Table 3. **Persons 65 Years Old And Over With Disabilities, by Sex and Type of Disability: 1991-92**

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Both sexes		Males		Females	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
PERSONS 65 YEARS OLD AND OVER						
Total	30,688	100.0	12,831	100.0	17,857	100.0
With a disability	16,541	53.9	6,536	50.9	10,005	56.0
Severe	10,417	34.0	3,731	29.1	6,686	37.4
Not severe	6,124	20.0	2,805	21.9	3,319	18.6
With a functional limitation	15,215	49.6	5,873	45.8	9,342	52.3
Severe	8,620	28.1	2,897	22.6	5,724	32.1
Seeing words and letters	4,884	15.9	1,811	14.1	3,073	17.2
Unable	1,011	3.3	380	3.0	631	3.5
Hearing normal conversation	5,406	14.5	2,817	22.0	2,589	14.5
Unable	561	1.8	286	2.2	274	1.5
Having speech understood	767	2.5	416	3.2	351	2.0
Unable	76	0.3	35	0.3	40	0.2
Lifting and carrying 10 lbs	8,378	27.3	2,463	19.2	5,916	33.1
Unable	4,613	15.0	1,288	10.0	3,325	18.6
Climbing stairs without resting	9,400	30.6	3,237	25.2	6,163	34.5
Unable	5,522	18.0	1,868	14.6	3,653	20.5
Walking 3 city blocks	9,381	30.6	3,245	25.3	6,136	34.4
Unable	5,729	18.7	1,905	14.9	3,824	21.4
Number of functional limitations:						
1	4,637	15.1	2,125	16.6	2,512	14.1
2	3,113	10.1	1,242	9.7	1,871	10.5
3 or more	7,464	24.3	2,506	19.5	4,959	27.8
Number of severe functional limitations:						
1	3,337	10.9	1,196	9.3	2,142	12.0
2	2,363	7.7	814	6.3	1,550	8.7
3 or more	2,925	9.5	891	6.9	2,034	11.4
With an ADL limitation	4,478	14.6	1,481	11.5	2,997	16.8
Needs personal assistance	2,372	7.7	785	6.1	1,587	8.9
Getting around inside the home	2,357	7.7	782	6.1	1,575	8.8
Needs personal assistance	1,130	3.7	425	3.3	706	4.0
Getting in or out of bed or a chair	2,905	9.5	949	7.4	1,956	11.0
Needs personal assistance	1,151	3.8	384	3.0	766	4.3
Taking a bath or shower	2,909	9.5	904	7.1	2,005	11.2
Needs personal assistance	1,818	5.9	608	4.7	1,210	6.8
Dressing	1,907	6.2	658	5.1	1,249	7.0
Needs personal assistance	1,278	4.2	478	3.7	800	4.5
Eating	646	2.1	245	1.9	401	2.3
Needs personal assistance	337	1.1	151	1.2	186	1.0
Using the toilet, including getting to the toilet	1,358	4.4	441	3.4	916	5.1
Needs personal assistance	768	2.5	293	2.3	475	2.7
Number of ADL limitations:						
1	1,750	5.7	631	4.9	1,118	6.3
2	706	2.3	191	1.5	515	2.9
3 or more	2,022	6.6	659	5.1	1,363	7.6
Number of ADL's for which personal assistance needed:						
1	905	3.0	271	2.1	634	3.6
2	408	1.3	104	0.8	305	1.7
3 or more	1059	3.5	411	3.2	648	3.6

Table 3. **Persons 65 Years Old And Over With Disabilities, by Sex and Type of Disability: 1991-92**—Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Both sexes		Males		Females	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
With an IADL limitation	6,614	21.6	2,374	18.5	4,240	23.7
Needs personal assistance	5,120	16.7	1,637	12.8	3,484	19.5
Going outside the home, for example to shop or visit a doctor's office	4,924	16.0	1,517	11.8	3,407	19.1
Needs personal assistance	4,018	13.1	1,172	9.1	2,846	15.9
Keeping track of money and bills	2,303	7.5	806	6.3	1,497	8.4
Needs personal assistance	2,041	6.7	732	5.7	1,309	7.3
Preparing meals	2,850	9.3	1,004	7.8	1,846	10.3
Needs personal assistance	2,364	7.7	870	6.8	1,494	8.4
Doing light housework, such as washing dishes or sweeping a floor	3,747	12.2	1,192	9.3	2,555	14.3
Needs personal assistance	943	7.4	943	7.4	2,039	11.4
Using the telephone	1,990	6.5	1,053	8.2	937	5.3
Unable to use	560	1.8	280	2.2	280	1.6
Number of IADL limitations:						
1	2,488	8.1	1,008	7.9	1,480	8.3
2	1,324	4.3	434	3.4	890	5.0
3 or more	2,802	9.1	932	7.3	1,870	10.5
Number of IADL's for which personal assistance needed:						
1	1,883	6.1	593	4.6	1,290	7.2
2	1,139	3.7	319	2.5	820	4.6
3 or more	2,099	6.8	725	5.7	1,374	7.7
Uses a wheelchair	965	3.1	311	2.4	653	3.7
Does not use a wheelchair but has used a cane, crutches, or a walker for 6 months or longer	2,847	9.3	980	7.6	1,867	10.5
Needs personal assistance with an ADL or IADL	5,336	17.4	1,718	13.4	3,617	20.3
With a mental or emotional disability	1,133	3.7	372	2.9	760	4.3
Mental retardation	73	0.2	26	0.2	48	0.3
With a housework disability	8,447	27.5	3,156	24.6	5,292	29.6
Unable to do housework	2,355	7.7	987	7.7	1,368	7.7