

Appendix B

Supplemental Tables

Table B.1**Characteristics of Food Stamp-Eligible Nonparticipants and Food Stamp Recipients: 2000 and 1996**

Characteristic of Household Head	Apparently Eligible Nonparticipants		Food Stamp Recipients	
	2000^a	1996^b	2000^c	1996^d
Age				
Less than 20	0.4%	2.2%		
20 to 49	55.3	49.1		
50 to 59	13.6	11.2		
60 and over	30.7	37.4		
Gender				
Male	26.4	23.4	22.8	23.0
Female	73.6	76.6	77.2	77.0
Race/Ethnicity				
White (non-Hispanic)	52.8	65.2	47.0	46.1
Black (non-Hispanic)	26.1	16.9	35.1	34.8
Hispanic	11.9	15.0	13.9	15.5
Other (non-Hispanic)	9.2	2.7	4.1	3.6
Primary language				
English	94.2			
Spanish	4.5			
Other	1.3			
Citizenship				
U.S. citizen	94.9		94.7	90.3
Non-citizen	5.1		5.3	9.7
Education				
Less than high school	34.4	36.0		
High school diploma/GED	34.5	44.1		
Some college	28.5	11.4		
Other ^f	2.7	8.4		
Marital status				
Married or living with partner	33.1	45.2		
Divorced/separated	26.7	18.1		
Widowed	17.4	21.3		
Never married	22.8	15.4		
Unweighted N	1220	450	46,963	51,256

a Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation. Excludes households with missing data: age (5.2%); gender (5.9%); ethnicity (10.4%); language (1.3%); citizenship (5.9%); education (6.7%); marital status (6.1%).

b Ponza, et al. (1999), pages 22-23. Excludes households with missing data: ethnicity (1.5%); education (1.4%); marital status (0.8%).

c Cunyngnam (2001), pages 58, 60. Excludes households with nonparticipating household heads, for gender (only) excludes child-only households (5.2%), and excludes households with characteristics not reported: gender (6.1%); ethnicity (6.2%); citizenship (6.2%).

d Cody (1998), pages 55, 56. Excludes for gender (only) child-only households (3.3%), and excludes households with missing data: gender (0.8%); ethnicity (4.7%); citizenship (5.2%).

e In the 2000 survey of eligible non-participants, as required by OMB, respondents were able to report multiple races.

f Includes technical/vocational certificate and other.

Table B.2**Household Characteristics of Food Stamp-Eligible Nonparticipants and Food Stamp Recipients:
2000 and 1996**

	Apparently Eligible Nonparticipants		Food Stamp Recipients	
	2000 ^a	1996 ^b	2000 ^c	1996 ^d
Household Composition				
One-person households	42.5%	31.0%	42.9%	35.7%
Multiple adults without children	24.1	28.6	5.6	6.2
Single adults with children	11.5	6.0	38.9	42.4
Multiple adults with children	21.9	34.4	12.4	15.8
Households with elderly members	37.2	44.2	21.0	16.2
Households with members with disabilities	36.0		27.5	20.2
Households with elderly members or members with disabilities	55.9		45.0	33.8
Households with pre-school-aged children	17.6		28.0	33.7
Household size (mean)	2.3		2.3	2.5
Households headed by noncitizens with citizen children	3.1			
Unweighted N	1,220	450	46,963	57,256

a Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation. Excludes households (2.9%) with missing data.

b Ponza et al. (1999), pages 22-23.

c Cunyningham (2001), pages 37, 55, 60. Excludes child-only households (5.2%).

d Cody (1998), pages 35, 52, 56. Excludes child-only households (3.3%) and unknown (0.3%).

Table B.3**Employment and Earnings of Food Stamp-Eligible Nonparticipants and Food Stamp Recipients: 2000 and 1996**

	Apparently Eligible Nonparticipants		Food Stamp Recipients	
	2000 ^a	1996 ^b	2000 ^c	1996 ^d
Earnings in previous month	49.8%	52.7%	27.2%	22.5%
Mean household earnings of those with positive earnings	\$1181	na	\$749	\$699
Mean household earnings of all households	\$540	na	\$204	\$158
Unweighted N	1,220	450	46,963	51,256

a Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation. Excludes households (3.2%) with missing data.

b Ponza, et al. (1999), pages 22-23.

c Cunyningham (2001), pages 33, 57.

d Cody (1998), pages 31, 54.

Table B.4**Unearned Income of Food Stamp-Eligible Nonparticipants and Food Stamp Recipients: 2000 and 1996**

Percent Receiving:	Apparently Eligible Nonparticipants		Food Stamp Recipients	
	2000 ^a	1996 ^b	2000 ^c	1996 ^d
Cash assistance ^e	1.1%	2.0%	31.2%	42.9%
Child support	7.6	na	6.6 ^f	4.9 ^f
Supplemental Security Income	23.0	6.8	31.7	24.1
Social security	30.7 ^g	37.2	25.5	19.3
Pension	6.7	na	na	na
Contributions from friends	4.5	na	3.6	4.1
Other unearned income	4.5	na	na	na
Unweighted N	1,220	450	46,963	51,256

a Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation. Excludes households with missing data: cash assistance (3.8%); child support (1.2%); SSI (4.0%); Social Security (4.0%); pension (4.1%); contributions from friends (4.5%); other (4.5%).

b Ponza, et al. (1999), pages 22-23.

c Cunyningham (2001), pages 33, 38.

d Cody (1998), pages 31, 36.

e TANF and General Assistance.

f Child Support Enforcement Payments.

g Includes Veteran's benefits.

Table B.5**Total Household Income of Food Stamp-Eligible Nonparticipants and Food Stamp Recipients:
2000 and 1996**

	Apparently Eligible Nonparticipants		Food Stamp Recipients	
	2000 ^a	2000 Restricted Sample ^b	1996 ^c	2000 ^d
Mean monthly household income	\$982	\$777	\$829	\$620
Mean monthly household income as percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL):				
Under 50% FPL	16.3%	22.4%	16.6%	33.0%
50-100% FPL	29.0	39.8	53.3	33.0
100-130% FPL	27.6	37.8	30.1	10.3
130-200% FPL	27.1	—	—	1.0
<i>Unweighted N</i>	927	716	450	46,963

a Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation. Excludes households with missing or incomplete data.

b Excludes households with income greater than 130% of poverty level as calculated using detailed income questions.

c Ponza, et al. (1999), pages 63.

d Cunyningham (2001), pages 35, 57.

Table B.6**Assets of Food Stamp-Eligible Nonparticipants in 2000**

Asset	Households Reporting
<i>Vehicles</i>	
None	37.6%
One	44.7
Two or more	17.7
Unweighted N	1219
<i>Financial Accounts</i>	
Checking	59.7
Savings	32.3
Other financial asset	9.5
Mean amount in accounts	\$804
Mean (non-zero) amount in accounts	\$915
Unweighted N	1,078

Source: Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation.

Table B.7**Food Security Status: Food Stamp-Eligible Nonparticipant Households, Food Stamp Recipient Households, and U.S. Population**

	Apparently eligible non-participant households		U.S. Total Households	U.S. Households Less than 130 Percent of Poverty Level
Food Security Status	2000 ^a	1996 ^b	1999 ^c	1999 ^c
<i>All households</i>				
Food secure	55.2%	65.8%	89.9%	67.7%
Food insecure without hunger	20.3	20.4	7.1	21.6
Food insecure with hunger	24.5	13.8	3.0	10.7
Unweighted N	1,125	436	NA	NA
<i>Households with children (under 18)</i>				
Food secure	44.2		85.2	59.7
Food insecure without hunger	29.9		11.5	30.0
Food insecure with hunger	25.5			
Unweighted N	511		NA	NA
<i>Households without children (under 18)</i>				
Food secure	60.8	76.0	92.6	73.9
Food insecure without hunger	15.3	12.5	4.6	15.1
Food insecure with hunger	23.8	11.5	2.8	11.0
Unweighted N	614	257	NA	NA

a Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation. Excludes households (6.6%) with missing data.

b Cohen et al. (1999), pages 44, 47, 51.

c Andrews et al. (2000), pages 7, 9.

Table B.8**Emergency Food Support Received by Food Stamp Eligible Nonparticipant Households in 2000**

Source of Aid	Percent Receiving
Churches	9.1%
Food pantry	7.4
Food bank	5.3
Soup kitchen	1.2
Unweighted N	1,174-1,178

Source: Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation.

Table B.9**Community Support Received by Food Stamp Eligible Nonparticipant Households in 2000**

Type of Assistance	Percent Receiving
Medical services	9.4%
Utilities	10.8
Rent	3.4
Transportation	4.4
Telephone	3.3
Child care	2.6
Cash	1.8
Clothing	2.5
Legal aid	1.2
Shelter	0.8
Unweighted N	1,178-1,184

Source: Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation.

Table B.10

Eligible Nonparticipant Households' Awareness of the Food Stamp Program

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Prior food stamp receipt	No prior food stamp receipt	Overall
Ever heard of FSP							
Yes	0.9565 (0.0139)	0.9684 (0.0090)	0.9642 (0.0149)	0.9638 (0.0096)	1.0000 (0.0000)***	0.9241 (0.0157)	0.9639 (0.0079)
No	0.0435 (0.0139)	0.0316 (0.0090)	0.0358 (0.0149)	0.0362 (0.0096)	0.0000 (0.0000)***	0.0759 (0.0157)	0.0361 (0.0079)
Received food stamps as adult							
Yes	0.4224 (0.0323)***	0.5855 (0.0362)	0.6470 (0.0379)***	0.4633 (0.0330)	1.0000 (0.0000)	0.0000 (0.0000)	0.5247 (0.0291)
No	0.5718 (0.0325)***	0.4138 (0.0362)	0.3530 (0.0379)***	0.5327 (0.0330)	0.0000 (0.0000)***	0.9944 (0.0044)	0.4726 (0.0291)
Don't know	0.0058 (0.0054)	0.0008 (0.0008)	0.0000 (0.0000)	0.0040 (0.0031)	0.0000 (0.0000)	0.0056 (0.0044)	0.0027 (0.0021)
Received food stamps as a child							
Yes	0.0238 (0.0099)***	0.2417 (0.0366)	0.2321 (0.0290)**	0.1246 (0.0327)	0.1942 (0.0319)*	0.1235 (0.0195)	0.1606 (0.0231)
No	0.9500 (0.0169)***	0.7205 (0.0364)	0.7215 (0.0305)***	0.8484 (0.0341)	0.7602 (0.0338)**	0.8566 (0.0198)	0.8060 (0.0236)
Don't know	0.0262 (0.0120)	0.0377 (0.0073)	0.0463 (0.0100)	0.0269 (0.0089)	0.0457 (0.0130)*	0.0199 (0.0054)	0.0334 (0.0073)
Know a food stamp recipient							
Yes	0.1987 (0.0235)***	0.3642 (0.0335)	0.3730 (0.0287)**	0.2673 (0.0329)	0.3645 (0.0321)***	0.2344 (0.0262)	0.3027 (0.0235)
No	0.6312 (0.0336)	0.5681 (0.0364)	0.5427 (0.0301)*	0.6162 (0.0329)	0.5196 (0.0364)***	0.6713 (0.0323)	0.5916 (0.0270)
Don't know	0.1701 (0.0258)***	0.0676 (0.0111)	0.0843 (0.0173)	0.1165 (0.0151)	0.1160 (0.0159)	0.0943 (0.0163)	0.1057 (0.0111)
Know where to apply							
Yes	0.5301 (0.0289)***	0.6935 (0.0272)	0.7660 (0.0300)***	0.5656 (0.0275)	0.8482 (0.0235)***	0.3946 (0.0295)	0.6326 (0.0235)
No	0.4388 (0.0316)***	0.2872 (0.0295)	0.2113 (0.0330)***	0.4102 (0.0281)	0.1357 (0.0221)***	0.5733 (0.0347)	0.3437 (0.0268)
Don't know	0.0311 (0.0126)	0.0193 (0.0084)	0.0227 (0.0134)	0.0242 (0.0084)	0.0160 (0.0072)	0.0321 (0.0129)	0.0237 (0.0069)
Unweighted N	434	786	540	680	673	547	1220

Notes: Table shows proportion with standard error in parentheses.

*** Statistically significant difference at 1 percent level.

** Statistically significant difference at 5 percent level.

* Statistically significant difference at 10 percent level.

Table B.11

Eligible Nonparticipant Households' Perceptions of Food Stamp Program Eligibility

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Prior food stamp receipt	No prior food stamp receipt	Overall
Thoughts on FSP eligibility							
Eligible	0.3977 (0.0392)	0.4775 (0.0341)	0.4476 (0.0335)	0.4482 (0.0394)	0.4863 (0.0354)*	0.4021 (0.0338)	0.4480 (0.0278)
Not eligible	0.3633 (0.0441)	0.3632 (0.0276)	0.3390 (0.0283)	0.3754 (0.0361)	0.3459 (0.0403)	0.3839 (0.0334)	0.3632 (0.0274)
Don't know	0.2391 (0.0279)**	0.1593 (0.0234)	0.2134 (0.0291)	0.1764 (0.0231)	0.1678 (0.0216)	0.2139 (0.0346)	0.1888 (0.0195)
Would apply if found out was eligible							
Yes	0.6398 (0.0375)*	0.7207 (0.0281)	0.7393 (0.0300)*	0.6664 (0.0318)	0.7795 (0.0216)***	0.5849 (0.0387)	0.6908 (0.0252)
No	0.3097 (0.0341)	0.2476 (0.0275)	0.2162 (0.0259)**	0.2979 (0.0307)	0.2016 (0.0220)***	0.3530 (0.0374)	0.2706 (0.0238)
Don't know	0.0504 (0.0152)	0.0317 (0.0079)	0.0445 (0.0130)	0.0357 (0.0090)	0.0190 (0.0049)***	0.0621 (0.0145)	0.0386 (0.0083)
Unweighted N	416	753	523	646	673	496	1169

Notes: Excludes households that never heard of the FSP. Table shows proportion with standard error in parentheses.

*** Statistically significant difference at 1 percent level.

** Statistically significant difference at 5 percent level.

* Statistically significant difference at 10 percent level.

Table B.12

Reasons for Perceived Food Stamp Program Ineligibility

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Prior food stamp receipt	No prior food stamp receipt	Overall
Told they were ineligible							
Yes	0.2819 (0.0430)*	0.4041 (0.0496)	0.4648 (0.0612)**	0.2997 (0.0334)	0.4878 (0.0585)***	0.2176 (0.0324)	0.3547 (0.0361)
No	0.7181 (0.0430)*	0.5959 (0.0496)	0.5352 (0.0612)**	0.7003 (0.0334)	0.5122 (0.0585)***	0.7824 (0.0324)	0.6453 (0.0361)
Previously denied FSP benefits							
Yes	0.1639 (0.0268)**	0.2825 (0.0389)	0.3712 (0.0506)***	0.1663 (0.0258)	0.3515 (0.0496)***	0.1140 (0.0212)	0.2345 (0.0284)
No	0.8361 (0.0268)**	0.7175 (0.0389)	0.6288 (0.0506)***	0.8337 (0.0258)	0.6485 (0.0496)***	0.8860 (0.0212)	0.7655 (0.0284)
Told ineligible or previously denied							
Yes	0.3465 (0.0394)	0.4392 (0.0484)	0.5395 (0.0561)***	0.3329 (0.0319)	0.5645 (0.0534)***	0.2340 (0.0336)	0.4017 (0.0337)
No	0.6535 (0.0394)	0.5608 (0.0484)	0.4605 (0.0561)***	0.6671 (0.0319)	0.4355 (0.0534)***	0.7660 (0.0336)	0.5983 (0.0337)
Doubts due to earnings							
Yes	0.4560 (0.0479)**	0.6116 (0.0413)	0.6639 (0.0307)***	0.4911 (0.0386)	0.6051 (0.0381)*	0.4907 (0.0482)	0.5487 (0.0307)
No	0.5440 (0.0479)**	0.3884 (0.0413)	0.3361 (0.0307)***	0.5089 (0.0386)	0.3949 (0.0381)*	0.5093 (0.0482)	0.4513 (0.0307)
Doubts due to government benefits							
Yes	0.2126 (0.0443)	0.1767 (0.0340)	0.1340 (0.0283)*	0.2198 (0.0337)	0.2158 (0.0384)	0.1658 (0.0330)	0.1912 (0.0269)
No	0.7874 (0.0443)	0.8233 (0.0340)	0.8660 (0.0283)*	0.7802 (0.0337)	0.7842 (0.0384)	0.8342 (0.0330)	0.8088 (0.0269)
Doubts due to value of car							
Yes	0.1339 (0.0394)	0.1608 (0.0341)	0.1941 (0.0391)	0.1279 (0.0323)	0.1599 (0.0334)	0.1397 (0.0347)	0.1499 (0.0305)
No	0.8661 (0.0394)	0.8392 (0.0341)	0.8059 (0.0391)	0.8721 (0.0323)	0.8401 (0.0334)	0.8603 (0.0347)	0.8501 (0.0305)

Table B.12

Reasons for Perceived Food Stamp Program Ineligibility

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Prior food stamp receipt	No prior food stamp receipt	Overall
Doubts due to savings							
Yes	0.1764 (0.0530)*	0.0798 (0.0205)	0.0841 (0.0259)	0.1362 (0.0348)	0.0416 (0.0172)***	0.1984 (0.0422)	0.1188 (0.0262)
No	0.8236 (0.0530)*	0.9202 (0.0205)	0.9159 (0.0259)	0.8638 (0.0348)	0.9584 (0.0172)***	0.8016 (0.0422)	0.8812 (0.0262)
Doubts due to lump sum payment							
Yes	0.0678 (0.0207)	0.0601 (0.0199)	0.0592 (0.0207)	0.0652 (0.0208)	0.0512 (0.0134)	0.0755 (0.0281)	0.0632 (0.0157)
No	0.9322 (0.0207)	0.9399 (0.0199)	0.9408 (0.0207)	0.9348 (0.0208)	0.9488 (0.0134)	0.9245 (0.0281)	0.9368 (0.0157)
Doubts due to citizenship							
Yes	0.0288 (0.0130)**	0.0801 (0.0180)	0.1244 (0.0249)***	0.0268 (0.0087)	0.0632 (0.0181)	0.0554 (0.0119)	0.0594 (0.0109)
No	0.9712 (0.0130)**	0.9199 (0.0180)	0.8756 (0.0249)***	0.9732 (0.0087)	0.9368 (0.0181)	0.9446 (0.0119)	0.9406 (0.0109)
Doubts due to time limits							
Yes	0.0925 (0.0250)	0.0678 (0.0223)	0.0669 (0.0219)	0.0832 (0.0181)	0.0873 (0.0214)	0.0680 (0.0187)	0.0778 (0.0130)
No	0.9075 (0.0250)	0.9322 (0.0223)	0.9331 (0.0219)	0.9168 (0.0181)	0.9127 (0.0214)	0.9320 (0.0187)	0.9222 (0.0130)
Unweighted N	253	401	272	382	351	303	654

Notes: Table shows proportion with standard error in parentheses.

*** Statistically significant difference at 1 percent level.

** Statistically significant difference at 5 percent level.

* Statistically significant difference at 10 percent level.

Table B.13**Detailed Reasons Eligible Nonparticipant Households would not Participate in the Food Stamp Program**

Reason	Proportion
Can get by without food stamps	88.5%
Do not like to rely on government assistance	63.6
Do not want to be seen shopping with food stamps	20.0
Do not want people to know need financial assistance	24.4
Do not want to go to welfare office	30.0
Have to answer personal questions	25.1
Too much paperwork to apply	40.0
Would require too much time away from work	22.1
Would require too much child care/elder care	15.4
Too difficult to get to office	12.9
Work requirements too difficult	7.4
FSP participation requirements too difficult	16.4
Benefits too small	20.7
Not eligible for cash assistance, so not worth it	26.1
Previous bad experience with FSP	21.3
Previous bad experience with other government program	11.6
Don't know how to apply	12.3
Unweighted N	333

Table B.14

Reasons Households Would Not Apply for Food Stamp Benefits

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Prior food stamp receipt	No prior food stamp receipt	Overall
Expected benefits:							
\$50 or less	0.2596 (0.0620)	0.2389 (0.0517)	0.1360 (0.0423)**	0.2918 (0.0500)	0.3259 (0.0720)	0.1980 (0.0469)	0.2478 (0.0391)
\$51-\$100	0.0396 (0.0160)***	0.2329 (0.0532)	0.1675 (0.0527)	0.1430 (0.0343)	0.1476 (0.0547)	0.1514 (0.0344)	0.1499 (0.0312)
\$101-\$200	0.0608 (0.0251)**	0.1656 (0.0431)	0.1662 (0.0374)	0.1027 (0.0298)	0.1542 (0.0412)	0.0993 (0.0299)	0.1207 (0.0216)
Over \$200	0.1091 (0.0458)	0.1247 (0.0301)	0.2492 (0.0603)***	0.0663 (0.0287)	0.1063 (0.0331)	0.1254 (0.0331)	0.1180 (0.0228)
Don't know	0.5308 (0.0627)***	0.2379 (0.0523)	0.2810 (0.0549)	0.3962 (0.0500)	0.2659 (0.0517)**	0.4259 (0.0521)	0.3637 (0.0399)
Desire for personal independence							
Yes	0.9231 (0.0307)	0.9064 (0.0344)	0.8884 (0.0326)	0.9235 (0.0316)	0.8655 (0.0517)	0.9441 (0.0219)	0.9136 (0.0239)
No	0.0769 (0.0307)	0.0936 (0.0344)	0.1116 (0.0326)	0.0765 (0.0316)	0.1345 (0.0517)	0.0559 (0.0219)	0.0864 (0.0239)
Costs of application/participation							
Yes	0.5954 (0.0667)	0.6227 (0.0463)	0.6329 (0.0612)	0.6023 (0.0514)	0.7491 (0.0708)**	0.5233 (0.0539)	0.6110 (0.0420)
No	0.4046 (0.0667)	0.3773 (0.0463)	0.3671 (0.0612)	0.3977 (0.0514)	0.2509 (0.0708)**	0.4767 (0.0539)	0.3890 (0.0420)
Low expected benefits							
Yes	0.4367 (0.0643)	0.3176 (0.0493)	0.2860 (0.0417)*	0.4014 (0.0520)	0.3943 (0.0685)	0.3527 (0.0417)	0.3689 (0.0412)
No	0.5633 (0.0643)	0.6824 (0.0493)	0.7140 (0.0417)*	0.5986 (0.0520)	0.6057 (0.0685)	0.6473 (0.0417)	0.6311 (0.0412)
Stigma							
Yes	0.4412 (0.0603)	0.4478 (0.0617)	0.4985 (0.0728)	0.4239 (0.0537)	0.4065 (0.0718)	0.4693 (0.0577)	0.4449 (0.0497)
No	0.5588 (0.0603)	0.5522 (0.0617)	0.5015 (0.0728)	0.5761 (0.0537)	0.5935 (0.0718)	0.5307 (0.0577)	0.5551 (0.0497)

Table B.14**Reasons Households Would Not Apply for Food Stamp Benefits**

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Prior food stamp receipt	No prior food stamp receipt	Overall
Bad Experiences							
Yes	0.1504 (0.0338)**	0.3092 (0.0517)	0.3180 (0.0746)	0.2105 (0.0363)	0.4730 (0.0566)***	0.0934 (0.0351)	0.2408 (0.0310)
No	0.8496 (0.0338)**	0.6908 (0.0517)	0.6820 (0.0746)	0.7895 (0.0363)	0.5270 (0.0566)***	0.9066 (0.0351)	0.7592 (0.0310)
Don't know how to apply							
Yes	0.1059 (0.0351)	0.1373 (0.0437)	0.0910 (0.0390)	0.1367 (0.0434)	0.0316 (0.0211)***	0.1823 (0.0452)	0.1238 (0.0333)
No	0.8941 (0.0351)	0.8627 (0.0437)	0.9090 (0.0390)	0.8633 (0.0434)	0.9684 (0.0211)***	0.8177 (0.0452)	0.8762 (0.0333)
Unweighted N	253	401	272	382	351	303	654

Notes: Table shows proportion with standard error in parentheses.

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Table B.15

Knowledge of Program Requirements Among Those Who Would Not Apply Even if Eligible

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Prior food stamp receipt	No prior food stamp receipt	Overall
Self-assessed knowledge							
Well-informed	0.1267 (0.0332)***	0.3105 (0.0552)	0.2598 (0.0473)	0.2202 (0.0394)	0.4627 (0.0550)***	0.0846 (0.0277)	0.2314 (0.0313)
Some idea	0.2977 (0.0468)**	0.4522 (0.0517)	0.5763 (0.0662)***	0.3109 (0.0459)	0.4389 (0.0588)	0.3520 (0.0510)	0.3857 (0.0315)
No idea	0.5437 (0.0565)***	0.2336 (0.0477)	0.1640 (0.0450)***	0.4469 (0.0571)	0.0892 (0.0281)***	0.5435 (0.0515)	0.3671 (0.0393)
Don't know/Refused	0.0319 (0.0171)*	0.0036 (0.0004)	0.0000 (0.0000)**	0.0220 (0.0106)	0.0093 (0.0041)	0.0199 (0.0120)	0.0158 (0.0075)
FSP time limit knowledge							
Correct	0.3019 (0.0567)	0.2822 (0.0433)	0.2689 (0.0523)	0.2992 (0.0440)	0.3169 (0.0641)	0.2741 (0.0487)	0.2907 (0.0358)
Incorrect	0.3430 (0.0408)***	0.5470 (0.0533)	0.5618 (0.0746)	0.4189 (0.0486)	0.4979 (0.0748)	0.4346 (0.0532)	0.4592 (0.0380)
Don't know/Refused	0.3550 (0.0566)***	0.1708 (0.0368)	0.1693 (0.0476)	0.2819 (0.0537)	0.1853 (0.0445)	0.2913 (0.0516)	0.2501 (0.0371)
TANF time limit knowledge							
Correct	0.3160 (0.0768)**	0.5438 (0.0453)	0.5324 (0.0608)	0.4117 (0.0507)	0.5354 (0.0722)	0.3889 (0.0531)	0.4458 (0.0360)
Incorrect	0.2675 (0.0558)	0.2243 (0.0374)	0.2338 (0.0471)	0.2464 (0.0420)	0.1815 (0.0387)	0.2818 (0.0518)	0.2429 (0.0342)
Don't know	0.4165 (0.0698)**	0.2319 (0.0418)	0.2337 (0.0476)	0.3418 (0.0512)	0.2831 (0.0538)	0.3293 (0.0511)	0.3114 (0.0353)
Unweighted N	128	205	136	197	156	177	333

Notes: Table shows proportion with standard error in parentheses.

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Table B.16**Source of Information about the Food Stamp Program: Eligible Nonparticipant Households that would not Apply Even if Eligible**

Source of Information	Percent Reporting
Posters, flyers, brochures	18.3%
Announcements/advertisements on radio and TV	14.8
Newspaper articles	11.6
Mail or telephone calls	11.2
Presentations by community groups	9.0
Billboards or advertisements on buses, taxis, or trains	7.2
Unweighted N	329-333

Table B.17

Perceived Time and Out-of-Pocket Costs of Application

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Prior food stamp receipt	No prior food stamp receipt	Overall
Mode of transportation							
Drive self	0.5007 (0.0406)	0.5548 (0.0385)	0.6784 (0.0366)***	0.4419 (0.0476)	0.5215 (0.0374)	0.5770 (0.0628)	0.5379 (0.0335)
Friend drives	0.1661 (0.0360)	0.1377 (0.0246)	0.1343 (0.0257)	0.1550 (0.0257)	0.1621 (0.0215)	0.1095 (0.0309)	0.1466 (0.0176)
Public transportation	0.1703 (0.0467)	0.1541 (0.0476)	0.0844 (0.0218)**	0.2102 (0.0599)	0.1562 (0.0493)	0.1661 (0.0551)	0.1592 (0.0410)
Other transportation	0.1592 (0.0325)	0.1476 (0.0314)	0.0998 (0.0246)**	0.1865 (0.0293)	0.1547 (0.0308)	0.1431 (0.0426)	0.1513 (0.0236)
Don't know	0.0036 (0.0036)	0.0057 (0.0043)	0.0031 (0.0031)	0.0064 (0.0048)	0.0054 (0.0040)	0.0043 (0.0043)	0.0051 (0.0031)
Convenience of FSP office location							
Convenient	0.7239 (0.0400)*	0.8066 (0.0271)	0.7986 (0.0271)	0.7693 (0.0326)	0.7714 (0.0284)	0.8061 (0.0452)	0.7816 (0.0249)
Inconvenient	0.2761 (0.0400)*	0.1934 (0.0271)	0.2014 (0.0271)	0.2307 (0.0326)	0.2286 (0.0284)	0.1939 (0.0452)	0.2184 (0.0249)
Unweighted N	254	580	432	402	583	251	834
Need to miss work to apply for FSP							
Yes	0.1479 (0.0278)***	0.3965 (0.0384)	0.4803 (0.0458)***	0.2164 (0.0290)	0.3259 (0.0316)	0.2776 (0.0301)	0.3030 (0.0265)
No	0.8521 (0.0278)***	0.6035 (0.0384)	0.5197 (0.0458)***	0.7836 (0.0290)	0.6741 (0.0316)	0.7224 (0.0301)	0.6970 (0.0265)
Need to get child/elder care to apply for FSP							
Yes	0.1061 (0.0199)***	0.2851 (0.0308)	0.2756 (0.0296)***	0.0981 (0.0188)	0.2325 (0.0355)**	0.1385 (0.0212)	0.1873 (0.0190)
No	0.8939 (0.0199)***	0.7149 (0.0308)	0.7244 (0.0296)***	0.9019 (0.0188)	0.7675 (0.0355)**	0.8615 (0.0212)	0.8127 (0.0190)
Unweighted N	422	755	520	657	651	526	1177

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Table B.18

Perceptions of Stigma

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Overall
Former FSP recipients:					
Acted to hide receipt of food stamps					
Yes	0.0281 (0.0167)**	0.0894 (0.0238)	0.1325 (0.0363)***	0.0273 (0.0117)	0.0710 (0.0173)
No	0.9719 (0.0167)**	0.9106 (0.0238)	0.8675 (0.0363)***	0.9727 (0.0117)	0.9290 (0.0173)
Avoided telling people about receiving food stamps					
Yes	0.1072 (0.0342)**	0.2064 (0.0295)	0.2074 (0.0358)	0.1549 (0.0326)	0.1767 (0.0237)
No	0.8905 (0.0343)**	0.7901 (0.0289)	0.7867 (0.0349)	0.8439 (0.0327)	0.8202 (0.0238)
Don't Know	0.0023 (0.0021)	0.0035 (0.0034)	0.0059 (0.0058)	0.0012 (0.0011)	0.0031 (0.0025)
Went out of way to shop where no one knows them					
Yes	0.0778 (0.0270)	0.1335 (0.0270)	0.1518 (0.0329)	0.0918 (0.0239)	0.1168 (0.0221)
No	0.9222 (0.0270)	0.8665 (0.0270)	0.8482 (0.0329)	0.9082 (0.0239)	0.8832 (0.0221)
Treated disrespectfully when using food stamp in store					
Yes	0.1187 (0.0349)***	0.3270 (0.0315)	0.3166 (0.0325)	0.2276 (0.0562)	0.2646 (0.0317)
No	0.8813 (0.0349)***	0.6543 (0.0344)	0.6723 (0.0357)	0.7579 (0.0595)	0.7223 (0.0340)
Don't Know	0.0000 (0.0000)*	0.0187 (0.0107)	0.0112 (0.0079)	0.0145 (0.0112)	0.0131 (0.0075)
Treated disrespectfully telling people received food stamps					
Yes	0.0425 (0.0159)***	0.1486 (0.0239)	0.1673 (0.0259)**	0.0804 (0.0247)	0.1167 (0.0166)
No	0.9441 (0.0204)***	0.8365 (0.0285)	0.8215 (0.0298)**	0.9028 (0.0281)	0.8688 (0.0199)
Don't Know	0.0135 (0.0129)	0.0149 (0.0074)	0.0112 (0.0079)	0.0168 (0.0097)	0.0145 (0.0065)
Given food stamps to others—too embarrassed to use them					
Yes	0.0000 (0.0000)**	0.0080 (0.0039)	0.0100 (0.0054)	0.0024 (0.0024)	0.0056 (0.0027)
No	1.0000 (0.0000)**	0.9920 (0.0039)	0.9900 (0.0054)	0.9976 (0.0024)	0.9944 (0.0027)
Sample Size	196	468	357	307	664

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Table B.18

Perceptions of Stigma

	Elderly household members	No elderly household members	Children in household	No children in household	Overall
No Previous FSP Experience:					
Would go out of way to prevent others knowing about food stamp receipt					
Yes	0.2416 (0.0407)	0.2427 (0.0394)	0.1841 (0.0354)*	0.2607 (0.0272)	0.2422 (0.0244)
No	0.7293 (0.0387)	0.7322 (0.0393)	0.7937 (0.0381)*	0.7109 (0.0317)	0.7309 (0.0268)
Don't Know	0.0291 (0.0221)	0.0251 (0.0103)	0.0222 (0.0166)	0.0284 (0.0147)	0.0269 (0.0117)
Would go out of way to shop where no one knows them					
Yes	0.2173 (0.0389)	0.1681 (0.0366)	0.1687 (0.0380)	0.1976 (0.0284)	0.1905 (0.0239)
No	0.7811 (0.0393)	0.8187 (0.0365)	0.8091 (0.0408)	0.7992 (0.0286)	0.8016 (0.0235)
Don't Know	0.0016 (0.0016)	0.0132 (0.0079)	0.0222 (0.0166)	0.0033 (0.0026)	0.0079 (0.0045)
Stores would treat me disrespectfully for using food stamps					
Yes	0.1650 (0.0334)	0.2103 (0.0329)	0.2138 (0.0471)	0.1819 (0.0267)	0.1896 (0.0233)
No	0.6767 (0.0553)	0.7475 (0.0337)	0.7304 (0.0472)	0.7104 (0.0340)	0.7152 (0.0278)
Don't Know	0.1583 (0.0410)***	0.0422 (0.0111)	0.0559 (0.0191)*	0.1077 (0.0247)	0.0951 (0.0194)
People would treat me disrespectfully for receiving food stamp					
Yes	0.1807 (0.0323)	0.1937 (0.0250)	0.1666 (0.0469)	0.1946 (0.0184)	0.1878 (0.0187)
No	0.7010 (0.0528)	0.7786 (0.0258)	0.7854 (0.0482)	0.7297 (0.0296)	0.7432 (0.0264)
Don't Know	0.1183 (0.0384)**	0.0277 (0.0104)	0.0480 (0.0200)	0.0757 (0.0240)	0.0690 (0.0201)
Sample Size	231	302	177	356	534

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Table B.19**Perceptions of Stigma among Eligible Nonparticipants: 1996 and 2000**

	2000 ^a			1996 ^b		
	Total	Former FSP participants	Never participated	Total	Former FSP participants	Never participated
Avoided/would avoid telling people about receiving food stamps	20.8 %	17.7%	24.2%	27.6%	18.4%	33.4%
Gone/would go out of way to shop where no one knows them	15.3	11.7	19.1	20.8	12.7	26.0
Have been/would be treated disrespectfully using food stamp in stores	22.9	26.5	19.0	23.0	18.7	25.8
Have been/would be treated disrespectfully by people if received food stamps	15.0	11.7	18.8	19.8	12.0	24.7
Have acted to hide food stamp receipt		7.1			12.1	
Have given food stamps away		0.6			0.0	
Stigma index						
0	56.5%	59.6%	52.9%	47.3%	59.5%	39.9%
1	16.9	20.7	12.7	17.8	21.4	15.7
2	9.6	10.8	8.3	11.5	5.8	15.1
3	4.2	3.8	4.6	6.8	5.7	7.5
4	4.8	2.6	7.1	7.5	2.9	10.4
Missing	8.1	2.4	14.4	9.1	4.6	11.5
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.9%	100.1%
Mean	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.2
Sample sizes	1198	664	534	450	174	275

a Study of Program Access and Declining Food Stamp Participation.

b Ponza et al. (1999), pp. 68-69.

Table B.20**Near Applicants' Satisfaction with Most Recent Visit to Food Stamp Office**

Satisfaction with services of receptionist/telephone operator

Very satisfied	17.5%
Somewhat satisfied	26.8
Somewhat unsatisfied	23.8
Very dissatisfied	13.9
Don't know	18.0
Total	100.0%

Understanding of food stamp application requirements

Really understood	53.2%
Somewhat unsure	33.4
No idea at all	10.2
Don't know	3.1
Total	100.0%

Reasonableness of food stamp requirements

Reasonable	38.3%
Unreasonable	41.5
Don't know	20.2
Total	100.0%

Overall success of visit to food stamp office

Accomplished all expected	26.6%
Accomplished some things	17.2
Did not accomplish anything	40.2
Don't know	15.9
Total	100.0%

<i>Unweighted N</i>	65-66
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Table B.21

Satisfaction with Services Provided by Food Stamp Caseworker

Aspect of Performance	Recent and "Near Applicants": 2000						FSP Participants: 1996					
	Agree Strongly	Agree Some-what	Disagree Some-what	Disagree Strongly	Don't Know	Total	Agree Strongly	Agree Some-what	Disagree Some-what	Disagree Strongly	Don't Know	Total
Services suitable to needs	23.0%	32.5%	9.8%	22.9%	11.7%	100.0%	55.1%	31.8%	4.9%	8.2%	0.0%	100.0%
Agreed with caseworker's decisions	19.4	18.2	16.1	35.9	10.4	100.0	52.9	28.4	5.8	12.7	0.2	100.0
Caseworker kept respondent well informed	31.5	21.8	7.3	29.0	10.4	100.0	57.7	21.1	4.3	16.4	0.5	100.0
Caseworker helped to solve respondent's problems	30.4	17.5	13.4	27.1	11.7	100.0	61.0	20.1	5.3	13.6	0.0	100.0
Caseworker knowledgeable about FSP benefits and procedures	46.1	25.6	7.2	6.6	14.5	100.0	67.1	22.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	100.0
Caseworker treats clients respectfully	52.6	13.7	10.0	13.1	10.6	100.0	69.6	18.7	2.5	9.1	0.2	100.0
Unweighted N						100						314