

Appendix A. Data

Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)

FIRST WAVE—over 2/93-5/93 all households surveyed once

February 1993	FIRST WAVE, First Rotation Group, surveyed regarding 10/92-1/93
March 1993	FIRST WAVE, Second Rotation Group, surveyed regarding 11/92-2/93
April 1993	FIRST WAVE, Third Rotation Group, surveyed regarding 12/92-3/93
May 1993	FIRST WAVE, Fourth Rotation Group, surveyed regarding 1/93-4/93

SECOND WAVE—6/93-9/93 all households surveyed a second time

June 1993	SECOND WAVE, First Rotation Group, (same households that were in FIRST WAVE, First Rotation Group), surveyed regarding 2/93-5/93
July 1993	SECOND WAVE, Second Rotation Group, (same households that were in FIRST WAVE, Second Rotation Group), surveyed regarding 3/93-6/93
August 1993	SECOND WAVE, Third Rotation Group, (same households that were in FIRST WAVE, Third Rotation Group), surveyed regarding 4/93-7/93
September 1993	SECOND WAVE, Fourth Rotation Group, (same households that were in FIRST WAVE, Fourth Rotation Group), surveyed regarding 5/93-8/93

THIRD WAVE—10/93-1/94, all households surveyed a third time

FOURTH WAVE—2/94-5/94, all households surveyed a fourth time

FIFTH WAVE—6/94-9/94, all households surveyed a fifth time

SIXTH WAVE—10/94-1/95, all households surveyed a sixth time

SEVENTH WAVE—2/95-5/95, all households surveyed a seventh time

EIGHTH WAVE—6/95-9/95, all household surveyed an eighth time

NINTH WAVE—10/95-1/96, all households surveyed a ninth and final time for the SIPP; survey included food sufficiency questions that covered previous 12 months' experience

Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD)

March 1997	SPD Bridge Survey, covering previous 12 months' experience; all households surveyed in March
March 1998	SPD Annual Survey, covering previous 12 months' experience, all households surveyed in March; food sufficiency and food security questions included

Data Files Used

1. 1993 SIPP longitudinal file—for core information such as income, demographic characteristics, program participation
2. Topical module file from Wave 9 of 1993 SIPP—for food sufficiency questions
3. Longitudinal SPD file—for linking the SIPP and SPD files
4. Unedited 1998 SPD file—or food security and food sufficiency information
5. Food Security Supplement of the SPD—for the food security status variables

Creating the Dataset

The topical module file from Wave 9 of the 1993 SIPP was linked with the 1993 SIPP longitudinal file so that the food sufficiency information would be added to the core information. Then, the longitudinal SPD file was used to provide the link between the SIPP and the SPD. Next, the unedited 1998 SPD file was linked in order to add the food sufficiency information for the respondents. Finally, the ERS Food Security Supplement file of the SPD was linked to obtain the food security measure.

Population Studied

Individuals who appeared in both the SIPP and the SPD and who were at least 18 years old in 1995 and not enrolled in school in 1995 or 1997.

Note: The 1992 SIPP data were not used. This group of respondents was not asked the food sufficiency questions that were included in Wave 9 of the 1993 SIPP. Consequently, that data cannot be used for food insufficiency analysis.

For more information on the SIPP, see www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/

For more information on the SPD, see www.sipp.census.gov/spd/

For more information on the ERS Food Security Supplement of the SPD, see www.ers.usda.gov/data/foodsecurity/SPD/