

Table 9.—Number of section 1619(a) and 1619(b) participants for selected months, 1982–1999

At end of selected month	1619(a) participants		1619(b) participants <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Percentage change over prior period	Number	Percentage change over prior period
December: <sup>2</sup>				
1982 .....	287	—	5,515	—
1983 .....	392	—	5,165	—
1987 .....	14,559	—	15,632	—
1988 .....	19,920	36.8	15,625	0.0
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
1997				
March .....	31,146	0.2	48,194	-7.1
June.....	32,954	5.8	52,646	9.2
September.....	33,496	1.6	56,872	8.0
December.....	34,673	3.5	57,089	0.4
1998				
March .....	34,637	-0.1	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	0.1	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

<sup>1</sup> Includes blind participants. For September 1999, of the 70,580 participants, 1,289 were blind.

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

NOTE: In January 1990, the 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 further increased to \$700, resulting in the decrease shown for June 1999.