Table 7. **Weekly Child Care Expenditures and Monthly Family Income**

Part A. Fall 1986

(Numbers in thousands. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Number of women	No payments made	Payments made		Weekly child care expenses[1]		Monthly family income[2]		Income spent on child care per month[3]	
			Number	Percent	Mean	Standard error	Mean	Standard error	Percent	Standard error
Total	18,305	12,563	5,742	31.4	$44.3	$1.4	$3,025	$114.0	6.3	0.3
Race and Hispanic origin:										
White	15,097	10,298	4,799	31.8	44.9	1.6	3,100	127.3	6.3	0.3
Black	2,650	1,916	734	27.7	36.1	2.6	2,110	168.4	7.4	0.6
Hispanic	1,603	1,008	595	37.1	39.6	3.2	2,418	198.0	7.1	0.6
Not Hispanic	16,702	11,554	5,148	30.8	44.8	1.5	3,095	124.6	6.3	0.3
Marital status:										
Married, spouse present	13,818	9,405	4,414	31.9	46.1	1.7	3,433	135.2	5.8	0.3
All other marital statuses[4]	4,487	3,158	1,329	29.6	38.1	2.1	1,671	129.3	9.9	0.8
Age of youngest child:										
Less than 1 year	1,368	598	770	56.3	49.7	4.0	3,157	460.0	6.8	1.0
1 and 2 years	3,501	1,348	2,153	61.5	51.3	2.7	3,051	153.6	7.3	0.4
3 and 4 years	2,508	1,046	1,462	58.3	43.6	2.3	2,891	169.0	6.5	0.4
5 years old and over	10,928	9,571	1,357	12.4	30.7	2.1	3,054	269.1	4.4	0.4
Number of children:										
One child	9,505	6,807	2,698	28.4	39.9	1.7	3,020	171.7	5.7	0.3
Two or more children	8,800	5,755	3,044	34.6	48.1	2.2	3,030	152.1	6.9	0.4
Number of children less than 5 years old:										
One child	5,884	2,399	3,486	59.2	45.4	1.8	2,996	121.5	6.6	0.3
Two or more children	1,493	593	900	60.3	60.1	4.3	3,095	378.9	8.4	1.1
Employment status:										
Part time	6,279	4,788	1,491	23.7	37.0	2.5	2,917	285.0	5.5	0.6
Full time	12,026	7,774	4,251	35.3	46.8	1.7	3,063	117.2	6.6	0.3
Occupation:[5]										
Managerial-professional	4,084	2,509	1,575	38.6	55.0	3.5	4,275	317.4	5.6	0.4
Technical, sales, and administrative support	7,906	5,443	2,463	31.2	43.4	2.0	2,813	117.9	6.7	0.3
Service workers	3,753	2,910	843	22.5	33.9	2.5	1,961	164.3	7.5	0.7
Farming, forestry, and fishing	222	172	50	22.5	38.2	9.9	3,541	1460.9	4.7	2.0
Precision production, craft, and repair	409	273	136	33.3	40.7	4.7	2,866	543.9	6.2	1.2
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	1,897	1,241	656	34.6	36.0	3.1	2,194	162.3	7.1	0.6
Monthly family income:										
Less than $1,250	2,990	2,202	788	26.4	32.6	2.2	846	38.5	16.7	0.9
$1,250 to $2,499	5,998	4,135	1,864	31.1	37.7	1.9	1,876	30.2	8.7	0.2
$2,500 to $3,749	4,927	3,335	1,593	32.3	43.8	2.4	3,059	32.0	6.2	0.2
$3,750 and over	4,389	2,891	1,498	34.1	59.1	3.7	5,564	304.6	4.6	0.3
Poverty level:										
Below poverty level	1,627	1,308	319	19.6	28.9	3.2	607	59.4	20.6	2.3
Near poverty level[6]	780	566	214	27.4	36.7	4.5	988	57.6	16.1	1.3
Not poor[7]	15,899	10,689	5,210	32.8	45.5	1.5	3,257	119.5	6.1	0.2
Region of residence:										
Northeast	3,275	2,416	859	26.2	52.5	5.5	3,512	441.3	6.5	0.9
Midwest	4,709	3,147	1,562	33.2	43.4	2.4	2,919	158.6	6.4	0.4
South	6,605	4,667	1,938	29.3	39.3	1.8	2,797	192.9	6.1	0.4
West	3,716	2,333	1,383	37.2	46.9	2.9	3,162	205.6	6.4	0.5
Educational attainment:										
Less than high school	2,613	2,004	609	23.3	32.2	2.6	1,929	187.2	7.2	0.8
High school	8,268	5,806	2,462	29.8	40.3	1.7	2,580	157.7	6.8	0.4
College, 1 or more years	7,425	4,723	2,672	36.0	50.7	2.5	3,685	180.7	6.0	0.3

[1]Mean expenditures for women making child care payments.
[2]Average monthly income for 4 months preceding survey date. Refers only to women making child care payments.
[3]Mean weekly child care expenses prorated to a monthly average.
[4]Includes married, husband absent (including separated), widowed, divorced, and never-married women.
[5]Excludes women in the Armed Forces.
[6]100 up to 125 percent of poverty level.
[7]125 percent and over of poverty level.

Table 7. **Weekly Child Care Expenditures and Monthly Family Income**—Continued
Part B. Fall 1987

(Numbers in thousands. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Characteristic	Number of women	No payments made	Payments made		Weekly child care expenses[1]		Monthly family income[2]		Income spent on child care per month[3]	
			Number	Percent	Mean	Standard error	Mean	Standard error	Percent	Standard error
Total	18,501	12,333	6,168	33.3	$48.5	$1.8	$3,165	$145.9	6.6	0.3
Race and Hispanic origin:										
White	15,402	10,296	5,106	33.2	51.1	2.1	3,288	170.4	6.7	0.4
Black	2,517	1,673	844	33.5	34.6	2.6	2,256	190.3	6.6	0.6
Hispanic	1,557	966	590	37.9	42.0	3.5	2,581	258.4	7.1	0.8
Not Hispanic	16,944	11,366	5,578	32.9	49.1	1.9	3,226	158.7	6.6	0.3
Marital status:										
Married, spouse present	13,973	9,315	4,658	33.3	50.4	2.2	3,487	107.4	6.3	0.2
All other marital statuses[4]	4,528	3,018	1,510	33.3	42.4	3.0	2,171	483.8	8.5	1.9
Age of youngest child:										
Less than 1 year	1,500	713	788	52.5	58.1	5.6	3,227	402.3	7.8	1.0
1 and 2 years	3,532	1,450	2,082	58.9	53.8	3.4	3,076	144.4	7.6	0.4
3 and 4 years	2,882	1,228	1,654	57.4	50.9	2.8	3,051	169.4	7.2	0.4
5 years old and over	10,587	8,493	1,644	15.5	34.6	3.2	3,362	447.4	4.5	0.6
Number of children:										
One child	9,528	6,564	2,965	31.1	43.8	2.3	3,235	268.6	5.9	0.5
Two or more children	8,973	5,769	3,204	35.7	52.8	2.7	3,100	131.2	7.4	0.4
Number of children less than 5 years old:										
One child	6,373	2,717	3,656	57.4	49.4	1.9	3,093	124.0	6.9	0.3
Two or more children	1,541	673	836	54.3	70.9	7.0	3,092	291.0	9.9	1.0
Employment status:										
Part time	6,103	4,607	1,497	24.5	41.4	3.5	2,939	214.6	6.1	0.5
Full time	12,398	7,726	4,671	37.7	50.7	2.1	3,237	179.9	6.8	0.4
Occupation:[5]										
Managerial-professional	4,574	2,795	1,779	38.9	54.6	3.3	3,846	202.7	6.2	0.4
Technical, sales, and administrative support	7,732	5,044	2,688	34.8	48.4	2.7	3,056	129.7	6.9	0.3
Service workers	3,619	2,718	902	24.9	39.4	5.1	2,708	794.8	6.3	1.9
Farming, forestry, and fishing	284	230	53	18.7	43.3	12.8	2,287	589.8	8.2	2.4
Precision production, craft, and repair	390	254	136	34.9	58.3	14.2	2,815	534.1	9.0	2.0
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	1,867	1,292	575	30.8	39.9	3.1	2,454	249.9	7.0	0.8
Monthly family income:										
Less than $1,250	2,661	1,923	739	27.8	39.2	3.4	821	42.4	20.7	1.4
$1,250 to $2,499	5,941	4,023	1,918	32.3	40.0	2.0	1,894	31.7	9.2	0.3
$2,500 to $3,749	5,073	3,295	1,777	35.0	47.0	3.0	3,078	32.5	6.6	0.2
$3,750 and over	4,826	3,092	1,735	36.0	63.3	4.6	5,655	427.3	4.9	0.4
Poverty level:										
Below poverty level	1,434	1,088	346	24.1	35.2	4.3	610	63.2	25.0	3.0
Near poverty level[6]	811	583	228	28.1	38.6	5.5	1,025	65.4	16.3	1.5
Not poor[7]	16,256	10,661	5,595	34.4	49.7	1.9	3,409	155.6	6.3	0.3
Region of residence:										
Northeast	3,308	2,412	896	27.1	57.2	6.9	3,510	275.5	7.1	0.7
Midwest	5,029	3,227	1,801	35.8	46.3	2.6	3,029	200.5	6.6	0.5
South	6,383	4,402	1,981	31.0	42.9	2.5	2,821	138.4	6.6	0.4
West	3,781	2,292	1,490	39.4	53.2	4.0	3,578	492.2	6.4	0.9
Educational attainment:										
Less than high school	2,522	1,864	657	26.1	35.5	2.9	2,082	182.6	7.4	0.7
High school	8,089	5,721	2,368	29.3	45.7	2.5	2,905	320.7	6.8	0.8
College, 1 or more years	7,890	4,747	3,143	39.8	53.2	2.8	3,587	142.1	6.4	0.3

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