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**Services Administration**



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SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IS THE FEDERAL AGENCY  
DIRECTLY CHARGED WITH SEEKING OUT THE SOLUTIONS THAT  
WILL SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. WE ARE NOW HELPING THEM  
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO SHOW THEM HOW TO HELP THEMSELVES  
OUT OF THE GRIP OF POVERTY. ALL TOO OFTEN, THE  
HUMAN MISERY THAT IS THE RESULT IS LOST WHEN  
AN AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM IS LOST WHEN  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE  
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WOMEN AND POVERTY

IN THE

UNITED STATES

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE

HOUSTON, TEXAS

1977

ADVANCED AND ARE NOW BEING HELD WITH A SPECIAL  
AREA - THE POOR WOMAN IN AMERICA. YOU WILL FIND  
THEM BOTH INFORMATIVE AND CHALLENGING. INFORMATIVE  
IN THAT THEY WILL SHOW YOU MANY THINGS ABOUT YOUR  
LESS FORTUNATE SISTERS AND CHALLENGING IN THAT YOU  
CAN'T LET THIS CONDITION EXIST.

WE AT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ARE  
DOING ALL WE CAN AND WE FEEL THAT YOU, AFTER  
REVIEWING THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR WOMAN IN AMERICA,  
YOU WILL DO YOUR PART TO AMEND THIS NEEDLESS  
STATE OF LIFE IN AMERICA.

COMMISSION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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THE PARADOX OF POVERTY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY STILL PERSISTS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IS THE FEDERAL AGENCY DIRECTLY CHARGED WITH SEEKING OUT THE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL SOLVE THIS VICIOUS CYCLE AND IMPLEMENTING THEM IN SUCH A WAY AS TO HELP THE POOR HELP THEMSELVES OUT OF THE GRIP OF POVERTY. ALL TOO OFTEN, THE HUMAN MISERY THAT ACCOMPANIES POVERTY IS LOST WHEN AN AVALANCHE OF GENERAL STATISTICS DESCENDS ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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WE AT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ARE DOING ALL WE CAN AND WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT, AFTER REVIEWING THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR WOMAN IN AMERICA, YOU WILL DO YOUR PART TO ELIMINATE THIS NEEDLESS STATE OF LIFE IN AMERICA.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>FEMALE TOTAL</u>	<u>FEMALE POOR</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
16 +	82,059,000	10,034,000	12.2
16-21	12,377,000	1,785,000	14.4
22-44	34,067,000	3,640,000	10.7
45-54	12,047,000	1,071,000	8.9
55-59	5,676,000	590,000	10.4
60-64	4,924,000	622,000	12.6
65 +	12,968,000	2,326,000	17.9

FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HEAD

7,713,000      2,543,000      33.0

MEDIAN AGE OF A POOR FEMALE

32.7 YEARS

MEDIAN SIZE POOR FEMALE HEADED FAMILY

<u>NUMBER IN FAMILY</u>	<u>FAMILY SIZE</u>
2	787,000
3	636,000
4	479,000
5	311,000
6	152,000
7 +	179,000

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN A POOR FEMALE HEADED FAMILY

3.76

MEDIAN SCHOOL YEARS COMPLETED BY FEMALE HEADS OF POOR FAMILIES

<u>YEARS COMPLETED</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
- 8	420,000
8	206,000
9 - 11	651,000
12	600,000
13 +	178,000

AVERAGE NUMBER OF SCHOOL YEARS COMPLETED

10.8

MEDIAN AGE OF A POOR FEMALE HEADING A FAMILY

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
14-24	488,000
25-34	823,000
35-44	575,000
45-54	307,000
55-59	130,000
60-64	55,000
65 +	165,000

AVERAGE AGE OF A POOR FEMALE HEADING A FAMILY

33.6

FEMALE HEADS OF POOR FAMILIES WHO WORKED LAST YEAR	891,000
OCCUPATIONS OF	
PROFESSIONAL & MANAGERIAL	44,000
CLERICAL & SALES	225,000
CRAFT & KINDRED WORKERS	7,000
OPERATIVES INCLUDING TRANSPORT WORKERS	161,000
SERVICE WORKERS INCLUDING PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD	413,000
LABORERS, EXCEPT FARM	20,000
FARMERS, FARM LABORERS	21,000

INCOME DEFICIT OF FEMALE HEADED POOR FAMILIES

AVERAGE DEFICIT PER FAMILY \$2,029

NUMBER OF FEMALE HEADED POOR FAMILIES 2,543,000

AMOUNT NEEDED TO BRING

FEMALE HEADED POOR FAMILIES  
TO JUST ABOVE POVERTY LEVELS

\$5,159,747,000

INCOME DEFICIT OF UNRELATED POOR FEMALE INDIVIDUALS

MEAN PER FEMALE \$1,042

NUMBER OF UNRELATED INDIVIDUAL FEMALE POOR

1,082,000

AMOUNT NEEDED TO BRING

POOR UNRELATED INDIVIDUAL FEMALES

TO JUST ABOVE POVERTY LEVELS

\$1,127,444,000

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

BY SEX AND RACE

NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS

1,082,000

PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE

AMOUNT NEEDED TO BRING UNEMPLOYMENT

DOWN TO 4 PERCENT

TO JUST ABOVE POVERTY LEVELS

\$1,127,444,000

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