Table 6. **Distribution of Persons 15 Years Old and Over Who Needed Assistance by Sex, by Selected Characteristics: 1986**

Characteristic	Total	Needed assistance with— One or more activities	Personal care	Getting around outside	Preparing meals	Doing housework	Keeping track of bills and/or money	Did not need assistance
MALES, 15 YEARS AND OVER								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Age								
Under 65 years	87.2	51.0	51.0	46.9	52.3	53.5	49.4	88.2
65 years and over	12.8	49.0	49.0	53.1	47.6	46.5	50.7	11.8
65 to 69 years	4.9	11.8	11.4	12.8	11.7	11.2	11.0	4.6
70 to 74 years	3.6	11.0	9.1	10.4	11.1	9.3	10.4	3.4
75 years and over	4.4	26.2	28.5	30.0	24.8	26.0	29.3	3.7
Marital Status								
Married, spouse present	58.8	53.9	60.7	60.5	49.5	44.0	47.6	59.0
Married, spouse absent, widowed, divorced, separated	11.0	26.9	22.6	23.0	29.6	36.1	27.6	10.6
Never married	30.2	19.3	16.8	16.4	20.8	19.9	24.8	30.5
Living Arrangement								
Family member	83.8	77.3	86.3	82.3	78.0	67.8	80.3	84.0
Not a family member	16.2	22.7	13.7	17.7	22.0	32.2	19.7	16.0
Lives alone	10.0	17.0	8.1	11.7	16.6	24.2	12.7	9.8
Monthly Household Income								
Under $600	6.4	14.4	11.1	11.3	15.3	17.5	10.4	6.2
$600 to $1,199	12.0	29.2	28.4	29.2	27.2	29.9	34.3	11.5
$1,200 to $1,999	20.0	24.3	25.1	25.5	23.2	20.3	21.4	19.9
$2,000 to $2,999	22.3	16.1	17.1	16.5	17.2	14.6	17.8	22.5
$3,000 and over	39.3	16.0	18.2	17.6	17.1	17.7	16.2	40.0
Number of Hospital Visits Last 12 Months								
None	92.0	53.4	47.1	48.1	49.6	51.8	54.0	93.1
1	5.9	23.5	26.0	26.4	25.2	24.0	22.0	5.3
2 or more	2.2	23.0	26.9	25.5	25.2	24.3	24.0	1.6
Number of Days in Hospital Last 12 Months								
None	92.0	53.4	47.1	48.1	49.6	51.8	54.0	93.1
1 to 3	2.7	4.5	4.2	4.7	4.1	5.4	3.7	2.6
4 to 7	2.3	12.2	10.4	12.4	12.7	11.8	10.1	2.0
8 or more	3.0	29.9	38.2	34.7	33.7	31.2	32.4	2.2
FEMALES, 15 YEARS AND OVER								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Age								
Under 65 years	83.3	44.1	37.9	36.7	46.1	45.7	25.8	85.7
65 years and over	16.7	55.9	62.0	63.3	53.9	54.3	74.2	14.3
65 to 69 years	5.5	10.4	7.3	9.5	9.3	10.6	7.9	5.2
70 to 74 years	4.3	9.3	11.3	9.9	9.2	9.6	9.5	4.0
75 years and over	7.0	36.2	43.5	43.9	35.4	34.1	56.7	5.2
Marital Status								
Married, spouse present	53.9	36.5	32.1	30.9	41.4	41.0	19.9	55.0
Married, spouse absent, widowed, divorced, separated	23.2	52.8	53.9	59.0	48.1	49.7	64.1	21.3
Never married	22.9	10.7	14.0	10.2	10.6	9.3	16.0	23.7

Table 6. **Distribution of Persons 15 Years Old and Over Who Needed Assistance by Sex, by Selected Characteristics: 1986**—Continued

Characteristic	Total	Needed assistance with—						Did not need assistance
		One or more activities	Personal care	Getting around outside	Preparing meals	Doing housework	Keeping track of bills and/or money	
Living Arrangement								
Family member	82.8	64.2	68.6	61.9	73.4	68.1	58.7	83.9
Not a family member	17.2	35.8	31.4	38.1	26.6	31.9	41.3	16.1
Lives alone	13.4	32.4	27.1	34.3	22.4	28.6	36.1	12.2
Monthly Household Income								
Under $600	10.9	27.4	27.1	28.7	23.8	25.1	31.1	9.8
$600 to $1,199	14.9	23.2	21.2	23.7	20.7	23.1	25.9	14.3
$1,200 to $1,999	20.3	19.6	20.3	19.2	21.8	20.1	17.4	20.3
$2,000 to $2,999	20.5	14.1	14.2	12.8	15.6	15.3	13.5	20.9
$3,000 and over	33.5	15.7	17.2	15.5	18.1	16.4	12.1	34.6
Number of Hospital Visits Last 12 Months								
None	87.6	59.4	52.2	55.9	55.6	56.6	60.5	89.4
1	9.7	23.0	22.4	24.7	23.2	23.4	20.4	8.9
2 or more	2.7	17.6	25.3	19.4	21.2	20.0	19.2	1.7
Number of Days in Hospital Last 12 Months								
None	87.6	59.4	52.2	55.9	55.6	56.6	60.5	89.4
1 to 3	4.9	5.9	4.9	5.8	5.6	6.0	4.7	4.8
4 to 7	3.9	9.1	10.3	9.5	10.6	10.0	8.4	3.6
8 or more	3.5	25.6	32.5	28.8	28.2	27.4	26.4	2.2