

Appendix A
Distribution of Food Stamp Households by
Length of Certification Period

Exhibit A-1: Distribution of food stamp households by length of certification period, 1997-2001: all households

Length of certification period	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Percentage distribution, all households (%)					
Number of months					
1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
2	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.9
3	10.8	13.6	15.3	16.9	15.9
4	3.2	3.4	3.8	4.5	4.3
5	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.8
6	17.0	14.5	13.8	12.7	14.2
7	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.2
8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
10	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5
11	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.6
12	49.2	49.4	48.7	47.8	48.2
13+	9.3	9.0	8.2	8.4	8.3
Unknown	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Estimated value, all households (months)					
Mean	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.7
Standard error	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.03

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, "Characteristics of Food Stamp Households," fiscal years 1997-2001.

Exhibit A-2: Distribution of food stamp households by length of certification period, 1997-2001: households with earnings

Length of certification period	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Percentage distribution, households with earnings (%)					
Number of months					
1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
2	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.9	1.2
3	24.3	28.8	30.9	34.3	31.4
4	4.5	5.8	6.4	7.2	7.2
5	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.1
6	19.0	13.8	14.8	13.3	15.4
7	2.1	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.6
8	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8
9	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
10	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.5
11	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.8
12	36.2	36.7	34.7	32.9	33.9
13+	6.3	4.8	3.1	2.8	2.9
Unknown	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Estimated value, households with earnings (months)					
Mean	8.1	7.8	7.5	7.2	7.3
Standard error	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, "Characteristics of Food Stamp Households," fiscal years 1997-2001.

Exhibit A-3: Distribution of food stamp households by length of certification period, 1997-2001: households without earnings

Length of certification period	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Percentage distribution, households without earnings (%)					
Number of months					
1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
2	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8
3	6.5	8.2	9.6	10.4	10.2
4	2.8	2.5	2.9	3.5	3.3
5	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7
6	16.4	14.7	13.4	12.5	13.7
7	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0
8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
10	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6
11	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.9
12	53.3	53.8	53.8	53.3	53.5
13+	10.2	10.5	10.0	10.6	10.3
Unknown	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, "Characteristics of Food Stamp Households," fiscal years 1997-2001.