

Appendix C. Descriptive Statistics for Subsamples Used in Multivariate Analyses

Variable	Not poor in 1994-95		Poor in 1994-95		Food sufficient in 1994-95		Food insufficient in 1994-95	
	Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation
	<i>Years</i>		<i>Years</i>		<i>Years</i>		<i>Years</i>	
Mean age	47.51	(17.20)	46.80	(18.66)	47.66	(17.40)	41.50	(14.57)
	<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>	
Female	0.50	(0.50)	0.66	(0.47)	0.51	(0.50)	0.58	(0.49)
Black or African American	0.09	(0.29)	0.29	(0.45)	0.11	(0.31)	0.24	(0.43)
Hispanic	0.08	(0.27)	0.22	(0.41)	0.08	(0.28)	0.25	(0.43)
U.S. citizen	0.97	(0.18)	0.88	(0.33)	0.96	(0.19)	0.87	(0.34)
Completed high school	0.58	(0.49)	0.45	(0.50)	0.57	(0.50)	0.54	(0.50)
Completed college	0.24	(0.43)	0.04	(0.20)	0.23	(0.42)	0.05	(0.21)
1995:								
Female-headed household	0.19	(0.39)	0.49	(0.50)	0.21	(0.41)	0.39	(0.49)
	<i>Level</i>		<i>Level</i>		<i>Level</i>		<i>Level</i>	
Average number of children under age 18	0.73	(1.10)	1.39	(1.65)	0.77	(1.16)	1.43	(1.58)
	<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>	
Disabled	0.17	(0.38)	0.45	(0.50)	0.19	(0.39)	0.40	(0.49)
Low-asset income	0.64	(0.48)	0.95	(0.23)	0.65	(0.48)	0.95	(0.22)
Own home	0.79	(0.40)	0.40	(0.49)	0.77	(0.42)	0.46	(0.50)
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousands</i>	
Annual hours of work	1.45	(1.08)	0.40	(0.75)	1.37	(1.10)	0.92	(0.97)
	<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>	
Received food stamps	0.04	(0.19)	0.58	(0.49)	0.08	(0.27)	0.47	(0.50)
Income-to-needs	3.91	(2.47)	0.66	(0.25)	3.69	(2.54)	1.55	(1.29)
1997:								
Female-headed household	0.19	(0.39)	0.50	(0.50)	0.21	(0.41)	0.38	(0.49)
	<i>Level</i>		<i>Level</i>		<i>Level</i>		<i>Level</i>	
Average number of children children under age 18	0.70	(1.08)	1.27	(1.61)	0.74	(1.13)	1.21	(1.40)
	<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>	
Disabled	0.08	(0.27)	0.10	(0.30)	0.08	(0.28)	0.07	(0.26)
Changed households	0.19	(0.39)	0.25	(0.43)	0.19	(0.39)	0.31	(0.46)
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousands</i>	
Annual hours of work	1.40	(1.10)	0.63	(0.97)	1.34	(1.11)	1.10	(1.08)
	<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>		<i>Proportion</i>	
Received food stamps	0.02	(0.15)	0.40	(0.49)	0.05	(0.22)	0.29	(0.45)
Income-to-needs	4.25	(2.83)	1.27	(1.34)	4.05	(2.86)	1.99	(1.91)
Number of observations	8,358		1,156		9,098		416	

Notes: Hispanics may be of any race. Statistics were estimated using weighted data from the 1993 SIPP and 1998 SPD.