

## Appendix B. Definitions

The unit of analysis for all tabulations is the individual. In some cases individuals are classified in terms of their own characteristics; in other cases the person is categorized in terms of household or reference-person characteristics.

**Stub Items.** All stub items were constructed from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**ALL.** This represents all persons in the SIPP universe during the 1984 calendar year. There are 40,445 sample cases, representing about 231.8 million people.

**1984 Calendar Year Household Income Quantile.** Monthly household incomes were summed for each person in our 1984 calendar year universe. For those in the sample for less than 12 months (generally people who were born, died, or entered or left institutions during the year), we created annual incomes by inflating the observed sum up to a 12-month figure. Our quantile thresholds are:

1st Income Decile	Less than \$8,100
2nd Income Decile	\$ 8,100 - \$12,949
2nd Income Quintile	\$12,950 - \$21,449
3rd Income Quintile	\$21,450 - \$30,249
4th Income Quintile	\$30,250 - \$42,799
5th Income Quintile	\$42,800 or More

**Household Income-to-Poverty Ratio.** Monthly household incomes were summed for each person in the 1984 calendar-year universe. Monthly poverty thresholds were then assigned to each individual based on the composition of the household they lived in for each month in 1984. These monthly household thresholds were summed to arrive at an annual threshold for each person. For those in the sample for less than 12 months we made no adjustment to either the income or the threshold. Individuals were then classified according to the ratio of their household income to this threshold. Since we base our thresholds on household composition our procedures differ from the official poverty line. The official poverty line is based on family composition.

**Average 1984 Household Size.** The average of the observed monthly household sizes was computed for each person in the 1984 calendar year SIPP universe. People with average household sizes less than 0.5 were assigned a MISSING data code, and the remaining sizes were rounded to the nearest integer.

**Household Type.** Household composition as of January 1984. If individuals are either living alone or with people they are not related to they are classified as unrelated individuals. All others are members of families according to standard Census Bureau definitions. (The SIPP universe excludes persons living in institutions.) Unrelated individuals are classified according to whether they are living alone or in a household with other persons. Family members are classified according to whether the family head is married or single. Family members are also classified according to whether there are children who are related to the family head living in the household.

**Household Disability Status.** If a person lives in a household at any time during 1984 with one or more disabled people, they are classified as living with a disabled person. People are considered disabled if they report themselves as being such. They are also considered disabled if they claim that a health condition limits the kind or amount of work they can do.

**Age of Householder.** The age of the household reference person as of January 1984. Note that people age during the course of the year and that household composition may change. The reference person that an individual lives with in January is not necessarily the reference person that individual lives with for most of the year.

**Sex of Householder.** The sex of the household reference person as of January 1984. Note that while people don't generally change their sex during the course of the year, household composition may change. The reference person that an individual lives with in January is not necessarily the reference person that individual lives with for most of the year.

**Years Of School Completed by Household Reference Person.** The number of years of school completed by the household reference person as of January 1984. People do sometimes go back to school, so the level of schooling completed in January may not be the level of schooling completed at the end of the year. However, changes in level over time probably introduce little error since we use fairly broad categories. Household composition can also change. The reference person that an individual lives with in January is not necessarily the reference person that individual lives with for most of the year.

**Region of Residence.** The region in which the individual lived as of January 1984.

**MSA Status.** If the individual lived in a metropolitan area as of January 1984, they were classified as living in an MSA.

**Age of Person.** The age of the individual as of January 1984.

**Sex of Person.** The sex of the individual.

**Race of Person.** The race of the individual.

**Ethnicity of Person.** People of Hispanic origin are identified.

**Years of School Completed by Person.** The number of years of school completed by the individual as of January 1984. Only individuals age 18 years or older are included.

### **Table 1. Income and Poverty by Level and Stability: 1984**

**Level and Stability.** Income and poverty measures were constructed from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File. Liquid assets were computed from the Wave 4 Topical Module internal file. This table uses calendar year weights.

**Number of Persons.** The number of people in the 1984 calendar year SIPP universe for the group in question.

**Total 1984 Household Income.** The average of each person's 1984 calendar year household income.

**Annual Household Income Per Capita.** The average of the ratio of each person's total 1984 household income divided by average 1984 household size. This is the mean of the ratio.

**Mean Household Income-to-Poverty Ratio.** Monthly household incomes were summed for each person in the 1984 calendar year universe. Monthly poverty thresholds were then assigned to each individual based on the composition of the household they lived in for each month in 1984. These monthly household thresholds were summed to arrive at an annual threshold for each person. For those in the sample for less than 12 months we made no adjustments to either sum. This is the mean of the ratio of each person's household income divided by their poverty threshold. Since we base our thresholds on household composition our procedures differ from the official poverty line. The official poverty line is based on family composition.

**Percent With Any Household Income Change.** The percent of persons whose monthly household income dropped by more than  $(Y_t/Y_{t-1} < 2/3)$  or jumped by more than 50 percent  $(Y_t/Y_{t-1} > 3/2)$  in any two adjacent months in 1984. The subscript, t, ranges from 1 to 12 and refers to the month of 1984.

**Percent With Any Jump in Household Income.** The percent of persons whose monthly household income jumped by more than 50 percent  $(Y_t/Y_{t-1} > 3/2)$  in any two adjacent months in 1984. The subscript, t, ranges from 1 to 12 and refers to the month of 1984.

**Percent With Any Drop in Household Income.** The percent of persons whose monthly household income dropped by more than 1/3  $(Y_t/Y_{t-1} < 2/3)$  in any two adjacent months in 1984. The subscript t, ranges from one to 12 and refers to the month of 1984.

**Percent In Poverty 1 or More Months in 1984.** The percent of persons whose monthly household income-to-poverty ratio dipped below 1.0 at least once in 1984.

**Number of Months in Poverty in 1984.** The average number of months in 1984 that people spent with monthly household income-to-poverty ratios below 1.0. Computed only for people who spent 1 or more months with monthly household income-to-poverty ratios below 1.0.

**Percent with Unfilled Poverty Gaps for 1 or More Months in 1984.** The percent of people whose monthly household income and liquid assets were below the poverty line for 1 or more months in 1984. Liquid assets were computed from data collected in the Wave 4 Topical Module as total assets less the value of equity in owned homes, businesses, and vehicles. The measure was constructed by establishing an "asset account" for each person based on their household report at the time of their Wave 4 interview. Each time in their monthly household income dropped below the poverty line in 1984 this account was debited an amount sufficient to just bring them up to the poverty line. When there were not sufficient funds remaining in their asset account, we counted that as a month with an unfilled poverty gap. Note that assets were measured as of the last day of the Wave 4 reference period. This comes towards the end of 1984 and so the funds which people reported may not have been available during 1984 when they experienced a month with an income below the poverty line.

**Number of Months in 1984 with Unfilled Poverty Gaps.** The average number of months in 1984 that people spent with monthly household incomes and liquid assets below the poverty line. Computed only for people who spent 1 or more months in 1984 with unfilled poverty gaps.

### **Table 2. Assets and Liabilities by Household Income Quantiles and Income-to-Poverty Ratios: 1984**

Measures of assets and liabilities were constructed from the 1984 Wave 4 Topical Module internal file. The data are from an internal file and have not been top-coded. This table uses calendar year weights.

**Mean Net Worth.** Mean household net worth. Total assets less total debt for all household members as of the last day of the Wave 4 reference period. The 1984 SIPP Wave 4 interviews were conducted between September and December 1984. The data refer to August through November 1984.

**Mean Household Assets.** Mean household assets as of the last day of the Wave 4 reference period.

**Mean Debt.** Mean household debt as of the last day of the Wave 4 reference period.

**Home Equity.** Mean equity in own home as of the last day of the Wave 4 reference period.

**Mean Liquid Assets.** Mean value of liquid assets as of the last day of the Wave 4 reference period. Liquid assets are defined as total household assets less the sum of business equity, home equity, and vehicle equity.

**Any Liquid Assets.** The percent of people living in households with any liquid assets as of the last day of the Wave 4 reference period.

### Table 3. Summary Measures of Program Participation: 1984

**Summary Measures.** Measures of program participation were constructed from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File. This table uses calendar year weights.

**Participating in Any Program in 1984.** Percent of people covered by any of the following cash or noncash programs at any time during the 1984 calendar year:

- Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- Food Stamps
- Foster Child Care Payments
- General Assistance
- Rent Subsidies
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Other Welfare
- Public Housing
- Rail Road Retirement Benefits
- Social Security
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans Payments
- Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

**Receiving Any Cash Transfer in 1984.** Percent of people covered by any of the following cash transfer programs at any time during the 1984 calendar year:

- AFDC
- Foster Child Care Payments
- General Assistance
- Other Welfare

- Rail Road Retirement Benefits
- Social Security
- SSI
- Veterans Payments

**Receiving Any Noncash Transfer in 1984.** Percent of people covered by any of the following noncash transfer programs at any time during the 1984 calendar year:

- Food Stamps
- Rent Subsidies
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Public Housing
- WIC

**Any Means Test Programs in 1984.** Percent of people participating in any of the following means-tested programs at any time during the 1984 calendar year:

- AFDC
- Food Stamps
- General Assistance
- Rent Subsidies
- Medicaid
- Other Welfare
- Public Housing
- SSI
- Veterans Payments
- WIC

### Table 4. Program Participation: 1984

**Detailed Measures.** Measures of program participation were constructed from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File. This table uses calendar-year weights.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving AFDC.** Percent of people receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving Food Stamps.** Percent of people receiving food stamps at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving WIC.** Percent of people participating in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving Assistance for Foster Child.** Percent of people receiving Foster Child Care payments at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving General Assistance.** Percent of people receiving General Assistance at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving Rent Subsidies.** Percent of people receiving rent subsidies at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving Public Housing.** Percent of people living in public housing at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving Medicaid.** Percent of people receiving Medicaid at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving Medicare.** Percent of people receiving Medicare at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving Other Welfare.** Percent of people receiving other welfare at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving Railroad Retirement.** Percent of people receiving railroad retirement benefits at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving Social Security.** Percent of people receiving Social Security benefits at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving SSI.** Percent of people receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

**Any Months in 1984 Receiving VA Payments.** Percent of people receiving Veterans Administration benefits at any time during the 1984 calendar year.

### **Table 5. Household Composition, Living Arrangements, Dependency, and Child Care**

With only two exceptions, measures of household composition and living arrangements were constructed from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File. Our indicator of whether a person lived in a household which supported anyone outside the household was taken from the 1984 Wave 5 topical module. Our indicators of child care arrangements were also taken from the Wave 5 topical module. Because Wave 5 of the 1984 SIPP was collected between January and April, 1985, we use the full panel weights for these tabulations. The number of unweighted cases for these tabulations is 32,391.

**Mean Household Size in 1984.** The average of the observed monthly household sizes was computed for each person in the SIPP full panel universe.

**Household Size Changed During 1984.** The percent of people who lived in a household which changed size during the 1984 calendar year.

**Single-Parent Household.** The percent of people living in a household in January, 1984 composed of a single reference person and related children. A reference person was considered single if no spouse was present in the household.

**Mean Number of Children Under 18 Years.** For each month in 1984 we counted the number of household members under age 18. We then assigned the average of the observed monthly values to each person in the sample. The tabulation reports the mean of that value.

**Mean Number of Adults Age 65 and Over.** For each month in 1984 we counted the number of household members age 65 or older. We then assigned the average of the observed monthly values to each person in the sample. The tabulation reports the mean of that value.

**Proportion of Household Members Under 18 Years.** For each person we computed the ratio of the average number of children in the household during 1984 (under age 18) to the average household size during 1984. Tabulations report the mean of that value.

**Proportion of Household Members Over 65 Years and Over.** For each person we computed the ratio of the average number of household members age 65 and over during 1984 to the average household size during 1984. Tabulations report the mean of that value.

**Provided Support for Person Outside House.** The percent of persons who lived in a household at any time during 1984 that supported one or more people outside of that household.

**Household Paid For Child Care.** The percent of people who lived in a household at any time during 1984 which paid for the care of a child under 15 years of age during the month preceding the Wave 5 interview. This includes the cost of pre-school and nursery school, but excludes the cost of kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

**Weekly Cost of Child Care.** The average weekly cost of child care. In the Wave 5 interview, parents and guardians were asked for their usual weekly cost of child care. This includes the cost of pre-school and nursery school, but excludes the cost of kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school. For each month in 1984 we summed costs reported by each household member. We then assigned that cost to each person who was a member of that household in that month. For each person we then averaged the figures for those months when they lived with someone who reported paying for child care in the month preceding their Wave 5 interview. The tables report the average of these figures. Note that the unit of analysis here is the person, not the household.

## Table 6. Education and Employment Characteristics of Persons

These measures were constructed from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File, the Wave 3 Topical Module from the 1984 Panel, and the Wave 6 Topical Module from the 1984 Panel. Because Wave 6 of the 1984 SIPP was collected in 1985, we use the full panel weights for these tabulations. The number of unweighted cases for these tabulations is 32,391.

**Years of School Completed.** The mean number of years of school completed by persons before the end of the 1984 calendar year. Data are from the Longitudinal Research File.

**Person Has High School Diploma.** The percent of people, age 16 or over, who have completed at least 4 years of high school or who have a high school diploma. Based on data from the Wave 3 topical module.

**Person Has College Degree.** The percent of people, age 16 or over, who had at least a Bachelor's degree. Based on data from the Wave 3 topical module.

**Years at Current/Most Recent Job.** For those people who are age 16 and over, the mean number of years worked at current (if employed at the time of their interview) or most recent job. If a person has never worked for 2 or more weeks, they are assigned a value of zero. Data are from the Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Years Worked 6 or More Months.** The mean number of years people age 21 or over have worked at least 6 months during the year. Data are from the Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Number of Work Interruptions 6 or More Months.** The mean number of periods lasting 6 or more months when people age 21 or over did not work at a paid job. Data are from the Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Mean full-time earners in household.** The average number of full-time equivalent (FTE) workers in the household during the 1984 calendar. For each person we found the number of FTE workers in the household they were living in for each month they were in the survey. We then computed the average of those monthly amounts to arrive at the number of FTE earners in that person's household for 1984. The figure in the table is the average of those figures. Data are taken from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Unemployed at any time in 1984.** The percent of people who were unemployed for 1 or more weeks during 1984. Data are taken from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Weeks unemployed in 1984.** If a person does not report being employed at any time during a month and reports looking for work during the month, the person is counted as unemployed for the entire month. The number of weeks in each unemployed month are summed for an annual figure. Data are taken from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Employed Full-Time, Year-Round.** The percent of people employed full time, year round in 1984. Data are taken from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Any Employer-Provided Health Insure 1984.** The percent of people covered by employer-provided health insurance at any time during 1984. Data are taken from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Any Employer-Provided Life Insurance** The percent of people who reported having a life insurance policy provided by an employer during 1984. People were asked about up to three jobs they held during 1984. We identified those who reported having life insurance from any of these employers during 1984. Data are taken from the Wave 6 Topical Module.

**Any Use of Company Vehicle.** The percent of people who reported having the use of a company vehicle during 1984. People were asked about up to three jobs they held during 1984. We identified those who reported having the use of a company car or truck that was licensed for highway use from any of these employers during 1984. Data are taken from the Wave 6 Topical Module.

**Any Meals Received as Part of Employment.** The percent of people who reported regularly receiving meals as a part of their job during 1984. People were asked about up to three jobs they held during 1984. We identified those who reported regularly receiving meals as a part of any of these jobs during 1984. Data are taken from the Wave 6 Topical Module.

**Use of Expense Account.** The percent of people who reported having the use of a company expense account during 1984. People were asked about up to three jobs they held during 1984. We identified those who reported having an expense account on any of these jobs during 1984.

## Table 7. Education and Employment Characteristics of Reference Persons

These measures were constructed from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File, the Wave 3 Topical Module from the 1984 Panel, and the Wave 6 Topical Module from the 1984 Panel. Because Wave 6 of the 1984 SIPP was collected in 1985, we use the full panel weights for these tabulations. The number of unweighted cases for these tabulations is 32,391.

All of these measures are based on the attributes of the reference person an individual was living with in January 1984. Household composition can change during the course of the year. The reference person that an individual lives with in January is not necessarily the reference person that individual lives with for most of the year.

**Years of School Completed.** The mean number of years of school completed by reference persons before the end of the 1984 calendar year. Note that the reference person may have completed additional education between January 1984 and the end of the calendar year. Data are from the Longitudinal Research File.

**Percent High School Graduate.** The percent of people living with a reference person who had completed at least 4 years of high school or who had a high school diploma at the time of the Wave 3 interview. Note that the reference person may have completed additional education between January 1984 and the time of the Wave 3 interview. Based on data from the Wave 3 topical module.

**Percent College Graduate.** The percent of people living with a reference person who had at least a Bachelor's degree at the time of the Wave 3 interview. Note that the reference person may have completed additional education between January 1984 and the time of the Wave 3 interview. Based on data from the Wave 3 topical module.

**Years at Current Job.** The mean number of years worked at current (if employed at the time of their interview) or most recent job by the reference person each person lived with in January 1984. If a reference person had never worked for 2 or more weeks, they were assigned a value of zero. Note that the reference person may have changed jobs or completed additional years at the same job between January 1984 and the end of the calendar year. Data are from the Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Years Worked 6 or More Months.** The mean number of years worked at least 6 months during the year by the reference person each person lived with in January 1984. Data are from the Wave 3 Topical Module. Note that household composition may change during the course of the year. The reference person that an individual lived with in January was not necessarily the reference person that the individual lived with for most of the year. Additionally, reference persons may have completed an additional year of working for 6 or more months between January 1984 and the time of the Wave 3 interview. Data are from the Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Number of Work Interruptions 6 or more Months.** The mean number of periods lasting 6 or more months when reference persons people lived with in January 1984 did not work at a paid job. Data are from the Wave 3 Topical

Module. Note that reference persons may have had additional work interruptions between January 1984 and the time of the Wave 3 interview. Data are from the Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Unemployed in 1984.** The percent of people who lived with a reference person in January 1984 who was unemployed for 1 or more weeks in 1984. Data are taken from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Weeks Unemployed in 1984.** The average number of weeks unemployed in 1984 by the reference person each person was living with in January 1984. Data are taken from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Employed Full-Time, Year-Round.** The percent of people living with reference persons in January 1984 who were employed full-time, year-round in 1984. Data are taken from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

### Table 8. Household Fringe Benefits

These measures were constructed from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File, and the Wave 6 Topical Module from the 1984 Panel. Because Wave 6 of the 1984 SIPP was collected in 1985 we use the full panel weights for these tabulations. The number of unweighted cases for these tabulations is 32,391. All of these measures are based on the attributes of members (age 18 or over) of any household the individual was a member of during 1984.

**Household Has Employment-Tied Health Insurance.** The percent of people living in a household where someone received employer-provided health insurance at any time during 1984. Data are taken from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Household Has Employment-Tied Life Insurance.** The percent of people living in a household where someone reported having a life insurance policy provided by an employer during 1984. Data are taken from the Wave 6 Topical Module.

**Household Has Employment-Tied Vehicle.** The percent of people living in a household where someone reported the use of a company vehicle during 1984. Data are taken from the Wave 6 Topical Module.

**Household Has Employer-Tied Meals.** The percent of people living in a household where someone regularly received meals as a part of their job. Data are taken from the Wave 6 Topical Module.

**Household Has Use of Expense Account.** The percent of people living in a household where someone reported having the use of a company expense account during 1984. Data are taken from the Wave 6 Topical Module.

**Table 9. Health Status, Disability Status, and Health Care Utilization.**

Measures of health insurance coverage were constructed from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File. Measures of health status, disability status, and health care utilization were constructed from the Wave 3 Topical Module of the 1984 Panel. This table uses the calendar year weights.

**Months in 1984 Without Health Insurance.** The average number of months in 1984 spent without participating in any private or public medical insurance program. For those in the sample for less than 12 months (generally people who were born, died, or entered or left institutions during the year), we inflated the observed sum up to a 12-month figure. Data are from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**1 or More Months With Private Health Insurance.** The percent of people who participated in a private medical insurance program for 1 or more months in 1984. Data are from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**1 or More Months With Public Health Insurance.** The percent of people who participated in a public medical insurance program (either Medicare or Medicaid) for 1 or more months in 1984. Data are from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Persons Age 18 and Over.** The percent of persons 18 years of age and over as of January 1984. Data are from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Respondent Reports Poor Health.** The percent of those 18 years of age and over in January 1984 who reported being in poor health as of their Wave 3 interview. Data are from the 1984 Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Any Functional Limitation in Any Activities of Daily Living (ADL).** The percent of those 18 years of age and over in January 1984 who reported having difficulty with one or more of the following activities of daily living:

- seeing words and letters in ordinary newspaper print even when wearing glasses or contact lenses if the person normally wears them;
- hearing what is said in a normal conversation with another person even while wearing a hearing aid if the person normally wears one;
- having their speech understood;
- lifting and carrying something as heavy as 10 pounds;
- walking for a quarter of a mile;
- walking up a flight of stairs without resting;
- getting around outside the house by his or her self;
- getting around inside the house without the help of another person;
- getting in and out of bed without the help of another person.

Data are from the 1984 Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Any SEVERE Limitation in Any ADL.** The percent of those 18 years of age and older in January 1984 who reported not being able to perform one or more of the following activities of daily living:

- seeing words and letters in ordinary newspaper print even when wearing glasses or contact lenses if the person normally wears them;
- hearing what is said in a normal conversation with another person even while wearing a hearing aid if the person normally wears one;
- having their speech understood;
- lifting and carrying something as heavy as 10 pounds;
- walking for a quarter mile;
- walking up a flight of stairs without resting;
- getting around outside the house by his or her self;
- getting around inside the house without the help of another person;
- getting in and out of bed without the help of another person.

Data are from the 1984 Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Days in Last 4 Months Sick In Bed.** The average number of days in the 4 months preceding their interview date that those 18 years of age and over in January 1984 spent more than half the day in bed due to sickness or injury. Data are from the 1984 Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Number of Doctor Contacts Last 12 Months.** The average number of times in the 12 months preceding their interview that persons 18 years of age and over in January 1984 saw or spoke with a medical doctor or assistant. Does not include occurrences while an overnight patient in a hospital. Data are from the 1984 Wave 3 Topical Module.

**No Doctor Contacts In Last 12 Months.** The percent of people 18 years of age and over in January 1984 who did not see or speak with a medical doctor or assistant during the 12 months preceding their interview. Does not include occurrences while an overnight patient in a hospital. Data are from the 1984 Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Any Hospital Nights Last 12 Months.** The percent of people 18 years of age and over in January 1984 who spent 1 or more nights as a patient in a hospital during the 12 months preceding their interview. Data are from the 1984 Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Number Hospital Nights Last 12 Months.** The average number of nights spent as patients in hospitals by people 18 years of age and over in January 1984 during the 12 months preceding their interview. Data are from the 1984 Wave 3 Topical Module.

**Possible Unmet Medical Needs.** The percent of people 18 years of age and over in January 1984 who were identified as having possible unmet medical needs. People

were identified as having possible unmet needs if they had no doctor contacts in the 12 months preceding their interview and if they either reported that they were in poor health, were disabled, or if they had a severe limitation in any activity of daily living. All others were identified as not showing evidence of having possible unmet medical needs. Data are from the 1984 Wave 3 Topical Module and from the 1984 Longitudinal Research File.

**Table 10. Housing Conditions, Consumer Durables, and Motor Vehicles.**

Measures for this table were constructed from the 1984 Wave 4 topical module. This table uses calendar year weights.

**Percent Living in Owned Home.** The percent of people living in a home that was owned or being bought by a member of the household they lived in at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Persons Per Room.** The average number of persons per room at the time of the Wave 4 interview. The number of household members was divided by the number of rooms, not counting bathrooms, porches, balconies, foyers, halls, or half-rooms.

**Percent With More Than One Person Per Room.** The percent of people living in a home with more than one person per room at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Age of Owned Home.** For those people living in a home that was owned or being bought by a household member at the time of their Wave 4 interview, the average age of the house or building they lived in. Based on the year when the structure was originally built, not when it was remodeled, added to, or converted. Note that the unit of analysis is the person, not the structure or household.

**Percent With Air Conditioning.** The percent of people living in a home with any air-conditioning equipment at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Using Cooking Range.** The percent of people who lived in a home where the reference person reported using a range (stove-top or burners) in their home at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Using Oven.** The percent of people who lived in a home where the reference person reported using an oven (not counting toaster ovens) in their home at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Using Refrigerator.** The percent of people who lived in a home where the reference person reported using a refrigerator in their home at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Using Freezer.** The percent of people who lived in a home where the reference person reported using a freezer (separate from the refrigerator) in their home at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Using Clothes Washer.** The percent of people who lived in a home where the reference person reported using a clothes washer in their home at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Using Clothes Dryer.** The percent of people who lived in a home where the reference person reported using a clothes dryer in their home at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Using Dishwasher.** The percent of people who lived in a home where the reference person reported using a dishwasher in their home at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Using Black And White TV.** The percent of people who lived in a home where the reference person reported using any black and white television sets in their home at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Using Color TV.** The percent of people who lived in a home where the reference person reported using any color television sets in their home at the time of their Wave 4 interview.

**Number Of Motor Vehicles.** The average number of cars, vans, or trucks (excluding recreational vehicles and motorcycles) owned by household members at the time of the Wave 4 interview.

**Percent Not Owning Motor Vehicles.** The percent of people living in households where no member owned a motor vehicle at the time of their Wave 4 interview.