

Table 1.—Number and percentage distribution of SSI recipients, by age, 1974–2000 <sup>1</sup>

| Month/year | Total     | Age         |                  |                    |                  |                     |                  |
|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|            |           | 65 or older |                  | 18–64 <sup>2</sup> |                  | Under 18            |                  |
|            |           | Number      | Percent of total | Number             | Percent of total | Number              | Percent of total |
| December:  |           |             |                  |                    |                  |                     |                  |
| 1974 ..... | 3,996,064 | 2,422,009   | 60.6             | 1,503,155          | 37.6             | <sup>3</sup> 70,900 | 1.8              |
| 1975 ..... | 4,314,275 | 2,507,855   | 58.1             | 1,699,394          | 39.4             | 107,026             | 2.5              |
| 1976 ..... | 4,235,939 | 2,396,933   | 56.6             | 1,713,594          | 40.5             | 125,412             | 3.0              |
| 1977 ..... | 4,237,692 | 2,353,458   | 55.5             | 1,736,879          | 41.0             | 147,355             | 3.5              |
| 1978 ..... | 4,216,925 | 2,303,900   | 54.6             | 1,747,126          | 41.4             | 165,899             | 3.9              |
| 1979 ..... | 4,149,575 | 2,245,716   | 54.1             | 1,726,553          | 41.6             | 177,306             | 4.3              |
| 1980 ..... | 4,142,017 | 2,220,776   | 53.6             | 1,730,847          | 41.8             | 190,394             | 4.6              |
| 1981 ..... | 4,018,875 | 2,121,090   | 52.8             | 1,702,895          | 42.4             | 194,890             | 4.8              |
| 1982 ..... | 3,857,590 | 2,010,741   | 52.1             | 1,655,279          | 42.9             | 191,570             | 5.0              |
| 1983 ..... | 3,901,497 | 2,003,400   | 51.3             | 1,699,774          | 43.6             | 198,323             | 5.1              |
| 1984 ..... | 4,029,333 | 2,037,287   | 50.6             | 1,780,459          | 44.2             | 211,587             | 5.3              |
| 1985 ..... | 4,138,021 | 2,031,469   | 49.1             | 1,879,168          | 45.4             | 227,384             | 5.5              |
| 1986 ..... | 4,269,184 | 2,017,528   | 47.3             | 2,010,458          | 47.1             | 241,198             | 5.6              |
| 1987 ..... | 4,384,999 | 2,015,387   | 46.0             | 2,118,710          | 48.3             | 250,902             | 5.7              |
| 1988 ..... | 4,463,869 | 2,006,020   | 44.9             | 2,202,714          | 49.3             | 255,135             | 5.7              |
| 1989 ..... | 4,593,059 | 2,026,243   | 44.1             | 2,301,926          | 50.1             | 264,890             | 5.8              |
| 1990 ..... | 4,817,127 | 2,058,641   | 42.7             | 2,449,897          | 50.9             | 308,589             | 6.4              |
| 1991 ..... | 5,118,470 | 2,079,784   | 40.6             | 2,641,524          | 51.6             | 397,162             | 7.8              |
| 1992 ..... | 5,566,189 | 2,099,703   | 37.7             | 2,910,016          | 52.3             | 556,470             | 10.0             |
| 1993 ..... | 5,984,330 | 2,113,239   | 35.3             | 3,148,413          | 52.6             | 722,678             | 12.1             |
| 1994 ..... | 6,295,786 | 2,119,057   | 33.7             | 3,335,255          | 53.0             | 841,474             | 13.4             |
| 1995 ..... | 6,514,134 | 2,114,830   | 32.5             | 3,482,256          | 53.5             | 917,048             | 14.1             |
| 1996 ..... | 6,613,718 | 2,090,151   | 31.6             | 3,568,393          | 54.0             | 955,174             | 14.4             |
| 1997 ..... | 6,494,985 | 2,053,532   | 31.6             | 3,561,625          | 54.8             | 879,828             | 13.5             |
| 1998 ..... | 6,566,069 | 2,032,983   | 31.0             | 3,646,020          | 55.5             | 887,066             | 13.5             |
| 1999 ..... | 6,556,634 | 2,018,577   | 30.8             | 3,690,994          | 56.3             | 847,063             | 12.9             |
| 2000       |           |             |                  |                    |                  |                     |                  |
| June.....  | 6,604,787 | 2,016,376   | 30.5             | 3,737,122          | 56.6             | 851,289             | 12.9             |

<sup>1</sup> Persons who received a federal or state payment.

<sup>2</sup> Includes students age 18–21 who are considered children for program purposes.

<sup>3</sup> In December 1974, includes children age 18–21.