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No. 616. Child Support—Award and Reciprocity Status of Custodial Parent: 1991

[In thousands except as noted. Custodial parents 15 years and older with own children under 21 years of age present from absent parents as of spring 1992. Covers civilian noninstitutional population. Based on Current Population Survey, see text, section 1, and Appendix III. For definition of mean, see Guide to Tabular Presentation.]

AWARD AND RECIPIENCY STATUS	ALL CUSTODIAL PARENTS				CUSTODIAL PARENTS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL			
	Total		Mothers	Fathers	Total		Mothers	Fathers
	Number	Percent distribution			Number	Percent distribution		
Total	11,502	100	9,918	1,584	3,720	100	3,513	207
Payments awarded	6 190	54	5,542	648	1 438	39	1,368	71
Supposed to receive payments in 1991	5,326	46	4,883	443	1,257	34	1,200	57
Not supposed to receive payments	864	8	659	205	181	5	168	14
Payments not awarded	5,312	46	4,376	936	2,282	61	2,145	136
Supposed to receive payments	5,326	100	4,883	443	1,257	100	1,200	57
Actually received payments in 1991:	4,006	75	3,728	278	859	68	845	14
Received full amount	2,742	51	2,552	189	499	40	497	2
Received partial amount	1,265	24	1,176	89	360	29	348	12
Did not receive payments	1,320	25	1,156	164	398	32	355	43
MEAN INCOME AND CHILD SUPPORT								
Received child support payments in 1991:								
Mean total money income (dol.)	19 217	(X)	18 144	33 579	5 734	(X)	5 687	(B)
Mean child support received (dol.)	2 961	(X)	3 011	2 292	1 910	(X)	1 922	(B)
Received no payments in 1991:								
Mean total money income (dol.)	15 919	(X)	14 602	25 184	5 399	(X)	5 525	(B)
Without child support agreement or award								
Mean total money income (dol.)	13 283	(X)	10 226	27 578	4 979	(X)	4 942	5 560

B Base too small to meet statistical standards for reliability X Not applicable
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, P60-187

No. 617. Child Support—Selected Characteristics of Custodial Parents: 1991

[See headnote, table 616. For definition of mean, see Guide to Tabular Presentation.]

RECIPIENCY STATUS OF PARENT	Unit	Total	AGE			RACE			CURRENT MARITAL STATUS			
			18 to 29 years	30 to 39 years	40 years and over	White	Black	Hispanic ²	Divorced	Married ³	Never married	Separated
ALL CUSTODIAL PARENTS												
All parents, total	1,000	11,502	3,197	5,058	3,154	8,319	2,886	1,160	3,599	3,428	2,685	1,705
Payments agreed to or awarded	1,000	6,190	1,321	2,997	1,862	5,035	1,009	410	2,477	2,208	712	755
Percent of total	Percent	54	41	59	59	61	35	35	69	64	27	44
Supposed to receive child support in 1991	1,000	5,326	1,175	2,647	1,499	4,357	834	356	2,190	1,909	600	597
Percent received payment	Percent	75	70	75	79	77	69	65	76	75	74	74
Mean child support	Dollars	2,961	1,790	3,052	3,625	3,131	2,079	2,165	3,544	2,799	1,537	2,707
Percent of total income	Percent	15	16	16	14	16	15	15	15	15	14	19
Parents with incomes below the poverty level in 1991												
Payments agreed to or awarded	1,000	3,720	1,529	1,555	575	2,134	1,478	591	935	410	1,487	874
Percent of total	Percent	39	36	43	39	45	30	26	55	54	24	38
Supposed to receive child support in 1991	1,000	1,257	486	577	191	858	364	138	472	194	313	274
Percent received payment	Percent	68	69	69	65	66	74	61	67	68	73	67
Mean child support	Dollars	1,910	1,390	2,042	2,919	1,839	2,106	2,580	2,453	1,492	1,500	1,786
Percent of total income	Percent	33	26	32	62	33	34	51	36	37	26	36
ALL CUSTODIAL MOTHERS												
All mothers, total	1,000	9,918	3,022	4,379	2,429	6,966	2,698	1,043	3,052	2,707	2,565	1,514
Payments agreed to or awarded	1,000	5,542	1,269	2,691	1,571	4,459	958	368	2,221	1,888	693	702
Percent of total	Percent	56	42	61	65	64	36	35	73	70	27	46
Supposed to receive child support in 1991	1,000	4,883	1,132	2,446	1,299	3,976	791	324	2,027	1,679	583	563
Percent received payment	Percent	76	71	76	82	78	70	68	77	76	74	74
Mean child support	Dollars	3,011	1,816	3,127	3,719	3,193	2,102	2,200	3,623	2,831	1,534	2,753
Percent of total income	Percent	17	17	17	16	17	15	16	15	18	14	20
Mothers with incomes below the poverty level in 1991												
Payments agreed to or awarded	1,000	3,513	1,472	1,455	528	1,979	1,433	563	877	338	1,449	836
Percent of total	Percent	39	36	43	39	45	30	25	55	55	25	39
Supposed to receive child support in 1991	1,000	1,200	474	539	184	804	361	126	448	169	311	268
Percent received payment	Percent	70	70	72	67	68	74	67	69	73	72	68
Mean child support	Dollars	1,922	1,399	2,058	2,939	1,869	2,083	2,580	2,474	1,477	1,515	1,786
Percent of total income	Percent	34	26	33	62	34	33	51	36	40	26	36

¹ Includes other items, not shown separately. ² Hispanic persons may be of any race. ³ Remarried parents whose previous marriage ended in divorce and persons in first marriage.
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, P60-187

No. 618. Child Support Enforcement Program—Caseload and Collections: 1980 to 1993

[For years ending Sept. 30. Includes Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. The Child Support Enforcement program locates absent parents, establishes paternity of children born out-of-wedlock, and establishes and enforces support orders. By law, these services are available to all families that need them. The program is operated at the State and local government level but 68 percent of administrative costs are paid by the Federal government. Child support collected for families not receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) goes to the family to help it remain self-sufficient. Most of the child support collected on behalf of AFDC families goes to Federal and State governments to offset AFDC payments. Based on data reported by State agencies. Minus sign (-) indicates net outlay.]

ITEM	Unit	1980	1985	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Total cases	1,000	5,432	8,401	11,078	11,876	12,796	13,423	15,159	17,110
AFDC and AFDC arrears only caseload	1,000	(NA)	(NA)	7,501	7,610	7,953	8,034	8,705	9,619
AFDC cases	1,000	4,583	6,242	5,703	5,709	5,872	6,166	6,753	7,472
AFDC arrears only cases ¹	1,000	(NA)	(NA)	1,798	1,901	2,082	1,868	1,952	2,147
Non-AFDC cases	1,000	849	2,159	3,577	4,266	4,843	5,389	6,454	7,491
Cases for which a collection was made:									
AFDC cases	1,000	503	684	621	658	701	755	831	874
AFDC arrears only cases ¹	1,000	(NA)	(NA)	181	202	224	278	255	290
Non-AFDC cases	1,000	243	654	1,083	1,247	1,363	1,555	1,749	1,956
Percentage of cases with collections									
AFDC cases	Percent	11.0	11.0	10.9	11.5	11.9	12.2	12.3	11.7
AFDC arrears only cases ¹	Percent	(NA)	(NA)	10.1	10.6	10.8	14.9	13.1	13.5
Non-AFDC cases	Percent	28.7	30.3	30.3	29.2	28.1	28.9	27.1	26.1
Absent parents located, total	1,000	643	878	1,388	1,628	2,062	2,577	3,706	4,484
Paternities established, total	1,000	144	232	307	339	393	472	516	554
Support obligations established, total ²	1,000	374	669	870	938	1,022	821	893	1,045
FINANCES									
Collections, total	Mil. dol.	1,478	2,694	4,605	5,241	6,010	6,886	7,965	8,908
AFDC collections	Mil. dol.	603	1,090	1,486	1,593	1,750	1,984	2,259	2,416
State share	Mil. dol.	274	415	525	563	620	700	787	847
Incentive payments to States	Mil. dol.	72	145	222	266	264	278	299	339
Federal share	Mil. dol.	246	341	449	458	533	626	738	777
Payments to AFDC families ³	Mil. dol.	10	189	289	307	334	381	435	453
Non-AFDC collections	Mil. dol.	874	1,604	3,119	3,648	4,260	4,902	5,706	6,492
Administrative expenditures, total	Mil. dol.	466	814	1,171	1,363	1,606	1,804	1,995	2,241
State share	Mil. dol.	117	243	366	426	545	593	652	724
Federal share	Mil. dol.	349	571	804	938	1,061	1,212	1,343	1,517
Program savings, total	Mil. dol.	127	86	26	-77	-190	-201	-171	-278
State share	Mil. dol.	230	317	381	403	338	385	434	462
Federal share	Mil. dol.	-103	-231	-355	-480	-528	-586	-605	-740
Total fees and costs recovered for non-AFDC cases	Mil. dol.	5	3	7	7	22	34	29	31
Percentage of AFDC payments recovered	Percent	5.2	7.3	9.8	10.0	10.3	10.7	11.4	12.0

NA Not available. ¹ Reflects cases that are no longer receiving AFDC but still have outstanding child support due.

² Through 1990 covers new support orders and modifications. Beginning 1991 covers only new support orders. Beginning 1985, States were required to pass along to the family the first \$50 of any current child support collected each month.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement. *Annual Report to Congress*.

No. 619. Percent of Adult Population Doing Volunteer Work: 1993

[Covers persons 18 years and over. Volunteers are persons who worked in some way to help others for no monetary pay during the previous year. See headnote, table 620.]

AGE, SEX, RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN	Percent of population volunteering	Average hours volunteered per week	EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND HOUSEHOLD INCOME	Percent of population volunteering	Average hours volunteered per week	TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Percent of volunteers involved in activity
Total	47.7	4.2	Elementary school	31.8	(B)	Arts, culture, humanities	4.4
18-24 years old	45.3	4.0	Some high school	29.9	(B)	Education	15.7
25-34 years old	46.1	3.1	High school graduate	40.4	3.6	Environment	6.2
35-44 years old	54.5	4.8	Technical, trade, or business school	49.2	5.0	Health	10.8
45-54 years old	53.8	5.2	Some college	56.9	4.3	Human services	9.8
55-64 years old	46.6	4.1	College graduate	67.2	5.0	Informal	17.2
65-74 years old	42.9	4.8				International, foreign	1.3
75 years old and over	36.4	(B)	Under \$10,000	34.0	(B)	Political organizations	3.7
Male	43.9	4.3	\$10,000-\$19,999	37.0	3.7	Private, community foundations	2.2
Female	51.2	4.2	\$20,000-\$29,999	52.5	4.2		
			\$30,000-\$39,999	56.3	4.9		
			\$40,000-\$49,999	55.1	3.6	Public and societal benefit	5.4
White	51.1	4.2	\$50,000-\$59,999	56.9	4.1	Recreation - adults	5.4
Black	29.1	3.7	\$60,000-\$74,999	66.6	6.1	Religion	24.1
			\$75,000-\$99,999	58.1	(B)	Work-related organizations	6.9
Hispanic ¹	32.4	(B)	\$100,000 or more	67.5	(B)	Youth development	11.7

B Base figure too small to meet statistical standards for reliability. ¹ Hispanic persons may be of any race.

Source: Hodgkinson, Virginia, Murray Weitzman, and the Gallup Organization, Inc. *Giving and Volunteering in the United States: 1994 Edition* (Copyright and published by INDEPENDENT SECTOR, Washington, DC, 1994).