

Section 1619 Participants

Table 9.—Number of section 1619(a) and 1619(b) participants and percentage change from preceding period, for selected months, 1982–2000

At end of selected month	1619(a) participants		1619(b) participants <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change
December: <sup>2</sup>				
1982 .....	287	...	5,515	...
1983 .....	392	...	5,165	...
1987 .....	14,559	...	15,632	...
1988 .....	19,920	36.8	15,625	.0
1989 .....	25,655	28.8	18,254	16.8
1990 .....	13,994	-45.5	23,517	28.8
1991 .....	15,531	11.0	27,264	15.9
1992 .....	17,603	13.3	31,649	16.1
1993 .....	20,028	13.8	35,299	11.5
1994 .....	24,315	21.4	40,683	15.3
1995 .....	28,060	15.4	47,002	15.5
1996 .....	31,085	10.8	51,905	10.4
1997 .....	34,673	11.5	57,089	10.0
1998 .....	37,271	7.5	59,542	4.3
1999 .....	25,528	-31.5	69,265	16.3
1998				
March .....	34,637	-1	54,639	-4.3
June.....	35,528	2.6	55,761	2.1
September.....	37,216	4.8	58,183	4.3
December.....	37,271	.1	59,542	2.3
1999				
March .....	39,457	5.9	63,431	6.5
June.....	23,304	-40.9	66,939	5.5
September.....	23,914	2.6	70,580	5.4
December.....	25,528	6.7	69,265	-1.9
2000				
March .....	25,055	-1.9	69,545	.4
June.....	25,837	3.1	77,782	11.8
September.....	26,180	1.3	84,199	8.2

<sup>1</sup> Includes blind participants. For September 2000, of the 84,199 participants, 1,474 were blind.

<sup>2</sup> Data not available for December 1984, 1985, and 1986.

NOTE: In January 1990, the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level was raised from \$300 to \$500 and section 1619(a) participants with earnings below \$500 became eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a). This is reflected in the decrease shown for 1990. In July 1999, the SGA level was increased to \$700, resulting in the decrease shown for June 1999.