	44.9%
Some college	8.3%	12.5%	21.9%	19.4%
Four or more yrs college	1.5%	3.9%	19.4%	15.8%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>				
Married	22.1%	57.7%	87.8%	77.3%
Separated	19.1%	15.2%	2.5%	5.7%
Divorced	18.9%	12.4%	6.4%	8.4%
Widowed	1.5%	3.6%	1.1%	1.4%
Never Married	38.5%	11.1%	2.2%	7.2%

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1. Children with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These children constitute 7% of AFDC children and 6.3% of all children under 18.
2. "Near-Poor" is defined as from 100% to 150% of the poverty level.
3. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 11. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988
(continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>				
Employed full time	10.1%	24.7%	45.8%	39.5%
Employed part-time	8.1%	14.0%	19.4%	17.6%
Unemployed	11.4%	8.3%	2.6%	4.1%
Keeping house	57.8%	47.1%	29.7%	34.6%
In school	6.1%	2.4%	1.0%	1.7%
Unable to work	1.1%	.4%	.1%	.2%
Retired, other	5.6%	3.1%	1.6%	2.2%
<u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>				
Full-time, full year	3.3%	12.9%	36.7%	30.5%
Part-time, full year	2.0%	6.4%	10.7%	9.3%
Full-time, part year	14.2%	16.3%	13.1%	13.6%
Part-time, part year	11.5%	12.4%	13.8%	13.4%
No work, looked for work	9.0%	4.3%	.9%	2.1%
Not in labor force	60.0%	47.8%	24.9%	31.2%
<u>Mother Disabled</u> ⁴	4.9%	2.7%	.5%	1.3%
<u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	5.6%	5.6%	1.7%	2.6%

4. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 12. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Fathers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Father's Age</u>				
Under 20	.3%	.4%	.1%	.2%
20-24	1.7%	3.4%	2.2%	2.3%
25-34	9.9%	21.4%	29.9%	26.7%
35-44	7.3%	18.4%	39.9%	33.7%
45-54	2.6%	5.9%	12.0%	10.3%
55+	.7%	3.1%	2.1%	2.0%
No father in household	77.6%	47.4%	13.8%	24.9%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>				
Eighth grade or less	7.2%	14.0%	4.3%	5.8%
Some High School	5.1%	11.7%	6.9%	7.3%
High School Graduate	7.2%	17.4%	32.8%	28.1%
Some College	2.6%	5.5%	17.6%	14.5%
Four or more yrs college	.3%	4.2%	24.7%	19.6%
No father in household	77.6%	47.1%	13.7%	24.8%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>				
Employed full-time	6.4%	30.8%	77.1%	63.8%
Employed part-time	2.5%	5.8%	2.4%	2.8%
Unemployed	4.6%	6.5%	2.4%	3.2%
Keeping house	.8%	.8%	.2%	.3%
In school	2.4%	1.4%	.3%	.7%
Unable to work	.9%	1.8%	.5%	.7%
Retired, other	4.6%	4.2%	1.4%	2.1%
No father in household, or father under 15	77.8%	48.8%	15.8%	26.6%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>				
Full-time, full year	4.3%	21.2%	71.2%	57.9%
Part-time, full year	.8%	2.5%	.9%	1.1%
Full-time, part year	5.2%	15.7%	9.5%	9.7%
Part-time, part year	1.6%	4.0%	.9%	1.3%
No work, looked for work	2.4%	.9%	.1%	.5%
Not in labor force	7.9%	6.8%	1.6%	2.9%
No father in household	77.8%	48.8%	15.8%	26.6%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 13. Presence of Other Household and Family Members for Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>				
Parent(s) + relative(s)	12.2%	11.4%	14.3%	13.7%
Parent(s) only	81.4%	76.7%	83.4%	82.4%
No parent present	6.4%	12.0%	2.3%	3.9%
<u>Number of males 18 and over in household (excluding father)</u>				
None	80.6%	81.1%	86.5%	85.2%
1	15.7%	15.9%	11.2%	12.2%
2	2.9%	2.3%	1.8%	2.0%
3 or more	.8%	.7%	.5%	.6%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>				
None	78.3%	81.0%	86.5%	84.9%
1	17.5%	16.0%	11.5%	12.7%
2	3.5%	2.8%	1.8%	2.1%
3 or more	.7%	.2%	.3%	.4%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>				
None	91.4%	90.9%	90.4%	90.6%
1	7.2%	7.6%	8.1%	7.9%
2	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%
3 or more	.2%	.4%	.3%	.3%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>				
None	89.0%	89.6%	90.4%	90.1%
1	9.1%	8.8%	8.3%	8.5%
2	1.8%	1.5%	1.1%	1.2%
3 or more	.2%	.1%	.2%	.2%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 14. Distribution of Children by Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children</u>
Child covered by Medicaid	93.4%	17.3%	1.4%	13.6%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	10.4%	61.9%	19.0%	22.9%
Household received food stamps	86.1%	33.5%	2.1%	15.2%
At least one child in household received free lunch	71.6%	53.9%	10.1%	22.1%
Household received energy assistance	41.6%	16.2%	1.4%	7.7%
Housing Tenure				
Owned	19.2%	38.1%	73.8%	63.5%
Private, rented	52.1%	50.0%	24.6%	30.6%
Public housing	28.7%	11.9%	1.7%	5.9%
No telephone in household	33.8%	24.9%	4.4%	10.1%
No telephone available to the household	27.4%	19.9%	3.3%	7.9%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 15. Distribution of Children by Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Under 18, United States, March 1988. United States, March 1988.

Combination of <u>Non-Cash Benefits</u>	<u>Children in:</u>			<u>All Children</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
No benefits	1.2%	33.3%	87.7%	71.6%
School lunch only	.7%	23.2%	7.9%	8.9%
Food stamps only	.5%	4.1%	.6%	1.0%
School lunch & food stamps	2.7%	14.5%	.9%	2.7%
Subsidized housing	.0%	1.5%	.8%	.8%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.1%	1.7%	.7%	.7%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.1%	.9%	.0%	.1%
Susidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.2%	3.5%	.1%	.6%
Medicaid only	5.9%	2.9%	.6%	1.5%
Medicaid & school lunch	4.6%	2.8%	.3%	1.1%
Medicaid & food stamps	13.8%	2.3%	.2%	2.0%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	41.8%	4.9%	.2%	5.5%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.5%	.5%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	.9%	.4%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	6.3%	.5%	.0%	.8%
All four benefits	19.6%	2.9%	.0%	2.6%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 16. Geographic Distribution of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
<u>Region</u>					
Northeast	20.1%	14.6%	14.7%	20.6%	19.4%
Midwest	28.4%	19.0%	23.4%	24.5%	24.2%
South	31.5%	45.2%	39.5%	34.0%	35.4%
West	20.0%	21.2%	22.5%	20.8%	20.9%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>					
New England	4.9%	2.6%	3.4%	5.6%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic	15.2%	12.0%	11.3%	15.0%	14.4%
East North Central	21.4%	12.8%	16.2%	16.7%	16.7%
West North Central	6.9%	6.2%	7.1%	7.8%	7.5%
South Atlantic	14.6%	18.6%	18.4%	17.2%	17.2%
East South Central	7.2%	8.9%	8.6%	5.8%	6.5%
West South Central	9.7%	17.6%	12.6%	11.0%	11.7%
Mountain	3.3%	6.5%	8.0%	5.5%	5.6%
Pacific	16.7%	14.7%	14.5%	15.3%	15.3%
<u>Area of Residence</u>					
Central city	42.9%	31.2%	27.6%	21.2%	24.9%
Balance of MSA	20.6%	26.1%	27.2%	41.9%	37.0%
Non-MSA	24.4%	27.0%	29.3%	20.8%	22.5%
Not identifiable	12.1%	15.8%	15.9%	16.1%	15.7%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 17. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>Poor</u> <u>Non-AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>All</u> <u>Families</u> <u>with</u> <u>Children</u> <u>Under 18</u>
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>					
White (non-Hispanic)	38.9%	51.1%	64.2%	80.4%	72.1%
Black (non-Hispanic)	40.1%	25.2%	17.2%	9.3%	14.5%
Hispanic	16.5%	19.3%	15.6%	6.6%	9.6%
Other	4.4%	4.4%	3.1%	3.7%	3.8%
<u>Presence of parents</u> <u>in household</u> ¹					
Both	18.4%	39.8%	63.3%	82.1%	70.0%
Mother only	75.3%	38.0%	27.6%	12.3%	22.2%
Father only	1.9%	4.5%	4.4%	3.5%	3.5%
Neither	4.5%	17.7%	4.6%	2.2%	4.3%
<u>Education of More</u> <u>Educated Parent</u>					
Less than high school	15.5%	14.1%	8.0%	1.7%	4.7%
Some high school	30.2%	20.8%	14.9%	4.2%	9.1%
High school graduate	41.7%	42.8%	50.8%	36.6%	38.8%
Some college	11.0%	15.5%	18.1%	24.2%	21.6%
College graduate	1.7%	6.8%	8.3%	33.3%	25.9%
<u>Family Income</u>					
<\$ 5,000	34.5%	42.4%	.0%	.0%	7.7%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	38.6%	37.1%	8.9%	.0%	8.3%
\$10,000 - 14,999	11.2%	18.5%	48.0%	2.1%	8.4%
\$15,000 - 24,999	8.7%	1.9%	40.5%	17.6%	17.0%
\$25,000 - 34,999	3.3%	.0%	2.5%	22.9%	17.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	2.5%	.0%	.0%	27.9%	20.3%
\$50,000+	1.3%	.0%	.0%	29.4%	21.2%
<u>Poverty Status</u> ²					
Below poverty line	79.3%	100.0%	.0%	.0%	18.1%
100% to 199% poverty	15.4%	.0%	100.0%	13.5%	19.3%
200% poverty and above	5.3%	.0%	.0%	86.5%	62.6%

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1 Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

2 AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 17. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
<u>Age of youngest child</u>					
Under 1	15.1%	12.8%	12.3%	9.4%	10.6%
1-2	22.1%	16.7%	20.0%	16.4%	17.3%
3-5	22.7%	19.4%	19.5%	18.0%	18.7%
6-15	36.3%	43.3%	41.2%	45.3%	43.9%
16+	3.8%	7.8%	7.1%	10.9%	9.6%
<u>Number of children</u>					
1	36.2%	43.7%	36.6%	46.7%	44.6%
2	31.4%	28.9%	35.7%	37.8%	36.1%
3	20.2%	15.7%	18.2%	12.0%	13.7%
4	7.6%	7.6%	6.3%	2.7%	4.0%
5 or more	4.6%	4.0%	3.3%	.8%	1.7%
<u>Ages of children</u>					
All under 5	26.3%	22.9%	23.1%	22.0%	22.6%
Under 5, 5-11	20.5%	14.3%	17.3%	13.1%	14.2%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	5.1%	4.8%	5.2%	2.1%	2.9%
All 5-11	19.2%	18.9%	17.5%	20.6%	20.0%
5-11, 12-17	13.4%	15.4%	16.0%	13.4%	13.8%
All 12-17	15.6%	23.8%	21.0%	29.0%	26.5%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 18. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Mothers in:</u>				<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)³</u>					
Under 15	5.2%	3.4%	1.9%	1.1%	1.8%
16-17	15.1%	10.3%	7.8%	3.1%	5.2%
18-19	21.9%	16.5%	15.6%	8.1%	10.8%
20-24	35.1%	36.9%	41.9%	34.4%	35.3%
25-29	12.0%	20.9%	20.1%	32.4%	28.4%
30+	10.6%	12.0%	12.8%	20.9%	18.4%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>					
Under 20	5.4%	3.9%	2.6%	.7%	1.6%
20-24	20.3%	14.6%	12.5%	6.2%	8.8%
25-34	46.2%	42.6%	46.1%	40.8%	41.9%
35-44	21.8%	29.5%	29.5%	40.9%	37.1%
45-54	5.3%	8.1%	7.8%	10.5%	9.6%
55+	1.0%	1.4%	1.6%	1.0%	1.1%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	16.8%	17.3%	11.0%	2.9%	6.2%
Some high school	31.4%	23.2%	20.3%	7.0%	11.9%
High school graduate	41.0%	41.8%	49.3%	46.4%	45.7%
Some college	9.3%	13.3%	14.5%	22.6%	19.8%
Four or more yrs college	1.5%	4.4%	5.0%	21.2%	16.5%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>					
Married	19.6%	51.2%	69.6%	87.0%	75.9%
Separated	17.0%	16.3%	6.1%	2.4%	5.3%
Divorced	19.6%	14.5%	14.3%	6.9%	9.4%
Widowed	1.6%	4.4%	3.4%	1.1%	1.6%
Never Married	42.2%	13.6%	6.5%	2.7%	7.8%

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1. Families with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These families constitute 7.5% of AFDC families and 8% of all families with children under 18.

2. "Near-Poor" is defined as from 100% to 150% of the poverty level.

3. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 18. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Mothers in:</u>				<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	11.9%	25.9%	37.4%	50.6%	43.6%
Employed part-time	8.6%	14.7%	14.5%	19.2%	17.4%
Unemployed	12.4%	8.4%	4.5%	2.5%	4.1%
Keeping house	53.1%	44.1%	38.5%	25.4%	30.8%
In school	6.9%	2.8%	1.6%	.9%	1.7%
Unable to work	1.1%	.7%	.4%	.1%	.3%
Retired, other	6.1%	3.4%	3.1%	1.4%	2.2%
<u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	4.1%	13.1%	26.3%	41.5%	34.2%
Part-time, full year	2.4%	6.5%	6.5%	11.0%	9.4%
Full-time, part year	15.1%	17.6%	18.5%	12.9%	14.0%
Part-time, part year	12.8%	13.3%	12.9%	12.9%	12.9%
No work, looked for work	9.0%	4.5%	1.7%	.8%	2.0%
Not in labor force	56.6%	45.0%	34.2%	20.9%	27.6%
<u>Mother Disabled⁴</u>	5.7%	3.1%	2.0%	.5%	1.4%
<u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	5.6%	5.5%	4.1%	1.5%	2.5%

4. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 19. Characteristics of Fathers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Fathers in:</u>				<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Father's Age</u>					
Under 20	.2%	.5%	.4%	.1%	.2%
20-24	2.0%	4.0%	7.3%	2.5%	3.0%
25-34	8.5%	17.9%	28.0%	28.9%	25.8%
35-44	6.3%	13.1%	20.8%	36.6%	30.0%
45-54	2.5%	5.5%	8.2%	14.6%	12.0%
55+	.7%	3.2%	2.8%	2.7%	2.6%
No father in household	79.8%	55.8%	32.6%	14.6%	26.6%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	5.8%	10.8%	10.2%	3.4%	5.0%
Some High School	4.6%	9.5%	11.5%	6.5%	7.1%
High School Graduate	7.0%	15.6%	30.9%	32.4%	28.1%
Some College	2.6%	4.8%	10.1%	17.5%	14.2%
Four or more yrs college	.2%	3.6%	5.0%	25.7%	19.2%
No father in household	80.0%	55.7%	32.3%	14.5%	26.5%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	6.0%	25.0%	48.9%	77.2%	62.6%
Employed part-time	2.2%	5.4%	4.6%	2.2%	2.7%
Unemployed	4.3%	5.4%	4.5%	2.2%	2.9%
Keeping house	.6%	.6%	.3%	.2%	.3%
In school	1.5%	1.2%	.4%	.3%	.5%
Unable to work	1.1%	1.5%	1.2%	.4%	.7%
Retired, other	4.4%	4.2%	3.2%	1.3%	2.1%
No father in household, or father under 15	80.0%	56.7%	37.0%	16.2%	28.3%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	3.8%	16.4%	38.2%	71.9%	56.9%
Part-time, full year	.7%	2.1%	1.7%	.9%	1.1%
Full-time, part year	5.3%	13.4%	15.9%	8.7%	9.5%
Part-time, part year	1.4%	4.0%	2.4%	.7%	1.3%
No work, looked for work	2.2%	1.0%	.5%	.1%	.5%
Not in labor force	6.7%	6.3%	4.4%	1.4%	2.7%
No father in household	80.0%	56.7%	37.0%	16.2%	28.3%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 20. Presence of Other Household and Family Members in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>					
Parent(s) + relative(s)	12.3%	10.3%	13.3%	17.2%	15.7%
Parent(s) only	82.0%	71.3%	81.4%	80.4%	79.7%
No parent present	5.6%	18.4%	5.3%	2.4%	4.6%
<u>Number of males 18 and over in household (excluding father)</u>					
None	79.8%	77.2%	82.0%	84.4%	83.0%
1	16.4%	19.3%	15.7%	12.9%	14.1%
2	3.0%	2.8%	1.7%	2.2%	2.3%
3 or more	.7%	.7%	.6%	.5%	.6%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>					
None	78.0%	77.2%	84.3%	84.3%	83.0%
1	17.9%	19.2%	13.5%	13.1%	14.3%
2	3.4%	3.4%	1.6%	2.2%	2.4%
3 or more	.7%	.3%	.6%	.4%	.4%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>					
None	92.1%	91.1%	90.2%	88.6%	89.3%
1	6.6%	7.6%	8.2%	9.6%	9.0%
2	1.1%	1.2%	1.1%	1.6%	1.5%
3 or more	.1%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.3%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>					
None	90.1%	89.7%	90.5%	88.9%	89.2%
1	8.3%	9.0%	8.3%	9.6%	9.3%
2	1.5%	1.2%	.9%	1.3%	1.3%
3 or more	.2%	.1%	.3%	.2%	.2%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 21. Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
Child covered by Medicaid	93.4%	16.4%	5.2%	1.0%	11.8%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	9.8%	64.3%	46.3%	17.3%	23.9%
Household received food stamps	83.6%	29.3%	10.9%	.9%	12.6%
At least one child in house- hold received free lunch	63.4%	45.7%	35.5%	5.1%	17.4%
Household received energy assistance	39.4%	14.6%	6.7%	.7%	6.3%
Housing Tenure					
Owned	19.9%	39.4%	44.9%	75.9%	64.2%
Private, rented	49.8%	48.8%	48.6%	22.9%	30.3%
Public housing	30.3%	11.8%	6.5%	1.1%	5.5%
No telephone in household	32.6%	23.5%	15.1%	3.2%	9.1%
No telephone available to the household	26.3%	18.5%	11.4%	2.3%	7.1%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 22. Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
<u>Combination of Non-Cash Benefits</u>					
No benefits	1.5%	39.3%	55.8%	93.0%	75.6%
School lunch only	.9%	20.7%	25.6%	4.2%	7.4%
Food stamps only	.5%	4.7%	3.2%	.4%	1.1%
School lunch & food stamps	2.3%	11.0%	4.2%	.3%	1.9%
Subsidized housing	.1%	1.8%	2.5%	.7%	.9%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.1%	1.8%	2.8%	.3%	.7%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.1%	1.0%	.2%	.0%	.1%
Susidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.0%	3.3%	.4%	.0%	.5%
Medicaid only	7.6%	3.5%	1.1%	.6%	1.6%
Medicaid & school lunch	4.3%	2.5%	1.1%	.2%	.9%
Medicaid & food stamps	16.8%	2.7%	1.3%	.1%	2.0%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	35.7%	3.8%	1.1%	.1%	4.0%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.8%	.7%	.1%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	1.0%	.4%	.1%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	9.1%	.7%	.2%	.0%	1.0%
All four benefits	18.1%	2.2%	.1%	.0%	2.0%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 23. Proportion of AFDC Families in Various Eligibility, Exempt, and Priority Groups Defined by Provisions of the Family Support Act, Families with Children under 18, United States, March 1988.¹

<u>Eligibility Groups</u>	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>
Eligible for Learnfare	2.0%	1.5%	1.5%
Newly eligible for JOBS	17.4%	14.4%	12.3%
Previously eligible for WIN	25.1%	33.1%	24.2%
Eligible at state option	7.3%	5.0%	6.3%
<u>Exempt Groups</u>			
Learnfare exempt	1.4%	.5%	.5%
Child underage	11.5%	7.4%	9.7%
Parent disabled	5.0%	2.7%	1.8%
Parent in school	4.1%	1.3%	1.1%
In optional age group and exempt	2.1%	2.1%	2.5%
<u>Priority Groups</u>			
Parent employed	2.1%	3.8%	6.0%
Low education	5.9%	17.2%	6.5%
Soon off AFDC	4.0%	3.1%	2.4%
Low education, employed mother	16.6%	24.6%	36.7%

1. The provisions of the Family Support Act apply only to families receiving welfare. The poor and near-poor non-AFDC families have been included within the table for purposes of comparison and because these groups are at a risk of needing welfare assistance in the future.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 24. Geographic Distribution of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
<u>Region</u>				
Northeast	20.1%	14.6%	20.0%	19.4%
Midwest	28.4%	19.0%	24.4%	24.2%
South	31.5%	45.2%	34.6%	35.4%
West	20.0%	21.2%	21.0%	20.9%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>				
New England	4.9%	2.6%	5.4%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic	15.2%	12.0%	14.6%	14.4%
East North Central	21.4%	12.8%	16.7%	16.7%
West North Central	6.9%	6.2%	7.7%	7.5%
South Atlantic	14.6%	18.6%	17.4%	17.2%
East South Central	7.2%	8.9%	6.1%	6.5%
West South Central	9.7%	17.6%	11.2%	11.7%
Mountain	3.3%	6.5%	5.8%	5.6%
Pacific	16.7%	14.7%	15.3%	15.3%
<u>Area of Residence</u>				
Central city	42.9%	31.2%	21.9%	24.9%
Balance of MSA	20.6%	26.1%	40.4%	37.0%
Non-MSA	24.4%	27.0%	21.6%	22.5%
Not identifiable	12.1%	15.8%	16.1%	15.7%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 25. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>				
White (non-Hispanic)	38.9%	51.1%	78.8%	72.1%
Black (non-Hispanic)	40.1%	25.2%	10.1%	14.5%
Hispanic	16.5%	19.3%	3.7%	9.6%
Other	4.4%	4.4%	7.5%	3.8%
<u>Presence of parents in household¹</u>				
Both	18.4%	39.8%	80.2%	70.0%
Mother only	75.3%	38.0%	13.8%	22.2%
Father only	1.9%	4.5%	3.6%	3.5%
Neither	4.5%	17.7%	2.5%	4.3%
<u>Education of More Educated Parent</u>				
Less than high school	15.5%	14.1%	2.3%	4.7%
Some high school	30.2%	20.8%	5.3%	9.1%
High school graduate	41.7%	42.8%	38.0%	38.8%
Some college	11.0%	15.5%	23.6%	21.6%
College graduate	1.7%	6.8%	30.8%	25.9%
<u>Family Income</u>				
<\$ 5,000	34.5%	42.4%	.0%	7.7%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	38.6%	37.1%	.9%	8.3%
\$10,000 - 14,999	11.2%	18.5%	6.8%	8.4%
\$15,000 - 24,999	8.7%	1.9%	20.0%	17.0%
\$25,000 - 34,999	3.3%	.0%	20.8%	17.0%
\$35,000 - 49,999	2.5%	.0%	25.1%	20.3%
\$50,000+	1.3%	.0%	26.4%	21.2%
<u>Poverty Status²</u>				
Below poverty line	79.3%	100.0%	.0%	18.1%
100% to 199% poverty	15.4%	.0%	22.3%	19.3%
200% poverty and above	5.3%	.0%	77.7%	62.6%

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¹ Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

² AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 25. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
<u>Age of youngest child</u>				
Under 1	15.1%	12.8%	9.7%	10.6%
1-2	22.1%	16.7%	16.8%	17.3%
3-5	22.7%	19.4%	18.1%	18.7%
6-15	36.3%	43.3%	44.9%	43.9%
16+	3.8%	7.8%	10.5%	9.6%
<u>Number of children</u>				
1	36.2%	43.7%	45.7%	44.6%
2	31.4%	28.9%	37.6%	36.1%
3	20.2%	15.7%	12.7%	13.7%
4	7.6%	7.6%	3.1%	4.0%
5 or more	4.6%	4.0%	1.0%	1.7%
<u>Ages of children</u>				
All under 5	26.3%	22.9%	22.1%	22.6%
Under 5, 5-11	20.5%	14.3%	13.5%	14.2%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	5.1%	4.8%	2.4%	2.9%
All 5-11	19.2%	18.9%	20.3%	20.0%
5-11, 12-17	13.4%	15.4%	13.6%	13.8%
All 12-17	15.6%	23.8%	28.2%	26.5%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 26. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Mothers in:</u>			<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)²</u>				
Under 15	5.2%	3.4%	1.2%	1.8%
16-17	15.1%	10.3%	3.5%	5.2%
18-19	21.9%	16.5%	8.9%	10.8%
20-24	35.1%	36.9%	35.1%	35.3%
25-29	12.0%	20.9%	31.2%	28.4%
30+	10.6%	12.0%	20.1%	18.4%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>				
Under 20	5.4%	3.9%	.9%	1.6%
20-24	20.3%	14.6%	6.8%	8.8%
25-34	46.2%	42.6%	41.3%	41.9%
35-44	21.8%	29.5%	39.8%	37.1%
45-54	5.3%	8.1%	10.2%	9.6%
55+	1.0%	1.4%	1.0%	1.1%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>				
Eighth grade or less	16.8%	17.3%	3.7%	6.2%
Some high school	31.4%	23.2%	8.3%	11.9%
High school graduate	41.0%	41.8%	46.7%	45.7%
Some college	9.3%	13.3%	21.8%	19.8%
Four or more yrs college	1.5%	4.4%	19.6%	16.5%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>				
Married	19.6%	51.2%	85.3%	75.9%
Separated	17.0%	16.3%	2.7%	5.3%
Divorced	19.6%	14.5%	7.6%	9.4%
Widowed	1.6%	4.4%	1.3%	1.6%
Never Married	42.2%	13.6%	3.1%	7.8%

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1. Families with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These families constitute 7.5% of AFDC families and 8% of all families with children under 18.

2. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 26. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Mothers in:</u>			<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>				
Employed full-time	11.9%	25.9%	49.3%	43.6%
Employed part-time	8.6%	14.7%	18.7%	17.4%
Unemployed	12.4%	8.4%	2.7%	4.1%
Keeping house	53.1%	44.1%	26.7%	30.8%
In school	6.9%	2.8%	.9%	1.7%
Unable to work	1.1%	.7%	.1%	.3%
Retired, other	6.1%	3.4%	1.6%	2.2%
 <u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>				
Full-time, full year	4.1%	13.1%	40.0%	34.2%
Part-time, full year	2.4%	6.5%	10.6%	9.4%
Full-time, part year	15.1%	17.6%	13.4%	14.0%
Part-time, part year	12.8%	13.3%	12.9%	12.9%
No work, looked for work	9.0%	4.5%	.9%	2.0%
Not in labor force	56.6%	45.0%	22.2%	27.6%
 <u>Mother Disabled</u> ³	 5.7%	 3.1%	 .6%	 1.4%
 <u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	 5.6%	 5.5%	 1.7%	 2.5%

3. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 27. Characteristics of Fathers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Fathers in:</u>			<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Father's Age</u>				
Under 20	.2%	.5%	.1%	.2%
20-24	2.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%
25-34	8.5%	17.9%	28.8%	25.8%
35-44	6.3%	13.1%	35.0%	30.0%
45-54	2.5%	5.5%	13.9%	12.0%
55+	.7%	3.2%	2.7%	2.6%
No father in household	79.8%	55.8%	16.4%	26.6%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>				
Eighth grade or less	5.8%	10.8%	4.1%	5.0%
Some High School	4.6%	9.5%	7.0%	7.1%
High School Graduate	7.0%	15.6%	32.2%	28.1%
Some College	2.6%	4.8%	16.8%	14.2%
Four or more yrs college	.2%	3.6%	23.5%	19.2%
No father in household	80.0%	55.7%	16.3%	26.5%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>				
Employed full-time	6.0%	25.0%	74.3%	62.6%
Employed part-time	2.2%	5.4%	2.5%	2.7%
Unemployed	4.3%	5.4%	2.4%	2.9%
Keeping house	.6%	.6%	.2%	.3%
In school	1.5%	1.2%	.3%	.5%
Unable to work	1.1%	1.5%	.5%	.7%
Retired, other	4.4%	4.2%	1.5%	2.1%
No father in household, or father under 15	80.0%	56.7%	18.4%	28.3%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>				
Full-time, full year	3.8%	16.4%	68.5%	56.9%
Part-time, full year	.7%	2.1%	1.0%	1.1%
Full-time, part year	5.3%	13.4%	9.4%	9.5%
Part-time, part year	1.4%	4.0%	.9%	1.3%
No work, looked for work	2.2%	1.0%	.2%	.5%
Not in labor force	6.7%	6.3%	1.7%	2.7%
No father in household	80.0%	56.7%	18.4%	28.3%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 28. Presence of Other Household and Family Members in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>				
Parent(s) + relative(s)	12.3%	10.3%	16.8%	15.7%
Parent(s) only	82.0%	71.3%	80.5%	79.7%
No parent present	5.6%	18.4%	2.7%	4.6%
<u>Number of males 18 and over in household (excluding father)</u>				
None	79.8%	77.2%	84.2%	83.0%
1	16.4%	19.3%	13.2%	14.1%
2	3.0%	2.8%	2.1%	2.3%
3 or more	.7%	.7%	.5%	.6%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>				
None	78.0%	77.2%	84.3%	83.0%
1	17.9%	19.2%	13.2%	14.3%
2	3.4%	3.4%	2.1%	2.4%
3 or more	.7%	.3%	.4%	.4%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>				
None	92.1%	91.1%	88.7%	89.3%
1	6.6%	7.6%	9.4%	9.0%
2	1.1%	1.2%	1.5%	1.5%
3 or more	.1%	.2%	.3%	.3%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>				
None	90.1%	89.7%	89.0%	89.2%
1	8.3%	9.0%	9.4%	9.3%
2	1.5%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%
3 or more	.2%	.1%	.2%	.2%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 29. Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Under 18</u>
Child covered by Medicaid	92.3%	16.1%	1.4%	11.7%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	8.9%	64.0%	20.3%	23.3%
Household received food stamps	83.6%	29.3%	1.9%	12.6%
At least one child in house- hold received free lunch	63.1%	45.7%	8.2%	17.4%
Household received energy assistance	39.8%	14.6%	1.3%	6.4%
Housing Tenure				
Owned	19.9%	39.4%	72.8%	64.3%
Private, rented	49.5%	48.9%	25.6%	30.2%
Public housing	30.6%	11.7%	1.7%	5.5%
No telephone in household	32.4%	23.5%	4.4%	9.1%
No telephone available to the household	26.3%	18.6%	3.3%	7.0%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 30. Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Under 18, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	Poor <u>Non-AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor</u> <u>Families</u>	All Families with Children <u>Under 18</u>
<u>Combination of</u> <u>Non-Cash Benefits</u>				
No benefits	1.5%	39.3%	89.2%	75.6%
School lunch only	.9%	20.7%	6.4%	7.4%
Food stamps only	.5%	4.7%	.7%	1.1%
School lunch & food stamps	2.3%	11.0%	.7%	1.9%
Subsidized housing	.1%	1.8%	.9%	.9%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.1%	1.8%	.6%	.7%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.1%	1.0%	.0%	.1%
Subsidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.0%	3.3%	.1%	.5%
Medicaid only	7.6%	3.5%	.7%	1.6%
Medicaid & school lunch	4.3%	2.5%	.3%	.9%
Medicaid & food stamps	16.8%	2.7%	.2%	2.0%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	35.7%	3.8%	.2%	4.0%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.8%	.7%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	1.0%	.4%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	9.1%	.7%	.0%	1.0%
All four benefits	18.1%	2.2%	.0%	2.0%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 31. Geographic Distribution of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
Northeast	20.0%	14.9%	12.8%	20.1%	18.8%
Midwest	26.9%	18.9%	23.6%	26.1%	25.1%
South	32.4%	41.9%	37.7%	31.0%	33.1%
West	20.7%	24.2%	25.8%	22.8%	23.0%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>					
New England	4.2%	2.1%	2.2%	5.7%	4.7%
Mid-Atlantic	15.8%	12.8%	10.7%	14.4%	14.1%
East North Central	20.3%	10.0%	16.1%	17.2%	16.7%
West North Central	6.6%	8.9%	7.6%	8.9%	8.4%
South Atlantic	12.9%	17.1%	17.4%	16.6%	16.2%
East South Central	7.6%	7.1%	6.5%	4.5%	5.4%
West South Central	12.0%	17.8%	13.8%	9.9%	11.5%
Mountain	3.2%	7.7%	9.5%	5.7%	6.0%
Pacific	17.5%	16.5%	16.3%	17.1%	17.0%
<u>Area of Residence</u>					
Central city	44.0%	34.4%	31.2%	20.7%	26.4%
Balance of MSA	21.2%	26.5%	27.5%	43.3%	36.9%
Non-MSA	23.6%	24.9%	26.3%	19.8%	21.5%
Not identifiable	11.2%	14.1%	15.1%	16.2%	15.2%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 32. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>					
White (non-Hispanic)	34.9%	49.1%	63.2%	81.6%	69.8%
Black (non-Hispanic)	41.9%	22.8%	17.9%	7.6%	14.9%
Hispanic	18.3%	23.0%	16.5%	7.3%	11.5%
Other	4.9%	5.2%	2.4%	3.6%	3.8%
<u>Presence of parents in household¹</u>					
Both	18.2%	56.0%	78.5%	88.2%	74.1%
Mother only	76.3%	31.5%	19.1%	8.5%	21.3%
Father only	1.5%	3.6%	1.6%	2.3%	2.3%
Neither	4.0%	8.9%	.7%	1.0%	2.3%
<u>Education of More Educated Parent</u>					
Less than high school	14.7%	13.5%	7.0%	1.2%	4.9%
Some high school	31.3%	21.9%	12.5%	3.5%	10.0%
High school graduate	41.6%	41.2%	51.8%	35.0%	38.1%
Some college	11.0%	14.6%	19.3%	24.6%	21.2%
College graduate	1.4%	8.9%	9.4%	35.8%	25.8%
<u>Family Income</u>					
<\$ 5,000	35.3%	36.7%	--	--	9.0%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	39.0%	33.8%	3.0%	--	9.4%
\$10,000 - 14,999	12.1%	26.8%	37.3%	1.4%	9.1%
\$15,000 - 24,999	10.0%	2.7%	53.9%	17.6%	18.3%
\$25,000 - 34,999	1.6%	--	5.8%	25.6%	17.5%
\$35,000 - 49,999	1.5%	--	--	30.0%	19.9%
\$50,000+	.5%	--	--	25.5%	16.8%
<u>Poverty Status²</u>					
Below poverty line	85.4%	100.0%	--	--	23.0%
100% to 199% poverty	11.8%	--	100.0%	16.7%	22.0%
200% poverty and above	2.9%	--	--	83.3%	55.0%

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1 Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

2 AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 32. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Age of youngest child</u>					
Under 1	14.5%	13.7%	12.5%	10.4%	11.5%
1-2	23.4%	19.8%	25.3%	20.3%	21.2%
3	26.9%	29.4%	30.4%	27.6%	27.9%
4	19.3%	19.4%	16.9%	21.9%	20.8%
5	16.1%	17.7%	15.0%	19.8%	18.6%
<u>Number of siblings</u>					
None	16.2%	18.3%	13.7%	20.8%	19.2%
1	30.2%	30.6%	40.7%	48.0%	42.9%
2	29.1%	23.1%	25.0%	22.7%	23.8%
3	12.4%	17.1%	11.1%	6.5%	8.9%
4 or more	12.1%	10.9%	9.6%	2.1%	5.2%
<u>Number of other children in household besides subject child</u>					
None	12.8%	12.4%	11.9%	19.8%	17.3%
1	27.3%	30.3%	41.4%	47.6%	42.3%
2	29.8%	25.0%	24.8%	23.2%	24.5%
3	13.7%	18.3%	11.3%	6.9%	9.5%
4 or more	16.4%	14.0%	10.6%	2.5%	6.4%
<u>Ages of children</u>					
All under 5	26.4%	27.9%	27.1%	32.6%	30.7%
Under 5, 5-11	47.4%	42.1%	47.1%	41.6%	43.0%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	9.6%	11.8%	10.5%	5.2%	7.1%
All 5-11	12.2%	12.0%	11.5%	16.5%	15.0%
5-11, 12-17	4.4%	6.2%	3.8%	4.1%	4.3%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 33. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)³</u>					
Under 15	6.3%	4.7%	3.0%	1.1%	2.3%
16-17	20.4%	11.9%	8.9%	3.3%	7.0%
18-19	24.6%	20.8%	16.8%	9.1%	13.1%
20-24	35.1%	40.9%	46.2%	39.1%	39.5%
25-29	7.4%	16.9%	19.2%	32.9%	26.6%
30+	6.2%	4.8%	6.0%	14.6%	11.6%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>					
Under 20	2.9%	1.3%	.4%	.2%	.7%
20-24	31.6%	22.5%	17.1%	8.0%	13.5%
25-34	53.5%	58.2%	65.5%	66.5%	63.8%
35-44	11.2%	16.2%	15.6%	24.3%	20.8%
45-54	.9%	1.6%	.7%	1.0%	1.0%
55+	--	.2%	.6%	--	.1%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	15.5%	17.7%	10.6%	2.3%	6.4%
Some high school	32.8%	25.9%	18.4%	5.5%	12.6%
High school graduate	41.6%	39.1%	50.7%	46.0%	45.1%
Some college	8.9%	12.0%	15.8%	24.1%	20.0%
Four or more yrs college	1.3%	5.3%	4.6%	22.1%	15.8%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>					
Married	19.3%	64.0%	80.4%	91.2%	77.7%
Separated	18.3%	15.9%	4.8%	1.8%	5.7%
Divorced	15.4%	9.3%	9.3%	4.2%	6.7%
Widowed	.6%	1.2%	1.5%	.3%	.5%
Never Married	46.4%	9.6%	4.0%	2.6%	9.3%

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1. Children with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These children constitute 7% of AFDC children and 6.3% of all children under 18.
2. "Near-Poor" is defined as from 100% to 150% of the poverty level.
3. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 33. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988. (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full time	6.9%	19.6%	29.4%	40.5%	32.7%
Employed part-time	7.5%	14.5%	15.2%	20.1%	17.4%
Unemployed	11.9%	6.8%	4.2%	2.3%	4.2%
Keeping house	60.4%	53.8%	46.8%	34.5%	41.2%
In school	7.2%	2.1%	1.8%	1.2%	2.1%
Unable to work	.5%	.1%	--	--	.1%
Retired, other	5.7%	3.1%	2.6%	1.4%	2.3%
<u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	2.4%	9.0%	21.4%	32.6%	25.0%
Part-time, full year	2.0%	3.9%	6.0%	10.6%	8.3%
Full-time, part year	13.6%	15.3%	18.8%	11.9%	13.2%
Part-time, part year	12.1%	13.2%	13.4%	14.9%	14.2%
No work, looked for work	9.0%	4.8%	1.4%	.8%	2.3%
Not in labor force	61.0%	53.7%	39.0%	29.3%	37.0%
<u>Mother Disabled</u> ⁴	1.7%	2.1%	.6%	.4%	.8%
<u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	3.7%	3.1%	1.9%	.9%	1.6%

4. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 34. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Fathers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Father's Age</u>					
Under 20	--	.2%	--	.1%	.1%
20-24	1.5%	4.1%	7.0%	2.6%	3.0%
25-34	11.8%	34.3%	47.6%	49.7%	42.6%
35-44	5.0%	15.8%	21.8%	34.3%	27.1%
45-54	1.2%	3.8%	3.2%	3.5%	3.2%
55+	.2%	1.3%	.5%	.4%	.5%
No father in household	80.3%	40.6%	20.0%	9.5%	23.6%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	5.3%	13.5%	9.8%	2.7%	5.0%
Some High School	4.8%	13.6%	12.3%	5.7%	7.1%
High School Graduate	6.4%	21.5%	38.0%	34.5%	29.6%
Some College	3.0%	5.5%	13.5%	18.4%	14.4%
Four or more yrs college	.1%	5.5%	6.6%	29.1%	20.4%
No father in household	80.3%	40.4%	19.8%	9.5%	23.6%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	5.3%	35.9%	60.7%	82.9%	65.0%
Employed part-time	2.5%	6.6%	4.5%	1.9%	2.8%
Unemployed	4.8%	7.8%	5.5%	2.2%	3.5%
Keeping house	1.1%	.9%	.4%	.3%	.5%
In school	2.8%	2.4%	.2%	.4%	.9%
Unable to work	.4%	1.4%	.7%	.3%	.5%
Retired, other	2.8%	2.3%	1.9%	.5%	1.2%
No father in household, or father under 15	80.3%	42.7%	26.0%	11.5%	25.8%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	3.5%	24.5%	51.0%	78.1%	59.4%
Part-time, full year	.5%	3.3%	1.7%	.7%	1.1%
Full-time, part year	4.9%	18.6%	16.3%	8.2%	9.7%
Part-time, part year	2.0%	4.1%	2.3%	.6%	1.3%
No work, looked for work	2.3%	1.1%	.2%	--	.5%
Not in labor force	6.5%	5.7%	2.5%	.8%	2.3%
No father in household	80.3%	42.7%	26.0%	11.5%	25.8%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 35. Presence of Other Household and Family Members for Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>					
Parent(s) + relative(s)	8.2%	5.8%	7.9%	5.6%	6.2%
Parent(s) only	87.6%	85.1%	91.4%	93.4%	91.5%
No parent present	4.2%	9.2%	.7%	1.0%	2.4%
<u>Number of males 18 and over in household (excluding father)</u>					
None	81.4%	86.5%	86.9%	91.4%	89.1%
1	15.2%	10.9%	11.2%	7.2%	9.1%
2	2.0%	2.2%	1.6%	1.1%	1.4%
3 or more	1.4%	.4%	.3%	.4%	.5%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>					
None	79.9%	83.3%	90.4%	90.4%	88.2%
1	16.5%	14.0%	8.8%	8.3%	10.1%
2	2.8%	2.6%	.5%	1.2%	1.5%
3 or more	.8%	.1%	.4%	.1%	.2%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>					
None	94.3%	95.0%	94.1%	95.9%	95.4%
1	4.6%	3.8%	4.7%	3.6%	3.9%
2	.3%	1.0%	1.1%	.4%	.5%
3 or more	.7%	.2%	.2%	.1%	.2%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>					
None	91.3%	92.7%	95.7%	95.9%	94.9%
1	7.4%	6.0%	4.0%	3.7%	4.5%
2	1.3%	1.3%	.1%	.3%	.5%
3 or more	--	--	.2%	.1%	.1%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 38. Proportion of AFDC Children in Various Eligibility, Exempt, and Priority Groups Defined by Provisions of the Family Support Act, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.¹

<u>Eligibility Groups</u>	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
Eligible for Learnfare	.6%	.8%	.3%	.0%	.2%
Newly eligible for JOBS	48.2%	49.1%	39.1%	37.3%	40.3%
Previously eligible for WIN	--	--	--	--	--
Eligible at state option	8.9%	7.3%	8.5%	5.9%	6.7%
<u>Exempt Groups</u>					
Learnfare exempt	.8%	--	--	.1%	.2%
Child underage	12.4%	9.9%	14.7%	11.2%	11.5%
Parent disabled	1.2%	1.6%	.5%	.3%	.6%
Parent in school	5.0%	1.6%	1.5%	.9%	1.6%
In optional age group and exempt	1.7%	1.8%	2.0%	3.1%	2.7%
<u>Priority Groups</u>					
Parent employed	.8%	3.3%	4.2%	7.0%	5.5%
Low education	9.6%	13.7%	3.3%	3.0%	5.1%
Soon off AFDC	--	--	--	--	--
Low education, employed mother	11.7%	21.8%	33.5%	30.1%	27.0%

1. The provisions of the Family Support Act apply only to families receiving welfare. The poor and near-poor non-AFDC families have been included within the table for purposes of comparison and because these groups are at a risk of needing welfare assistance in the future.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 36. Distribution of Children by Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
Child covered by Medicaid	93.9%	17.2%	5.4%	1.0%	15.8%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	9.3%	61.4%	36.1%	14.6%	21.3%
Household received food stamps	86.4%	31.1%	11.3%	1.2%	17.1%
At least one child in household received free lunch	57.3%	42.4%	32.2%	4.3%	18.4%
Household received energy assistance	40.9%	14.1%	6.6%	.7%	8.2%
Housing Tenure					
Owned	16.9%	33.5%	44.6%	74.4%	59.1%
Private, rented	52.8%	55.4%	50.4%	24.3%	34.2%
Public housing	30.3%	11.1%	4.9%	1.3%	6.7%
No telephone in household	36.2%	27.6%	15.1%	3.7%	11.9%
No telephone available to the household	29.7%	22.1%	11.3%	2.8%	9.5%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 37. Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits by Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

Combination of <u>Non-Cash Benefits</u>	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
No benefits	.6%	41.2%	58.7%	93.5%	71.7%
School lunch only	.7%	17.5%	23.7%	3.4%	6.6%
Food stamps only	.8%	4.7%	3.7%	.6%	1.4%
School lunch & food stamps	2.6%	12.0%	4.2%	.3%	2.3%
Subsidized housing	--	2.2%	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.1%	1.4%	2.4%	.3%	.6%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.1%	1.8%	.5%	--	.3%
Subsidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.3%	2.1%	.2%	.1%	.5%
Medicaid only	7.1%	4.4%	2.0%	.6%	2.0%
Medicaid & school lunch	4.1%	1.9%	.6%	.1%	.9%
Medicaid & food stamps	22.0%	2.7%	1.1%	.1%	3.4%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	31.9%	4.6%	1.1%	.1%	5.0%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.5%	.1%	.2%	--	.1%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	.6%	.2%	--	--	.1%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	11.8%	.7%	.5%	--	1.7%
All four benefits	16.0%	2.7%	--	--	2.5%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 39. Geographic Distribution of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Region</u>				
Northeast	20.0%	14.9%	19.2%	18.8%
Midwest	26.9%	18.9%	25.8%	25.1%
South	32.4%	41.9%	31.9%	33.1%
West	20.7%	24.2%	23.2%	23.0%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>				
New England	4.2%	2.1%	5.2%	4.7%
Mid-Atlantic	15.8%	12.8%	13.9%	14.1%
East North Central	20.3%	10.0%	17.1%	16.7%
West North Central	6.6%	8.9%	8.7%	8.4%
South Atlantic	12.9%	17.1%	16.7%	16.2%
East South Central	7.6%	7.1%	4.8%	5.4%
West South Central	12.0%	17.8%	10.4%	11.5%
Mountain	3.2%	7.7%	6.2%	6.0%
Pacific	17.5%	16.5%	17.0%	17.0%
<u>Area of Residence</u>				
Central city	44.0%	34.4%	22.0%	26.4%
Balance of MSA	21.2%	26.5%	41.3%	36.9%
Non-MSA	23.6%	24.9%	20.6%	21.5%
Not identifiable	11.2%	14.1%	16.1%	15.2%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 40. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>				
White (non-Hispanic)	34.9%	49.1%	79.3%	69.8%
Black (non-Hispanic)	41.9%	22.8%	8.9%	14.9%
Hispanic	18.3%	23.0%	3.4%	11.5%
Other	4.9%	5.2%	8.5%	3.8%
<u>Presence of parents in household¹</u>				
Both	18.2%	56.0%	87.0%	74.1%
Mother only	76.3%	31.5%	9.8%	21.3%
Father only	1.5%	3.6%	2.2%	2.3%
Neither	4.0%	8.9%	1.0%	2.3%
<u>Education of More Educated Parent</u>				
Less than high school	14.7%	13.5%	1.9%	4.9%
Some high school	31.3%	21.9%	4.6%	10.0%
High school graduate	41.6%	41.2%	37.1%	38.1%
Some college	11.0%	14.6%	23.9%	21.2%
College graduate	1.4%	8.9%	32.4%	25.8%
<u>Family Income</u>				
<\$ 5,000	35.3%	36.7%	.0%	9.0%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	39.0%	33.8%	.4%	9.4%
\$10,000 - 14,999	12.1%	26.8%	5.9%	9.1%
\$15,000 - 24,999	10.0%	2.7%	22.1%	18.3%
\$25,000 - 34,999	1.6%	--	23.1%	17.5%
\$35,000 - 49,999	1.5%	--	26.2%	19.9%
\$50,000+	.5%	--	22.3%	16.8%
<u>Poverty Status²</u>				
Below poverty line	85.4%	100.0%	--	23.0%
100% to 199% poverty	11.8%	--	27.2%	22.0%
200% poverty and above	2.9%	--	72.8%	55.0%

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1 Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

2 AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 40. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>			<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Age of youngest child</u>				
Under 1	14.5%	13.7%	10.7%	11.5%
1-2	23.4%	19.8%	21.0%	21.2%
3	26.9%	29.4%	27.9%	27.9%
4	19.3%	19.4%	21.3%	20.8%
5	16.1%	17.7%	19.2%	18.6%
<u>Number of siblings</u>				
None	16.2%	18.3%	19.9%	19.2%
1	30.2%	30.6%	47.1%	42.9%
2	29.1%	23.1%	23.0%	23.8%
3	12.4%	17.1%	7.0%	8.9%
4 or more	12.1%	10.9%	3.0%	5.2%
<u>Number of other children in household besides subject child</u>				
None	12.8%	12.4%	18.8%	19.8%
1	27.3%	30.3%	46.8%	47.6%
2	29.8%	25.0%	23.4%	23.2%
3	13.7%	18.3%	7.5%	6.9%
4 or more	16.4%	14.0%	3.5%	2.5%
<u>Ages of children</u>				
All under 5	26.4%	27.9%	31.9%	30.7%
Under 5, 5-11	47.4%	42.1%	42.3%	43.0%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	9.6%	11.8%	5.9%	7.1%
All 5-11	12.2%	12.0%	15.9%	15.0%
5-11, 12-17	4.4%	6.2%	4.0%	4.3%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 41. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)³</u>				
Under 15	6.3%	4.7%	1.3%	2.3%
16-17	20.4%	11.9%	4.0%	7.0%
18-19	24.6%	20.8%	10.0%	13.1%
20-24	35.1%	40.9%	40.0%	39.5%
25-29	7.4%	16.9%	31.2%	26.6%
30+	6.2%	4.8%	13.5%	11.6%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>				
Under 20	2.9%	1.3%	.2%	.7%
20-24	31.6%	22.5%	9.1%	13.5%
25-34	53.5%	58.2%	66.4%	63.8%
35-44	11.2%	16.2%	23.2%	20.8%
45-54	.9%	1.6%	.9%	1.0%
55+	--	.2%	.1%	.1%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>				
Eighth grade or less	15.5%	17.7%	3.3%	6.4%
Some high school	32.8%	25.9%	7.2%	12.6%
High school graduate	41.6%	39.1%	46.6%	45.1%
Some college	8.9%	12.0%	23.1%	20.0%
Four or more yrs college	1.3%	5.3%	19.9%	15.8%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>				
Married	19.3%	64.0%	89.8%	77.7%
Separated	18.3%	15.9%	2.1%	5.7%
Divorced	15.4%	9.3%	4.8%	6.7%
Widowed	.6%	1.2%	.4%	.5%
Never Married	46.4%	9.6%	2.8%	9.3%

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1. Children with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These children constitute 7% of AFDC children and 6.3% of all children under 18.
2. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 41. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.¹
(continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>				
Employed full time	6.9%	19.6%	39.1%	32.7%
Employed part-time	7.5%	14.5%	19.5%	17.4%
Unemployed	11.9%	6.8%	2.5%	4.2%
Keeping house	60.4%	53.8%	36.1%	41.2%
In school	7.2%	2.1%	1.3%	2.1%
Unable to work	.5%	.1%	.0%	.1%
Retired, other	5.7%	3.1%	1.6%	2.3%
<u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>				
Full-time, full year	2.4%	9.0%	31.2%	25.0%
Part-time, full year	2.0%	3.9%	10.0%	8.3%
Full-time, part year	13.6%	15.3%	12.8%	13.2%
Part-time, part year	12.1%	13.2%	14.7%	14.2%
No work, looked for work	9.0%	4.8%	.8%	2.3%
Not in labor force	61.0%	53.7%	30.5%	37.0%
<u>Mother Disabled</u> ³	1.7%	2.1%	.4%	.8%
<u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	3.7%	3.1%	1.0%	1.6%

3. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 43. Presence of Other Household and Family Members for Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>				
Parent(s) + relative(s)	8.2%	5.8%	5.9%	6.2%
Parent(s) only	87.6%	85.1%	93.2%	91.5%
No parent present	4.2%	9.2%	1.0%	2.4%
<u>Number of males 18 and over in household (excluding father)</u>				
None	81.4%	86.5%	90.8%	89.1%
1	15.2%	10.9%	7.7%	9.1%
2	2.0%	2.2%	1.1%	1.4%
3 or more	1.4%	.4%	.4%	.5%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>				
None	79.9%	83.3%	90.4%	88.2%
1	16.5%	14.0%	8.3%	10.1%
2	2.8%	2.6%	1.1%	1.5%
3 or more	.8%	.1%	.2%	.2%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>				
None	94.3%	95.0%	95.7%	95.4%
1	4.6%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%
2	.3%	1.0%	.5%	.5%
3 or more	.7%	.2%	.1%	.2%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>				
None	91.3%	92.7%	95.9%	94.9%
1	7.4%	6.0%	3.7%	4.5%
2	1.3%	1.3%	.3%	.5%
3 or more	--	--	.1%	.1%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 42. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Fathers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Father's Age</u>				
Under 20	.0%	.2%	.1%	.1%
20-24	1.5%	4.1%	3.1%	3.0%
25-34	11.8%	34.3%	49.4%	42.6%
35-44	5.0%	15.8%	32.7%	27.1%
45-54	1.2%	3.8%	3.5%	3.2%
55+	.2%	1.3%	.4%	.5%
No father in household	80.3%	40.6%	10.8%	23.6%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>				
Eighth grade or less	5.3%	13.5%	3.6%	5.0%
Some High School	4.8%	13.6%	6.5%	7.1%
High School Graduate	6.4%	21.5%	35.0%	29.6%
Some College	3.0%	5.5%	17.8%	14.4%
Four or more yrs college	.1%	5.5%	26.3%	20.4%
No father in household	80.3%	40.4%	10.8%	23.6%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>				
Employed full-time	5.3%	35.9%	80.1%	65.0%
Employed part-time	2.5%	6.6%	2.3%	2.8%
Unemployed	4.8%	7.8%	2.6%	3.5%
Keeping house	1.1%	.9%	.3%	.5%
In school	2.8%	2.4%	.4%	.9%
Unable to work	.4%	1.4%	.4%	.5%
Retired, other	2.8%	2.3%	.7%	1.2%
No father in household, or father under 15	80.3%	42.7%	13.4%	25.8%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>				
Full-time, full year	3.5%	24.5%	74.7%	59.4%
Part-time, full year	.5%	3.3%	.8%	1.1%
Full-time, part year	4.9%	18.6%	9.2%	9.7%
Part-time, part year	2.0%	4.1%	.8%	1.3%
No work, looked for work	2.3%	1.1%	.1%	.5%
Not in labor force	6.5%	5.7%	1.0%	2.3%
No father in household	80.3%	42.7%	13.4%	25.8%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 44. Distribution of Children by Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>			<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
Child covered by Medicaid	93.9%	17.2%	1.5%	15.8%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	9.3%	61.4%	17.3%	21.3%
Household received food stamps	86.4%	31.1%	2.4%	17.1%
At least one child in household received free lunch	57.3%	42.4%	7.8%	18.4%
Household received energy assistance	40.9%	14.1%	1.4%	8.2%
Housing Tenure				
Owned	16.9%	33.5%	70.7%	59.1%
Private, rented	52.8%	55.4%	27.6%	34.2%
Public housing	30.3%	11.1%	1.8%	6.7%
No telephone in household	36.2%	27.6%	5.1%	11.9%
No telephone available to the household	29.7%	22.1%	3.9%	9.5%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 45. Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits by Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

Combination of <u>Non-Cash Benefits</u>	<u>Children in:</u>			
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 3-5</u>
No benefits	.6%	41.2%	89.1%	71.7%
School lunch only	.7%	17.5%	5.9%	6.6%
Food stamps only	.8%	4.7%	1.0%	1.4%
School lunch & food stamps	2.6%	12.0%	.8%	2.3%
Subsidized housing	--	2.2%	1.0%	1.0%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.1%	1.4%	.5%	.6%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.1%	1.8%	.1%	.3%
Subsidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.3%	2.1%	.1%	.5%
Medicaid only	7.1%	4.4%	.8%	2.0%
Medicaid & school lunch	4.1%	1.9%	.2%	.9%
Medicaid & food stamps	22.0%	2.7%	.2%	3.4%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	31.9%	4.6%	.2%	5.0%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.5%	.1%	.0%	.1%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	.6%	.2%	.0%	.1%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	11.8%	.7%	.1%	1.7%
All four benefits	16.0%	2.7%	--	2.5%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 46. Geographic Distribution of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Region</u>					
Northeast	22.2%	17.0%	14.7%	20.2%	19.6%
Midwest	22.6%	18.4%	21.4%	25.4%	24.0%
South	34.5%	40.7%	39.0%	32.1%	33.9%
West	20.8%	23.9%	25.0%	22.4%	22.6%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>					
New England	5.5%	2.7%	2.1%	5.7%	5.1%
Mid-Atlantic	16.7%	14.3%	12.6%	14.4%	14.5%
East North Central	16.6%	10.2%	13.0%	16.9%	15.8%
West North Central	6.0%	8.2%	8.4%	8.5%	8.2%
South Atlantic	16.0%	18.9%	18.2%	17.4%	17.5%
East South Central	8.2%	5.0%	6.3%	4.6%	5.2%
West South Central	10.3%	16.9%	14.4%	10.0%	11.2%
Mountain	4.0%	7.5%	7.8%	5.5%	5.7%
Pacific	16.8%	16.4%	17.2%	16.9%	16.9%
<u>Area of Residence</u>					
Central city	41.9%	33.8%	31.9%	22.3%	26.7%
Balance of MSA	20.0%	28.3%	26.9%	42.2%	36.8%
Non-MSA	25.6%	23.1%	28.4%	19.2%	21.1%
Not identifiable	12.5%	14.8%	12.8%	16.3%	15.4%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 47. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>					
White (non-Hispanic)	37.3%	52.0%	61.5%	79.8%	70.3%
Black (non-Hispanic)	40.1%	22.3%	16.6%	8.8%	14.7%
Hispanic	19.0%	20.7%	18.6%	7.9%	11.5%
Other	3.6%	4.9%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%
<u>Presence of parents in household¹</u>					
Both	14.3%	46.0%	73.7%	84.4%	71.0%
Mother only	81.2%	35.7%	22.7%	11.5%	23.3%
Father only	1.5%	4.0%	2.4%	3.0%	2.9%
Neither	3.0%	14.4%	1.2%	1.1%	2.8%
<u>Education of More Educated Parent</u>					
Less than high school	10.2%	11.1%	6.6%	1.3%	3.8%
Some high school	31.9%	19.8%	13.1%	3.9%	9.5%
High school graduate	44.9%	45.2%	53.9%	36.3%	39.6%
Some college	11.9%	15.6%	18.2%	24.7%	21.8%
College graduate	1.1%	8.3%	8.3%	33.8%	25.4%
<u>Family Income</u>					
<\$ 5,000	36.8%	44.1%	.0%	.0%	9.1%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	38.0%	35.3%	5.6%	.0%	8.8%
\$10,000 - 14,999	8.9%	19.2%	46.8%	2.3%	8.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	12.2%	1.3%	44.3%	20.0%	19.1%
\$25,000 - 34,999	1.7%	.0%	3.4%	24.9%	17.7%
\$35,000 - 49,999	2.0%	.0%	.0%	28.8%	20.1%
\$50,000+	.6%	.0%	.0%	24.1%	16.7%
<u>Poverty Status</u>					
Below poverty line	80.9%	100.0%	.0%	.0%	20.3%
100% to 199% poverty	15.4%	.0%	100.0%	15.7%	21.0%
200% poverty and above	3.6%	.0%	.0%	84.3%	58.7%

(continued)

1 Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

2 AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 47. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Age of youngest child</u>					
Under 1	9.7%	9.3%	10.4%	7.2%	8.0%
1-2	17.4%	15.9%	18.4%	15.9%	16.3%
3	29.4%	33.4%	30.6%	29.4%	29.9%
4	23.0%	20.4%	23.4%	24.9%	24.0%
5	20.6%	21.1%	17.3%	22.7%	21.8%
<u>Number of children</u>					
1	35.6%	38.6%	30.1%	38.4%	37.4%
2	31.9%	31.0%	44.1%	43.3%	40.7%
3	20.9%	16.8%	17.2%	14.1%	15.4%
4	8.6%	8.9%	3.8%	3.7%	4.9%
5 or more	3.1%	4.8%	4.8%	.5%	1.6%
<u>Ages of children</u>					
All under 5	39.0%	41.2%	39.8%	42.5%	41.7%
Under 5, 5-11	35.0%	31.6%	38.5%	31.9%	32.8%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	5.1%	5.5%	4.2%	2.2%	3.1%
All 5-11	18.4%	17.3%	14.7%	20.7%	19.6%
5-11, 12 and older	2.5%	4.6%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%

Note: N/A = not applicable

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 48. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Mothers in:</u>				<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)³</u>					
Under 15	5.7%	5.1%	2.2%	1.0%	2.0%
16-17	17.9%	11.6%	10.2%	3.6%	6.6%
18-19	21.9%	19.4%	14.9%	9.1%	12.0%
20-24	38.9%	40.4%	43.5%	35.4%	37.0%
25-29	7.1%	22.3%	27.9%	50.2%	41.6%
30+	8.6%	1.2%	1.5%	.8%	.8%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>					
Under 20	4.4%	2.4%	1.0%	.4%	1.1%
20-24	35.8%	26.1%	21.8%	11.1%	16.3%
25-34	48.6%	55.8%	60.7%	64.5%	61.4%
35-44	10.3%	13.4%	15.0%	23.1%	20.0%
45-54	1.0%	2.0%	1.2%	.9%	1.1%
55+	.0%	.5%	.4%	.1%	.1%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	11.4%	14.7%	10.2%	2.5%	5.3%
Some high school	33.5%	24.2%	18.1%	5.9%	12.0%
High school graduate	44.9%	43.5%	51.4%	45.8%	45.9%
Some college	9.2%	12.3%	15.5%	23.9%	20.4%
Four or more yrs college	1.0%	5.3%	4.8%	21.9%	16.4%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>					
Married	15.0%	56.3%	76.4%	88.0%	75.3%
Separated	15.4%	18.2%	5.8%	2.2%	5.6%
Divorced	16.0%	11.7%	11.1%	5.5%	7.8%
Widowed	.7%	1.7%	.4%	.4%	.6%
Never Married	53.0%	12.1%	5.7%	3.9%	10.8%

1. Families with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These families constitute 7.5% of AFDC families and 8% of all families with children Aged 3-5.

2. "Near-Poor" is defined as from 100% to 150% of the poverty level.

3. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 48. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Mothers in:</u>				<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	8.3%	22.0%	34.2%	46.0%	38.2%
Employed part-time	7.2%	13.4%	15.2%	18.2%	16.2%
Unemployed	13.1%	8.8%	3.7%	2.2%	4.2%
Keeping house	57.5%	49.6%	43.3%	30.9%	36.9%
In school	8.4%	3.2%	1.7%	1.5%	2.5%
Unable to work	.3%	.1%	.0%	.0%	.0%
Retired, other	5.3%	3.0%	1.9%	1.2%	1.9%
<u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	3.4%	11.0%	24.6%	36.9%	29.4%
Part-time, full year	1.8%	3.6%	6.2%	10.3%	8.3%
Full-time, part year	17.0%	16.8%	18.6%	13.0%	14.3%
Part-time, part year	12.9%	14.3%	12.4%	12.8%	12.9%
No work, looked for work	9.1%	5.1%	2.1%	.8%	2.3%
Not in labor force	55.8%	49.1%	36.2%	26.2%	32.7%
<u>Mother Disabled⁴</u>	1.9%	2.4%	.4%	.5%	.8%
<u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	2.7%	1.9%	2.0%	1.0%	1.4%

4. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 49. Characteristics of Fathers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Fathers in:</u>				<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Father's Age</u>					
Under 20	.0%	.4%	.0%	.1%	.1%
20-24	1.1%	4.6%	9.0%	3.6%	3.8%
25-34	9.7%	28.2%	46.5%	48.6%	41.6%
35-44	4.4%	12.5%	16.5%	31.2%	24.8%
45-54	.6%	2.5%	3.7%	3.5%	3.1%
55+	.0%	1.4%	.5%	.4%	.5%
No father in household, or father under 15	84.2%	50.4%	23.9%	12.6%	26.1%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	3.3%	11.0%	9.2%	3.2%	4.5%
Some High School	3.9%	9.3%	12.5%	6.2%	6.8%
High School Graduate	5.6%	19.8%	38.1%	33.6%	29.2%
Some College	2.9%	5.1%	10.8%	17.8%	14.1%
Four or more yrs college	.1%	4.8%	5.5%	26.6%	19.4%
No father in household	84.2%	50.0%	23.9%	12.6%	26.1%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	4.0%	31.4%	55.8%	79.9%	63.7%
Employed part-time	2.4%	6.8%	4.6%	1.8%	2.6%
Unemployed	5.0%	5.6%	4.5%	2.3%	3.2%
Keeping house	.5%	.4%	.5%	.2%	.3%
In school	.8%	2.2%	.4%	.4%	.7%
Unable to work	.2%	.9%	1.5%	.4%	.5%
Retired, other	2.9%	1.8%	1.8%	.4%	1.0%
No father in household, or father under 15	84.2%	50.8%	31.0%	14.6%	28.1%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	2.7%	21.2%	46.1%	74.7%	58.0%
Part-time, full year	.6%	2.3%	1.0%	.7%	.9%
Full-time, part year	4.3%	15.6%	16.7%	8.5%	9.4%
Part-time, part year	2.1%	3.6%	2.7%	.5%	1.2%
No work, looked for work	2.9%	1.2%	.0%	.1%	.5%
Not in labor force	3.3%	5.3%	2.5%	.9%	1.8%
No father in household, or father under 15	84.2%	50.8%	31.0%	14.6%	28.1%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 50. Presence of Other Household and Family Members in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>					
Parent(s) + relative(s)	7.0%	4.7%	8.8%	5.5%	5.9%
Parent(s) only	89.6%	80.4%	90.1%	93.3%	91.2%
No parent present	3.5%	15.0%	1.2%	1.2%	2.9%
<u>Number of males 18 and over in household (excluding father)</u>					
None	80.0%	82.8%	85.1%	90.0%	87.6%
1	15.4%	13.5%	12.4%	8.3%	10.0%
2	2.8%	3.2%	1.9%	1.3%	1.7%
3 or more	1.8%	.6%	.6%	.5%	.6%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>					
None	80.7%	79.6%	89.1%	88.9%	86.9%
1	15.7%	17.4%	10.0%	9.5%	11.1%
2	2.8%	3.1%	.4%	1.5%	1.8%
3 or more	.9%	.0%	.5%	.1%	.2%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>					
None	95.2%	96.6%	93.7%	95.9%	95.7%
1	4.3%	2.3%	4.8%	3.5%	3.6%
2	.0%	1.1%	1.2%	.4%	.5%
3 or more	.5%	.0%	.3%	.1%	.2%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>					
None	94.3%	93.7%	95.7%	96.1%	95.6%
1	5.3%	5.8%	4.1%	3.5%	4.0%
2	.5%	.5%	.0%	.4%	.4%
3 or more	.0%	.0%	.2%	.0%	.0%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 51. Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
Child covered by Medicaid	94.0%	16.5%	5.0%	1.3%	14.3%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	8.1%	66.4%	41.2%	16.9%	23.1%
Household received food stamps	83.6%	26.7%	11.1%	1.2%	14.6%
At least one child in house- hold received free lunch	47.8%	32.5%	27.1%	3.4%	13.8%
Household received energy assistance	43.0%	13.0%	5.8%	.7%	7.5%
Housing Tenure					
Owned	17.2%	33.4%	44.4%	71.1%	58.5%
Private, rented	50.8%	55.3%	49.9%	27.2%	34.9%
Public housing	32.0%	11.3%	5.8%	1.7%	6.7%
No telephone in household	37.1%	25.2%	15.4%	4.3%	11.4%
No telephone available to the household	30.5%	19.0%	12.1%	3.2%	8.9%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 52. Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	AFDC <u>Families</u>	Poor Non-AFDC <u>Families</u>	Near-Poor <u>Families</u>	Non-Poor <u>Families</u>	All Families with Children Aged 3-5 <u></u>
<u>Combination of Non-Cash Benefits</u>					
No benefits	.9%	46.6%	62.3%	93.6%	74.9%
School lunch only	.7%	14.6%	19.9%	2.6%	5.1%
Food stamps only	.9%	5.5%	4.4%	.7%	1.6%
School lunch & food stamps	2.3%	8.0%	3.0%	.2%	1.5%
Subsidized housing	.0%	3.3%	2.4%	1.3%	1.4%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.0%	1.4%	2.4%	.3%	.6%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.2%	2.0%	.5%	.0%	.3%
Subsidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.0%	2.1%	.0%	.0%	.4%
Medicaid only	9.8%	5.6%	1.8%	.8%	2.5%
Medicaid & school lunch	3.3%	1.5%	.1%	.2%	.7%
Medicaid & food stamps	23.0%	3.6%	1.1%	.1%	3.3%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	27.0%	3.3%	1.6%	.1%	3.8%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.7%	.2%	.0%	.0%	.1%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	1.0%	.2%	.0%	.0%	.1%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	16.7%	.7%	.4%	.1%	2.2%
All four benefits	12.5%	1.5%	.0%	.0%	1.7%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 53. Proportion of AFDC Families in Various Eligibility, Exempt, and Priority Groups Defined by Provisions of the Family Support Act, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.¹

<u>Eligibility Groups</u>	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>
Eligible for Learnfare	1.0%	1.1%	.7%
Newly eligible for JOBS	55.5%	54.7%	44.9%
Previously eligible for WIN	--	--	--
Eligible at state option	5.4%	6.1%	5.2%
<u>Exempt Groups</u>			
Learnfare exempt	1.2%	.0%	.0%
Child underage	10.1%	7.7%	10.7%
Parent disabled	1.7%	2.6%	.2%
Parent in school	6.6%	2.2%	1.2%
In optional age group and exempt	1.6%	1.5%	2.5%
<u>Priority Groups</u>			
Parent employed	.8%	4.2%	6.4%
Low education	12.5%	19.9%	5.2%
Soon off AFDC	--	--	--
Low education, employed mother	13.3%	21.3%	38.4%

1. The provisions of the Family Support Act apply only to families receiving welfare. The poor and near-poor non-AFDC families have been included within the table for purposes of comparison and because these groups are at a risk of needing welfare assistance in the future.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 54. Geographic Distribution of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Region</u>				
Northeast	22.2%	17.0%	19.6%	19.6%
Midwest	22.6%	18.4%	25.0%	24.0%
South	34.5%	40.7%	32.8%	33.9%
West	20.8%	23.9%	22.7%	22.6%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>				
New England	5.5%	2.7%	5.3%	5.1%
Mid-Atlantic	16.7%	14.3%	14.2%	14.5%
East North Central	16.6%	10.2%	16.5%	15.8%
West North Central	6.0%	8.2%	8.5%	8.2%
South Atlantic	16.0%	18.9%	17.5%	17.5%
East South Central	8.2%	5.0%	4.8%	5.2%
West South Central	10.3%	16.9%	10.5%	11.2%
Mountain	4.0%	7.5%	5.7%	5.7%
Pacific	16.8%	16.4%	17.0%	16.9%
<u>Area of Residence</u>				
Central city	41.9%	33.8%	23.3%	26.7%
Balance of MSA	20.0%	28.3%	40.5%	36.8%
Non-MSA	25.6%	23.1%	20.2%	21.1%
Not identifiable	12.5%	14.8%	16.0%	15.4%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 55. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>				
White (non-Hispanic)	37.3%	52.0%	77.9%	70.3%
Black (non-Hispanic)	40.1%	22.3%	9.7%	14.7%
Hispanic	19.0%	20.7%	3.4%	11.5%
Other	3.6%	4.9%	9.0%	3.6%
<u>Presence of parents in household¹</u>				
Both	14.3%	46.0%	83.3%	71.0%
Mother only	81.2%	35.7%	12.7%	23.3%
Father only	1.5%	4.0%	2.9%	2.9%
Neither	3.0%	14.4%	1.1%	2.8%
<u>Education of More Educated Parent</u>				
Less than high school	10.2%	11.1%	1.9%	3.8%
Some high school	31.9%	19.8%	4.9%	9.5%
High school graduate	44.9%	45.2%	38.2%	39.6%
Some college	11.9%	15.6%	24.0%	21.8%
College graduate	1.1%	8.3%	31.1%	25.4%
<u>Family Income</u>				
<\$ 5,000	36.8%	44.1%	.0%	9.1%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	38.0%	35.3%	.6%	8.8%
\$10,000 - 14,999	8.9%	19.2%	7.0%	8.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	12.2%	1.3%	22.6%	19.1%
\$25,000 - 34,999	1.7%	.0%	22.6%	17.7%
\$35,000 - 49,999	2.0%	.0%	25.7%	20.1%
\$50,000+	.6%	.0%	21.5%	16.7%
<u>Poverty Status</u>				
Below poverty line	80.9%	100.0%	.0%	20.3%
100% to 199% poverty	15.4%	.0%	24.7%	21.0%
200% poverty and above	3.6%	.0%	75.3%	58.7%

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¹ Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

² AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 55. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Age of youngest child</u>				
Under 1	9.7%	9.3%	7.5%	8.0%
1-2	17.4%	15.9%	16.2%	16.3%
3	29.4%	33.4%	29.5%	29.9%
4	23.0%	20.4%	24.7%	24.0%
5	20.6%	21.1%	22.1%	21.8%
<u>Number of children</u>				
1	35.6%	38.6%	37.5%	37.4%
2	31.9%	31.0%	43.4%	40.7%
3	20.9%	16.8%	14.4%	15.4%
4	8.6%	8.9%	3.7%	4.9%
5 or more	3.1%	4.8%	.9%	1.6%
<u>Ages of children</u>				
All under 5	39.0%	41.2%	42.2%	41.7%
Under 5, 5-11	35.0%	31.6%	32.7%	32.8%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	5.1%	5.5%	2.4%	3.1%
All 5-11	18.4%	17.3%	20.0%	19.6%
5-11, 12 and older	2.5%	4.6%	2.7%	2.9%

Note: N/A = not applicable

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 56. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Mothers in:</u>			<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)²</u>				
Under 15	5.7%	5.1%	1.1%	2.0%
16-17	17.9%	11.6%	4.3%	6.6%
18-19	21.9%	19.4%	9.7%	12.0%
20-24	38.9%	40.4%	36.3%	37.0%
25-29	7.1%	22.3%	31.6%	41.6%
30+	8.6%	1.2%	17.0%	.8%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>				
Under 20	4.4%	2.4%	.5%	1.1%
20-24	35.8%	26.1%	12.2%	16.3%
25-34	48.6%	55.8%	64.1%	61.4%
35-44	10.3%	13.4%	22.2%	20.0%
45-54	1.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.1%
55+	.0%	.5%	.1%	.1%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>				
Eighth grade or less	11.4%	14.7%	3.3%	5.3%
Some high school	33.5%	24.2%	7.2%	12.0%
High school graduate	44.9%	43.5%	46.4%	45.9%
Some college	9.2%	12.3%	23.0%	20.4%
Four or more yrs college	1.0%	5.3%	20.1%	16.4%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>				
Married	15.0%	56.3%	86.8%	75.3%
Separated	15.4%	18.2%	2.6%	5.6%
Divorced	16.0%	11.7%	6.1%	7.8%
Widowed	.7%	1.7%	.4%	.6%
Never Married	53.0%	12.1%	4.1%	10.8%

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1. Families with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These families constitute 7.5% of AFDC families and 8% of all families with children Aged 3-5.

2. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 56. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Mothers in:</u>			<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>				
Employed full-time	8.3%	22.0%	44.7%	38.2%
Employed part-time	7.2%	13.4%	17.9%	16.2%
Unemployed	13.1%	8.8%	2.3%	4.2%
Keeping house	57.5%	49.6%	32.3%	36.9%
In school	8.4%	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
Unable to work	.3%	.1%	.0%	.0%
Retired, other	5.3%	3.0%	1.2%	1.9%
 <u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>				
Full-time, full year	3.4%	11.0%	35.5%	29.4%
Part-time, full year	1.8%	3.6%	9.9%	8.3%
Full-time, part year	17.0%	16.8%	13.6%	14.3%
Part-time, part year	12.9%	14.3%	12.8%	12.9%
No work, looked for work	9.1%	5.1%	.9%	2.3%
Not in labor force	55.8%	49.1%	27.3%	32.7%
 <u>Mother Disabled³</u>	 1.9%	 2.4%	 .5%	 .8%
 <u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	 2.7%	 1.9%	 1.1%	 1.4%

3. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 57. Characteristics of Fathers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988

	<u>Fathers in:</u>			<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Father's Age</u>				
Under 20	.0%	.4%	.1%	.1%
20-24	1.1%	4.6%	4.1%	3.8%
25-34	9.7%	28.2%	48.4%	41.6%
35-44	4.4%	12.5%	29.6%	24.8%
45-54	.6%	2.5%	3.5%	3.1%
55+	.0%	1.4%	.4%	.5%
No father in household, or father under 15	84.2%	50.4%	13.8%	26.1%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>				
Eighth grade or less	3.3%	11.0%	3.8%	4.5%
Some High School	3.9%	9.3%	6.9%	6.8%
High School Graduate	5.6%	19.8%	34.1%	29.2%
Some College	2.9%	5.1%	17.1%	14.1%
Four or more yrs college	.1%	4.8%	24.3%	19.4%
No father in household	84.2%	50.0%	13.8%	26.1%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>				
Employed full-time	4.0%	31.4%	77.3%	63.7%
Employed part-time	2.4%	6.8%	2.1%	2.6%
Unemployed	5.0%	5.6%	2.5%	3.2%
Keeping house	.5%	.4%	.3%	.3%
In school	.8%	2.2%	.4%	.7%
Unable to work	.2%	.9%	.5%	.5%
Retired, other	2.9%	1.8%	.6%	1.0%
No father in household, or father under 15	84.2%	50.8%	16.4%	28.1%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>				
Full-time, full year	2.7%	21.2%	71.6%	58.0%
Part-time, full year	.6%	2.3%	.8%	.9%
Full-time, part year	4.3%	15.6%	9.4%	9.4%
Part-time, part year	2.1%	3.6%	.8%	1.2%
No work, looked for work	2.9%	1.2%	.1%	.5%
Not in labor force	3.3%	5.3%	1.1%	1.8%
No father in household, or father under 15	84.2%	50.8%	16.4%	28.1%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 58. Presence of Other Household and Family Members in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>				
Parent(s) + relative(s)	7.0%	4.7%	5.9%	5.9%
Parent(s) only	89.6%	80.4%	92.9%	91.2%
No parent present	3.5%	15.0%	1.2%	2.9%
<u>Number of males 18 and over in household (excluding father)</u>				
None	80.0%	82.8%	89.5%	87.6%
1	15.4%	13.5%	8.7%	10.0%
2	2.8%	3.2%	1.4%	1.7%
3 or more	1.8%	.6%	.5%	.6%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>				
None	80.7%	79.6%	88.9%	86.9%
1	15.7%	17.4%	9.6%	11.1%
2	2.8%	3.1%	1.4%	1.8%
3 or more	.9%	.0%	.2%	.2%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>				
None	95.2%	96.6%	95.7%	95.7%
1	4.3%	2.3%	3.7%	3.6%
2	.0%	1.1%	.5%	.5%
3 or more	.5%	.0%	.1%	.2%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>				
None	94.3%	93.7%	96.0%	95.6%
1	5.3%	5.8%	3.6%	4.0%
2	.5%	.5%	.3%	.4%
3 or more	.0%	.0%	.1%	.0%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 59. Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 3-5</u>
Child covered by Medicaid	94.0%	16.5%	1.7%	14.3%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	8.1%	66.4%	19.5%	23.1%
Household received food stamps	83.6%	26.7%	2.3%	14.6%
At least one child in house- hold received free lunch	47.8%	32.5%	5.9%	13.8%
Household received energy assistance	43.0%	13.0%	1.2%	7.5%
Housing Tenure				
Owned	17.2%	33.4%	68.3%	58.5%
Private, rented	50.8%	55.3%	29.6%	34.9%
Public housing	32.0%	11.3%	2.1%	6.7%
No telephone in household	37.1%	25.2%	5.5%	11.4%
No telephone available to the household	30.5%	19.0%	4.2%	8.9%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 60. Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 3-5, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	Poor <u>Non-AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	Non-Poor <u>Families</u>	All Families with Children Aged 3-5
<u>Combination of</u>				
<u>Non-Cash Benefits</u>				
No benefits	.9%	46.6%	90.2%	74.9%
School lunch only	.7%	14.6%	4.5%	5.1%
Food stamps only	.9%	5.5%	1.1%	1.6%
School lunch & food stamps	2.3%	8.0%	.5%	1.5%
Subsidized housing	.0%	3.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.0%	1.4%	.5%	.6%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.2%	2.0%	.1%	.3%
Subsidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.0%	2.1%	.0%	.4%
Medicaid only	9.8%	5.6%	.9%	2.5%
Medicaid & school lunch	3.3%	1.5%	.2%	.7%
Medicaid & food stamps	23.0%	3.6%	.2%	3.3%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	27.0%	3.3%	.3%	3.8%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.7%	.2%	.0%	.1%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	1.0%	.2%	.0%	.1%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	16.7%	.7%	.1%	2.2%
All four benefits	12.5%	1.5%	.0%	1.7%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 61. Geographic Distribution of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 6-11</u>
Northeast	19.3%	12.6%	14.2%	19.6%	18.3%
Midwest	29.7%	19.0%	24.7%	26.0%	25.5%
South	31.3%	45.9%	38.1%	32.7%	34.6%
West	19.8%	22.5%	22.9%	21.7%	21.7%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>					
New England	4.6%	1.9%	3.0%	5.2%	4.5%
Mid-Atlantic	14.7%	10.7%	11.2%	14.4%	13.7%
East North Central	22.2%	12.5%	17.6%	17.2%	17.3%
West North Central	7.5%	6.5%	7.2%	8.9%	8.3%
South Atlantic	14.3%	15.2%	17.3%	15.9%	15.8%
East South Central	6.4%	9.5%	8.2%	5.6%	6.4%
West South Central	10.6%	21.3%	12.6%	11.2%	12.4%
Mountain	3.3%	7.2%	8.7%	6.1%	6.2%
Pacific	16.5%	15.3%	14.3%	15.5%	15.5%
<u>Area of Residence</u>					
Central city	43.1%	32.5%	26.3%	19.6%	24.5%
Balance of MSA	21.6%	24.7%	28.0%	42.1%	36.4%
Non-MSA	24.5%	27.3%	28.4%	22.4%	23.8%
Not identifiable	10.8%	15.4%	17.3%	15.9%	15.4%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 62. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 6-11</u>
<u>Age of youngest child</u>					
Under 1	8.9%	6.2%	7.0%	3.6%	4.9%
1-2	16.4%	12.8%	13.6%	9.6%	11.1%
3-5	24.1%	23.5%	23.1%	20.8%	21.7%
6-11	50.7%	57.6%	56.3%	66.0%	62.3%
<u>Age of focus child</u>					
6-8	57.1%	52.6%	51.1%	50.2%	51.3%
9-11	42.9%	47.5%	48.9%	49.9%	48.7%
<u>Number of siblings</u>					
None	11.1%	16.3%	10.1%	16.3%	15.1%
1	25.8%	24.9%	33.8%	47.4%	41.0%
2	31.8%	27.2%	31.2%	25.6%	27.0%
3	17.3%	18.0%	14.5%	8.0%	10.9%
4 or more	14.0%	13.6%	10.5%	2.8%	6.1%
<u>Number of other children in household besides subject child</u>					
None	9.2%	12.3%	9.2%	15.5%	13.8%
1	22.9%	24.8%	33.3%	47.3%	40.5%
2	31.0%	28.4%	31.7%	25.6%	27.1%
3	18.5%	19.3%	14.1%	8.4%	11.4%
4 or more	18.5%	15.2%	11.8%	3.3%	7.2%
<u>Ages of children</u>					
Under 5, 5-11	29.8%	25.2%	25.4%	22.5%	23.9%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	10.9%	11.0%	11.2%	4.5%	6.7%
All 5-11	34.3%	32.6%	34.3%	45.9%	41.9%
5-11, 12-17	25.1%	31.2%	29.1%	27.1%	27.5%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 62. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 6-11</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>					
White (non-Hispanic)	37.0%	47.9%	62.9%	80.5%	70.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	40.6%	24.9%	16.8%	9.1%	15.3%
Hispanic	17.0%	23.4%	17.2%	7.0%	11.0%
Other	5.5%	3.9%	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%
<u>Presence of parents in household¹</u>					
Both	22.1%	48.8%	69.9%	85.5%	72.4%
Mother only	71.4%	39.9%	24.0%	9.9%	21.9%
Father only	2.5%	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%
Neither	4.1%	8.4%	3.3%	1.8%	3.0%
<u>Education of More Educated Parent</u>					
Less than high school	17.8%	15.9%	7.7%	1.6%	5.6%
Some high school	30.9%	20.5%	13.8%	3.7%	9.6%
High school graduate	38.1%	41.7%	50.8%	35.2%	37.7%
Some college	11.2%	15.4%	18.2%	25.1%	21.8%
College graduate	2.0%	6.5%	9.5%	34.5%	25.3%
<u>Family Income</u>					
<\$ 5,000	32.0%	31.8%	--	--	7.4%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	42.7%	37.6%	3.4%	--	9.6%
\$10,000 - 14,999	11.7%	26.4%	34.6%	1.2%	8.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	7.4%	4.2%	56.3%	15.8%	17.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	3.2%	--	5.8%	25.2%	17.9%
\$35,000 - 49,999	1.5%	--	--	30.5%	20.7%
\$50,000+	1.4%	--	--	27.3%	18.5%
<u>Poverty Status²</u>					
Below poverty line	84.3%	100.0%	--	--	21.3%
100% to 199% poverty	11.2%	--	100.0%	15.7%	21.5%
200% poverty and above	4.4%	--	--	84.3%	57.2%

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1 Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

2 AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 63. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 6-11</u>
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)³</u>					
Under 15	6.4%	4.8%	2.6%	1.3%	2.4%
16-17	17.3%	12.2%	8.9%	4.1%	6.9%
18-19	24.4%	17.4%	18.5%	10.5%	13.6%
20-24	34.1%	38.2%	44.6%	41.1%	40.3%
25-29	11.4%	17.9%	17.5%	29.5%	25.1%
30+	6.4%	9.6%	7.9%	13.5%	11.8%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>					
Under 20	.3%	.1%	--	--	.1%
20-24	6.1%	5.8%	1.8%	1.5%	2.5%
25-34	67.7%	56.6%	60.6%	48.3%	52.6%
35-44	22.5%	31.0%	33.3%	45.8%	40.3%
45-54	3.3%	6.1%	3.5%	4.3%	4.3%
55+	.1%	.3%	.8%	.2%	.2%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	20.6%	20.0%	11.6%	3.0%	7.7%
Some high school	30.9%	21.9%	19.6%	6.3%	12.1%
High school graduate	38.0%	40.9%	49.3%	46.3%	45.0%
Some college	8.8%	13.5%	14.6%	22.9%	19.5%
Four or more yrs college	1.7%	3.7%	5.0%	21.5%	15.7%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>					
Married	23.6%	55.0%	74.4%	89.6%	76.8%
Separated	19.2%	16.7%	5.3%	2.0%	5.9%
Divorced	22.3%	14.5%	14.1%	6.1%	9.7%
Widowed	1.4%	3.5%	1.9%	.6%	1.2%
Never Married	33.5%	10.2%	4.3%	1.6%	6.5%

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1. Children with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These children constitute 7% of AFDC children and 6.3% of all children under 18.
2. "Near-Poor" is defined as from 100% to 150% of the poverty level.
3. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 63. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 6-11</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full time	11.0%	25.8%	38.8%	46.3%	39.3%
Employed part-time	9.6%	15.3%	16.0%	22.1%	19.3%
Unemployed	11.5%	9.2%	4.1%	2.3%	4.3%
Keeping house	56.6%	44.1%	36.8%	27.1%	33.3%
In school	5.3%	2.7%	1.3%	1.0%	1.7%
Unable to work	1.0%	.5%	.2%	.1%	.2%
Retired, other	5.1%	2.4%	2.7%	1.1%	1.9%
<u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	3.4%	14.0%	27.9%	37.8%	30.3%
Part-time, full year	1.9%	7.1%	6.1%	12.5%	10.1%
Full-time, part year	14.4%	18.6%	19.8%	10.9%	13.0%
Part-time, part year	11.6%	11.5%	12.8%	14.7%	13.8%
No work, looked for work	8.9%	4.5%	1.8%	.9%	2.3%
Not in labor force	59.8%	44.3%	31.7%	23.2%	30.5%
<u>Mother Disabled⁴</u>	5.0%	2.3%	1.5%	.3%	1.2%
<u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	5.3%	6.2%	4.1%	1.3%	2.6%

4. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 64. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Fathers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

Children in:

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 6-11</u>
<u>Father's Age</u>					
Under 20	.6%	.2%	--	--	.1%
20-24	1.1%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	.7%
25-34	11.1%	23.0%	30.6%	29.2%	26.5%
35-44	9.2%	19.1%	32.3%	47.8%	38.5%
45-54	2.0%	5.6%	6.4%	9.5%	7.9%
55+	.6%	3.0%	2.0%	1.1%	1.3%
No father in household	75.5%	48.4%	27.6%	11.8%	24.9%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	8.0%	14.0%	11.2%	3.0%	5.6%
Some High School	5.8%	11.8%	11.6%	6.2%	7.3%
High School Graduate	7.1%	17.0%	33.3%	33.6%	28.6%
Some College	3.4%	5.3%	10.1%	18.9%	14.7%
Four or more yrs college	.3%	3.7%	6.5%	26.6%	19.0%
No father in household	75.5%	48.3%	27.3%	11.7%	24.8%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	7.8%	30.5%	55.0%	80.8%	64.0%
Employed part-time	2.3%	5.7%	4.0%	2.1%	2.7%
Unemployed	4.1%	6.1%	4.7%	2.2%	3.1%
Keeping house	.7%	.7%	.2%	.2%	.3%
In school	3.1%	1.3%	.2%	.2%	.7%
Unable to work	.9%	1.3%	1.5%	.3%	.6%
Retired, other	5.3%	4.9%	3.0%	1.0%	2.2%
No father in household, or father under 15	75.8%	49.7%	31.5%	13.2%	26.5%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	5.3%	21.0%	44.1%	75.3%	57.9%
Part-time, full year	.9%	2.4%	1.8%	.7%	1.0%
Full-time, part year	4.4%	15.4%	16.6%	9.0%	10.0%
Part-time, part year	1.7%	3.9%	1.6%	.6%	1.2%
No work, looked for work	2.5%	.8%	.4%	.1%	.5%
Not in labor force	9.4%	6.8%	4.1%	1.1%	3.0%
No father in household	75.8%	49.7%	31.5%	13.2%	26.5%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 65. Presence of Other Household and Family Members for Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	Poor <u>Non-AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>All</u> <u>Children</u> <u>Aged 6-11</u>
<u>Presence of</u>					
<u>related adults</u> ¹					
Parent(s) + relative(s)	9.7%	10.9%	10.4%	9.7%	9.9%
Parent(s) only	85.4%	80.4%	86.3%	88.5%	87.0%
No parent present	4.9%	8.6%	3.3%	1.8%	3.1%
<u>Number of males 18 and over</u>					
<u>in household (excluding father)</u>					
None	83.4%	82.4%	84.8%	90.1%	87.9%
1	13.2%	15.1%	13.2%	8.2%	10.0%
2	2.8%	1.9%	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%
3 or more	.7%	.6%	.6%	.5%	.5%
<u>Number of females 18 and over</u>					
<u>in household (excluding mother)</u>					
None	81.3%	83.1%	86.8%	89.4%	87.5%
1	14.7%	13.5%	11.6%	8.9%	10.4%
2	3.7%	3.3%	.9%	1.5%	1.9%
3 or more	.3%	.1%	.7%	.2%	.3%
<u>Number of males over 18</u>					
<u>in family (excluding father)</u>					
None	92.5%	92.5%	92.4%	93.4%	93.1%
1	6.1%	6.4%	6.3%	5.6%	5.8%
2	1.2%	.6%	.9%	.7%	.8%
3 or more	.2%	.4%	.4%	.3%	.3%
<u>Number of females over 18</u>					
<u>in family (excluding mother)</u>					
None	90.8%	90.1%	90.8%	92.7%	92.0%
1	7.3%	7.8%	8.2%	6.3%	6.8%
2	2.0%	2.0%	.6%	.8%	1.1%
3 or more	--	.1%	.4%	.2%	.2%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 66. Distribution of Children by Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 6-11</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
Child covered by Medicaid	94.0%	15.7%	4.7%	.8%	13.7%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	9.5%	62.5%	40.6%	16.0%	23.0%
Household received food stamps	88.7%	35.2%	10.8%	.8%	15.9%
At least one child in household received free lunch	88.0%	66.9%	52.4%	8.0%	28.3%
Household received energy assistance	45.6%	18.6%	8.2%	.6%	8.6%
Housing Tenure					
Owned	18.7%	39.5%	48.7%	78.3%	64.1%
Private, rented	52.7%	48.3%	45.2%	20.5%	29.8%
Public housing	28.6%	12.2%	6.1%	1.2%	6.1%
No telephone in household	33.9%	21.3%	14.4%	2.9%	9.7%
No telephone available to the household	27.4%	17.8%	10.8%	2.1%	7.7%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 67. Distribution of Children by Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

Combination of <u>Non-Cash Benefits</u>	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 6-11</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
No benefits	.5%	27.4%	43.9%	90.9%	68.6%
School lunch only	.7%	29.1%	38.1%	6.6%	11.6%
Food stamps only	.3%	1.8%	1.5%	.2%	.5%
School lunch & food stamps	3.4%	18.4%	6.1%	.4%	3.4%
Subsidized housing	--	.6%	1.2%	.6%	.6%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.1%	2.1%	3.7%	.6%	1.0%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.1%	.4%	--	--	.1%
Subsidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.0%	4.6%	.9%	--	.7%
Medicaid only	4.1%	2.0%	.5%	.4%	1.0%
Medicaid & school lunch	5.1%	3.0%	1.9%	.2%	1.3%
Medicaid & food stamps	5.4%	.8%	.4%	--	.8%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	51.9%	5.3%	1.5%	.1%	6.9%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.2%	.1%	--	--	--
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	.7%	.5%	--	--	.2%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	1.5%	.1%	.1%	--	.2%
All four benefits	25.1%	3.9%	.3%	--	3.4%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 68. Proportion of AFDC Children in Various Eligibility, Exempt, and Priority Groups Defined by Provisions of the Family Support Act, Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.¹

<u>Eligibility Groups</u>	<u>Children in:</u>		
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>
Eligible for Learnfare	.2%	.1%	.0%
Newly eligible for JOBS	19.9%	17.4%	15.2%
Previously eligible for WIN	34.7%	34.6%	28.5%
Eligible at state option	6.1%	5.0%	4.9%
 <u>Exempt Groups</u>			
Learnfare exempt	.1%	.0%	.0%
Child underage	7.9%	6.2%	6.4%
Parent disabled	4.4%	2.0%	1.6%
Parent in school	4.3%	2.2%	1.2%
In optional age group and exempt	1.7%	1.3%	2.0%
 <u>Priority Groups</u>			
Parent employed	2.6%	5.1%	7.5%
Low education	5.9%	10.5%	5.0%
Soon off AFDC	9.6%	7.1%	5.2%
Low education, employed mother	16.9%	28.9%	39.4%

1. The provisions of the Family Support Act apply only to families receiving welfare. The poor and near-poor non-AFDC families have been included within the table for purposes of comparison and because these groups are at a risk of needing welfare assistance in the future.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 69. Geographic Distribution of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 6-11</u>
<u>Region</u>					
Northeast	20.2%	13.0%	14.7%	20.1%	18.9%
Midwest	31.4%	20.9%	23.4%	25.0%	25.1%
South	29.7%	45.6%	41.9%	34.4%	35.8%
West	18.7%	20.6%	20.1%	20.4%	20.2%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>					
New England	5.0%	2.3%	3.5%	5.4%	4.9%
Mid-Atlantic	15.1%	10.6%	11.2%	14.7%	14.0%
East North Central	22.0%	15.0%	17.1%	16.5%	16.9%
West North Central	9.5%	5.9%	6.3%	8.5%	8.1%
South Atlantic	14.2%	17.2%	19.8%	17.1%	17.1%
East South Central	6.3%	10.6%	8.6%	6.1%	6.8%
West South Central	9.3%	17.8%	13.5%	11.3%	12.0%
Mountain	3.2%	6.3%	6.7%	5.5%	5.5%
Pacific	15.5%	14.3%	13.4%	14.9%	14.8%
<u>Area of Residence</u>					
Central city	42.0%	31.6%	23.8%	19.9%	23.7%
Balance of MSA	21.8%	26.1%	28.1%	41.8%	37.0%
Non-MSA	23.6%	27.9%	29.4%	22.3%	23.7%
Not identifiable	12.6%	14.5%	18.7%	15.9%	15.7%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 70. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

	AFDC Families	Poor Non-AFDC Families	Near-Poor Families	Non-Poor Families	All Families with Children Aged 6-11
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>					
White (non-Hispanic)	40.6%	51.9%	63.8%	79.5%	71.4%
Black (non-Hispanic)	40.4%	24.9%	18.6%	10.2%	15.5%
Hispanic	13.9%	20.0%	14.6%	6.6%	9.5%
Other	5.0%	3.3%	3.0%	3.7%	3.7%
<u>Presence of parents in household¹</u>					
Both	19.7%	39.5%	61.1%	81.7%	69.3%
Mother only	74.0%	42.7%	30.1%	12.5%	23.3%
Father only	2.7%	3.4%	4.0%	3.5%	3.4%
Neither	3.7%	14.4%	4.8%	2.3%	4.0%
<u>Education of More Educated Parent</u>					
Less than high school	16.5%	13.5%	6.2%	1.6%	4.6%
Some high school	28.8%	19.7%	14.7%	3.9%	8.7%
High school graduate	39.8%	45.3%	52.7%	36.2%	38.8%
Some college	12.5%	15.0%	18.1%	25.3%	22.4%
College graduate	2.3%	6.5%	8.3%	33.1%	25.4%
<u>Family Income</u>					
<\$ 5,000	34.1%	39.5%	.0%	.0%	7.6%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	40.9%	38.9%	6.9%	.0%	8.8%
\$10,000 - 14,999	11.5%	19.0%	43.9%	2.0%	8.3%
\$15,000 - 24,999	5.4%	2.6%	46.3%	17.9%	17.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	4.2%	.0%	2.8%	24.7%	18.1%
\$35,000 - 49,999	1.7%	.0%	.0%	28.6%	20.5%
\$50,000+	2.3%	.0%	.0%	26.8%	19.2%
<u>Poverty Status²</u>					
Below poverty line	81.0%	100.0%	.0%	.0%	18.8%
100% to 199% poverty	12.5%	.0%	100.0%	14.4%	19.8%
200% poverty and above	6.5%	.0%	.0%	85.6%	61.4%

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1 Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

2 AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 70. Demographic Characteristics of AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 6-11</u>
<u>Age of youngest child</u>					
Under 1	4.8%	3.5%	4.8%	2.2%	2.8%
1-2	12.6%	8.3%	9.7%	7.1%	8.0%
3-5	19.2%	17.4%	19.6%	16.0%	16.8%
6-15	63.4%	70.7%	66.0%	74.8%	72.5%
<u>Number of children</u>					
1	27.5%	35.9%	23.8%	32.2%	31.4%
2	31.6%	27.9%	37.8%	46.6%	42.4%
3	24.9%	21.3%	25.2%	16.9%	18.9%
4	10.1%	9.3%	8.3%	3.4%	5.1%
5 or more	6.0%	5.7%	4.9%	.8%	2.2%
<u>Ages of children</u>					
Under 5, 5-11	24.0%	18.6%	20.6%	17.4%	18.5%
Under 5, 5-11, GE 12	6.0%	5.6%	7.0%	2.3%	3.4%
All 5-11	50.8%	52.5%	49.5%	59.6%	57.1%
5-11, GE 12	19.2%	23.4%	23.0%	20.6%	21.0%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 71. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Mothers in:</u>				<u>All Families with Children Aged 6-11</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)³</u>					
Under 15	5.7%	3.9%	1.8%	1.2%	2.0%
16-17	14.3%	8.9%	8.3%	3.9%	5.7%
18-19	20.9%	16.0%	17.5%	9.8%	12.1%
20-24	34.4%	36.7%	43.7%	38.1%	38.1%
25-29	13.6%	20.7%	17.7%	29.6%	26.1%
30+	11.1%	13.8%	10.9%	17.5%	16.0%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>					
Under 20	.0%	.0%	.1%	.0%	.0%
20-24	6.6%	6.7%	2.0%	1.8%	2.8%
25-34	65.6%	53.9%	60.9%	48.7%	51.9%
35-44	23.1%	31.4%	31.9%	44.2%	39.8%
45-54	4.7%	7.4%	4.2%	5.1%	5.2%
55+	.0%	.6%	.9%	.3%	.3%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	18.6%	16.5%	8.9%	2.8%	6.2%
Some high school	28.9%	21.4%	19.3%	7.0%	11.6%
High school graduate	40.6%	44.4%	53.2%	46.1%	46.0%
Some college	9.9%	13.5%	14.0%	23.1%	20.1%
Four or more yrs college	2.0%	4.3%	4.6%	21.0%	16.1%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>					
Married	21.0%	48.1%	67.0%	86.7%	74.9%
Separated	19.8%	16.3%	6.7%	2.3%	5.7%
Divorced	23.3%	17.8%	17.6%	7.8%	11.1%
Widowed	1.4%	4.6%	2.9%	.7%	1.3%
Never Married	34.5%	13.2%	5.8%	2.6%	7.0%

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1. Families with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These families constitute 7.5% of AFDC families and 8% of all families with children Aged 3-5.
2. "Near-Poor" is defined as from 100% to 150% of the poverty level.
3. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 71. Characteristics of Mothers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Mothers in:</u>				<u>All Families with Children Aged 6-11</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	12.5%	27.6%	40.7%	50.7%	43.9%
Employed part-time	10.1%	16.5%	16.4%	21.5%	19.5%
Unemployed	12.5%	9.1%	5.2%	2.4%	4.3%
Keeping house	52.2%	41.1%	33.4%	23.4%	28.8%
In school	5.8%	2.3%	1.5%	.9%	1.6%
Unable to work	1.3%	.6%	.4%	.1%	.3%
Retired, other	5.6%	2.9%	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
 <u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	3.5%	14.3%	30.8%	42.0%	34.6%
Part-time, full year	2.7%	7.1%	5.1%	12.1%	10.1%
Full-time, part year	14.0%	21.3%	19.6%	10.8%	12.8%
Part-time, part year	12.7%	12.5%	13.3%	13.7%	13.5%
No work, looked for work	8.8%	4.4%	2.0%	1.0%	2.2%
Not in labor force	58.4%	40.4%	29.3%	20.3%	26.8%
 <u>Mother Disabled⁴</u>	 6.7%	 2.8%	 1.6%	 .4%	 1.4%
 <u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	 6.2%	 6.2%	 4.0%	 1.6%	 2.8%

4. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 72. Characteristics of Fathers of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Fathers in:</u>				<u>All Families with Children Aged 6-11</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Father's Age</u>					
Under 20	.4%	.2%	.0%	.0%	.1%
20-24	.9%	.6%	1.4%	.7%	.7%
25-34	10.5%	19.9%	28.7%	28.7%	26.0%
35-44	7.9%	13.6%	26.3%	43.7%	35.5%
45-54	2.1%	5.4%	6.7%	10.4%	8.7%
55+	.5%	3.1%	2.0%	1.5%	1.6%
No father in household, or father under 15	77.7%	57.1%	34.9%	15.0%	27.3%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	6.3%	10.9%	9.4%	2.7%	4.5%
Some High School	5.5%	10.3%	11.8%	6.5%	7.2%
High School Graduate	6.0%	14.1%	29.1%	33.3%	28.2%
Some College	4.1%	4.5%	9.7%	17.8%	14.3%
Four or more yrs college	.4%	3.1%	5.1%	24.8%	18.4%
No father in household	77.6%	5.3%	34.9%	14.9%	27.3%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	7.7%	24.3%	47.8%	77.3%	62.3%
Employed part-time	1.9%	5.0%	4.1%	2.1%	2.6%
Unemployed	3.3%	5.3%	4.2%	2.3%	2.9%
Keeping house	.5%	.4%	.3%	.2%	.3%
In school	2.1%	.9%	.2%	.3%	.5%
Unable to work	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%	.4%	.6%
Retired, other	5.0%	4.3%	3.3%	1.2%	2.1%
No father in household, or father under 15	78.0%	58.5%	38.8%	16.3%	28.8%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	5.5%	16.0%	37.3%	71.5%	56.2%
Part-time, full year	.6%	2.4%	1.1%	.7%	.9%
Full-time, part year	4.1%	13.4%	16.1%	9.4%	9.9%
Part-time, part year	1.3%	3.5%	1.9%	.6%	1.1%
No work, looked for work	1.6%	.7%	.5%	.1%	.3%
Not in labor force	8.9%	5.5%	4.3%	1.4%	2.8%
No father in household, or father under 15	78.0%	58.5%	38.8%	16.3%	28.8%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 73. Presence of Other Household and Family Members in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 6-11</u>
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>					
Parent(s) + relative(s)	8.9%	9.7%	9.1%	11.0%	10.5%
Parent(s) only	87.0%	75.7%	86.2%	86.6%	85.4%
No parent present	4.0%	14.7%	4.8%	2.3%	4.1%
<u>Number of males 18 and over in household (excluding father)</u>					
None	84.5%	77.7%	82.8%	88.1%	86.2%
1	12.7%	20.2%	15.8%	9.9%	11.8%
2	2.7%	2.0%	.9%	1.3%	1.5%
3 or more	.0%	.2%	.5%	.7%	.5%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>					
None	83.1%	79.2%	85.8%	87.6%	86.1%
1	12.9%	16.4%	12.5%	10.2%	11.4%
2	3.9%	4.3%	.8%	1.9%	2.3%
3 or more	.0%	.1%	.9%	.3%	.3%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>					
None	94.3%	92.5%	92.7%	92.0%	92.4%
1	4.6%	7.1%	6.5%	6.7%	6.5%
2	1.1%	.4%	.4%	.8%	.8%
3 or more	.0%	.0%	.4%	.4%	.3%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>					
None	92.4%	89.9%	91.1%	91.6%	91.4%
1	5.7%	8.1%	8.0%	7.1%	7.2%
2	1.9%	2.0%	.3%	1.1%	1.2%
3 or more	.0%	.1%	.6%	.3%	.2%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 74. Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>Poor</u> <u>Non-AFDC</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor</u> <u>Families</u>	<u>All</u> <u>Families</u> <u>with</u> <u>Children</u> <u>Aged 6-11</u>
<u>Combination of</u> <u>Non-Cash Benefits</u>					
No benefits	.7%	33.0%	46.2%	90.8%	71.9%
School lunch only	.9%	28.2%	35.8%	6.6%	10.8%
Food stamps only	.0%	1.4%	1.1%	.3%	.4%
School lunch & food stamps	3.0%	16.2%	5.4%	.4%	2.8%
Subsidized housing	.0%	.4%	2.0%	.7%	.7%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.2%	2.0%	4.3%	.5%	1.0%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.0%	.3%	.0%	.0%	.0%
Subsidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	.6%	5.0%	.8%	.1%	.7%
Medicaid only	5.8%	2.3%	.3%	.3%	1.0%
Medicaid & school lunch	5.2%	2.4%	1.9%	.2%	1.1%
Medicaid & food stamps	7.8%	.7%	.6%	.0%	.9%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	45.9%	4.2%	.9%	.2%	5.1%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.1%	.2%	.0%	.0%	.1%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	.7%	1.1%	.0%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	2.0%	.0%	.2%	.0%	.2%
All four benefits	27.2%	2.8%	.5%	.0%	3.0%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 75. Proportion of AFDC Families in Various Eligibility, Exempt, and Priority Groups Defined by Provisions of the Family Support Act, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>
<u>Eligibility Groups</u>			
Eligible for Learnfare	--	--	--
Newly eligible for JOBS	15.7%	12.8%	12.6%
Previously eligible for WIN	41.9%	45.2%	34.2%
Eligible at state option	4.2%	3.6%	3.3%
<u>Exempt Groups</u>			
Learnfare exempt	.0%	.0%	.0%
Child underage	7.0%	3.3%	4.4%
Parent disabled	6.2%	2.8%	1.7%
Parent in school	5.2%	1.6%	1.4%
In optional age group and exempt	1.5%	1.0%	1.7%
<u>Priority Groups</u>			
Parent employed	2.5%	5.2%	8.5%
Low education	6.9%	16.9%	7.5%
Soon off AFDC	9.9%	8.8%	6.9%
Low education, employed mother	18.0%	28.3%	40.9%

1. The provisions of the Family Support Act apply only to families receiving welfare. The poor and near-poor non-AFDC families have been included within the table for purposes of comparison and because these groups are at a risk of needing welfare assistance in the future.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 76. Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Families with Children Aged 6-11, United States, March 1988.

	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Families with Children Aged 6-11</u>
Child covered by Medicaid	94.6%	13.6%	4.4%	.7%	11.6%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	8.1%	67.7%	46.4%	18.1%	24.9%
Household received food stamps	86.4%	30.7%	9.5%	.9%	13.2%
At least one child in household received free lunch	83.7%	61.9%	49.6%	8.0%	24.7%
Household received energy assistance	42.9%	16.7%	8.0%	.6%	7.1%
Housing Tenure					
Owned	19.3%	40.3%	46.9%	76.4%	64.4%
Private, rented	49.9%	48.0%	45.4%	22.3%	29.7%
Public housing	30.7%	11.7%	7.7%	1.3%	5.9%
No telephone in household	32.6%	20.1%	14.0%	3.3%	8.9%
No telephone available to the household	26.2%	17.3%	10.0%	2.5%	7.0%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 77. Geographic Distribution of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 12-17</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
Northeast	19.4%	12.8%	16.0%	20.6%	19.2%
Midwest	29.5%	16.4%	24.5%	25.6%	24.8%
South	32.2%	49.9%	39.1%	34.5%	36.4%
West	18.9%	21.0%	20.4%	19.3%	19.6%
<u>Detailed Census Region</u>					
New England	3.8%	2.3%	3.6%	5.4%	4.8%
Mid-Atlantic	15.6%	10.5%	12.4%	15.1%	14.4%
East North Central	23.4%	10.8%	16.7%	17.9%	17.4%
West North Central	6.1%	5.6%	7.8%	7.8%	7.4%
South Atlantic	16.1%	19.2%	18.6%	16.8%	17.2%
East South Central	6.9%	10.5%	9.3%	6.0%	6.9%
West South Central	9.2%	20.3%	11.3%	11.6%	12.4%
Mountain	3.1%	5.8%	7.5%	5.3%	5.4%
Pacific	15.8%	15.2%	12.9%	14.0%	14.2%
<u>Area of Residence</u>					
Central city	45.3%	31.4%	26.7%	20.2%	24.2%
Balance of MSA	19.8%	26.5%	25.5%	42.1%	37.0%
Non-MSA	25.3%	26.6%	31.5%	21.8%	23.4%
Not identifiable	9.6%	15.5%	16.4%	16.0%	15.4%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 78. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				All
	<u>AFDC</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Near-Poor</u>	<u>Non-Poor</u>	<u>Children</u>
	<u>Families</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Aged 12-17</u>
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>					
White (non-Hispanic)	32.9%	44.7%	61.1%	80.9%	71.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	42.8%	29.5%	19.0%	9.4%	15.3%
Hispanic	4.9%	4.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
Other	19.4%	21.4%	16.3%	6.1%	9.9%
<u>Presence of parents</u> <u>in household¹</u>					
Both	21.2%	41.2%	60.2%	81.0%	69.6%
Mother only	67.4%	37.0%	29.6%	12.5%	21.4%
Father only	2.0%	3.0%	3.3%	3.6%	3.4%
Neither	9.4%	18.9%	6.8%	2.9%	5.6%
<u>Education of More</u> <u>Educated Parent</u>					
Less than high school	23.6%	20.4%	12.2%	2.2%	6.6%
Some high school	29.5%	21.2%	17.2%	4.7%	9.4%
High school graduate	34.7%	39.4%	47.1%	37.1%	38.0%
Some college	10.1%	13.6%	15.6%	23.9%	21.0%
College graduate	2.1%	5.5%	7.9%	32.1%	25.0%
<u>Family Income</u>					
<\$ 5,000	27.3%	34.8%	.0%	.0%	6.3%
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	41.4%	36.9%	7.9%	.0%	8.4%
\$10,000 - 14,999	15.1%	24.5%	36.5%	1.5%	8.2%
\$15,000 - 24,999	9.4%	3.9%	49.5%	13.9%	15.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	3.2%	.0%	6.1%	20.7%	15.6%
\$35,000 - 49,999	2.4%	.0%	.0%	28.7%	20.7%
\$50,000+	1.2%	.0%	.0%	35.3%	25.3%
<u>Poverty Status²</u>					
Below poverty line	79.4%	100.0%	--	--	18.1%
100% to 199% poverty	16.7%	--	100.0%	13.0%	19.3%
200% poverty and above	3.9%	--	--	87.0%	62.6%

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¹ Excludes head (or wife) if under 18.

² AFDC status is based upon receipt at any point in the last year. Some families' economic situations may change dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons.

Table 78. Demographic Characteristics of Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 12-17</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Age of youngest child</u>					
Under 1	6.4%	3.1%	3.8%	1.3%	2.2%
1-2	7.6%	6.3%	6.0%	3.3%	4.2%
3-5	13.2%	11.9%	9.0%	6.5%	7.9%
6-15	64.9%	65.8%	69.1%	69.5%	68.6%
16+	7.9%	12.8%	12.1%	19.4%	17.1%
<u>Number of siblings</u>					
None	18.3%	26.7%	22.0%	34.7%	31.3%
1	29.6%	29.0%	31.5%	39.5%	36.8%
2	25.8%	21.2%	25.1%	18.0%	19.6%
3	14.2%	12.4%	12.5%	5.2%	7.4%
4 or more	12.3%	10.8%	8.9%	2.7%	5.0%
<u>Number of other children in household besides subject child</u>					
None	15.8%	21.7%	20.5%	33.8%	29.7%
1	25.5%	28.2%	30.7%	39.4%	36.2%
2	27.7%	24.4%	26.4%	18.2%	20.4%
3	15.3%	13.0%	12.0%	5.6%	7.9%
4 or more	15.6%	12.7%	10.4%	3.0%	5.8%
<u>Ages of children</u>					
Under 5, 5-11	3.1%	2.1%	1.4%	.3%	.9%
Under 5, 5-11, 12-17	14.1%	11.0%	11.3%	4.8%	6.8%
All 5-11	.1%	.1%	.0%	.0%	.0%
5-11, 12-17	38.4%	35.4%	38.7%	28.9%	31.3%
All 12 or older	44.3%	51.4%	48.5%	66.0%	61.0%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 79. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor² Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 12-17</u>
<u>Mother's Age at First Birth (Approximated)³</u>					
Under 15	7.7%	3.5%	2.4%	1.8%	2.5%
16-17	14.0%	11.1%	8.1%	3.4%	5.4%
18-19	18.1%	13.0%	12.9%	8.9%	10.4%
20-24	31.8%	35.2%	40.8%	36.6%	36.5%
25-29	16.2%	23.7%	18.8%	30.6%	27.7%
30+	12.1%	13.5%	17.0%	18.8%	17.6%
<u>Mother's Current Age</u>					
Under 20	.2%	.1%	.4%	.1%	.2%
20-24	.2%	.4%	.1%	.2%	.2%
25-34	35.9%	26.5%	24.7%	14.2%	18.1%
35-44	49.6%	57.0%	56.5%	64.8%	62.1%
45-54	11.8%	13.8%	15.7%	19.0%	17.6%
55+	2.3%	2.2%	2.6%	1.7%	1.9%
<u>Mother's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	25.8%	24.1%	15.8%	3.5%	8.4%
Some high school	30.6%	22.5%	22.6%	7.9%	12.5%
High school graduate	33.3%	40.0%	46.6%	48.3%	46.1%
Some college	8.6%	11.1%	10.1%	21.9%	18.8%
Four or more yrs college	1.7%	2.3%	4.9%	18.4%	14.3%
<u>Mother's Marital Status</u>					
Married	23.9%	52.7%	67.0%	86.7%	76.5%
Separated	20.5%	16.4%	7.3%	2.6%	5.8%
Divorced	27.1%	16.8%	16.2%	8.2%	11.3%
Widowed	3.6%	6.9%	5.7%	1.8%	2.7%
Never Married	24.9%	7.3%	3.8%	.9%	3.7%

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1. Children with no mother in the household are excluded from this table. These children constitute 7% of AFDC children and 6.3% of all children under 18.
2. "Near-Poor" is defined as from 100% to 150% of the poverty level.
3. Mother's age at first birth was estimated by subtracting the age of her oldest child in the household from her age.

Table 79. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Mothers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988 (continued).

	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 12-17</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
<u>Mother's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full time	13.7%	30.6%	44.4%	56.0%	49.0%
Employed part-time	8.7%	14.2%	12.8%	19.0%	17.2%
Unemployed	11.5%	8.6%	3.3%	2.1%	3.6%
Keeping house	52.6%	40.9%	34.6%	20.8%	26.6%
In school	5.3%	1.5%	1.7%	.6%	1.1%
Unable to work	2.3%	.8%	.6%	.1%	.4%
Retired, other	5.9%	3.5%	2.5%	1.4%	2.1%
<u>Mother's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	5.2%	17.9%	32.0%	47.1%	39.5%
Part-time, full year	3.2%	9.0%	7.3%	12.1%	10.7%
Full-time, part year	13.2%	15.0%	17.3%	10.7%	11.9%
Part-time, part year	11.3%	10.7%	9.4%	11.4%	11.1%
No work, looked for work	9.7%	3.8%	1.1%	.8%	1.8%
Not in labor force	57.5%	43.6%	32.9%	18.0%	25.0%
<u>Mother Disabled</u> ⁴	9.3%	3.9%	2.8%	.5%	1.8%
<u>Household member other than mother disabled</u>	9.7%	8.4%	6.6%	1.9%	3.7%

4. Disability is determined by the respondent saying that the main reason she did not work in the last year was because she was ill or disabled.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 80. Distribution of Children by Characteristics of Their Fathers, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 12-17</u>
<u>Father's Age</u>					
Under 20	.3%	.2%	.1%	.1%	.1%
20-24	.3%	.1%	.4%	.1%	.2%
25-34	4.7%	4.5%	8.2%	6.6%	6.3%
35-44	9.9%	23.1%	32.9%	48.0%	40.6%
45-54	6.1%	10.1%	15.5%	25.2%	21.1%
55+	1.9%	5.7%	5.9%	4.5%	4.5%
No father in household	76.8%	56.3%	37.1%	15.5%	27.3%
<u>Father's Education Level</u>					
Eighth grade or less	9.9%	15.8%	14.1%	4.6%	7.1%
Some High School	4.1%	8.3%	11.0%	6.8%	7.1%
High School Graduate	7.1%	11.9%	24.5%	31.1%	26.3%
Some College	1.7%	5.1%	9.5%	17.0%	13.7%
Four or more yrs college	.4%	3.1%	4.5%	25.1%	18.8%
No father in household	76.8%	55.8%	36.5%	15.4%	27.0%
<u>Father's Current Employment Status</u>					
Employed full-time	6.2%	24.1%	46.4%	76.4%	61.8%
Employed part-time	2.0%	4.3%	4.1%	2.1%	2.5%
Unemployed	5.3%	5.2%	4.6%	2.0%	2.9%
Keeping house	.7%	.4%	.3%	.1%	.2%
In school	1.4%	.3%	.1%	.2%	.3%
Unable to work	1.6%	3.3%	1.6%	.5%	1.0%
Retired, other	6.0%	5.7%	5.0%	1.8%	2.9%
No father in household, or father under 15	76.9%	56.8%	38.1%	17.0%	28.4%
<u>Father's Employment Last Year</u>					
Full-time, full year	4.4%	18.0%	37.2%	71.1%	56.4%
Part-time, full year	.9%	2.1%	1.5%	.9%	1.1%
Full-time, part year	5.4%	11.5%	13.7%	8.3%	8.8%
Part-time, part year	1.4%	2.8%	3.0%	.8%	1.3%
No work, looked for work	2.1%	1.1%	.5%	.1%	.4%
Not in labor force	9.0%	7.8%	6.0%	1.9%	3.5%
No father in household	76.9%	56.8%	38.1%	17.0%	28.4%

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 81. Presence of Other Household and Family Members for Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 12-17</u>
<u>Presence of related adults¹</u>					
Parent(s) + relative(s)	25.3%	18.6%	22.7%	28.4%	26.5%
Parent(s) only	64.9%	62.3%	70.1%	68.6%	67.7%
No parent present	9.8%	19.1%	7.2%	3.0%	5.8%
<u>Number of males 18 and over in household (excluding father)</u>					
None	75.4%	74.9%	76.1%	79.4%	78.3%
1	20.0%	20.2%	20.5%	16.8%	17.8%
2	3.8%	3.5%	2.7%	3.1%	3.2%
3 or more	.8%	1.4%	.8%	.6%	.8%
<u>Number of females 18 and over in household (excluding mother)</u>					
None	73.0%	76.0%	80.7%	79.8%	78.9%
1	22.8%	20.6%	16.7%	17.0%	17.9%
2	3.5%	2.9%	2.1%	2.7%	2.8%
3 or more	.7%	.5%	.5%	.5%	.5%
<u>Number of males over 18 in family (excluding father)</u>					
None	82.1%	83.9%	82.2%	81.7%	82.0%
1	15.4%	13.6%	14.9%	15.2%	15.0%
2	2.4%	2.0%	2.2%	2.7%	2.5%
3 or more	.1%	.6%	.7%	.5%	.5%
<u>Number of females over 18 in family (excluding mother)</u>					
None	79.8%	84.0%	85.2%	82.2%	82.5%
1	17.0%	14.2%	12.8%	15.2%	15.1%
2	2.6%	1.5%	1.5%	2.2%	2.1%
3 or more	.5%	.3%	.5%	.4%	.4%

¹ Head or spouse, if under 18, is included in the "No parent present" category.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 82. Distribution of Children by Receipt of Non-Cash Benefits, Health Insurance Coverage, and Access to Telephone, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988.

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 12-17</u>
Child covered by Medicaid	92.4%	17.5%	4.5%	.8%	10.9%
One or more family members not covered by health insurance	13.4%	62.3%	48.3%	16.2%	23.9%
Household received food stamps	84.9%	33.1%	10.5%	.6%	12.4%
At least one child in household received free lunch	84.0%	62.9%	48.9%	6.0%	22.8%
Household received energy assistance	41.4%	15.9%	7.3%	.7%	6.5%
Housing Tenure					
Owned	23.8%	46.0%	56.0%	82.2%	70.8%
Private, rented	49.3%	42.0%	38.5%	17.0%	24.4%
Public housing	26.9%	12.0%	5.5%	.8%	4.8%
No telephone in household	28.1%	20.8%	13.8%	2.2%	7.5%
No telephone available to the household	21.3%	16.9%	11.1%	1.6%	5.8%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 83. Distribution of Children by Combined Receipt of Four Types of Non-Cash Benefits, Children Living in AFDC Families, Poor Non-AFDC Families, Near-Poor Families, and Non-Poor Families, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988.

Combination of <u>Non-Cash Benefits</u>	<u>Children in:</u>				<u>All Children Aged 12-17</u>
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	
No benefits	2.3%	28.4%	46.6%	92.8%	73.8%
School lunch only	.9%	27.3%	35.7%	5.1%	9.9%
Food stamps only	.4%	2.5%	2.3%	.2%	.7%
School lunch & food stamps	2.6%	16.3%	5.9%	.3%	2.8%
Subsidized housing	.0%	1.1%	1.4%	.5%	.6%
Subsidized housing & school lunch	.0%	2.3%	3.3%	.2%	.7%
Subsidized housing & food stamps	.2%	.3%	.1%	.0%	.1%
Subsidized housing/school lunch/food stamps	1.2%	4.3%	.4%	.0%	.6%
Medicaid only	3.9%	2.9%	.2%	.4%	1.0%
Medicaid & school lunch	6.7%	3.7%	2.0%	.2%	1.3%
Medicaid & food stamps	7.2%	1.0%	.4%	.1%	.8%
Medicaid/school lunch/ food stamps	49.1%	5.8%	1.5%	.1%	5.1%
Medicaid & subsidized housing	.2%	.7%	.1%	.0%	.1%
Medicaid/school lunch/ subsidized housing	1.1%	.4%	.3%	.0%	.2%
Medicaid/food stamps/ subsidized housing	1.8%	.2%	.1%	.0%	.2%
All four benefits	22.4%	2.9%	.0%	.0%	2.3%

Note: Families are defined as AFDC families if they received AFDC at any time during 1987, even if only for one month. Some families' economic situations may have changed dramatically during the year because of marriage, employment, or other reasons. The questions about Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamps refer to coverage or receipt at any time during 1987. Energy assistance is assistance received between October 1, 1987 and the March 1988 interview. Housing tenure is tenure at the time of the March 1988 interview.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 84. Proportion of AFDC Children in Various Eligibility, Exempt, and Priority Groups Defined by Provisions of the Family Support Act, Children Aged 12-17, United States, March 1988.¹

	<u>Children in:</u>				
	<u>AFDC Families</u>	<u>Poor Non-AFDC Families</u>	<u>Near-Poor Families</u>	<u>Non-Poor Families</u>	<u>All Children Aged 12-17</u>
<u>Eligibility Groups</u>					
Eligible for Learnfare	.2%	.0%	.0%	.1%	.1%
Newly eligible for JOBS	9.5%	8.6%	6.0%	3.6%	4.9%
Previously eligible for WIN	45.1%	48.0%	39.6%	39.1%	40.6%
Eligible at state option	2.2%	1.9%	2.2%	1.0%	1.3%
<u>Exempt Groups</u>					
Learnfare exempt	.0%	.1%	.3%	.0%	.1%
Child underage	3.8%	2.4%	2.4%	1.4%	1.8%
Parent disabled	9.0%	4.4%	2.9%	.6%	2.0%
Parent in school	4.6%	1.1%	1.5%	.5%	1.0%
In optional age group and exempt	.8%	1.0%	1.0%	.8%	.9%
<u>Priority Groups</u>					
Parent employed	3.5%	4.5%	7.3%	11.9%	10.0%
Low education	5.9%	16.8%	7.4%	5.9%	7.3%
Soon off AFDC	5.7%	2.2%	2.2%	1.5%	2.0%
Low education, employed mother	17.7%	29.2%	42.2%	40.4%	37.3%

1. The provisions of the Family Support Act apply only to families receiving welfare. The poor and near-poor non-AFDC families have been included within the table for purposes of comparison and because these groups are at a risk of needing welfare assistance in the future.

Source: Child Trends, Inc., analysis of data from the March 1988 Supplement to the Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.