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IN THIS REPORT, standardized morbidity ratios are presented, based on data collected in household interviews for the Health Interview Survey during July 1961-June 1963, for several measures of illness in groups characterized by family size, family income, and family type and adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence.

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### SELECTED FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS AND HEALTH MEASURES REPORTED IN THE HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY

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#### INTRODUCTION

Analyses of the demographic characteristics of the poor have shown that poverty is concentrated among families whose head is 65 years of age or older, among families with a woman at the head, and among nonwhite persons.<sup>1</sup> The occurrence of illness has been tabulated by income and family size but not by the "type" of family in which the illness was reported.<sup>2</sup> In making plans for the sick or for the poor it seemed relevant to determine if family characteristics associated with poverty also further identified the sick population.

Accordingly, "family type" was tabulated for measures of illness reported in the Health Interview Survey (HIS) for the fiscal years 1962 and 1963 in addition to the characteristics previously tabulated, which included family size, family income, farm-nonfarm residence, age, color, and sex. The family-type classes were the normal family whose head is a man, the problem family whose head is a woman, and the family whose head is 65 years of age or more and is presumably retired. The three subdivisions correspond to the classes shown in reports of the Bureau of the Census and the Social Security Administration.1 These family types were cross-classified by family size, since the latter characteristic is tied into the definition of poverty established by the Social Security Administration<sup>3</sup> which attempts to quantify a subsistence level of living. Obviously, more income is required to meet the minimum needs of a large family than of a small one. Thus, the "poor" are specified in the Social Security definition by family size and family income. Rather than separate the categorized "poor" in the present study, family size was retained as a variable along with family income in order to examine the interrelationship between the two factors. It was expected that if illness was correlated with poverty, then the percent ill at any income level might increase with increasing family size.

The data already published on measures of illness by income presented rates for four income classes—under \$2,000 annual family income, \$2,000 to \$4,000, \$4,000 to \$7,000, and \$7,000 and over—for the fiscal year, July 1962-June 1963.<sup>2</sup> The tabulations in this report, for the 2 years combined, fiscal years 1962 and 1963, retain the complete income distribution used in the Health Interview Survey. The tables were designed to examine the ways in which measures of illness obtained in the survey were related to certain types of families by family size and family income.

#### METHODOLOGY

The data presented in this paper are based on responses to a continuous nationwide survey conducted by household interview.<sup>4</sup> Each week a representative sample of households is interviewed to obtain information relating to the health characteristics of each member living in the household. The survey is limited to the civilian, noninstitutional population of the United States living at the time of interview. The national sample for the 24-month period ending June 1963 included about 259,000 persons from 80,000 households. The universe sampled does not include members of the Armed Forces, U.S. nationals living in foreign countries, crews of vessels, or persons residing in institutions.

Estimates obtained in the survey for the population of the entire United States were tabulated by age, sex, and color, and cross-classified by family income, by residence (living on a farm, not living on a farm), by size of family, and by the family types previously described. A summary distribution of the population in these classes is shown in tables 1 and 2. The rates per 1,000 population for various measures of morbidity obtained in the survey were then computed by age, sex, and residence. These rates were applied to the appropriate detailed populations estimated from the survey to obtain the number of events that could be expected in each familyincome, -type, and -size class if its members behaved like the corresponding national average for persons in the same age, sex, and residence category. The expected numbers for each class were summed to the totals needed for the selected units of analysis. The expected number was then compared with the actual number of events tabulated in the same class. The ratio of the actual to the expected number, multiplied by 100, produces an index that shows whether the observed class experienced rates that were higher (over 100) or lower (under 100) than the national average, when figures are standardized for differences in morbidity experience by age, sex, and residence. In all comparisons the standardized morbidity ratios were calculated separately for persons under 65 years of age. and those 65 years of age and over. This procedure avoided the distortion that might possibly be produced by the presence of older persons with very high morbidity rates in households of families whose health experience was otherwise average.

The expected values were based on small populations but when these figures were summed up over all ages and both sexes, the sum generally represented a population unit of more than 30,000 persons, the cutoff point selected by the HIS staff for use with 2-year compilations of data.

From table 2 it is evident that the majority of persons in nonwhite families, in farm families, and families whose head is a woman, or whose head is over 65 years of age fall into family-income groups below the national median income. HIS reports have observed that certain types of illness are inversely correlated with family income. It was expected, therefore, that a high frequency of such illnesses would be observed in the Health Interview Survey data for these special types of low-income families. The present study was designed to examine whether or not family type and family size are directly related to occurrence of illness as additional factors besides income.

#### ACUTE CONDITIONS

An acute condition is defined in the Health Interview Survey as "a condition which has lasted less than 3 months and which has involved either medical attention or restricted activity."<sup>4</sup> If family size is of importance in the incidence of illness it should be reflected in measures of infectious communicable diseases, and of injuries, both of which will be counted in the incidence of acute conditions.

In the earlier study of income and health,<sup>2</sup> it was observed that the incidence of acute conditions was not much affected by family income, except for a greater incidence among older persons whose income was below \$2,000. It was also pointed out that the objective criteria used to define an acute condition—illness which causes restricted activity or has received medical attention—might tend to produce differences in illness counts that were directly rather than inversely related to family income. The low-income families might not consult a physician for the same illness that would receive such attention in a high-income family. In the large family the mother may call the physician for an illness in one child but not for the same illness in the second child. Similarly, a white-collar worker on an annual salary might be able to take a day off from work for an illness that an hourly wage worker could not afford to consider disabling. Nevertheless, should incidence of acute conditions be related to family size, in the present approach it was thought that specific rates for acute conditions might reflect differences by family size if the recognized selective effect of the HIS definition of acute conditions was related chiefly to income.

Some of the detailed data are shown in table 3. For persons under 65 years of age in families whose head was over 65, the frequencies of illness by family size were too small to produce a set of useful figures. Even for the most common family type, the family whose head is a male less than 65 years old, there is no pattern of increasing morbidity for larger families and almost no correlation with income. Whether or not the family head under 65 is a man or woman also has no clear bearing on the level of the standardized morbidity ratios. When the data are summarized for all persons regardless of family size and type, the standardized morbidity ratios for acute conditions are:

	Family income: <sup>1</sup>			
Color and age	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 and over		
White persons Under 65 years 65 years and over	103 111	105 94		
Nonwhite persons Under 65 years 65 years and over	79 101	72 71		

<sup>1</sup>It should be noted that throughout this paper figures for family income under \$3,000 and \$3,000 and over include unrelated individuals whose income was under \$2,000 and \$2,000 and over, respectively.

The differences tend to confirm the observations of the earlier report.  $^2$ 

The lack of evidence of correlation between episodes of acute illness as defined in HIS and family size was further corroborated by examination of the reported incidence of acute upper respiratory diseases. The summary figures for these disorders are:

	Family income:			
Color and age	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 and over		
White persons Under 65 years 65 years and over Nonwhite persons Under 65 years 65 years and over	102 108 71 97	106 98 71 69		

The relationship between family size and type, and occurrence of illness was further examined on the reported numbers of accidental injuries receiving medical attention or causing a day of restricted activity. (These figures are included in the total of acute conditions.) The results were again negative. The relative frequencies of the three types of accidents, disregarding family characteristics, as measured by the standardized morbidity ratios are shown below.

	Persons 65 y	s under vears	Persons 65 years and over				
Type of accident and color		Family income					
	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 and over	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 and over			
Moving motor- vehicle accidents							
White Nonwhite	102 96	100 92	133 *	104 *			
Nonmoving motor- vehicle accidents							
White Nonwhite	58 133	106 77	76 *	158 *			
All other injuries	-						
White Nonwhite	114 71	103 67	109 45	101 88			

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#### CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Persons interviewed in HIS are counted as suffering from one or more chronic conditions if the respondent answers "Yes" to any of a series of listed chronic diseases or impairments, or indicates that he has had some other condition for more than 3 months before the week of interview. In the studies published previously,<sup>2, 5</sup> it was observed that the reported rate for chronic conditions so serious that the affected person could not carry on his usual activities was clearly related to family income. In the present study, the

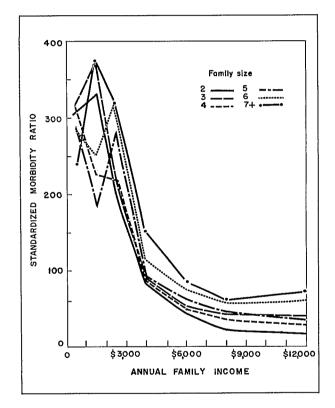


Figure 1. Standardized morbidity ratios for reported chronic conditions producing limitation of major activity for persons under 65 years of age in families whose head is a white male under 65 years of age, by family size and family income.

(Standardized for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence)

relative prevalence of chronic conditions producing major activity limitations has been adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence. When these figures are examined by family income, size, and type, and by color, there may be seen a high relative ratio of activity-limiting chronic conditions at the low incomes, and a decline with rise in income over \$3,000. For families with a white male under 65 years of age at the head, there is a definite although not completely consistent pattern of increasing standardized morbidity ratio with increasing family size (fig. 1). The standardized morbidity ratio is 100 for a family of two persons at incomes close to \$4,000, while it does not return to this "average" population level for the family of seven until incomes of almost \$6,000 are reached. There was no clear evidence of a similar pattern by family size within other family-type and color groups.

The earlier HIS study<sup>2</sup> of health and family income states: "It is quite evident that low family income is associated with a greater amount of chronic limitation of activity. There is little doubt that reduction of income because of restrictions in the amount or kind of work that can be performed and inability to work, leading in some instances to involuntary retirement, are major factors in this relationship." This point is reinforced by a comparison of the standardized morbidity ratios for the reported degrees of disability produced by chronic diseases at various income levels. Disability from chronic conditions is classified in HIS for each chronic condition by the degree of limitation suffered by the individual. who may be described as:

- 1. Unable to carry on major activity (preschool play, school, housework, or work, as appropriate).
- 2. Limited in amount or kind of major activity.
- Not limited in major activity, but otherwise limited (church, sports, shopping, etc.)
- 4. Not limited in activities.

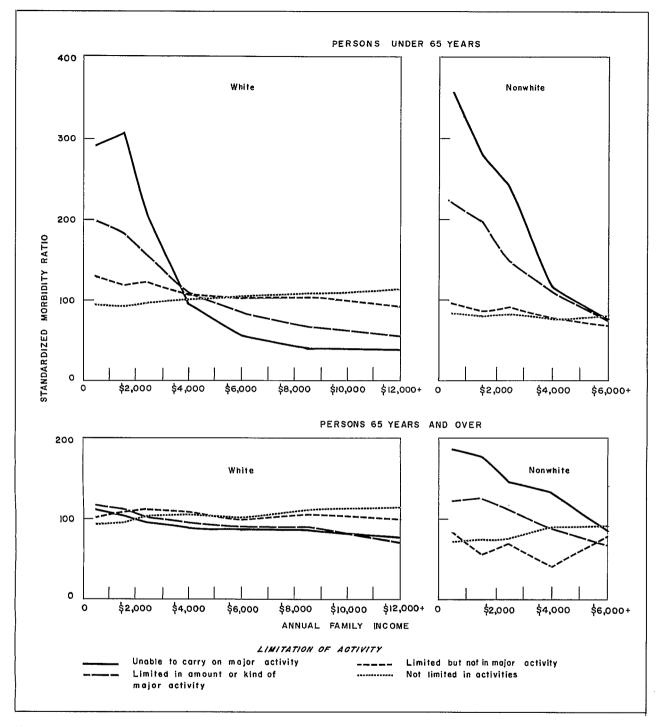


Figure 2. Standardized morbidity ratios for persons with one or more chronic conditions producing specified limitations of activity, by age, color, family income, and type of limitation.

(Standardized for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence)

These four stages of chronic disability are shown in figure 2 by family income for the white and nonwhite populations, under and over 65 years of age. The largest variation in the standardized morbidity ratio by family income is found for persons under 65 years of age who are unable to carry on their major activity, presumably, unable to work. In another set of tabulations of these same data,<sup>5</sup> it was found that 2.8 percent of all persons at ages 45-64 years were unable to work (or to keep house, if this was the major activity). Among families reporting incomes less than \$2,000 this percentage rose to 8.2 for the same age group, and at incomes of \$2,000-\$3,999, it was 4.3 percent. Persons whose chronic illness limited the amount or kind of major activity represented the following percents of all persons 45-64 years of age:

Family income	Percent
All incomes	11.6
Under \$2,000 \$2,000-\$3,999 \$4,000-\$6,999 \$7,000 and over	24.8 15.5 9.8 6.3

It is evident from these published data that a sizable proportion of the middle-aged "poor" population suffer serious physical limitations in their ability to work.

These figures seemed of sufficient importance to present again in the additional detail available from the present set of tables. Both the numbers of persons disabled to the extent that they cannot perform their usual activities and the proportion of the population they represent are shown by income of their family in table 4. These are actual unadjusted estimates stated simply to show the magnitude of the problem. At ages under 65 years, the proportion of disabled in families whose income was below \$3,000 fell between 2 and 3 percent. The figure dropped sharply for both white and nonwhite persons in families whose income was \$3,000 or more. A much higher level of disability prevailed among persons 65 years of age and over, but the relative variation with income was not so great. The excess in proportion of disabled was about 10 percentage points more for nonwhite compared with white persons over 65 years, while there was almost no difference (0.6 percentage points) under 65.

The occurrence of some of the more important chronic conditions that cause limitation in activity has been shown for demographic characteristics of the population in the report quoted.<sup>5</sup> The following summary indicates the major differences in relative reported prevalence for two broad age groups, the two color groups, and two income groups of the population in the form of standardized morbidity ratios adjusted by age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence,

	Persons under 65 years Persons 6 years and o				
Condition and color	Family income				
	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 and over	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 and over	
Heart conditions White Nonwhite	152 148	89 83	110 102	93 75	
High blood pressure White Nonwhite	112 197	89 147	108 145	89 98	
Ulcers White Nonwhite	132 90	100 70	121 *	92 *	
Arthritis and rheumatism White Nonwhite	133 153	92 89	112 133	85 96	
Orthopedic impairments White Nonwhite	131 130	96 80	117 151	81 88	
Visual impairments White Nonwhite	178 227	79 91	112 150	83 79	
Hearing impairments White Nonwhite	144 92	97 55	114 93	90 66	
Chronic sinusitis White Nonwhite	111 58	106 56	127 71	83 *	

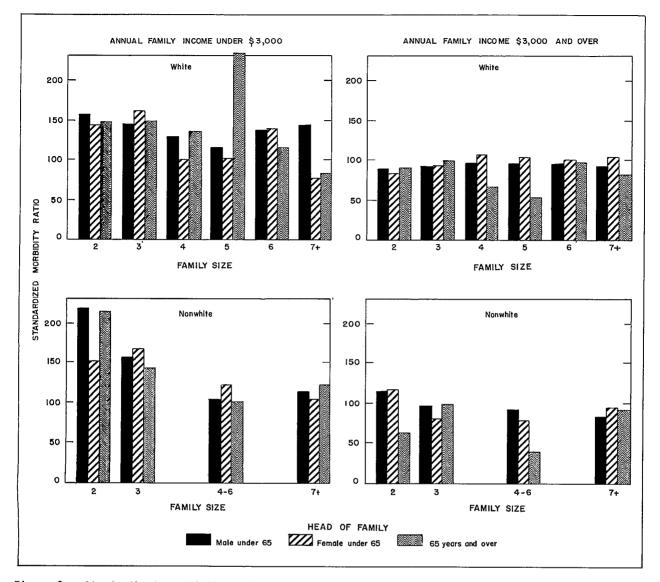


Figure 3. Standardized morbidity ratios for reported restricted-activity days for persons under 65 years of age in families of two or more persons, by family size, family type, family income, and color.

(Standardized for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence)

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#### OTHER ILLNESS MEASURES

HIS uses a number of other objective measures of the degree of illness in the population. Three of these—number of days in which the respondent could not conduct his usual activities, the number of days he spent in bed due to illness, and the number of days he spent in hospital were also tabulated to further examine the hypothesis that the relative impact of illness is related to family size and family type.

It was noted earlier that the behavior of a sick person may depend on his income. Members of low-income families cannot afford not to go to work, when absence means loss of income, as readily as those of higher income. Thus, restricted-activity days, as well as other measures, may reflect differences in sickness behavior rather than differences in morbidity alone.

#### **Restricted-Activity Days**

The detailed data for the relative incidence of restricted-activity days showed the same general pattern found for acute conditions with no evidence that family size or family type was a factor in the level of the ratios. Since income also shows little effect except for the contrast between the low-income groups (families with an income under \$3,000 a year) and the remainder of the population, the data were regrouped as shown in figure 3 to emphasize family size and family type. No consistent differences can be observed in the chart for these characteristics. Conversely, the overriding effect of income on the relative level of restricted-activity days despite differences in family size or type stands out clearly.

#### Hospital Days and Bed-Days

The two remaining measures of illness showed a definite relation to income but not to family size or family type. Omitting the last two factors, a summary of the standardized morbidity ratios is:

	Persons 65 y	under ears		ons 65 ind over
Disability	Family income			
days and color	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 and over	Under \$3,000	\$3,000 and over
Hospital days <sup>1</sup> White Nonwhite	129 102	94 97	98 118	102 77
Bed-days White Nonwhite	133 154	91 98	110 166	83 127

<sup>1</sup>Based on hospital days reported during the 2-week period prior to interview. Data differ from those estimated from reports of hospital days for the 6-month period prior to interview.

The appendix tables contain a summary of the standardized morbidity ratios by income calculated for this analysis.

#### SUMMARY

It has been accepted as a truism for many years that low income and ill health go hand in hand as both cause and effect. The current intensive study of problems among low-income groups led to a plan to tabulate measures of health for some of the characteristics used in defining poverty. Specifically, these are family size, and family type defined by the sex and age of the head of household. It was found that only one of the illness measures used in the Health Interview Survey showed a clear variation with family size-this is the frequency of disabling chronic conditions. The family type selected for these tabulations did not prove useful in isolating families with higher relative frequency of morbidity reported in the Health Interview Survey.

The standardized morbidity ratio was used as the measure of relative frequency. This figure compares the actual frequency in the described class with the frequency expected if the class has the same illness rates as the specific age, sex, and farm-nonfarm classes for the United States as a whole. Each figure is essentially age-, sex-, and residence-adjusted and stated as the ratio of actual to expected cases multiplied

by 100. Although for most of the observations made, the more detailed tabulations prepared here offer no new information, the standardized morbidity ratios are presented because of their simplicity as a summary measure of relative incidence of disease.

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color and annual income:	Health Interview Survey,	United States, July	1961-June 1963

Income		White		Nonwhite	
		Farm	Total	Farm	
	Рори	lation in	n thousan	ds	
All incomes	10,530	373	1,502	43	
	Percent distribution				
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	27.5 23.5 12.9 18.9 9.5 4.6 3.2	40.0 26.6 11.3 12.2 9.9	23.6 14.8	80.0	

# Table 2. Total and farm population and percent distribution, estimated by color, family size, family type, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963

Color, residence, family type,	Family size						
and family income	Total	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over
WHITE TOTAL POPULATION							
All types (in thousands)	150,161	28,287	26,506	33,507	26,370	16,790	18,699
Percent distribution All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	2.5 5.6 7.6 21.9 26.3 20.7 15.3	4.8 12.6 13.3 23.2 19.2 15.1 11.8	2.4 5.2 8.2 23.9 24.6 19.7 16.0	1.4 3.3 5.5 21.2 28.4 23.4 17.2	1.5 3.1 5.0 20.1 30.2 23.2 17.0	1.8 4.0 5.1 20.9 29.7 22.8 15.6	3.6 5.1 7.8 22.1 27.0 20.5 13.8
Head of family—male, under 65 years (in thousands)	125,188	16,388	21,024	30,334	24,403	15,628	17,411
Percent distribution All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	100.0 1.9 3.5 5.7 20.9 28.5 22.8 16.7	$ \begin{array}{c} 100.0\\ 2.8\\ 5.6\\ 7.5\\ 22.1\\ 24.5\\ 21.0\\ 16.4 \end{array} $	100.0 1.9 3.6 6.6 22.2 26.4 21.5 17.9	100.0 1.1 2.5 4.6 20.1 29.5 24.3 17.8	100.0 1.5 2.5 4.3 19.4 30.9 24.0 17.4	100.0 1.6 3.4 4.5 20.7 30.7 23.3 15.9	100.0 3.4 4.7 7.4 22.0 27.8 21.0 13.6
Head of family—female, under 65 years (in thousands)	10,386	2,735	2,620	2,069	1,346	792	824
Percent distribution All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000	5.0 11.0 15.1 32.1 18.0 11.1 7.7	6.8 12.7 17.0 30.5 18.2 9.8 5.0	4.7 10.2 14.4 35.2 18.0 10.8 6.8	3.5 8.7 15.2 32.7 16.9 12.4 10.6	2.9 11.4 14.0 32.8 20.1 9.4 9.3	5.5 13.3 14.8 26.9 18.0 12.9 8.7	6.7 10.5 12.7 30.5 16.3 14.1 9.4
Head of family—65 years and over (in thousands)	14,585	9,164	2,862	1,104	621	370	464
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000- \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	6.3 20.1 19.1 23.5 12.6 9.8 8.5	7.8 25.1 22.6 23.1 9.9 6.0 5.6	4.3 13.3 14.8 26.1 16.9 14.2 10.3	3.9 8.5 10.3 29.6 18.1 16.9 12.7	0.9 7.2 10.4 19.5 21.7 23.3 16.8	5.5 10.7 11.0 18.0 14.0 23.8 17.1	3.6 9.6 13.7 12.5 16.3 14.4 29.6

### Table 2. Total and farm population and percent distribution, estimated by color, family size, family type, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963-Con.

Color, residence, family type,			Fam	ily size			;
and family income	Total	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over
WHITE FARM POPULATION							
All types (in thousands)	12,255	2,086	1,935	2,141	1,974	1,627	2,493
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	8.7 12.7 14.1 30.6 16.3 9.7 7.9	12.8 22.3 17.1 23.5 12.6 6.3 5.4	7.5 13.1 17.6 30.8 15.1 9.8 6.3	5.3 10.2 14.2 32.2 17.7 9.1 11.4	7.6 6.8 9.1 33.7 19.1 12.2 11.6	6.2 11.3 10.8 35.0 19.2 12.1 5.2	$ \begin{array}{r} 11.8\\12.1\\14.9\\29.8\\15.1\\9.4\\6.8\end{array} $
Head of family—male, under 65 years (in thousands)	10,454	1,228	1,534	1,946	1,844	1,541	2,361
Percent distribution All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	8.0 10.6 13.4 32.1 17.3 10.1 8.5	9.3 16.8 14.5 28.1 15.7 8.4 7.1	6.9 10.7 17.6 32.1 16.2 9.5 7.2	4.6 10.0 14.2 32.6 18.1 9.0 11.5	7.9 6.1 9.1 33.5 19.8 11.8 11.8	6.0 11.4 10.4 35.8 19.3 11.8 5.3	12.0 11.1 14.8 30.3 15.1 9.9
Head of family—female, under 65 years (in thousands)	316	66	53		1	97	
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0		100	.0	
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$5,000-\$6,999	12.7 27.9 9.4 25.7	20.0 29.1 16.4 16.4	12.8 25.5 14.9 23.4	10.4 28.2 5.7 29.3			
\$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	24.6	18.2	25.5		26	.4	
Head of family—65 years and over (in thousands)	1,486	792	348	346			
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0		100	.0	
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	13.4 24.1 20.1 21.1 10.2 6.6 4.3	17.6 30.2 21.4 16.9 8.2 2.9 2.9	9.3 22.4 18.3 26.0 10.9 9.9 3.2	7.6 11.7 19.0 26.0 14.3 11.7 8.6			

## Table 2. Total and farm population and percent distribution, estimated by color, family size, family type, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963-Con.

Color, residence, family type,			Fam	ily size			
and family income	Total	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over
NONWHITE TOTAL POPULATION							
All types (in thousands)	19,771	2,504	2,518	2,925	2,785	2,269	6,773
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000- \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	11.6 18.0 18.6 27.3 13.6 7.4 3.6	17.7 25.4 16.1 22.7 11.1 4.7 2.2	12.2 19.0 16.7 27.2 13.7 8.2 3.1	10.8 15.4 17.8 27.0 14.6 8.7 5.5	8.2 16.1 18.4 30.1 15.4 8.3 3.5	9.7 16.3 19.9 25.6 15.2 9.8 3.5	$ \begin{array}{c} 11.6\\ 17.2\\ 20.3\\ 28.5\\ 12.7\\ 6.3\\ 3.4 \end{array} $
Head of family—male, under 65 years (in thousands)	14,132	1,400	1,568	2,131	2,036	1,739	5,258
Percent distribution All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	8.5 13.4 16.9 30.9 16.9 9.3 4.2	10.0 16.7 15.9 30.3 16.7 6.8 3.4	7.8 12.4 14.1 31.6 19.2 11.5 3.4	5.9 9.7 17.9 30.4 18.1 10.8 7.1	5.9 11.0 15.3 35.4 17.9 10.3 4.2	7.5 13.1 16.9 29.5 18.7 10.8 3.6	10.8 15.4 18.2 29.6 14.8 7.7 3.5
Head of family—female, under 65 years (in thousands)	3,999	528	632	611	611	438	1,179
Percent distribution All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$5,000-\$6,999	19.8 29.0 24.5 18.9 4.7	26.5 31.4 14.7 17.5	19.2 29.2 24.8 19.4	26.7 30.7 18.4 17.7	14.8 29.6 29.4 15.7	18.8 29.5 31.2 14.1	16.2 26.3 27.2 23.4
\$7,000-\$9,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	1.7 1.5	9.8	7.6	6.6	10.5	6.3	6.8
Head of family—65 years and over (in thousands)	1,643	576	318			749	<u></u>
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0		. 100	0.0	<u></u>
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	19.0 30.7 18.7 16.6	27.9 40.4 17.9 9.4	20.0 31.7 13.3 20.7		2 2	1.5 2.3 1.6 0.6	
\$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	6.6 5.2 3.3	4.3	14.3		2	4.1	

### Table 2. Total and farm population and percent distribution, estimated by color, family size, family type, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963-Con.

Color, residence, family type,			Fam	ily size			
and family income	Total	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over
NONWHITE FARM POPULATION					:		
All types (in thousands)	1,696	120	115	139	157	149	1,018
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$3,000-\$4,999	34.1 35.0	47.8 39.1	47.7 26.6	47.8 38.2	32.9 38.3	26.8 48.3	30.2 32.4
\$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	) 31.0	13.2	25.7	16.2	28.9	24.2	37.2
Head of family—male, under 65 years (in thousands)	1,337	54	67	85	131	115	885
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999	31.5 35.4	35.3 47.1	49.2 25.4	39.0 37.8	37.4 27.6	24.3 49.6	29.3 34.4
\$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	33.2	17.6	25.4	24.4	35.0	26.1	36.5
Head of family-female, under 65 years (in thousands)	148	10	15	<u> </u>	55	<u> </u>	68
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999	54.8 26.0	100.0	69.2 -		54.5 45.5		45.6 19.1
\$5,000-\$6,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	19.2	-	30.8	_			35.3
Head of family—65 years and over (in thousands)	213	56	33	124			
Percent distribution							
All incomes	100.0	100.0	100.0				
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999	35.4 39.4	50.0 38.9	36.4 39.4		27 39		
\$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over	25.3	11.1	24.2		32	•4	

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#### Table 3. Standardized morbidity ratios for acute conditions, by color, age, family size, family type, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963

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Age, family type, and family size	Under \$1,000	\$1,000- \$1,999	\$2,000- \$2,999	\$3,000- \$4,999	\$5,000- \$6,999	\$7,000- \$9,999	\$10,000 and over
PERSONS UNDER 65 YEARS							
Head of family— male, under 65 years				White			
2 members	105	106	72	109	97	97	98
3 members	120	104	108	107	106	113	108
4 members	119	109	96	108	112	109	121
5 members	88	91	90	99	110	100	115
6 members	62	78	131	96	101	109	104
7 members or more	91	98	97	86	87	100	109
Head of family— female, under 65 years							
2 members	104	114	123	119	94	115	136
3 members	115	151	139	123	117	93	131
4 members	129	97	93	81	104	132	126
5 members	117	108	54	118	80	61	135
6 members	50	75	130	. 91	105	115	141
7 members or more	168	65	26	117	72	121	92
PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER							
Head of family							
2 members	117	101	98	87	94	100	87
3 members	147	143	116	91	79	106	120
4 members or more	70	200	178	139	79	29	53

[Standardized for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

Table 3. Standardized morbidity ratios for acute conditions, by color, age, family size, family type, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963-Con.

Family income Age, family type, and family size \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$5,000 Under \$4,999 \$1,000 and over PERSONS UNDER 65 YEARS Nonwhite Head of family-male, under 65 years 70 127 120 67 116 2 members-----3 members-----111 53 95 93 81 4 members-----74 83 79 71 79 5 members-----6 members-----45 68 7 members or more-----80 76 56 Head of family-female, under 65 years 94 85 104 101 113 2 members-----76 105 89 112 121 3 members-----4 members-----79 72 88 67 63 5 members-----6 members-----89 41 79 41 53 7 members or more-----PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER Head of family-65 years and over 182 81 125 86 76 2 members-----79 \* 83 \* 3 members-----115 \* 61 40 60 33 4 members or more-----

[Standardized for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

Table 4. Total population, and number and percent of the population reporting one or more chronic conditions causing inability to carry on major activity, by age, color, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963

Color and family income	Total population Persons reporting one or more chro conditions preventing major activi					
	Under 65 years	65 years and over	Under 65 years	65 years and over	Under 65 years	65 years and over
White		Number in thousands				
All incomes	145,473	15,218	1,276	2,233	0.9	14.7
Under \$1,000	4,493	1,842	144	320	3.2	17.4
\$1,000-\$1,999	6,820	3,384	235	564	3.4	16.7
\$2,000-\$2,999	9,553	2,435	196	356	2.1	14.6
\$3,000-\$4,999	30,247	2,677	264	356	0.9	13.3
\$5,000-\$6,999	36,656	1,547	174	198	0.5	12.8
\$7,000-\$9,999	28,702	1,104	103	145	0.4	13.1
\$10,000 and over	21,055	990	86	119	0.4	12.0
Unknown	7,947	1,239	74	174	0.9	14.0
Nonwhite						
All incomes	20,038	1,235	297	310	1.5	25.1
Under \$1,000	2,388	360	71	103	3.0	28.6
\$1,000-\$1,999	3,295	370	70	105	2.1	28.4
\$2,000-\$2,999	3,492	153	64	38	1.8	24.1
\$3,000-\$4,999	5,104	142	44	33	0.9	23.2
\$5,000-\$6,999	)				ł	
\$7,000-\$9,999	4,496	135	29	17	0.6	12.6
\$10,000 and over	)					
Unknown	1,263	69	18	14	1.4	20.3

<sup>1</sup>Major activity refers to ability to work, keep house, or engage in school or preschool activities.

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#### Table I. Selected measures of morbidity reported for <u>unrelated individuals</u>, by age and color, and annual income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963

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Morbidity measure and income		s under years		65 years over
	White	Nonwhite	White	Nonwhite
ACUTE CONDITIONS		Number in t	thousands	
Total	14,112	2,264	5,917	508
Income	Star	ndardized mo	orbidity a	catio
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	126 103	108 115	121 109	116 194
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	118 139 105 97 105 103 125 149	120	132 112 112 118 92 70 106 82	} *
RESTRICTED-ACTIVITY DAYS	Number in thousands			
Tota1	106,478	29,437	131,270	16,599
Income	Star	dardized mo	orbidity r	atio
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	114 77	179 90	101 72	143 142
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	105 127 84 70 86 105 107	191 159 92 97 68 178	113 89 76 66 79 57 75 91	144 142 181 * * *
BED-DAYS		Number in t	chousands	
Total	38,010	9,683	44,186	6,004
Income	Standardized morbidity ratio			atio
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	109 73	152 100	80 60	107 278
Under \$1,000	98 122 72 75 64 94 68 98	169 123 64 147 83 80	99 62 70 54 53 17 74 48	)

[Standardized morbidity ratio is ratio of actual to expected events adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

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Morbidity measure and income	Persons 65 y	under vears		65 years over
	White	Nonwhite	White	Nonwhite
DAYS LOST FROM WORK OR SCHOOL		Number in	thousands	
Total	27,738	8,476	5,536	845
Income	Star	dardized m	orbidity 1	catio
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	73 137	185 176	80 235	204 *
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	55 99 137 161 113 127 96 84	75	60 93 307 197 266 63 61 *	* *
SHORT-STAY HOSPITAL DAYS	Number in thousands			
Tota1	8,073	1,663	7,181	674
Income	Star	ndardized m	orbidity :	ratio
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	150 84	166 70	94 94	
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$6,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	127 181 89 86 77 88 74 144	170 159 96 41 72 135	102 87 96 96 101 135 164	106 187 *
PERSONS WITH ONE OR MORE CHRONIC CONDITIONS		Number in	thousands	
Total	4,103	736	3,144	288
Income	Standardized morbidity ratio			
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	125 108	121 104	106 97	114
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	130 119 111 105 110 106 117 97	104	106 105 99 94 100 101 87 94	} *

[3tandardized morbidity ratio is ratio of actual to expected events adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

Table I. Selected measures of morbidity reported for <u>unrelated individuals</u>, by age and color, and annual income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963-Con.

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Morbidity measure and income	Person's under 65 years			65 years over
	White	Nonwhite	White	Nonwhite
UNABLE TO CARRY ON MAJOR ACTIVITY <sup>1</sup>		Number in	thousands	
Total	110	42	393	76
Income	Sta	ndardized m	orbidity	ratio
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	234 28	327 *	79 50	164 *
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999	246 220 *	* * *	89 69 63	170 * *
\$5,000-\$6,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999	* * *	* *	45 * *	*
\$10,000 and over Not stated	*	∫ × *	* 115	∫ * *
WITH LIMITATION IN AMOUNT OR KIND OF MAJOR ACTIVITY <sup>1</sup>		Number in		
Total	565	162	950	104
Income	Standardized morbidity ratio			
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	175 66	221 95	110 69	131 *
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	174 176 91 64 54 46 *	253 169 * *	114 107 71 64 92 * 81	31 * * * *
WITH LIMITATION BUT NOT IN MAJOR ACTIVITY <sup>1</sup>		Number in	thousands	
Total	305	47	313	15
Income	Standardized morbidity ratio			
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	118 96	96 *	113 97	*
Under \$1,000	133 100 117 94 83 * *	* * *	109 117 103 * * * *	* * *

[Standardized morbidity ratio is ratio of actual to expected events adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

Morbidity measure and income		under ears	Persons 65 years and over	
		Nonwhite	White	Nonwhite
WITH NO LIMITATION OF ACTIVITY	Number in thousands			
Total	3,124	485	1,488	93
Income	Standardized morbidity ratio			ratio
Under \$2,000 \$2,000 and over	112 121	94 110	112 137	87 *
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	117 105 116 118 127 123 137 103	88 105 113 105 } 116 *	107 116 133 135 131 166 150 105	81 * * * *

[Standardized morbidity ratio is ratio of actual to expected events adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

<sup>1</sup>Major activity refers to ability to work, keep house, or engage in school or preschool activities.

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Morbidity measure and family income	Persons 65 ye		Persons 6 and c	
	White	Nonwhite	White	Nonwhite
ACUTE CONDITIONS	N	umber in t	housands	
Tota1	329,136	34,063	14,358	947
Family income	Stand	ardized mo	rbidity ra	itio
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	100 105	77 71	105 92	93 60
Under \$1,000	102 100 102 103 105 111 86	83 79 73 67 75 77	116 106 99 92 92 83 78	52
RESTRICTED-ACTIVITY DAYS		Number in	thousands	
Total	1,937,992	278,581	410,667	46,391
Family income	Stand	ardized mo	rbidity ra	itio
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	139 94	131 91	123 80	160 100
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$6,999	170 146 124 99 96 88 91 78	155 128 120 97 85 111	161 131 102 82 80 73 86 82	191 161 120 143 } 55 90
BED-DAYS	N	umber in t	housands	
Tota1	759,800	128,877	178,525	23,041
Family income	Stand	ardized mo	rbidity ra	itio
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	137 92	154 j 98	128 87	195 114
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	165 142 124 96 95 84 92 80	187 147 141 103 92 134	187 128 105 89 87 91 83 85	240 182 160 146 79 117

[Standardized morbidity ratio is ratio of actual to expected events adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

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#### Table II. Selected measures of morbidity reported for <u>families</u> of two or more persons, by age and color, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963-Con.

Morbidity measure and family income	Persons 65 ye		Persons 6 and c	
	White	Nonwhite	White	Nonwhite
DAYS LOST FROM WORK OR SCHOOL	Number in thousands			
Total	485,216	75,854	19,543	1,594
Family income	Stand	lardized mo	orbidity ra	atio
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	106 97	126 110	56 124	78 146
Under \$1,000	119 99 107 95 94 100 99 77	115	40 75 42 62 132 126 281 107	81 95 37 131 162 116
SHORT-STAY HOSPITAL DAYS	1			
Total	111,872	13,869	22,892	1,975
Family income	Standardized morbidity ratio			
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	126 95	94 99	100 103	132 71
Under \$1,000	128 120 129 109 103 82 82 100	68 118 99 } 98	115 91 105 92 115 108 106 79	57
PERSONS WITH ONE OR MORE CHRONIC CONDITIONS	]	Number in t	chousands	
Total	56,223	5,874	9,156	741
Family income	Standardized morbidity ratio			
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	109 101	95 79	103 97	
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	108 110 108 100 101 101 101 84	96 91 80 }	105 104 102 100 95 97 92 90	108 98 94 } 81

[Standardized morbidity ratio is ratio of actual to expected events adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

### Table II. Selected measures of morbidity reported for <u>families of two or more persons</u>, by age and color, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963-Con.

[Standardized morbidity ratio is ratio of actual to expected events adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

Morbidity measure and family income	Persons 65 ye		Persons 6 and c		
	White	Nonwhite	White	Nonwhite	
UNABLE TO CARRY ON MAJOR ACTIVITY <sup>1</sup>	N				
Total	1,167	255	1,840	234	
Family income	Stand	ardized mo	rbidity ra	tio	
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	279 60	293 101	118 90	186 114	
Under \$1,000	328 330 225 103 57 40 38 76	354 300 258 123 83 *	145 125 101 94 89 91 81	196 187 159 133 *	
WITH LIMITATION IN AMOUNT OR KIND OF MAJOR ACTIVITY	N				
Tota1	6,063	924	2,956	248	
Family income	Stand	ardized mo	rbidity ra	tio	
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	180 81	183 92	114 91	118 78	
Under \$1,000	211 187 163 112 85 67 55 80	205 200 154 113 71 104	123 118 108 100 89 88 73 84	116 123 112 86 73 *	
WITH LIMITATION, BUT NOT IN MAJOR ACTIVITY <sup>1</sup>	N	umber in t	housands		
Total	4,190	382	837	45	
Family income	Standa	ardized mon	rbidity rat	io	
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	122 102	61 73	106 106	71 *	
Under \$1,000	124 121 122 109 102 102 93 74	88 91 89 79 67 69	91 103 114 110 99 108 103 67	* * * * *	

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### Table II. Selected measures of morbidity reported for <u>families of two or more persons</u>, by age and color, and annual family income: Health Interview Survey, United States, July 1961-June 1963-Con.

Morbidity measure and family income	Persons under 65 years		Persons 65 years and over	
	White	Nonwhite	White	Non- white
WITH NO LIMITATION OF ACTIVITY	Number in thousands			
Total	44,801	4,311	3,523	213
Family income	Standardized morbidity ratio			
Under \$3,000 \$3,000 and over	90 105	79 77	86 103	65 89
Under \$1,000 \$1,000-\$1,999 \$2,000-\$2,999 \$3,000-\$4,999 \$5,000-\$6,999 \$7,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 and over Not stated	81 89 94 104 107 111 86	82 78 79 76 79 73	68 82 96 101 100 106 112 102	59 67 70 83 91 *

[Standardized morbidity ratio is ratio of actual to expected events adjusted for age, sex, and farm-nonfarm residence]

 $^1{\rm Major}$  activity refers to ability to work, keep house, or engage in school or preschool activities.

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