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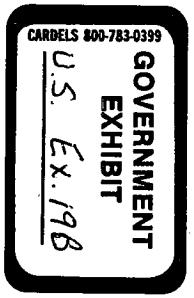
	Number	Percent distribu-tion	Number	Percent distribu-tion	Number	Percent distribu - tion	Number	Percent distribu-tion
Both sexes	208,059	100.0	36,897	100.0	139 ,098	100.0	32,064	100.0
DISABILITY STATUS								
With a disability	47,935	23.0	3,961	10.7	26 ,493	19.0	17,480	54.5
Severe	30,714	14.8	1,942	5.3	16 ,700	12.0	12,073	37.7
Not severe	17,221	8.3	2,019	5.5	9 ,794	7.0	5,408	16.9
No disability	160,124	77.0	32,936	89.3	112 ,604	81.0	14,583	45.5
SEEING/HEARING/SPEAKING								
With a disability	14,613	7.0	608	1.6	6 ,963	5.0	7,042	22.0
Severe	2,883	1.4	121	0.3	1 ,174	0.8	1,588	5.0
Not severe	11,731	5.6	487	1.3	5 ,789	4.2	5,454	17.0
Had difficulty seeing words/letters	7,673	3.7	202	0.5	3 ,594	2.6	3,877	12.1
Severe	1,768	0.8	39	0.1	661	0.5	1,069	3.3
Not severe	5,904	2.8	163	0.4	2 ,933	2.1	2,808	8.8
Had difficulty hearing conversation	7,966	3.8	262	0.7	3 ,400	2.4	4,304	13.4
Severe	832	0.4	22	0.1	315	0.2	495	1.5
Not severe	7,134	3.4	239	0.6	3 ,085	2.2	3,809	11.9
Had difficulty with speech	2,270	1.1	277	0.8	1 ,176	0.8	818	2.6
Severe	493	0.2	85	0.2	237	0.2	171	0.5
Not severe	1,778	0.9	192	0.5	939	0.7	647	2.0



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WALKING/USING STAIRS								
With a disability	25,138	12.1	619	1.7	11 ,717	8.4	12,803	39.9
Severe	14,698	7.1	251	0.7	5 ,883	4.2	8,563	26.7
Not severe	10,441	5.0	367	1.0	5 ,833	4.2	4,240	13.2
Had difficulty walking	19,465	9.4	443	1.2	8,938	6.4	10,08 4	31.4
Severe	9,860	4.7	170	0.5	3 ,838	2.8	5,852	18.3
Not severe	9,605	4.6	273	0.7	5 ,100	3.7	4,232	13.2
Had difficulty using stairs	19,757	9.5	461	1.2	9 ,223	6.6	10,073	31.4
Severe	5,925	2.8	111	0.3	2 ,286	1.6	3,528	11.0
Not severe	13,832	6.6	350	0.9	6 ,937	5.0	6,545	20.4
Used a wheelchair	2,155	1.0	95	0.3	843	0.6	1,216	3.8
Used a cane/crutches/walker	6,372	3.1	54	0.1	2 ,141	1.5	4,176	13.0
SELECTED PHYSICAL TASKS								
With a disability	18,071	8.7	419	1.1	8 ,803	6.3	8,849	27.6
Severe	7,964	3.8	194	0.5	3 ,372	2.4	4,399	13.7
Not severe	10,107	4.9	226	0.6	5 ,431	3.9	4,450	13.9
Had difficulty lifting/carrying 10 lbs.	15,198	7.3	336	0.9	7 ,098	5.1	7,764	24.2
Severe	7,720	3.7	182	0.5	3 ,247	2.3	4,291	13.4
Not severe	7,478	3.6	154	0.4	3 ,851	2.8	3,473	10.8
Had difficulty grasping objects	6,758	3.2	187	0.5	3 ,560	2.6	3,012	9.4
Severe	564	0.3	32	0.1	258	0.2	274	0.9
Not severe	6,194	3.0	155	0.4	3 ,302	2.4	2,738	8.5
SPECIAL AIDS								
Used a wheelchair	2,155	1.0	95	0.3	843	0.6	1,216	3.8
Used a cane/crutches/walker	6,372	3.1	54	0.1	2 ,141	1.5	4,176	13.0
Had used for 6 months or more	5,128	2.5	28	0.1	1 ,656	1.2	3,444	10.7
Used a hearing aid /1	3,972	1.9	95	0.3	880	0.6	2,997	9.3
Had difficulty hearing	1,684	0.8	45	0.1	340	0.2	1,300	4.1
Did not have difficulty hearing	2,288	1.1	50	0.1	540	0.4	1,698	5.3

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ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING								
With an ADL limitation	8,672	4.2	185	0.5	3 ,928	2.8	4,559	14.2
Needed personal assistance	4,052	1.9	144	0.4	1 ,603	1.2	2,304	7.2

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Did not need personal assistance	4,620	2.2	40	0.1	2 ,325	1.7	2,254	7.0
Had difficulty getting around inside	3,680	1.8	96	0.3	1 ,412	1.0	2,171	6.8
Needed personal assistance	1,861	0.9	81	0.2	631	0.5	1,149	3.6
Did not need personal assistance	1,819	0.9	15	0.0	781	0.6	1,022	3.2
Had difficulty getting in/out of bed/chai r	6,179	3.0	142	0.4	2 ,960	2.1	3,078	9.6
Needed personal assistance	2,407	1.2	107	0.3	1 ,036	0.7	1,264	3.9
Did not need personal assistance	3,772	1.8	35	0.1	1 ,924	1.4	1,813	5.7
Had difficulty taking a bath or shower	4,957	2.4	124	0.3	2 ,017	1.4	2,816	8.8
Needed personal assistance	2,897	1.4	112	0.3	982	0.7	1,803	5.6
Did not need personal assistance	2,060	1.0	12	0.0	1 ,034	0.7	1,013	3.2
Had difficulty dressing	3,541	1.7	134	0.4	1 ,551	1.1	1,856	5.8
Needed personal assistance	2,174	1.0	122	0.3	852	0.6	1,199	3.7
Did not need personal assistance	1,367	0.7	12	0.0	698	0.5	656	2.0
Had difficulty eating	1,497	0.7	88	0.2	587	0.4	822	2.6
Needed personal assistance	801	0.4	73	0.2	227	0.2	501	1.6
Did not need personal assistance	696	0.3	15	0.0	360	0.3	320	1.0
Had difficulty getting to/using the toile t	2,297	1.1	104	0.3	830	0.6	1,363	4.3
Needed personal assistance	1,432	0.7	99	0.3	467	0.3	866	2.7
Did not need personal assistance	865	0.4	5	0.0	363	0.3	497	1.5
INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING								
With an IADL limitation	12,940	6.2	453	1.2	5 ,578	4.0	6,910	21.6
Needed personal assistance	9,444	4.5	359	1.0	3 ,880	2.8	5,204	16.2
Did not need personal assistance	3,496	1.7	93	0.3	1 ,697	1.2	1,706	5.3
Had difficulty going outside alone	8,583	4.1	238	0.6	3 ,312	2.4	5,033	15.7
Needed personal assistance	6,613	3.2	197	0.5	2 ,294	1.6	4,122	12.9
Did not need personal assistance	1,969	0.9	41	0.1	1 ,017	0.7	911	2.8
Had difficulty managing money/bills	4,636	2.2	288	0.8	1 ,946	1.4	2,402	7.5
Needed personal assistance	3,937	1.9	251	0.7	1 ,556	1.1	2,130	6.6
Did not need personal assistance	699	0.3	37	0.1	390	0.3	271	0.8
Had difficulty preparing meals	4,739	2.3	206	0.6	1 ,838	1.3	2,695	8.4
Needed personal assistance	3,791	1.8	203	0.6	1 ,413	1.0	2,175	6.8
Did not need personal assistance	948	0.5	2	0.0	425	0.3	520	1.6
Had difficulty doing light housework	6,455	3.1	175	0.5	2 ,735	2.0	3,545	11.1
Needed personal assistance	4,768	2.3	156	0.4	1 ,882	1.4	2,731	8.5
Did not need personal assistance	1,687	0.8	20	0.1	853	0.6	814	2.5
Had difficulty taking prescriptions	3,821	1.8	237	0.6	1 ,547	1.1	2,037	6.4
Needed personal assistance	3,026	1.5	215	0.6	1 ,131	0.8	1,679	5.2
Did not need personal assistance	796	0.4	22	0.1	417	0.3	357	1.1
Had difficulty using the telephone	2,863	1.4	142	0.4	948	0.7	1,774	5.5
Unable to use ordinary phone	1,054	0.5	101	0.3	348	0.2	606	1.9
Able to use ordinary phone	1,809	0.9	41	0.1	600	0.4	1,169	3.6

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NEED FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE								
Number of ADLs or IADLs for which assistance was needed								
1 or more	9,851	4.7	372	1.0	4 ,140	3.0	5,339	16.7
1	3,508	1.7	112	0.3	1 ,581	1.1	1,815	5.7
2	1,723	0.8	54	0.1	774	0.6	896	2.8
3 or more	4,620	2.2	206	0.6	1 ,786	1.3	2,628	8.2
Number of ADLs for which assistance was needed								
1 or more	4,052	1.9	144	0.4	1 ,603	1.2	2,304	7.2
1	1,453	0.7	25	0.1	568	0.4	861	2.7
2	712	0.3	21	0.1	354	0.3	337	1.1
3 or more	1,887	0.9	99	0.3	681	0.5	1,106	3.5
Number of IADLs for which assistance was needed								
1 or more	9,444	4.5	359	1.0	3 ,880	2.8	5,204	16.2
1	3,777	1.8	106	0.3	1 ,698	1.2	1,974	6.2
2	1,843	0.9	62	0.2	779	0.6	1,002	3.1
3 or more	3,824	1.8	192	0.5	1 ,403	1.0	2,229	7.0

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MENTAL								
With a disability	14,267	6.9	2,021	5.5	8 ,334	6.0	3,912	12.2
With one or more selected conditions	8,144	3.9	1,513	4.1	4 ,909	3.5	1,722	5.4
A learning disability	3,451	1.7	1,048	2.8	2 ,193	1.6	210	0.7
Mental retardation	1,366	0.7	264	0.7	988	0.7	114	0.4
Alzheimers, senility, or dementia	1,873	0.9	58	0.2	595	0.4	1,219	3.8
Other mental/emotional condition	3,418	1.6	497	1.3	2 ,415	1.7	506	1.6
With one or more selected symptoms that seriously interfered with everyday activities	6,862	3.3	734	2.0	4 ,454	3.2	1,684	5.3
Frequently depressed or anxious	5,615	2.7	511	1.4	3 ,848	2.8	1,256	3.9
Trouble getting along with others	1,816	0.9	346	0.9	1 ,145	0.8	325	1.0

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Trouble concentrating	3,753	1.8	480	1.3	2 ,307	1.7	967	3.0
Trouble coping with stress	4,659	2.2	508	1.4	3 ,180	2.3	971	3.0
Had difficulty keeping track of money/bills	4,636	2.2	288	0.8	1,946	1.4	2,402	7.5
WORKING AT A JOB								
Age 16 to 64	172,030	100.0	32,932	100.0	139 ,098	100.0	na	na
With disability-related employment problems	18,475	10.7	1,679	5.1	16 ,796	12.1	na	na
Has had difficulty remaining employed or finding a job	11,286	6.6	933	2.8	10 ,354	7.4	na	na
Limited in kind or amount of work that can be done	16,874	9.8	1,408	4.3	15 ,466	11.1	na	na
Prevented from working at a job	9,699	5.6	581	1.8	9 ,117	6.6	na	na
Not prevented from working at a job	7,175	4.2	826	2.5	6 ,349	4.6	na	na
WORKING AROUND THE HOUSE								
Age 16 and over	204,094	100.0	32,932	100.0	139 ,098	100.0	32,064	100.0
Limited in kind/amount of housework that can be done	17,588	8.6	615	1.9	9 ,318	6.7	7,655	23.9
Prevented from doing housework	4,355	2.1	138	0.4	1 ,918	1.4	2,299	7.2
Not prevented from doing housework	13,233	6.5	477	1.4	7 ,399	5.3	5,356	16.7
PROGRAM PARTICIPATION								
Under 65 and covered by Medicare	4,346	2.1	76	0.2	4 ,270	3.1	na	na
Under 65 and received SSI	4,009	1.9	614	1.7	3 ,396	2.4	na	na
DISABILITY DOMAINS								
With a disability in one domain	27,952	13.4	2,437	6.6	16 ,137	11.6	9,377	29.2
Communication	2,940	1.4	241	0.7	1 ,851	1.3	848	2.6
Physical	21,077	10.1	882	2.4	11 ,868	8.5	8,326	26.0
Mental	3,935	1.9	1,314	3.6	2 ,418	1.7	203	0.6
With a disability in two domains	13,582	6.5	681	1.8	7 ,079	5.1	5,823	18.2
Communication and physical	7,544	3.6	150	0.4	3 ,111	2.2	4,282	13.4
Communication and mental	727	0.3	133	0.4	457	0.3	137	0.4
Physical and mental	5,312	2.6	398	1.1	3 ,511	2.5	1,403	4.4
With a disability in three domains	4,294	2.1	177	0.5	1 ,949	1.4	2,168	6.8
Domain(s) not identified	2,107	1.0	666	1.8	1 ,328	1.0	112	0.4
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na Not applicable.
1. The use of a hearing aid is not part of the disability definition.

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