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Symbols

- - - Data not available
 - . . . Category not applicable
 - Quantity zero
 - 0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05
 - Z Quantity more than zero but less than 500 where numbers are rounded to thousands
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National Mortality Followback Survey: 1986 Summary, United States

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Introduction

This report provides national estimates of the incidence of significant characteristics of adults who died in the United States in 1986. Data are included on use of health services, disabilities, lifestyle practices that may affect health and mortality, and socioeconomic circumstances of the decedents.

These data supplement routinely available information on mortality in the United States. The basic source of data on mortality in the United States is the information routinely collected on death certificates filed with the vital statistics registrars in each State. Under the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) collects data from registration offices in these States and in New York City and the District of Columbia to obtain national data. These annual data are valuable in understanding mortality characteristics and trends in the U.S. population, but because the death certificates from which they come are designed for administrative and legal as well as statistical uses, there are limitations on the information that can be included on these records. NCHS therefore periodically conducts mortality followback surveys in which a greater depth of information can be obtained.

Data presented in this report are from the 1986 National Mortality Followback Survey (NMFS) conducted by NCHS. This fifth NCHS national mortality followback survey follows the four conducted in the 1960's. In the 1986 NMFS, data were collected primarily from informants named on the death certificates, 81 percent of whom were the next of kin or another close relative of the decedent (see table A). Seventy-nine percent of the informants had lived with the decedent as an adult for 10 years or more, and nearly 58 percent had done so for 20 years or more (see table B). Information about the decedent secured from informants was supplemented by data collected from hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities in which the decedent spent at least one night during the last year of life.

Information was sought on 18,733 deaths in 1986, a national 1-percent probability sample of all deaths of persons 25 years of age and over in the United States except Oregon. Substantive responses were received for 16,598 decedents, for an overall response rate of 88.6 percent.

This report provides selected data from this survey. The 1986 National Mortality Followback Survey Public Use Data Tape, PB90-501800, and the documentation may be purchased from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

Selected characteristics of decedents

Weighting the number of decedents included in the survey to achieve national estimates yields a total of 1,986,869 deaths. The distribution of these decedents by sex, race, and age is shown in table C.

The preponderance of deaths occurred at the older ages, as indicated by the fact that 74.0 percent of those who died were 65 years of age or over, 21.3 percent of the decedents were 85 years of age or over, and the median age at death was 74 years.

Of the decedents, 51.8 percent were males and 48.2 percent were females. The greater longevity of females is shown by the fact that 29.4 percent of the women died at age 85 years or over compared with 13.7 percent of the men.

White persons constituted 87.6 percent of the decedents; black persons, 11.5 percent; and persons of other races, 1.0 percent.

Marital status as reported on the death certificates showed 47.0 percent of the decedents as married, 37.1 percent as widowed, 8.4 percent as never married, and 7.2 percent as divorced. Marital status was unstated on fewer than 1 percent of certificates.

In some of the tables that follow, the sum of a column or row may not agree with the total because of rounding.

Related publications

Several NCHS publications of findings from the survey have been issued (1-3), and NCHS plans to publish a Series 2 report entitled "Development, Methods and Response Characteristics, 1986 National Mortality Followback Survey."

Three additional NCHS reports are in preparation. One is a study of the effect on quality and completeness of a survey response of the interval between the death and

the informant's response. The second is a comparison of selected items as reported on the death certificate and as reported on the survey questionnaire. The third is an examination of trends revealed by the findings of the five national mortality surveys conducted by NCHS.

A number of published papers present reports on or findings in the 1986 NMFS (4-6). A group has been

formed to coordinate plans for further publication growing out of analysis of the survey data.

Reports from previous National Mortality Followback Surveys have also been published by NCHS (7-11) or presented elsewhere (12-13).

Table A. Percent distribution of decedents by relationship to informant, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Relationship | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | | Husband or wife | Father or mother | Son or daughter | Brother or sister | Other relative | Non-relative | Staff person | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 35.9 | 33.5 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 12.1 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 0.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 32.6 | 4.1 | 35.4 | 14.6 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 54.0 | 19.4 | 4.3 | 10.7 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 49.8 | 26.4 | 1.3 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 3.4 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 31.7 | 38.7 | 1.3 | 6.4 | 14.8 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 0.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.8 | 56.3 | 1.4 | 4.3 | 20.3 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 0.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 36.9 | 34.2 | 3.4 | 7.1 | 11.7 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 0.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 36.8 | 3.6 | 34.3 | 12.8 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 57.5 | 18.5 | 3.5 | 9.4 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 52.1 | 25.3 | 1.3 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 32.3 | 39.2 | 1.3 | 6.2 | 14.0 | 4.6 | 1.6 | 0.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.7 | 57.3 | 1.3 | 4.2 | 19.8 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 0.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 28.3 | 27.6 | 8.8 | 13.2 | 15.3 | 4.7 | 1.4 | 0.9 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 19.0 | 6.2 | 40.1 | 19.8 | 9.3 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 36.7 | 23.8 | 8.2 | 17.3 | 7.8 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 34.4 | 31.2 | 2.1 | 12.2 | 13.4 | 4.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 26.5 | 31.7 | 2.0 | 8.7 | 23.0 | 5.4 | 2.0 | 0.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 10.4 | 44.2 | 2.0 | 6.8 | 28.7 | 5.2 | 1.8 | 1.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 28.0 | 41.8 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 9.9 | 2.6 | 5.0 | 0.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 36.7 | 1.3 | 23.3 | 19.2 | 8.3 | 7.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 49.1 | 22.4 | 3.8 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 3.1 | 5.1 | - |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 15.9 | 73.0 | 0.8 | 6.1 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 18.5 | 56.1 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 16.0 | 1.6 | 5.9 | 0.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 21.5 | 42.7 | 10.6 | 0.3 | 13.0 | 1.1 | 10.9 | - |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 50.7 | 21.9 | 5.1 | 7.9 | 8.6 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 31.0 | 3.2 | 36.8 | 15.3 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 59.0 | 13.1 | 4.7 | 11.9 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 61.5 | 17.4 | 0.9 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 51.2 | 26.5 | 1.3 | 4.8 | 10.2 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 25.9 | 48.0 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 15.3 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 0.5 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 52.5 | 22.2 | 4.3 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 34.6 | 2.9 | 36.0 | 13.4 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 61.8 | 12.9 | 3.9 | 10.6 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 63.6 | 16.6 | 0.8 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 52.2 | 26.6 | 1.3 | 4.5 | 9.6 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 26.0 | 48.8 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 15.1 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 0.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 39.4 | 17.7 | 10.4 | 14.2 | 11.3 | 5.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 19.4 | 4.1 | 40.5 | 20.6 | 9.4 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 44.2 | 13.8 | 9.0 | 19.2 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 48.2 | 19.9 | 1.7 | 11.3 | 12.0 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 44.2 | 22.5 | 1.5 | 8.1 | 15.8 | 5.7 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 24.3 | 40.5 | 3.5 | 5.8 | 19.1 | 5.2 | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 30.5 | 38.4 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 9.4 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 0.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 30.1 | 1.8 | 25.8 | 22.6 | 8.4 | 9.0 | 1.8 | 0.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 58.7 | 19.5 | 1.0 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 0.5 | - |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 70.2 | 0.5 | 10.0 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | - |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 21.3 | 56.9 | 0.4 | - | 18.2 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 28.2 | 34.2 | 8.9 | - | 9.9 | 0.9 | 17.9 | - |

Table A. Percent distribution of decedents by relationship to informant, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Relationship | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | | Husband or wife | Father or mother | Son or daughter | Brother or sister | Other relative | Non-relative | Staff person | Don't know |
| Female | | Percent distribution | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 19.9 | 46.0 | 3.0 | 7.7 | 15.8 | 4.7 | 1.9 | 0.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 36.2 | 6.4 | 32.3 | 13.0 | 7.0 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 45.8 | 29.8 | 3.6 | 8.6 | 6.5 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 33.4 | 38.9 | 2.0 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 12.8 | 50.4 | 1.3 | 8.0 | 19.3 | 5.8 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.8 | 60.5 | 1.2 | 4.6 | 22.8 | 5.4 | 3.0 | 0.7 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 20.5 | 46.8 | 2.5 | 7.2 | 15.3 | 4.8 | 1.9 | 0.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 42.1 | 5.1 | 30.2 | 11.4 | 6.2 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 50.3 | 28.0 | 2.8 | 7.4 | 5.8 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 35.9 | 37.6 | 1.9 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 13.0 | 51.4 | 1.2 | 7.9 | 18.3 | 5.9 | 1.7 | 0.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.7 | 61.5 | 1.2 | 4.5 | 22.1 | 5.5 | 3.1 | 0.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 15.1 | 39.2 | 6.8 | 11.9 | 20.1 | 4.2 | 1.7 | 0.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.9 | 10.6 | 39.5 | 18.2 | 9.1 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 0.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 25.7 | 38.5 | 7.1 | 14.4 | 9.2 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 0.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 17.5 | 44.9 | 2.6 | 13.2 | 15.1 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 10.1 | 40.1 | 2.5 | 9.2 | 29.7 | 5.2 | 2.5 | 0.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.5 | 46.3 | 1.2 | 7.3 | 34.2 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 1.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 24.4 | 46.7 | 6.6 | 3.7 | 10.7 | 1.3 | 6.2 | 0.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 53.4 | — | 17.1 | 10.5 | 8.1 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 5.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 38.0 | 25.9 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 11.5 | — | 10.4 | — |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 17.1 | 77.1 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 1.3 | — | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 14.5 | 55.0 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 12.8 | 1.3 | 13.2 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.7 | 53.7 | 12.7 | 0.6 | 17.1 | 1.2 | 1.9 | — |

Table B. Percent distribution of informants by whether informant had ever lived with decedent since 25 years of age and years lived together, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Ever lived with decedent since 25 years of age | | | Years lived with decedent since 25 years of age | | | | | |
|--|-------|--|------|------------|---|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| | | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Less than 1 year | 1–4 years | 5–9 years | 10–19 years | 20 or more years |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | Percent distribution | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 71.1 | 27.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 7.5 | 6.0 | 21.1 | 57.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 61.8 | 36.9 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 24.8 | 18.1 | 27.3 | 0.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 75.3 | 23.2 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 18.5 | 63.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 75.3 | 23.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 16.5 | 68.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 67.9 | 30.2 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 22.9 | 58.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 69.4 | 29.2 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 9.0 | 6.0 | 25.6 | 54.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 71.7 | 26.7 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 21.3 | 59.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 61.9 | 36.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 23.5 | 18.9 | 29.5 | 0.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 76.5 | 21.8 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 18.3 | 65.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 76.2 | 22.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 16.3 | 69.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 68.2 | 29.8 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 23.1 | 58.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 69.5 | 29.2 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 8.8 | 5.8 | 26.0 | 54.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 66.7 | 31.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 12.2 | 8.9 | 19.3 | 48.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 61.2 | 37.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 29.0 | 16.1 | 19.5 | 0.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 69.4 | 29.7 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 11.7 | 8.5 | 19.2 | 52.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 68.8 | 30.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 17.5 | 60.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 64.7 | 33.2 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 9.3 | 6.7 | 21.1 | 54.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 66.1 | 31.3 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 12.2 | 10.4 | 19.7 | 46.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 69.0 | 30.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 9.8 | 3.3 | 24.0 | 51.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 63.2 | 36.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 21.1 | 13.1 | 36.1 | 0.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 69.4 | 30.6 | — | 100.0 | 10.4 | 5.6 | 1.9 | 26.7 | 50.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 64.6 | 34.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 9.5 | 1.7 | 27.1 | 58.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 60.3 | 39.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 11.3 | 2.8 | 9.2 | 67.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 88.0 | 12.0 | — | 100.0 | 7.4 | 6.8 | 1.0 | 23.7 | 60.7 |

Table B. Percent distribution of informants by whether informant had ever lived with decedent since 25 years of age and years lived together, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever lived with decedent since 25 years of age | | | | Years lived with decedent since 25 years of age | | | | | | |
|--|--|------|------|------------|---|------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Less than 1 year | 1–4 years | 5–9 years | 10–19 years | 20 or more years | Don't know |
| Male | Percent distribution | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 73.3 | 25.1 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 17.0 | 63.0 | 4.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 60.7 | 37.9 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 27.3 | 18.6 | 24.4 | 0.9 | 17.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 74.3 | 23.9 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 17.8 | 63.2 | 3.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 77.3 | 21.1 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 12.4 | 74.6 | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 72.3 | 25.8 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 16.7 | 67.4 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 73.1 | 25.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 21.8 | 61.8 | 2.4 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 74.1 | 24.1 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 17.0 | 64.6 | 4.1 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 60.1 | 38.4 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 26.4 | 19.1 | 26.1 | 0.8 | 16.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 75.7 | 22.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 17.9 | 64.9 | 3.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 78.4 | 20.0 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 12.4 | 75.2 | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 72.9 | 25.2 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 16.8 | 67.8 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 73.3 | 25.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 6.4 | 4.4 | 21.8 | 62.9 | 2.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 67.6 | 31.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 12.3 | 9.1 | 15.9 | 50.9 | 6.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 63.0 | 36.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 30.2 | 17.7 | 18.2 | 1.2 | 21.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 67.8 | 31.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 13.5 | 8.2 | 16.7 | 53.3 | 3.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 69.7 | 29.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 12.4 | 68.6 | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 67.5 | 30.8 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 16.5 | 63.1 | 4.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 69.5 | 29.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 6.6 | 10.7 | 18.2 | 52.1 | 4.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over . . . | 100.0 | 66.8 | 32.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 12.3 | 2.8 | 23.5 | 53.0 | 3.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 57.4 | 42.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 27.0 | 12.6 | 34.7 | 1.0 | 20.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 67.0 | 33.0 | — | 100.0 | 5.1 | 9.3 | 2.2 | 25.1 | 55.4 | 2.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 64.3 | 35.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | — | 2.2 | 0.7 | 16.2 | 80.2 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 62.3 | 37.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 14.0 | 0.7 | 3.5 | 67.9 | 0.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 85.8 | 14.3 | — | 100.0 | — | 13.4 | 0.7 | 41.4 | 44.6 | — |
| Female | Percent distribution | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 68.7 | 29.7 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 8.5 | 6.2 | 25.9 | 52.0 | 3.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 64.2 | 34.6 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 19.2 | 17.0 | 33.6 | 0.2 | 19.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 76.9 | 22.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 19.8 | 63.3 | 2.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 72.5 | 26.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 22.5 | 59.4 | 3.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 63.6 | 34.5 | 2.0 | 100.1 | 4.2 | 8.3 | 5.5 | 29.6 | 48.3 | 4.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 67.5 | 30.9 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 10.4 | 6.7 | 27.6 | 50.1 | 2.8 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 69.0 | 29.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 8.1 | 6.0 | 26.2 | 52.9 | 3.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 66.2 | 32.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 17.4 | 18.5 | 36.7 | 0.3 | 16.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 78.0 | 20.7 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 19.1 | 65.8 | 2.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 73.2 | 25.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 22.1 | 60.7 | 3.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 63.7 | 34.3 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 8.0 | 5.3 | 30.1 | 48.5 | 4.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 67.6 | 31.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 10.1 | 6.5 | 28.3 | 50.3 | 2.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 65.8 | 32.5 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 12.0 | 8.7 | 23.4 | 44.5 | 5.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 57.2 | 41.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 26.2 | 12.5 | 22.5 | 0.2 | 26.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 71.9 | 27.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 22.7 | 51.9 | 1.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 67.8 | 31.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 24.0 | 51.2 | 2.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 62.2 | 35.3 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 11.6 | 7.1 | 25.7 | 45.3 | 5.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 64.1 | 32.5 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 15.6 | 10.2 | 20.6 | 43.1 | 7.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over . . . | 100.0 | 72.2 | 27.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 6.4 | 3.9 | 24.6 | 49.7 | 5.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 78.1 | 21.9 | — | 100.0 | 7.7 | 9.8 | 14.2 | 38.8 | — | 29.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 72.1 | 27.9 | — | 100.0 | 16.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 28.5 | 45.5 | 6.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 65.1 | 33.0 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 19.7 | 2.9 | 42.2 | 29.4 | 2.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 57.0 | 43.0 | — | 100.0 | — | 6.5 | 6.5 | 19.4 | 67.7 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 90.5 | 9.5 | — | 100.0 | 15.0 | — | 1.4 | 5.6 | 77.3 | 0.7 |

Table C. Number and percent distribution of decedents by sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Race and age | All decedents | Male | Female | All decedents | Male | Female |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|-------|--------|
| | Number | | | Percent distribution | | |
| All races | | | | | | |
| All ages | 1,986,869 | 1,029,748 | 957,121 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 25-44 years. | 125,691 | 87,296 | 38,395 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 4.0 |
| 45-64 years. | 390,308 | 242,233 | 148,075 | 19.6 | 23.5 | 15.5 |
| 65-74 years. | 480,025 | 279,723 | 200,302 | 24.2 | 27.2 | 20.9 |
| 75-84 years. | 568,614 | 279,388 | 289,226 | 28.6 | 27.1 | 30.2 |
| 85 years and over | 422,231 | 141,108 | 281,123 | 21.3 | 13.7 | 29.4 |
| White | | | | | | |
| All ages | 1,739,773 | 895,185 | 844,588 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 25-44 years. | 93,125 | 65,081 | 28,044 | 5.4 | 7.3 | 3.3 |
| 45-64 years. | 322,220 | 201,917 | 120,303 | 18.5 | 22.6 | 14.2 |
| 65-74 years. | 420,933 | 247,073 | 173,860 | 24.2 | 27.6 | 20.6 |
| 75-84 years. | 513,622 | 252,954 | 261,068 | 29.5 | 28.2 | 30.9 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 128,560 | 261,313 | 22.4 | 14.4 | 30.9 |
| Black | | | | | | |
| All ages | 228,003 | 123,294 | 104,710 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 25-44 years. | 29,945 | 20,331 | 9,614 | 13.1 | 16.5 | 9.2 |
| 45-64 years. | 63,758 | 37,933 | 25,765 | 28.0 | 30.8 | 24.6 |
| 65-74 years. | 55,072 | 30,283 | 24,789 | 24.2 | 24.6 | 23.7 |
| 75-84 years. | 50,744 | 24,325 | 26,419 | 22.3 | 19.7 | 25.2 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 10,362 | 18,123 | 12.5 | 8.4 | 17.3 |
| Other races | | | | | | |
| All ages | 19,093 | 11,271 | 7,823 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 25-44 years. | 2,622 | 1,884 | 737 | 13.7 | 16.7 | 9.4 |
| 45-64 years. | 4,331 | 2,324 | 2,007 | 22.7 | 20.6 | 25.7 |
| 65-74 years. | 4,018 | 2,366 | 1,652 | 21.0 | 21.0 | 21.1 |
| 75-84 years. | 4,249 | 2,510 | 1,739 | 22.3 | 22.3 | 22.2 |
| 85 years and over | 3,875 | 2,187 | 1,688 | 20.3 | 19.3 | 21.6 |

Highlights

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Comparisons presented by race, sex, and age are statistically significant at the 0.05 level. These highlights and comparisons show the following:

- About one-fourth (28.8 percent) of the decedents had ever been in a nursing home. For women the percent was 37.7 compared with 20.6 percent for men; for white persons it was 30.5, and for black persons it was 16.7.
- One-half of the decedents (49.2 percent) had stayed in a nursing home less than 1 year during their lifetime; 16.3 percent had stayed 5 years or more.
- Some institutional care in the last year of life—in a hospital or nursing home—was required for 81.1 percent of the decedents.
- The length of hospital stay in the last year was most commonly between 1 week and 1 month (44.1 percent); 16.1 percent of the decedents stayed less than a week.
- In nursing homes, the most common (50.0 percent) length of stay in the last year was between 6 months and 1 year.
- More than one-half of decedents admitted to a nursing home in the last year of life were widowed (57.3 percent); for women it was 72.6 percent and for men 31.0 percent.
- Hospice care at home had been received by 8.7 percent of the decedents. Fewer than one-half of 1 percent of decedents had received resident hospice care.
- One-eighth of the decedents (12.1 percent) had not seen a physician in the last year of life; 34.3 percent had seen a physician between 2 and 9 times; 7.8 percent had 50 encounters or more.
- Consultation with a psychiatrist during the last year was reported for 4.7 percent.
- Only 5.8 percent of the decedents were reported as having been on a waiting list for a nursing home; 51.9 percent of these were later admitted.
- Of all decedents, 72.9 percent were covered by Medicare; for those age 65 and over, it was 92.3 percent.
- Out-of-pocket expenditures for medical care in the last year totaled less than \$200 for 22.5 percent of the decedents; for 10.9 percent, it was between \$200 and \$499; for 11.0 percent, between \$500 and \$999, and for 10.2 percent, between \$1,000 and \$1,999. The expenditure was \$15,000 or more for 5.6 percent.

- The need for help with activities of daily living showed consistent patterns: it was higher for women (most of whom lived to older ages), and it was lower for black persons (fewer of whom lived to older ages).
- Help with walking in the last year was needed by one-half of the decedents (49.9 percent); help with eating was needed by 34.4 percent, with bathing by 55.1 percent, with dressing by 48.5 percent, and with using the toilet by 48.3 percent.
- Help at home with the above activities was needed by 43.5 percent of decedents during the last year of life.
- Help at home was given most often by the decedent's spouse (43.6 percent); next most often, by a daughter (35.3 percent); then by a visiting nurse (29.0 percent); and then by a son (21.4 percent).
- Nearly 1 in 10 decedents (9.7 percent) had trouble all of the time during the last year of life in knowing what year it was, and 11.2 percent had difficulty some of the time; 8.0 percent had trouble all of the time in understanding where they were; 5.8 percent had trouble in knowing family members all of the time and 10.4 percent, some of the time.
- A living will had been completed by 8.9 percent of the decedents.
- Few decedents (1.6 percent) had a very difficult time during the last year of life in finding a nursing home or in getting care at home (2.7 percent).
- For 7.3 percent of decedents, paying medical bills was a somewhat serious problem; it was a very serious problem for 4.9 percent.

Lifestyle and health

- Nearly one-half (44.9 percent) of decedents had had high blood pressure; it was first noticed within 2 years before death for 7.6 percent of decedents, between 2 and 5 years before death for 17.9 percent, between 5 and 10 years before death for 17.4 percent, and more than 10 years before death for 38.8 percent.
- A doctor had prescribed medication for 90.2 percent of those who had high blood pressure; 9.8 percent of these failed to take the medication regularly or took it hardly at all.
- A heart attack at some time during the lifetime was reported for 29.2 percent of decedents; the first heart attack occurred on the last day of life for 4.2 percent,

- within the last 2 weeks for 11.1 percent; and 5 or more years before death for 39.7 percent.
- A stroke was reported for 25.5 percent of decedents.
 - The incidence of Alzheimer's disease, chronic brain syndrome, dementia, senility, or any other serious memory impairment was 11.2 percent. The duration was less than 6 months for 13.3 percent of decedents, between 1 and 2 years for 14.6 percent, and 5 years or longer for 25.4 percent.
 - Other mental, nervous, or emotional health problems were reported for 11.5 percent of decedents.
 - Diabetes was involved for 17.2 percent of decedents.
 - The informant reported that cancer was the main cause of death for 25.7 percent of decedents. The death certificate reported cancer as the underlying cause for 22.5 percent.
 - The occurrence of any cancer except skin cancer was reported for 31.7 percent of decedents.
 - Cirrhosis of the liver was reported by 3.7 percent of informants; it was the underlying cause of death on 1.2 percent of the death certificates.
 - Death occurred in a hospital (not in an emergency room) for 45.1 percent of those who died; 20.4 percent died at home, 17.4 percent died in a nursing home, and 8.3 percent died in an emergency room.
 - Only 3.4 percent of female decedents had taken birth control pills. (Most of the women in the survey were elderly and were in their childbearing years at a time when birth control pills were not available or used much less commonly than today.)
 - A report of a hysterectomy was made for 27.3 percent of the women who died.
 - Red meat was eaten every day by 29.1 percent of the decedents; it was eaten 3 to 6 times a week by 41.1 percent and 3 times a month or less for 5.6 percent.
 - Smoking at least 100 cigarettes in an entire lifetime is a threshold indicator, and 55.6 percent of decedents had done so. Of those dying at relatively young ages, 45–64 years, 76.0 percent had been smokers compared with 25.8 percent of those dying at 85 years and over.
 - Drinking at least 12 alcoholic drinks is a threshold indicator, and 71.9 percent had done so. A higher percentage of those who died at younger ages had had 12 drinks or more. At ages 25–44 years, 84.5 percent reported drinking and at 45–64 years it was 82.6 percent. In contrast, at 85 years and over it was 58.9 percent.
 - Exercising vigorously at least 3 times a week for at least 20 minutes each time is a measure of cardiopulmonary exercise. Only 16.9 percent of decedents had done so very regularly, 12.6 percent had done so not very regularly, and 66.4 percent, hardly at all or never.

Socioeconomic characteristics

- A total of 86.2 percent of decedents were reported as having worked (94.7 percent of men and 77.1 percent of women).
- A total of 13.1 percent of the decedents worked up to the time of death (17.7 percent of men and 7.0 percent of women).
- The reason for stopping work was reported as normal retirement for 46.9 percent and poor health or disability for 28.4 percent of decedents.
- The decedent had last worked 25 years or more before death in 16.2 percent of cases, 10 to 15 years before death in 16.0 percent, 1 to 5 years before death in 13.4 percent, and 15 to 20 years before death in 11.5 percent.
- Family income in the year before death was reported as less than \$5,000 for 17.2 percent of the decedents and between \$5,000 and \$8,999 for 17.0 percent; at the high end, it was \$25,000 or more for 14.8 percent.
- Overall, 27.2 percent of the decedents lived alone; for women it was 35.9 percent and for men, 19.1 percent. At ages 85 years and over, 39.6 percent lived alone.
- Educational attainment was at the elementary school level for 32.5 percent of the decedents, the high school level for 42.1 percent, and the college level for 17.7 percent. (When the older decedents were of school age, educational achievement was not as well advanced as in more recent years.)
- Of all decedents, 44.9 percent were married at the time of death, 35.4 percent were widowed, 7.7 percent were divorced, and 8.1 percent were never married. Of the one-half of all decedents who were age 75 years or over, 54.9 percent were widowed.
- Only 4.9 percent of decedents had been married for 10 years or less; 50.8 percent had been married for 40 years or more.
- There had been only one marriage for 71.8 percent of the decedents; there had been two or more marriages for 23.5 percent.

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Table 1. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was ever admitted to a nursing home and time spent in nursing home(s), according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever admitted to a nursing home | | | | Time spent in nursing home(s) | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know |
| | | | | | | Number | Number | Number | Number | Number |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,869 | 572,023 | 1,400,980 | 13,866 | 585,888 | 168,706 | 119,304 | 177,653 | 95,394 | 24,831 |
| 25–44 years | 125,690 | 4,132 | 120,305 | 1,253 | 5,386 | 1,703 | 821 | 573 | 674 | 1,615 |
| 45–64 years | 390,308 | 29,129 | 357,911 | 3,268 | 32,397 | 11,869 | 7,727 | 5,245 | 3,910 | 3,646 |
| 65–74 years | 480,025 | 80,603 | 397,289 | 2,133 | 82,736 | 35,556 | 19,108 | 16,415 | 7,386 | 4,271 |
| 75–84 years | 568,614 | 203,058 | 360,805 | 4,751 | 207,808 | 68,296 | 45,308 | 61,584 | 23,961 | 8,659 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 255,101 | 164,670 | 2,461 | 257,561 | 51,282 | 46,340 | 93,836 | 59,463 | 6,640 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,772 | 530,614 | 1,197,179 | 11,979 | 542,594 | 154,789 | 110,158 | 165,666 | 90,352 | 21,629 |
| 25–44 years | 93,124 | 3,184 | 89,071 | 869 | 4,053 | 1,144 | 751 | 465 | 548 | 1,145 |
| 45–64 years | 322,220 | 24,435 | 294,932 | 2,853 | 27,289 | 9,780 | 6,716 | 4,156 | 3,465 | 3,172 |
| 65–74 years | 420,933 | 70,687 | 348,562 | 1,684 | 72,372 | 31,967 | 16,450 | 13,669 | 6,706 | 3,580 |
| 75–84 years | 513,622 | 189,880 | 319,401 | 4,341 | 194,222 | 64,101 | 42,387 | 57,672 | 22,402 | 7,660 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 242,428 | 145,213 | 2,232 | 244,660 | 47,797 | 43,855 | 89,705 | 57,231 | 6,072 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,004 | 38,175 | 188,043 | 1,786 | 39,961 | 12,821 | 8,268 | 11,141 | 4,629 | 3,102 |
| 25–44 years | 29,945 | 904 | 28,690 | 351 | 1,256 | 537 | 59 | 97 | 126 | 437 |
| 45–64 years | 63,758 | 4,576 | 58,813 | 369 | 4,945 | 2,025 | 978 | 1,068 | 445 | 429 |
| 65–74 years | 55,073 | 9,611 | 45,035 | 427 | 10,038 | 3,545 | 2,637 | 2,518 | 669 | 669 |
| 75–84 years | 50,744 | 11,719 | 38,615 | 410 | 12,129 | 3,888 | 2,406 | 3,421 | 1,415 | 999 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 11,366 | 16,890 | 229 | 11,594 | 2,826 | 2,188 | 4,038 | 1,974 | 568 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,092 | 3,233 | 15,759 | 100 | 3,333 | 1,097 | 878 | 845 | 413 | 100 |
| 25–44 years | 2,621 | 44 | 2,544 | 33 | 77 | 22 | 11 | 11 | — | 33 |
| 45–64 years | 4,330 | 118 | 4,167 | 46 | 164 | 64 | 33 | 21 | — | 46 |
| 65–74 years | 4,019 | 306 | 3,692 | 22 | 328 | 44 | 22 | 229 | 11 | 22 |
| 75–84 years | 4,248 | 1,458 | 2,790 | — | 1,459 | 308 | 516 | 491 | 144 | — |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 1,307 | 2,567 | — | 1,307 | 659 | 297 | 93 | 258 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,747 | 211,695 | 809,719 | 8,333 | 220,028 | 74,987 | 50,769 | 59,587 | 21,765 | 12,920 |
| 25–44 years | 87,297 | 2,413 | 83,922 | 962 | 3,374 | 1,048 | 473 | 320 | 301 | 1,232 |
| 45–64 years | 242,233 | 15,645 | 224,012 | 2,576 | 18,223 | 6,636 | 4,349 | 2,908 | 1,606 | 2,724 |
| 65–74 years | 279,722 | 40,928 | 237,673 | 1,121 | 42,050 | 19,634 | 9,845 | 7,298 | 2,956 | 2,317 |
| 75–84 years | 279,387 | 83,240 | 193,179 | 2,968 | 86,209 | 31,170 | 19,231 | 24,204 | 6,956 | 4,648 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 69,469 | 70,933 | 706 | 70,177 | 16,499 | 16,872 | 24,859 | 9,947 | 2,000 |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 194,073 | 693,993 | 7,118 | 201,190 | 68,632 | 46,413 | 55,185 | 19,843 | 11,117 |
| 25–44 years | 65,081 | 1,759 | 62,569 | 753 | 2,511 | 698 | 414 | 212 | 212 | 975 |
| 45–64 years | 201,917 | 13,262 | 186,410 | 2,245 | 15,506 | 5,502 | 3,846 | 2,348 | 1,477 | 2,333 |
| 65–74 years | 247,073 | 35,977 | 210,240 | 856 | 36,833 | 18,012 | 8,128 | 6,206 | 2,563 | 1,924 |
| 75–84 years | 252,553 | 77,719 | 172,157 | 2,677 | 80,396 | 29,545 | 17,791 | 22,547 | 6,388 | 4,125 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 65,356 | 62,617 | 587 | 65,942 | 14,875 | 16,233 | 23,871 | 9,203 | 1,760 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,296 | 15,995 | 106,130 | 1,171 | 17,164 | 5,604 | 4,238 | 3,903 | 1,661 | 1,758 |
| 25–44 years | 20,332 | 610 | 19,524 | 198 | 808 | 328 | 48 | 97 | 89 | 246 |
| 45–64 years | 37,993 | 2,316 | 35,369 | 308 | 2,624 | 1,100 | 479 | 548 | 129 | 368 |
| 65–74 years | 30,283 | 4,896 | 25,133 | 254 | 5,150 | 1,590 | 1,717 | 1,081 | 381 | 381 |
| 75–84 years | 24,325 | 4,942 | 19,092 | 291 | 5,232 | 1,570 | 1,395 | 1,221 | 523 | 523 |
| 85 years and over | 10,363 | 3,231 | 7,012 | 120 | 3,349 | 1,017 | 598 | 957 | 538 | 239 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 1,630 | 9,596 | 45 | 1,674 | 751 | 118 | 499 | 261 | 45 |
| 25–44 years | 1,884 | 44 | 1,829 | 11 | 55 | 22 | 11 | 11 | — | 11 |
| 45–64 years | 2,324 | 68 | 2,233 | 23 | 91 | 34 | 23 | 11 | — | 23 |
| 65–74 years | 2,367 | 56 | 2,300 | 11 | 66 | 33 | — | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| 75–84 years | 2,509 | 579 | 1,930 | — | 579 | 55 | 44 | 436 | 44 | — |
| 85 years and over | 2,187 | 883 | 1,304 | — | 883 | 607 | 40 | 30 | 206 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,122 | 360,328 | 591,261 | 5,533 | 365,860 | 93,719 | 68,535 | 118,066 | 73,629 | 11,911 |
| 25–44 years | 38,395 | 1,720 | 36,383 | 292 | 2,012 | 655 | 348 | 253 | 373 | 383 |
| 45–64 years | 148,075 | 13,484 | 133,899 | 692 | 14,175 | 5,233 | 3,378 | 2,338 | 2,304 | 922 |
| 65–74 years | 200,302 | 39,675 | 159,616 | 1,011 | 40,686 | 15,921 | 9,263 | 9,118 | 4,430 | 1,954 |
| 75–84 years | 289,226 | 119,817 | 167,626 | 1,783 | 121,600 | 37,126 | 26,077 | 37,380 | 17,006 | 4,011 |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 185,632 | 93,737 | 1,755 | 187,387 | 34,784 | 29,469 | 68,977 | 49,516 | 4,641 |

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| Sex, race, and age | Ever admitted to a nursing home | | | | Time spent in nursing home(s) | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,591 | 336,544 | 503,186 | 4,861 | 341,403 | 86,157 | 63,745 | 110,481 | 70,508 | 10,512 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 1,426 | 26,502 | 116 | 1,542 | 446 | 337 | 253 | 336 | 170 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 11,174 | 108,521 | 608 | 11,782 | 4,278 | 2,870 | 1,807 | 1,988 | 839 |
| 65–74 years | 173,861 | 34,710 | 138,323 | 828 | 35,538 | 13,956 | 8,321 | 7,463 | 4,142 | 1,656 |
| 75–84 years | 261,069 | 112,161 | 147,244 | 1,664 | 113,824 | 34,555 | 24,595 | 35,125 | 16,014 | 3,535 |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 177,073 | 82,596 | 1,645 | 178,718 | 32,922 | 27,622 | 65,834 | 48,028 | 4,312 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,711 | 22,181 | 81,913 | 617 | 22,796 | 7,216 | 4,030 | 7,238 | 2,968 | 1,344 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 294 | 9,166 | 154 | 448 | 209 | 11 | — | 37 | 191 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 2,260 | 23,444 | 61 | 2,321 | 925 | 499 | 520 | 316 | 61 |
| 65–74 years | 24,790 | 4,715 | 19,902 | 173 | 4,888 | 1,955 | 920 | 1,438 | 288 | 288 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 6,777 | 19,523 | 119 | 6,898 | 2,319 | 1,011 | 2,200 | 892 | 476 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 8,135 | 9,878 | 110 | 8,245 | 1,809 | 1,590 | 3,081 | 1,436 | 329 |
| Other races, 25 years and over.... | 7,822 | 1,603 | 6,163 | 56 | 1,659 | 346 | 760 | 346 | 152 | 55 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | — | 715 | 22 | 22 | — | — | — | — | 22 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 50 | 1,934 | 23 | 73 | 30 | 10 | 10 | — | 23 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 250 | 1,391 | 11 | 261 | 11 | 22 | 218 | — | 11 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 879 | 860 | — | 879 | 252 | 471 | 56 | 100 | — |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 424 | 1,263 | — | 424 | 52 | 257 | 63 | 52 | — |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 28.8 | 70.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 28.8 | 20.4 | 30.3 | 16.3 | 4.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 3.3 | 95.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 31.6 | 15.3 | 10.6 | 12.5 | 30.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 7.5 | 91.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 36.6 | 23.9 | 16.2 | 12.1 | 11.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 16.8 | 82.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 43.0 | 23.1 | 19.8 | 8.9 | 5.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 35.7 | 63.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 32.9 | 21.8 | 29.6 | 11.5 | 4.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 60.4 | 39.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 19.9 | 18.0 | 36.4 | 23.1 | 2.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 30.5 | 68.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 28.5 | 20.3 | 30.5 | 16.7 | 4.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 95.7 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 28.2 | 18.5 | 11.5 | 13.5 | 28.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 91.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 35.8 | 24.6 | 15.2 | 12.7 | 11.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 16.8 | 82.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 44.2 | 22.7 | 18.9 | 9.3 | 5.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 37.0 | 62.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 33.0 | 21.8 | 29.7 | 11.5 | 3.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 62.2 | 37.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 19.5 | 17.9 | 36.7 | 23.4 | 2.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 16.7 | 82.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 32.1 | 20.7 | 27.9 | 11.6 | 7.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 3.0 | 95.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 42.8 | 4.7 | 7.7 | 10.0 | 34.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 7.2 | 92.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 41.0 | 19.8 | 21.6 | 9.0 | 8.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 17.5 | 81.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 35.3 | 26.3 | 25.1 | 6.7 | 6.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 23.1 | 76.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 32.1 | 19.8 | 28.2 | 11.7 | 8.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 39.9 | 59.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 24.4 | 18.9 | 34.8 | 17.0 | 4.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over.... | 100.0 | 16.9 | 82.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 32.9 | 26.3 | 25.4 | 12.4 | 3.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.7 | 97.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 28.6 | 14.3 | 14.3 | — | 42.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.7 | 96.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 20.1 | 13.1 | — | 27.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 91.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 13.5 | 6.6 | 69.9 | 3.4 | 6.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 34.3 | 65.7 | — | 100.0 | 21.1 | 35.4 | 33.7 | 9.9 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 33.7 | 66.3 | — | 100.0 | 50.4 | 22.7 | 7.1 | 19.7 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 20.6 | 78.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 34.1 | 23.1 | 27.1 | 9.9 | 5.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 2.8 | 96.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 31.1 | 14.0 | 9.5 | 8.9 | 36.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 6.5 | 92.5 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 36.4 | 23.9 | 16.0 | 8.8 | 15.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 14.6 | 85.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 46.7 | 23.4 | 17.4 | 7.0 | 5.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 29.8 | 69.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 36.2 | 22.3 | 28.1 | 8.1 | 5.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 49.2 | 50.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 23.5 | 24.0 | 35.4 | 14.2 | 2.9 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 21.7 | 77.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 34.1 | 23.1 | 27.4 | 9.9 | 5.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 2.7 | 96.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 27.8 | 16.5 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 38.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 6.6 | 92.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 35.5 | 24.8 | 15.1 | 9.5 | 15.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 14.6 | 85.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 48.9 | 22.1 | 16.9 | 7.0 | 5.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 30.8 | 68.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 36.8 | 22.1 | 28.0 | 8.0 | 5.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 50.8 | 48.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 22.6 | 24.6 | 36.2 | 14.0 | 2.7 |

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| Sex, race, and age | Ever admitted to a nursing home | | | | Time spent in nursing home(s) | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|------|------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 13.0 | 86.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 32.7 | 24.7 | 22.7 | 9.7 | 10.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 3.0 | 96.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 40.6 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 11.0 | 30.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 6.1 | 93.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 41.9 | 18.3 | 20.9 | 4.9 | 14.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 16.2 | 83.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 33.3 | 21.0 | 7.4 | 7.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 20.3 | 78.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 30.0 | 26.7 | 23.3 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 31.2 | 67.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 30.4 | 17.9 | 28.6 | 16.1 | 7.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 14.5 | 85.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 7.1 | 29.8 | 15.6 | 2.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 2.4 | 97.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | — | 20.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.9 | 96.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 37.2 | 25.1 | 12.6 | — | 25.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 2.4 | 97.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 50.0 | — | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 23.1 | 76.9 | — | 100.0 | 9.5 | 7.6 | 75.2 | 7.6 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 40.4 | 59.6 | — | 100.0 | 68.8 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 23.3 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 37.7 | 61.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 25.6 | 18.7 | 32.3 | 20.1 | 3.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 94.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 32.6 | 17.3 | 12.6 | 18.5 | 19.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 9.1 | 90.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 36.9 | 23.8 | 16.5 | 16.3 | 6.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 19.8 | 79.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 39.1 | 22.8 | 22.4 | 10.9 | 4.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 41.4 | 58.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 30.5 | 21.5 | 30.7 | 14.0 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 66.0 | 33.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 15.7 | 36.8 | 26.4 | 2.5 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 39.9 | 59.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 18.7 | 32.4 | 20.7 | 3.1 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 94.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 28.9 | 21.9 | 16.4 | 21.8 | 11.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 9.3 | 90.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 36.3 | 24.4 | 15.3 | 16.9 | 7.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 20.0 | 79.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 39.3 | 23.4 | 21.0 | 11.7 | 4.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 43.0 | 56.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 30.4 | 21.6 | 30.9 | 14.1 | 3.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 67.8 | 31.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 15.5 | 36.8 | 26.9 | 2.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 21.2 | 78.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 31.7 | 17.7 | 31.8 | 13.0 | 5.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 3.1 | 95.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 46.7 | 2.5 | — | 8.3 | 42.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 8.8 | 91.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 39.9 | 21.5 | 22.4 | 13.6 | 2.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 19.0 | 80.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 18.8 | 29.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 25.7 | 73.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 33.6 | 14.7 | 31.9 | 12.9 | 6.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 44.9 | 54.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 21.9 | 19.3 | 37.4 | 17.4 | 4.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 20.5 | 78.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 45.8 | 20.9 | 9.2 | 3.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | — | 97.0 | 3.0 | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | 100.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.5 | 96.4 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 41.3 | 13.8 | 13.8 | — | 31.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 84.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 8.3 | 83.5 | — | 4.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 50.6 | 49.4 | — | 100.0 | 28.7 | 53.6 | 6.3 | 11.4 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 25.2 | 74.9 | — | 100.0 | 12.4 | 60.5 | 14.8 | 12.4 | — |

Table 2. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was an overnight hospital patient or nursing home resident during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Was a hospital patient or nursing home resident | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------|---------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,869 | 1,610,842 | 362,160 | 13,866 | 100.0 | 81.1 | 18.2 | 0.7 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 66,277 | 57,412 | 2,002 | 100.0 | 52.7 | 45.7 | 1.6 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 288,826 | 98,058 | 3,424 | 100.0 | 74.0 | 25.1 | 0.9 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 394,440 | 82,074 | 3,511 | 100.0 | 82.2 | 17.1 | 0.7 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 485,461 | 79,769 | 3,383 | 100.0 | 85.4 | 14.0 | 0.6 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 375,838 | 44,848 | 1,546 | 100.0 | 89.0 | 10.6 | 0.4 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,773 | 1,419,080 | 309,580 | 11,112 | 100.0 | 81.6 | 17.8 | 0.6 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 48,280 | 43,573 | 1,272 | 100.0 | 51.8 | 46.8 | 1.4 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 238,052 | 81,432 | 2,735 | 100.0 | 73.9 | 25.3 | 0.9 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 344,670 | 73,069 | 3,194 | 100.0 | 81.9 | 17.4 | 0.8 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 439,442 | 71,267 | 2,913 | 100.0 | 85.6 | 13.9 | 0.6 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 348,636 | 40,239 | 998 | 100.0 | 89.4 | 10.3 | 0.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 177,416 | 48,151 | 2,437 | 100.0 | 77.8 | 21.1 | 1.1 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 16,832 | 12,475 | 638 | 100.0 | 56.2 | 41.7 | 2.1 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 47,259 | 15,820 | 679 | 100.0 | 74.1 | 24.8 | 1.1 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 46,162 | 8,604 | 306 | 100.0 | 83.8 | 15.6 | 0.6 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 42,975 | 7,298 | 470 | 100.0 | 84.7 | 14.4 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 24,188 | 3,953 | 344 | 100.0 | 84.9 | 13.9 | 1.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 14,346 | 4,429 | 318 | 100.0 | 75.1 | 23.2 | 1.7 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 1,166 | 1,364 | 93 | 100.0 | 44.5 | 52.0 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 3,515 | 806 | 10 | 100.0 | 81.2 | 18.6 | 0.2 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 3,608 | 401 | 11 | 100.0 | 89.8 | 10.0 | 0.2 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 3,045 | 1,203 | — | 100.0 | 71.7 | 28.3 | — |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 3,014 | 656 | 204 | 100.0 | 77.8 | 16.9 | 5.3 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 791,107 | 229,242 | 9,399 | 100.0 | 76.8 | 22.3 | 0.9 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 40,927 | 44,659 | 1,710 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 51.2 | 2.0 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 168,744 | 70,988 | 2,501 | 100.0 | 69.7 | 29.3 | 1.0 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 223,896 | 53,487 | 2,340 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 19.1 | 0.8 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 233,859 | 43,642 | 1,887 | 100.0 | 83.7 | 15.6 | 0.7 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 123,681 | 16,466 | 962 | 100.0 | 87.7 | 11.7 | 0.7 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 690,819 | 196,723 | 7,641 | 100.0 | 77.2 | 22.0 | 0.9 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 29,873 | 34,096 | 1,112 | 100.0 | 45.9 | 52.4 | 1.7 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 140,252 | 59,721 | 1,944 | 100.0 | 69.5 | 29.6 | 1.0 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 196,755 | 48,169 | 2,149 | 100.0 | 79.6 | 19.5 | 0.9 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 211,026 | 39,874 | 1,654 | 100.0 | 83.6 | 15.8 | 0.7 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 112,913 | 14,864 | 782 | 100.0 | 87.8 | 11.6 | 0.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 91,814 | 29,757 | 1,723 | 100.0 | 74.5 | 24.1 | 1.4 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 10,280 | 9,487 | 564 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 46.7 | 2.8 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 26,769 | 10,667 | 557 | 100.0 | 70.5 | 28.1 | 1.5 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 25,121 | 4,971 | 191 | 100.0 | 83.0 | 16.4 | 0.6 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 20,837 | 3,256 | 233 | 100.0 | 85.7 | 13.4 | 1.0 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 8,807 | 1,376 | 179 | 100.0 | 85.0 | 13.3 | 1.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 8,474 | 2,763 | 34 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 24.5 | 0.3 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 774 | 1,077 | 34 | 100.0 | 41.1 | 57.1 | 1.8 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 1,723 | 600 | — | 100.0 | 74.2 | 25.8 | — |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 2,020 | 347 | — | 100.0 | 85.3 | 14.7 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 1,996 | 513 | — | 100.0 | 79.6 | 20.4 | — |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 1,961 | 226 | — | 100.0 | 89.7 | 10.3 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 819,735 | 132,918 | 4,467 | 100.0 | 85.7 | 13.9 | 0.5 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 25,350 | 12,753 | 292 | 100.0 | 66.0 | 33.2 | 0.8 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 120,082 | 27,070 | 923 | 100.0 | 81.1 | 18.3 | 0.6 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 170,544 | 28,587 | 1,171 | 100.0 | 85.1 | 14.3 | 0.6 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 251,603 | 36,127 | 1,497 | 100.0 | 87.0 | 12.5 | 0.5 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 252,158 | 28,382 | 584 | 100.0 | 89.7 | 10.1 | 0.2 |

Table 2. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was an overnight hospital patient or nursing home resident during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Was a hospital patient or nursing home resident | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------|---------|------------|-------|------|------|----------------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | | | | Percent distribution |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 728,261 | 112,857 | 3,470 | 100.0 | 86.2 | 13.4 | 0.4 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 18,407 | 9,477 | 160 | 100.0 | 65.6 | 33.8 | 0.6 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 97,801 | 21,712 | 791 | 100.0 | 81.3 | 18.1 | 0.7 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 147,915 | 24,900 | 1,046 | 100.0 | 85.1 | 14.3 | 0.6 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 228,416 | 31,394 | 1,259 | 100.0 | 87.5 | 12.0 | 0.5 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 235,723 | 25,375 | 215 | 100.0 | 90.2 | 9.7 | 0.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 85,602 | 18,394 | 713 | 100.0 | 81.8 | 17.6 | 0.7 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 6,551 | 2,988 | 74 | 100.0 | 68.2 | 31.1 | 0.8 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 20,490 | 5,153 | 122 | 100.0 | 79.5 | 20.0 | 0.5 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 21,041 | 3,633 | 115 | 100.0 | 84.9 | 14.7 | 0.5 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 22,138 | 4,043 | 238 | 100.0 | 83.8 | 15.3 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 15,382 | 2,577 | 164 | 100.0 | 84.9 | 14.2 | 0.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 5,872 | 1,666 | 284 | 100.0 | 75.1 | 21.3 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 392 | 287 | 59 | 100.0 | 53.2 | 38.9 | 7.9 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 1,791 | 205 | 10 | 100.0 | 89.3 | 10.2 | 0.5 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 1,588 | 54 | 11 | 100.0 | 96.1 | 3.3 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 1,049 | 690 | — | 100.0 | 60.3 | 39.7 | — |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 1,053 | 430 | 204 | 100.0 | 62.4 | 25.5 | 12.1 |

Table 3. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was admitted to a health care facility or other institution during last year of life and duration of stay, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Whether admitted and duration of stay | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|------------|------|-----|
| | | 6 months to less than 12 months | | | | | Don't know | Total | 6 months to less than 12 months | | | |
| | | Never admitted | 6 months | 12 months | Never admitted | 6 months | | | 12 months | Don't know | | |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,869 | 355,498 | 1,254,419 | 100,618 | 251,598 | 24,736 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 63.1 | 5.1 | 12.7 | 1.2 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 55,644 | 62,620 | 2,641 | 1,837 | 2,949 | 100.0 | 44.3 | 49.8 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 2.4 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 97,554 | 266,970 | 10,121 | 9,684 | 5,979 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 68.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 84,962 | 348,686 | 17,198 | 23,089 | 6,090 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 72.6 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 1.3 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 77,733 | 373,634 | 35,148 | 74,954 | 7,145 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 65.7 | 6.2 | 13.2 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 422,231 | 39,605 | 202,509 | 35,510 | 142,033 | 2,574 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 48.0 | 8.4 | 33.6 | 0.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,773 | 303,157 | 1,090,486 | 89,488 | 236,602 | 20,040 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 62.7 | 5.1 | 13.6 | 1.2 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 42,325 | 45,697 | 1,871 | 1,372 | 1,859 | 100.0 | 45.5 | 49.1 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 80,397 | 220,938 | 7,936 | 8,097 | 4,851 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 68.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 75,843 | 305,305 | 14,692 | 19,793 | 5,300 | 100.0 | 18.0 | 72.5 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 1.3 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 69,425 | 335,674 | 31,732 | 70,772 | 6,019 | 100.0 | 13.5 | 65.4 | 6.2 | 13.8 | 1.2 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 35,167 | 182,872 | 33,256 | 136,568 | 2,010 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 46.9 | 8.5 | 35.0 | 0.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 48,036 | 151,367 | 9,841 | 14,139 | 4,620 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 66.4 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 2.0 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 11,929 | 15,829 | 722 | 420 | 1,045 | 100.0 | 39.8 | 52.9 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 16,250 | 42,705 | 2,140 | 1,555 | 1,107 | 100.0 | 25.5 | 67.0 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 1.7 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 8,707 | 40,057 | 2,255 | 3,263 | 790 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 72.7 | 4.1 | 5.9 | 1.4 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 7,357 | 35,791 | 2,705 | 3,776 | 1,115 | 100.0 | 14.5 | 70.5 | 5.3 | 7.4 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 3,793 | 16,985 | 2,019 | 5,125 | 563 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 59.6 | 7.1 | 18.0 | 2.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 4,305 | 12,566 | 1,289 | 857 | 76 | 100.0 | 22.6 | 65.8 | 6.8 | 4.5 | 0.4 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 1,390 | 1,094 | 48 | 45 | 45 | 100.0 | 53.0 | 41.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 907 | 3,326 | 44 | 33 | 20 | 100.0 | 20.9 | 76.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 411 | 3,324 | 251 | 33 | — | 100.0 | 10.2 | 82.7 | 6.2 | 0.8 | — |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 951 | 2,168 | 711 | 406 | 11 | 100.0 | 22.4 | 51.0 | 16.7 | 9.6 | 0.3 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 645 | 2,653 | 235 | 341 | — | 100.0 | 16.7 | 68.5 | 6.1 | 8.8 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 227,053 | 668,943 | 39,118 | 77,965 | 16,669 | 100.0 | 22.1 | 65.0 | 3.8 | 7.6 | 1.6 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 43,285 | 39,323 | 1,151 | 1,295 | 2,242 | 100.0 | 49.6 | 45.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 69,921 | 156,016 | 6,398 | 5,285 | 4,612 | 100.0 | 28.9 | 64.4 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 55,709 | 202,333 | 5,865 | 11,726 | 4,089 | 100.0 | 19.9 | 72.3 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 1.5 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 42,405 | 191,274 | 14,789 | 26,353 | 4,568 | 100.0 | 15.2 | 68.5 | 5.3 | 9.4 | 1.6 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 15,733 | 79,997 | 10,914 | 33,306 | 1,157 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 56.7 | 7.7 | 23.6 | 0.8 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,183 | 195,135 | 580,109 | 33,966 | 72,030 | 13,943 | 100.0 | 21.8 | 64.8 | 3.8 | 8.1 | 1.6 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 33,058 | 28,567 | 921 | 963 | 1,572 | 100.0 | 50.8 | 43.9 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.4 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 58,855 | 129,760 | 4,960 | 4,522 | 3,820 | 100.0 | 29.2 | 64.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| 65-74 years | 247,072 | 50,519 | 178,351 | 4,508 | 10,051 | 3,644 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 72.2 | 1.8 | 4.1 | 1.5 |
| 75-84 years | 252,553 | 38,622 | 171,991 | 13,212 | 24,801 | 3,928 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 68.1 | 5.2 | 9.8 | 1.6 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 14,082 | 71,440 | 10,366 | 31,695 | 978 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 55.6 | 8.1 | 24.7 | 0.8 |

Table 3. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was admitted to a health care facility or other institution during last year of life and duration of stay, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Whether admitted and duration of stay | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| | Total | Never admitted | 6 months | 6 months to less than 12 months | 12 months | Don't know | Total | Never admitted | 6 months | 6 months to less than 12 months | 12 months | Don't know |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 29,267 | 81,153 | 4,835 | 5,336 | 2,703 | 100.0 | 23.7 | 65.8 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 2.2 |
| 25–44 years | 20,331 | 9,197 | 9,981 | 220 | 287 | 647 | 100.0 | 45.2 | 49.1 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 3.2 |
| 45–64 years | 37,993 | 10,477 | 24,579 | 1,404 | 741 | 792 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 64.7 | 3.7 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 30,283 | 4,844 | 22,006 | 1,335 | 1,653 | 445 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 72.7 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 1.5 |
| 75–84 years | 24,325 | 3,314 | 17,755 | 1,337 | 1,279 | 640 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 73.0 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 1,436 | 6,832 | 538 | 1,376 | 179 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 65.9 | 5.2 | 13.3 | 1.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over.... | 11,271 | 2,651 | 7,681 | 317 | 599 | 23 | 100.0 | 23.5 | 68.2 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 0.2 |
| 25–44 years | 1,885 | 1,030 | 775 | 11 | 45 | 23 | 100.0 | 54.7 | 41.1 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 1.2 |
| 45–64 years | 2,324 | 589 | 1,677 | 34 | 23 | — | 100.0 | 25.4 | 72.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 | — |
| 65–74 years | 2,367 | 347 | 1,976 | 22 | 22 | — | 100.0 | 14.7 | 83.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | — |
| 75–84 years | 2,509 | 469 | 1,528 | 240 | 273 | — | 100.0 | 18.7 | 60.9 | 9.6 | 10.9 | — |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 216 | 1,725 | 10 | 236 | — | 100.0 | 9.9 | 78.9 | 0.5 | 10.8 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,120 | 128,444 | 585,475 | 61,500 | 173,633 | 8,067 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 61.2 | 6.4 | 18.1 | 0.8 |
| 25–44 years | 38,395 | 12,360 | 23,297 | 1,490 | 542 | 706 | 100.0 | 32.2 | 60.7 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| 45–64 years | 148,074 | 27,633 | 110,953 | 3,723 | 4,399 | 1,367 | 100.0 | 18.7 | 74.9 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 0.9 |
| 65–74 years | 200,302 | 29,252 | 146,353 | 11,333 | 11,363 | 2,001 | 100.0 | 14.6 | 73.1 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 1.0 |
| 75–84 years | 289,226 | 35,328 | 182,360 | 20,360 | 48,602 | 2,577 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 63.1 | 7.0 | 16.8 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 23,872 | 122,512 | 24,596 | 108,727 | 1,416 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 43.6 | 8.8 | 38.7 | 0.5 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,588 | 108,022 | 510,377 | 55,522 | 164,571 | 6,097 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 60.4 | 6.6 | 19.5 | 0.7 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 9,267 | 17,130 | 951 | 409 | 287 | 100.0 | 33.1 | 61.1 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 21,542 | 91,178 | 2,976 | 3,575 | 1,031 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 75.8 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 0.9 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 25,325 | 126,954 | 10,184 | 9,743 | 1,656 | 100.0 | 14.6 | 73.0 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 1.0 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 30,802 | 163,683 | 18,521 | 45,972 | 2,091 | 100.0 | 11.8 | 62.7 | 7.1 | 17.6 | 0.8 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 21,085 | 111,432 | 22,890 | 104,873 | 1,032 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 42.6 | 8.8 | 40.1 | 0.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 18,769 | 70,214 | 5,006 | 8,803 | 1,917 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 67.1 | 4.8 | 8.4 | 1.8 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 2,732 | 5,848 | 503 | 133 | 398 | 100.0 | 28.4 | 60.8 | 5.2 | 1.4 | 4.1 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 5,773 | 18,126 | 736 | 814 | 315 | 100.0 | 22.4 | 70.4 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 1.2 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 3,863 | 18,051 | 920 | 1,610 | 345 | 100.0 | 15.6 | 72.8 | 3.7 | 6.5 | 1.4 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 4,043 | 18,036 | 1,367 | 2,497 | 476 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 68.3 | 5.2 | 9.5 | 1.8 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 2,357 | 10,152 | 1,480 | 3,749 | 384 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 56.0 | 8.2 | 20.7 | 2.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over.... | 7,822 | 1,654 | 4,885 | 972 | 259 | 53 | 100.0 | 21.2 | 62.4 | 12.4 | 3.3 | 0.7 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 360 | 319 | 37 | — | 22 | 100.0 | 48.8 | 43.3 | 5.0 | — | 3.0 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 318 | 1,649 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 82.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 65 | 1,348 | 228 | 11 | — | 100.0 | 3.9 | 81.6 | 13.8 | 0.7 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 483 | 641 | 471 | 133 | 11 | 100.0 | 27.8 | 36.9 | 27.1 | 7.7 | 0.6 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 430 | 928 | 225 | 105 | — | 100.0 | 25.5 | 55.0 | 13.4 | 6.2 | — |

Table 4. Number and percent distribution of decedents admitted to a hospital during last year of life by length of stay, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of stay | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 week | 1 week to less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 2 months | 2 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 9 months | 9 months to 1 year | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,506,074 | 242,022 | 663,513 | 288,690 | 180,315 | 19,847 | 15,423 | 96,264 |
| 25-44 years | 67624 | 11,497 | 21,893 | 11,912 | 12,675 | 1,918 | 800 | 6,930 |
| 45-64 years | 286,903 | 40,301 | 107,644 | 59,540 | 52,588 | 5,464 | 3,254 | 18,110 |
| 65-74 years | 388,071 | 54,027 | 162,616 | 86,095 | 52,529 | 7,756 | 3,135 | 21,912 |
| 75-84 years | 454,345 | 74,953 | 217,193 | 82,135 | 42,937 | 2,969 | 3,209 | 30,948 |
| 85 years and over | 309,131 | 61,244 | 154,167 | 49,008 | 19,585 | 1,739 | 5,025 | 18,363 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,316,430 | 214,767 | 588,296 | 251,742 | 152,893 | 16,069 | 13,402 | 79,260 |
| 25-44 years | 49,160 | 7,847 | 15,779 | 9,217 | 9,755 | 1,384 | 497 | 4,681 |
| 45-64 years | 235,902 | 33,837 | 86,920 | 50,622 | 44,239 | 4,439 | 2,610 | 13,235 |
| 65-74 years | 338,605 | 47,403 | 142,363 | 75,661 | 45,459 | 6,747 | 2,761 | 18,212 |
| 75-84 years | 409,369 | 68,871 | 199,705 | 72,205 | 36,563 | 2,104 | 2,903 | 27,018 |
| 85 years and over | 283,393 | 56,809 | 143,530 | 44,037 | 16,877 | 1,395 | 4,631 | 16,115 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 175,566 | 25,381 | 68,647 | 34,255 | 25,563 | 3,526 | 1,976 | 16,218 |
| 25-44 years | 17,217 | 3,431 | 5,639 | 2,551 | 2,753 | 523 | 303 | 2,017 |
| 45-64 years | 47,498 | 6,020 | 19,186 | 8,232 | 7,791 | 1,014 | 621 | 4,635 |
| 65-74 years | 45,869 | 6,095 | 18,367 | 9,623 | 6,765 | 999 | 363 | 3,657 |
| 75-84 years | 42,205 | 5,709 | 16,732 | 9,361 | 5,587 | 646 | 295 | 3,875 |
| 85 years and over | 22,777 | 4,127 | 8,723 | 4,488 | 2,667 | 344 | 394 | 2,034 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 14,078 | 1,874 | 6,570 | 2,692 | 1,858 | 252 | 45 | 786 |
| 25-44 years | 1,247 | 219 | 475 | 143 | 167 | 11 | — | 232 |
| 45-64 years | 3,502 | 444 | 1,539 | 687 | 558 | 11 | 23 | 241 |
| 65-74 years | 3,596 | 529 | 1,886 | 810 | 306 | 11 | 11 | 43 |
| 75-84 years | 2,772 | 373 | 757 | 570 | 786 | 219 | 11 | 55 |
| 85 years and over | 2,961 | 309 | 1,913 | 482 | 41 | — | — | 215 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 765,671 | 121,090 | 331,970 | 143,250 | 97,931 | 11,326 | 8,030 | 52,073 |
| 25-44 years | 42,258 | 7,482 | 13,692 | 7,272 | 7,241 | 1,103 | 464 | 5,005 |
| 45-64 years | 168,612 | 26,570 | 60,195 | 32,829 | 31,826 | 2,800 | 1,998 | 12,395 |
| 65-74 years | 221,058 | 32,912 | 90,742 | 47,532 | 29,758 | 4,458 | 2,124 | 13,531 |
| 75-84 years | 223,164 | 34,421 | 112,160 | 37,295 | 21,164 | 2,004 | 1,564 | 14,557 |
| 85 years and over | 110,578 | 19,705 | 55,182 | 18,322 | 7,943 | 962 | 1,880 | 6,585 |
| White, 25 years and over | 665,582 | 106,673 | 293,177 | 124,148 | 82,886 | 9,100 | 6,992 | 42,605 |
| 25-44 years | 30,796 | 5,279 | 9,717 | 5,647 | 5,472 | 735 | 375 | 3,571 |
| 45-64 years | 139,710 | 22,299 | 49,125 | 28,250 | 26,838 | 2,296 | 1,488 | 9,414 |
| 65-74 years | 193,991 | 29,284 | 80,289 | 41,578 | 25,928 | 3,631 | 1,922 | 11,358 |
| 75-84 years | 200,699 | 31,612 | 103,358 | 32,440 | 17,792 | 1,655 | 1,447 | 12,395 |
| 85 years and over | 100,386 | 18,200 | 50,687 | 16,233 | 6,856 | 782 | 1,760 | 5,867 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 92,093 | 13,533 | 34,596 | 17,474 | 13,949 | 2,204 | 1,004 | 9,333 |
| 25-44 years | 10,666 | 2,105 | 3,566 | 1,558 | 1,624 | 357 | 89 | 1,367 |
| 45-64 years | 27,201 | 3,992 | 10,203 | 4,292 | 4,799 | 492 | 488 | 2,935 |
| 65-74 years | 25,058 | 3,382 | 9,318 | 5,404 | 3,775 | 827 | 191 | 2,162 |
| 75-84 years | 20,720 | 2,558 | 8,278 | 4,593 | 2,674 | 349 | 116 | 2,151 |
| 85 years and over | 8,448 | 1,496 | 3,231 | 1,627 | 1,077 | 179 | 120 | 718 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,997 | 884 | 4,198 | 1,628 | 1,096 | 22 | 34 | 134 |
| 25-44 years | 797 | 98 | 409 | 67 | 144 | 11 | — | 67 |
| 45-64 years | 1,701 | 279 | 866 | 288 | 189 | 11 | 23 | 45 |
| 65-74 years | 2,009 | 247 | 1,135 | 549 | 56 | — | 11 | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 1,745 | 251 | 524 | 262 | 698 | — | — | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 1,745 | 10 | 1,264 | 461 | 10 | — | — | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 740,402 | 120,932 | 331,543 | 145,440 | 82,383 | 8,520 | 7,393 | 44,191 |
| 25-44 years | 25,366 | 4,015 | 8,201 | 4,640 | 5,434 | 815 | 336 | 1,924 |
| 45-64 years | 118,290 | 13,731 | 47,450 | 26,711 | 20,763 | 2,665 | 1,256 | 5,716 |
| 65-74 years | 167,013 | 21,115 | 71,874 | 38,563 | 22,771 | 3,298 | 1,011 | 8,382 |
| 75-84 years | 231,181 | 40,532 | 105,033 | 44,840 | 21,773 | 965 | 1,645 | 16,392 |
| 85 years and over | 198,552 | 41,539 | 98,985 | 30,687 | 11,642 | 777 | 3,145 | 11,778 |

Table 4. Number and percent distribution of decedents admitted to a hospital during last year of life by length of stay, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of stay | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 week | 1 week to less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 2 months | 2 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 9 months | 9 months to 1 year | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 650,848 | 108,094 | 295,119 | 127,594 | 70,007 | 6,969 | 6,410 | 36,655 |
| 25–44 years | 18,364 | 2,568 | 6,062 | 3,570 | 4,282 | 649 | 122 | 1,110 |
| 45–64 years | 96,192 | 11,538 | 37,795 | 22,372 | 17,402 | 2,143 | 1,123 | 3,820 |
| 65–74 years | 144,614 | 18,119 | 62,073 | 34,083 | 19,531 | 3,115 | 839 | 6,854 |
| 75–84 years | 208,670 | 37,259 | 96,347 | 39,765 | 18,771 | 449 | 1,456 | 14,623 |
| 85 years and over | 183,008 | 38,609 | 92,843 | 27,804 | 10,021 | 613 | 2,871 | 10,247 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 83,473 | 11,849 | 34,051 | 16,781 | 11,614 | 1,322 | 972 | 6,885 |
| 25–44 years | 6,551 | 1,326 | 2,073 | 994 | 1,130 | 166 | 214 | 650 |
| 45–64 years | 20,297 | 2,028 | 8,983 | 3,940 | 2,991 | 522 | 133 | 1,700 |
| 65–74 years | 20,811 | 2,713 | 9,049 | 4,219 | 2,990 | 173 | 173 | 1,495 |
| 75–84 years | 21,484 | 3,151 | 8,453 | 4,767 | 2,913 | 297 | 178 | 1,724 |
| 85 years and over | 14,329 | 2,631 | 5,493 | 2,861 | 1,590 | 164 | 274 | 1,316 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 6,081 | 989 | 2,372 | 1,064 | 762 | 230 | 11 | 652 |
| 25–44 years | 450 | 121 | 66 | 76 | 22 | — | — | 165 |
| 45–64 years | 1,801 | 165 | 672 | 399 | 370 | — | — | 195 |
| 65–74 years | 1,588 | 282 | 752 | 261 | 250 | 11 | — | 32 |
| 75–84 years | 1,026 | 122 | 233 | 308 | 89 | 219 | 11 | 44 |
| 85 years and over | 1,215 | 299 | 650 | 21 | 31 | — | — | 215 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.1 | 44.1 | 19.2 | 12.0 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 6.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.0 | 32.4 | 17.6 | 18.7 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 10.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 14.1 | 37.5 | 20.8 | 18.3 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 6.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 13.9 | 41.9 | 22.2 | 13.5 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 5.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 16.5 | 47.8 | 18.1 | 9.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 6.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 19.8 | 49.9 | 15.9 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 5.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.3 | 44.7 | 19.1 | 11.6 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 6.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 16.0 | 32.1 | 18.8 | 19.8 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 9.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 14.3 | 36.9 | 21.5 | 18.8 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 5.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 14.0 | 42.0 | 22.3 | 18.4 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 5.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 16.8 | 48.8 | 17.6 | 8.9 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 6.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 20.1 | 50.7 | 15.5 | 6.0 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 5.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 14.5 | 39.1 | 19.5 | 14.6 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 9.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 19.9 | 32.8 | 14.8 | 16.0 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 11.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 12.7 | 40.4 | 17.3 | 16.4 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 9.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 13.3 | 40.0 | 21.0 | 14.8 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 8.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 13.5 | 39.6 | 22.2 | 13.2 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 9.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 18.1 | 38.3 | 19.7 | 11.7 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 8.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 13.3 | 46.7 | 19.1 | 13.2 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 5.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.6 | 38.1 | 11.5 | 13.4 | 0.9 | — | 18.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 12.7 | 43.9 | 19.6 | 16.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 6.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 14.7 | 52.5 | 22.5 | 8.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 13.5 | 27.3 | 20.6 | 28.4 | 7.9 | 0.4 | 2.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 10.4 | 64.6 | 16.3 | 1.4 | — | — | 7.3 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 15.8 | 43.4 | 18.7 | 12.8 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 6.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.7 | 32.4 | 17.2 | 17.1 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 11.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 15.8 | 35.7 | 19.5 | 18.9 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 7.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 14.9 | 41.1 | 21.5 | 13.5 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 6.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 15.4 | 50.3 | 16.7 | 9.5 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 6.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.8 | 49.9 | 16.6 | 7.2 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 6.0 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.0 | 44.1 | 18.7 | 12.5 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 6.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.1 | 31.6 | 18.3 | 17.8 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 11.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 16.0 | 35.2 | 20.2 | 19.2 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 6.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 41.4 | 21.4 | 13.4 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 5.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 15.8 | 51.5 | 16.2 | 8.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 6.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 18.1 | 50.5 | 16.2 | 6.8 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 5.8 |

Table 4. Number and percent distribution of decedents admitted to a hospital during last year of life by length of stay, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of stay | | | | | | | Don't know |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 week | 1 week to less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 2 months | 2 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 9 months | 9 months to 1 year | | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 14.7 | 37.6 | 19.0 | 15.2 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 10.1 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 19.7 | 33.4 | 14.6 | 15.2 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 12.8 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 14.7 | 37.5 | 15.8 | 17.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 10.8 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 13.5 | 37.2 | 21.6 | 15.1 | 3.3 | 0.8 | 8.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 12.4 | 40.0 | 22.2 | 12.9 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 10.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.7 | 38.3 | 19.3 | 12.8 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 8.5 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.1 | 52.5 | 20.4 | 13.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.7 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 12.3 | 51.3 | 8.4 | 18.1 | 1.4 | — | 8.4 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 16.4 | 50.9 | 16.9 | 11.1 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.7 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 12.3 | 56.5 | 27.4 | 2.8 | — | 0.6 | 0.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 14.4 | 30.0 | 15.0 | 40.0 | — | — | 0.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.6 | 72.4 | 26.4 | 0.6 | — | — | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.3 | 44.8 | 19.6 | 11.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 6.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 15.8 | 32.3 | 18.3 | 21.4 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 7.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 11.6 | 40.1 | 22.6 | 17.6 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 4.8 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 12.6 | 43.0 | 23.1 | 13.6 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 5.0 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.5 | 45.4 | 19.4 | 9.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 7.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 20.9 | 49.9 | 15.5 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 5.9 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.6 | 45.3 | 19.6 | 10.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 5.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 14.0 | 33.0 | 19.4 | 23.3 | 3.5 | 0.7 | 6.0 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 12.0 | 39.3 | 23.3 | 18.1 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 4.0 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 12.5 | 42.9 | 23.6 | 13.5 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 4.7 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.9 | 46.2 | 19.1 | 9.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 7.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 21.1 | 50.7 | 15.2 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 5.6 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 14.2 | 40.8 | 20.1 | 13.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 8.3 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.2 | 31.7 | 15.2 | 17.2 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 9.9 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.0 | 44.3 | 19.4 | 14.7 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 8.4 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 13.0 | 43.5 | 20.3 | 14.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 7.2 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 14.7 | 39.4 | 22.2 | 13.6 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 8.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 18.4 | 38.3 | 20.0 | 11.1 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 9.2 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.3 | 39.0 | 17.5 | 12.5 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 10.7 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 26.9 | 14.7 | 16.9 | 5.0 | — | — | 36.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 9.2 | 37.3 | 22.1 | 20.5 | — | — | 10.9 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 17.8 | 47.3 | 16.4 | 15.8 | 0.7 | — | 2.0 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 11.9 | 22.7 | 30.0 | 8.7 | 21.3 | 1.1 | 4.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 24.6 | 53.5 | 1.7 | 2.6 | — | — | 17.7 | |

Table 5. Number and percent distribution of decedents who stayed in a nursing home during last year of life by length of stay, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of stay | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 week | 1 week to less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 2 months | 2 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 9 months | 9 months to 1 year | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 549,114 | 25,286 | 69,706 | 44,352 | 79,463 | 34,948 | 239,457 | 55,901 |
| 25-44 years | 3,929 | 195 | 591 | 271 | 693 | 48 | 1,091 | 1,041 |
| 45-64 years | 28,722 | 1,805 | 5,154 | 3,818 | 5,247 | 2,325 | 6,345 | 4,028 |
| 65-74 years | 76,985 | 5,998 | 14,635 | 8,762 | 12,801 | 5,347 | 20,118 | 9,324 |
| 75-84 years | 195,232 | 9,997 | 28,854 | 16,425 | 31,633 | 13,370 | 74,262 | 20,692 |
| 85 years and over | 244,246 | 7,293 | 20,473 | 15,076 | 29,090 | 13,858 | 137,641 | 20,815 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 508,967 | 23,221 | 63,485 | 41,037 | 73,239 | 31,397 | 226,558 | 50,030 |
| 25-44 years | 3,018 | 85 | 459 | 175 | 693 | — | 931 | 676 |
| 45-64 years | 23,953 | 1,431 | 4,206 | 3,565 | 4,118 | 2,107 | 5,280 | 3,246 |
| 65-74 years | 67,271 | 5,704 | 12,918 | 7,834 | 10,749 | 4,615 | 17,227 | 8,223 |
| 75-84 years | 182,813 | 9,319 | 26,764 | 15,354 | 29,892 | 12,049 | 70,550 | 18,885 |
| 85 years and over | 231,912 | 6,682 | 19,139 | 14,108 | 27,787 | 12,626 | 132,569 | 19,000 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 37,088 | 1,805 | 5,919 | 2,998 | 5,891 | 2,889 | 11,868 | 5,718 |
| 25-44 years | 855 | 98 | 132 | 85 | — | 48 | 148 | 344 |
| 45-64 years | 4,640 | 374 | 927 | 242 | 1,108 | 207 | 1,054 | 728 |
| 65-74 years | 9,375 | 294 | 1,695 | 905 | 2,019 | 733 | 2,639 | 1,090 |
| 75-84 years | 11,192 | 645 | 2,068 | 819 | 1,707 | 884 | 3,306 | 1,763 |
| 85 years and over | 11,027 | 394 | 1,097 | 947 | 1,057 | 1,017 | 4,721 | 1,794 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 3,060 | 261 | 302 | 317 | 334 | 663 | 1,030 | 153 |
| 25-44 years | 55 | 11 | — | 11 | — | — | 11 | 22 |
| 45-64 years | 129 | — | 21 | 11 | 21 | 11 | 11 | 54 |
| 65-74 years | 339 | — | 22 | 22 | 33 | — | 251 | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 1,227 | 33 | 22 | 252 | 33 | 437 | 406 | 44 |
| 85 years and over | 1,309 | 217 | 237 | 21 | 247 | 215 | 351 | 21 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 202,616 | 11,525 | 31,116 | 19,311 | 34,087 | 13,578 | 69,546 | 23,451 |
| 25-44 years | 2,215 | 66 | 383 | 197 | 311 | 48 | 456 | 755 |
| 45-64 years | 15,836 | 1,124 | 2,644 | 2,609 | 2,971 | 1,266 | 2,991 | 2,231 |
| 65-74 years | 37,896 | 3,065 | 7,556 | 5,403 | 6,837 | 1,738 | 8,227 | 5,071 |
| 75-84 years | 80,448 | 5,381 | 13,401 | 6,610 | 13,989 | 4,691 | 26,751 | 9,625 |
| 85 years and over | 66,219 | 1,890 | 7,132 | 4,492 | 9,979 | 5,835 | 31,121 | 5,770 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 185,439 | 10,515 | 28,036 | 17,861 | 31,083 | 12,034 | 65,134 | 20,775 |
| 25-44 years | 1,609 | 42 | 294 | 138 | 311 | — | 307 | 517 |
| 45-64 years | 13,389 | 944 | 2,021 | 2,478 | 2,412 | 1,130 | 2,608 | 1,796 |
| 65-74 years | 32,986 | 3,002 | 6,655 | 4,935 | 5,554 | 1,293 | 7,060 | 4,487 |
| 75-84 years | 75,228 | 4,952 | 12,808 | 6,007 | 13,222 | 4,135 | 25,421 | 8,684 |
| 85 years and over | 62,226 | 1,575 | 6,259 | 4,303 | 9,583 | 5,476 | 29,739 | 5,291 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 15,537 | 782 | 2,831 | 1,374 | 2,755 | 1,325 | 3,838 | 2,631 |
| 25-44 years | 562 | 12 | 89 | 48 | — | 48 | 137 | 227 |
| 45-64 years | 2,380 | 180 | 612 | 120 | 548 | 124 | 373 | 424 |
| 65-74 years | 4,832 | 64 | 890 | 445 | 1,272 | 445 | 1,144 | 572 |
| 75-84 years | 4,652 | 407 | 581 | 581 | 756 | 349 | 1,047 | 930 |
| 85 years and over | 3,111 | 120 | 658 | 179 | 179 | 359 | 1,137 | 479 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 1,640 | 229 | 249 | 77 | 249 | 218 | 574 | 45 |
| 25-44 years | 44 | 11 | — | 11 | — | — | 11 | 11 |
| 45-64 years | 67 | — | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| 65-74 years | 77 | — | 11 | 22 | 11 | — | 22 | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 568 | 22 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 207 | 284 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 884 | 196 | 216 | 10 | 216 | — | 246 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 346,499 | 13,761 | 38,590 | 25,041 | 45,378 | 21,370 | 169,910 | 32,450 |
| 25-44 years | 1,714 | 129 | 208 | 74 | 382 | — | 635 | 287 |
| 45-64 years | 12,886 | 681 | 2,510 | 1,209 | 2,275 | 1,059 | 3,354 | 1,797 |
| 65-74 years | 39,090 | 2,933 | 7,078 | 3,359 | 5,965 | 3,610 | 11,891 | 4,254 |
| 75-84 years | 114,785 | 4,616 | 15,453 | 9,816 | 17,644 | 8,679 | 47,510 | 11,067 |
| 85 years and over | 178,025 | 5,402 | 13,340 | 10,583 | 19,112 | 8,022 | 106,520 | 15,046 |

Table 5. Number and percent distribution of decedents who stayed in a nursing home during last year of life by length of stay, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of stay | | | | | | | Don't know |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 week | 1 week to less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 2 months | 2 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 9 months | 9 months to 1 year | | |
| Female—Con. | | Number | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 323,528 | 12,707 | 35,450 | 23,176 | 42,156 | 19,362 | 161,423 | 29,255 | |
| 25–44 years | 1,409 | 43 | 165 | 37 | 381 | — | 624 | 159 | |
| 45–64 years | 10,564 | 487 | 2,185 | 1,087 | 1,706 | 976 | 2,673 | 1,450 | |
| 65–74 years | 34,286 | 2,703 | 6,263 | 2,899 | 5,196 | 3,322 | 10,167 | 3,736 | |
| 75–84 years | 107,585 | 4,367 | 13,956 | 9,348 | 16,670 | 7,914 | 45,129 | 10,201 | |
| 85 years and over | 169,685 | 5,107 | 12,881 | 9,805 | 18,203 | 7,150 | 102,830 | 13,709 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 21,552 | 1,022 | 3,088 | 1,624 | 3,136 | 1,563 | 8,031 | 3,087 | |
| 25–44 years | 294 | 86 | 43 | 37 | — | — | 11 | 117 | |
| 45–64 years | 2,260 | 194 | 315 | 122 | 560 | 83 | 681 | 305 | |
| 65–74 years | 4,543 | 230 | 805 | 460 | 748 | 288 | 1,495 | 518 | |
| 75–84 years | 6,539 | 238 | 1,486 | 238 | 951 | 535 | 2,259 | 832 | |
| 85 years and over | 7,916 | 274 | 439 | 767 | 877 | 658 | 3,585 | 1,316 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 1,419 | 32 | 53 | 241 | 85 | 445 | 455 | 108 | |
| 25–44 years | 11 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | |
| 45–64 years | 63 | — | 10 | — | 10 | — | — | 43 | |
| 65–74 years | 261 | — | 11 | — | 22 | — | 228 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 659 | 11 | 11 | 230 | 22 | 230 | 122 | 33 | |
| 85 years and over | 424 | 21 | 21 | 10 | 31 | 215 | 105 | 21 | |
| Both sexes | | Percent distribution | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.6 | 12.7 | 8.1 | 14.5 | 6.4 | 43.6 | 10.2 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 15.0 | 6.9 | 17.6 | 1.2 | 27.8 | 26.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 6.3 | 17.9 | 13.3 | 18.3 | 8.1 | 22.1 | 14.0 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 7.8 | 19.0 | 11.4 | 16.6 | 6.9 | 26.1 | 12.1 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 14.8 | 8.4 | 16.2 | 6.8 | 38.0 | 10.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.0 | 8.4 | 6.2 | 11.9 | 5.7 | 56.4 | 8.5 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.6 | 12.5 | 8.1 | 14.4 | 6.2 | 44.5 | 9.8 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 2.8 | 15.2 | 5.8 | 23.0 | — | 30.8 | 22.4 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 6.0 | 17.6 | 14.9 | 17.2 | 8.8 | 22.0 | 13.6 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.5 | 19.2 | 11.6 | 16.0 | 6.9 | 25.6 | 12.2 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 14.6 | 8.4 | 16.4 | 6.6 | 38.6 | 10.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.9 | 8.3 | 6.1 | 12.0 | 5.4 | 57.2 | 8.2 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.9 | 16.0 | 8.1 | 15.9 | 7.8 | 32.0 | 15.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 11.5 | 15.4 | 9.9 | — | 5.6 | 17.3 | 40.2 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 8.1 | 20.0 | 5.2 | 23.9 | 4.5 | 22.7 | 15.7 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.1 | 18.1 | 9.7 | 21.5 | 7.8 | 28.2 | 11.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 5.8 | 18.5 | 7.3 | 15.3 | 7.9 | 29.5 | 15.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.6 | 9.9 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 9.2 | 42.8 | 16.3 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 8.5 | 9.9 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 21.7 | 33.7 | 5.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.0 | — | 20.0 | — | — | 20.0 | 39.9 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | — | 16.3 | 8.5 | 16.3 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 41.4 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | — | 6.5 | 6.5 | 9.7 | — | 74.0 | 3.3 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 20.5 | 2.7 | 35.6 | 33.1 | 3.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 16.6 | 18.1 | 1.6 | 18.9 | 16.4 | 26.8 | 1.6 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 5.7 | 15.4 | 9.5 | 16.8 | 6.7 | 34.3 | 11.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 3.0 | 17.3 | 8.9 | 14.0 | 2.2 | 20.6 | 34.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 7.1 | 16.7 | 16.5 | 18.8 | 8.0 | 18.9 | 14.1 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.1 | 19.9 | 14.3 | 18.0 | 4.6 | 21.7 | 13.4 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.7 | 16.7 | 8.2 | 17.4 | 5.8 | 33.3 | 12.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.9 | 10.8 | 6.8 | 15.1 | 8.8 | 47.0 | 8.7 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 5.7 | 15.1 | 9.6 | 16.8 | 6.5 | 35.1 | 11.2 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 2.6 | 18.3 | 8.6 | 19.3 | — | 19.1 | 32.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 7.1 | 15.1 | 18.5 | 18.0 | 8.4 | 19.5 | 13.4 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 9.1 | 20.2 | 15.0 | 16.8 | 3.9 | 21.4 | 13.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.6 | 17.0 | 8.0 | 17.6 | 5.5 | 33.8 | 11.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.5 | 10.1 | 6.9 | 15.4 | 8.8 | 47.8 | 8.5 | |

Table 5. Number and percent distribution of decedents who stayed in a nursing home during last year of life by length of stay, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of stay | | | | | | | Don't know |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 week | 1 week to less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 2 months | 2 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 9 months | 9 months to 1 year | | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 18.2 | 8.8 | 17.7 | 8.5 | 24.7 | 16.9 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 2.2 | 15.9 | 8.6 | — | 8.5 | 24.4 | 40.4 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 25.7 | 5.0 | 23.0 | 5.2 | 15.7 | 17.8 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 1.3 | 18.4 | 9.2 | 26.3 | 9.2 | 23.7 | 11.8 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 8.7 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 16.3 | 7.5 | 22.5 | 20.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.8 | 21.2 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 11.5 | 36.5 | 15.4 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 14.0 | 15.2 | 4.7 | 15.2 | 13.3 | 35.0 | 2.7 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 24.9 | — | 25.1 | — | — | 24.9 | 25.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | — | 16.4 | 17.0 | 16.7 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 17.0 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | — | 14.2 | 28.7 | 14.3 | — | 28.4 | 14.3 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 36.4 | 50.0 | 1.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 22.2 | 24.4 | 1.1 | 24.4 | — | 27.8 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.0 | 11.1 | 7.2 | 13.1 | 6.2 | 49.0 | 9.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 7.5 | 12.1 | 4.3 | 22.3 | — | 37.0 | 16.7 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 5.3 | 19.5 | 9.4 | 17.7 | 8.2 | 26.0 | 13.9 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 7.5 | 18.1 | 8.6 | 15.3 | 9.2 | 30.4 | 10.9 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 4.0 | 13.5 | 8.6 | 15.4 | 7.6 | 41.4 | 9.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.0 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 10.7 | 4.5 | 59.8 | 8.5 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 3.9 | 11.0 | 7.2 | 13.0 | 6.0 | 49.9 | 9.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 3.1 | 11.7 | 2.6 | 27.0 | — | 44.3 | 11.3 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.6 | 20.7 | 10.3 | 16.1 | 9.2 | 25.3 | 13.7 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 7.9 | 18.3 | 8.5 | 15.2 | 9.7 | 29.7 | 10.9 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 13.0 | 8.7 | 15.5 | 7.4 | 41.9 | 9.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 5.8 | 10.7 | 4.2 | 60.6 | 8.1 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.7 | 14.3 | 7.5 | 14.6 | 7.3 | 37.3 | 14.3 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 29.3 | 14.6 | 12.6 | — | — | 3.7 | 39.8 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 8.6 | 13.9 | 5.4 | 24.8 | 3.7 | 30.1 | 13.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 17.7 | 10.1 | 16.5 | 6.3 | 32.9 | 11.4 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 3.6 | 22.7 | 3.6 | 14.5 | 8.2 | 34.5 | 12.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.5 | 5.5 | 9.7 | 11.1 | 8.3 | 45.3 | 16.6 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 17.0 | 6.0 | 31.4 | 32.1 | 7.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 100.0 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | — | 15.9 | — | 15.9 | — | — | 68.2 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | — | 4.2 | — | 8.4 | — | 87.4 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 34.9 | 3.3 | 34.9 | 18.5 | 5.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 2.5 | 7.3 | 50.7 | 24.7 | 4.9 | |

Table 6. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was admitted to a nursing home during last year of life, according to cause of death: United States, 1986

| Cause of death ¹ | Admitted to nursing homes | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| All causes | 1,984,966 | 571,610 | 1,399,490 | 13,866 | 100.0 | 28.8 | 70.5 | 0.7 |
| Infectious | 25,748 | 7,681 | 17,353 | 713 | 100.0 | 29.8 | 67.4 | 2.8 |
| Malignant neoplasms | 445,528 | 81,912 | 360,318 | 3,299 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 80.9 | 0.7 |
| Diabetes | 35,411 | 13,025 | 22,346 | 40 | 100.0 | 36.8 | 63.1 | 0.1 |
| Major cardiovascular | 960,457 | 304,289 | 650,250 | 5,918 | 100.0 | 31.7 | 67.7 | 0.6 |
| Pneumonia | 68,054 | 37,724 | 30,135 | 196 | 100.0 | 55.4 | 44.3 | 0.3 |
| Pulmonary | 75,484 | 25,228 | 49,472 | 784 | 100.0 | 33.4 | 65.5 | 1.0 |
| Cirrhosis of liver | 23,466 | 3,334 | 19,883 | 249 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 84.7 | 1.1 |
| Nephritis | 20,747 | 8,776 | 11,971 | -- | 100.0 | 42.3 | 57.7 | -- |
| All external | 109,629 | 7,302 | 101,208 | 1,119 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 92.3 | 1.0 |
| All other | 220,441 | 82,340 | 136,554 | 1,548 | 100.0 | 37.4 | 61.9 | 0.7 |

¹Codes for causes of death are as follows: Infectious: 001–139; malignant neoplasms: 140–203; diabetes: 250; major cardiovascular: 390–448; pneumonia: 480–487; pulmonary: 490–496; cirrhosis of liver: 571; nephritis: 580–589; all external: 800–999; all other: 204–249, 251–389, 449–479, 488, 489, 497–570, 572–579, 590–799. (Source: Manual of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Cause of Death, 9th Revision, Geneva: World Health Organization, 1977.

Table 7. Number and percent distribution of decedents admitted to a nursing home during last year of life by marital status, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Marital status | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| | | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Separated | Never married | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 549,114 | 130,689 | 314,441 | 38,339 | 6,886 | 47,961 | 10,797 |
| 25-44 years | 3,929 | 1,069 | 102 | 748 | 296 | 1,413 | 303 |
| 45-64 years | 28,723 | 10,020 | 4,907 | 7,764 | 1,232 | 4,517 | 284 |
| 65-74 years | 76,985 | 30,450 | 24,922 | 8,655 | 1,913 | 7,890 | 3,154 |
| 75-84 years | 195,232 | 58,862 | 102,504 | 11,677 | 2,302 | 16,360 | 3,527 |
| 85 years and over | 244,245 | 30,289 | 182,007 | 9,496 | 1,144 | 17,781 | 3,529 |
| White, 25 years and over | 508,967 | 122,286 | 293,856 | 34,983 | 4,979 | 43,731 | 9,132 |
| 25-44 years | 3,018 | 846 | 79 | 726 | 212 | 949 | 207 |
| 45-64 years | 23,953 | 8,789 | 4,021 | 6,758 | 836 | 3,447 | 100 |
| 65-74 years | 67,272 | 27,971 | 21,344 | 7,590 | 1,066 | 6,771 | 2,530 |
| 75-84 years | 182,813 | 56,095 | 95,173 | 11,008 | 2,065 | 15,367 | 3,105 |
| 85 years and over | 231,911 | 28,585 | 173,238 | 8,901 | 800 | 17,197 | 3,190 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 37,087 | 7,240 | 19,006 | 3,169 | 1,897 | 4,120 | 1,654 |
| 25-44 years | 856 | 212 | 11 | — | 84 | 453 | 97 |
| 45-64 years | 4,640 | 1,210 | 875 | 926 | 385 | 1,059 | 184 |
| 65-74 years | 9,375 | 2,261 | 3,502 | 1,032 | 848 | 1,108 | 624 |
| 75-84 years | 11,191 | 2,460 | 6,498 | 647 | 236 | 938 | 411 |
| 85 years and over | 11,027 | 1,097 | 8,121 | 563 | 344 | 563 | 339 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 3,060 | 1,162 | 1,579 | 188 | 10 | 109 | 11 |
| 25-44 years | 55 | 11 | 11 | 22 | — | 11 | — |
| 45-64 years | 131 | 20 | 10 | 79 | 10 | 11 | — |
| 65-74 years | 339 | 218 | 76 | 33 | — | 11 | — |
| 75-84 years | 1,228 | 306 | 833 | 22 | — | 55 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 1,307 | 607 | 649 | 31 | — | 21 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 202,616 | 94,031 | 62,793 | 15,812 | 3,024 | 19,852 | 7,104 |
| 25-44 years | 2,216 | 462 | 11 | 313 | 124 | 1,082 | 224 |
| 45-64 years | 15,836 | 6,416 | 1,287 | 4,463 | 554 | 2,845 | 272 |
| 65-74 years | 37,896 | 19,197 | 6,518 | 4,237 | 1,097 | 4,844 | 2,004 |
| 75-84 years | 80,447 | 43,417 | 22,580 | 4,654 | 678 | 6,393 | 2,725 |
| 85 years and over | 66,220 | 24,539 | 32,397 | 2,145 | 571 | 4,688 | 1,880 |
| White, 25 years and over | 185,439 | 88,632 | 57,221 | 14,219 | 2,181 | 17,235 | 5,951 |
| 25-44 years | 1,609 | 362 | — | 301 | 83 | 736 | 127 |
| 45-64 years | 13,389 | 5,693 | 1,043 | 3,978 | 434 | 2,153 | 87 |
| 65-74 years | 32,986 | 17,787 | 5,351 | 3,631 | 652 | 4,070 | 1,495 |
| 75-84 years | 75,228 | 41,516 | 20,480 | 4,353 | 620 | 5,779 | 2,481 |
| 85 years and over | 62,226 | 23,274 | 30,347 | 1,956 | 391 | 4,498 | 1,760 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 15,537 | 4,497 | 5,044 | 1,470 | 844 | 2,540 | 1,141 |
| 25-44 years | 562 | 89 | — | — | 41 | 336 | 97 |
| 45-64 years | 2,380 | 723 | 244 | 428 | 120 | 681 | 184 |
| 65-74 years | 4,832 | 1,399 | 1,144 | 572 | 445 | 763 | 509 |
| 75-84 years | 4,651 | 1,628 | 1,860 | 291 | 58 | 581 | 233 |
| 85 years and over | 3,111 | 658 | 1,795 | 179 | 179 | 179 | 120 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 1,641 | 902 | 529 | 122 | — | 77 | 11 |
| 25-44 years | 44 | 11 | 11 | 11 | — | 11 | — |
| 45-64 years | 68 | — | — | 57 | — | 11 | — |
| 65-74 years | 78 | 11 | 22 | 33 | — | 11 | — |
| 75-84 years | 568 | 273 | 240 | 11 | — | 33 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 883 | 607 | 256 | 10 | — | 10 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 346,498 | 36,658 | 251,648 | 22,528 | 3,862 | 28,109 | 3,693 |
| 25-44 years | 1,713 | 606 | 91 | 435 | 171 | 331 | 79 |
| 45-64 years | 12,887 | 3,603 | 3,620 | 3,301 | 678 | 1,672 | 13 |
| 65-74 years | 39,089 | 11,254 | 18,404 | 4,418 | 816 | 3,046 | 1,150 |
| 75-84 years | 114,785 | 15,445 | 79,924 | 7,023 | 1,624 | 9,967 | 802 |
| 85 years and over | 178,025 | 5,750 | 149,610 | 7,350 | 573 | 13,093 | 1,649 |

Table 7. Number and percent distribution of decedents admitted to a nursing home during last year of life by marital status, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Marital status | | | | |
|--|---------|----------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| | | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Separated | Never married |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 323,528 | 33,655 | 236,635 | 20,763 | 2,798 | 26,496 |
| 25–44 years | 1,409 | 484 | 79 | 424 | 128 | 214 |
| 45–64 years | 10,564 | 3,097 | 2,978 | 2,780 | 402 | 1,294 |
| 65–74 years | 34,285 | 10,184 | 15,993 | 3,958 | 414 | 2,701 |
| 75–84 years | 107,585 | 14,579 | 74,694 | 6,655 | 1,445 | 9,588 |
| 85 years and over | 169,685 | 5,311 | 142,891 | 6,946 | 409 | 12,699 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 21,551 | 2,743 | 13,963 | 1,699 | 1,054 | 1,580 |
| 25–44 years | 294 | 123 | 11 | — | 43 | 117 |
| 45–64 years | 2,260 | 487 | 631 | 498 | 266 | 378 |
| 65–74 years | 4,543 | 863 | 2,358 | 460 | 403 | 345 |
| 75–84 years | 6,540 | 832 | 4,637 | 357 | 178 | 357 |
| 85 years and over | 7,915 | 439 | 6,326 | 384 | 164 | 384 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 1,419 | 260 | 1,050 | 66 | 10 | 33 |
| 25–44 years | 11 | — | — | 11 | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 63 | 20 | 10 | 23 | 10 | — |
| 65–74 years | 261 | 207 | 54 | — | — | — |
| 75–84 years | 660 | 33 | 594 | 11 | — | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 424 | — | 393 | 21 | — | 10 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 23.8 | 57.3 | 7.0 | 1.3 | 8.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 27.2 | 2.6 | 19.0 | 7.5 | 36.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 34.9 | 17.1 | 27.0 | 4.3 | 15.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 39.6 | 32.4 | 11.2 | 2.5 | 10.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 30.2 | 52.5 | 6.0 | 1.2 | 8.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.4 | 74.5 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 7.3 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 24.0 | 57.7 | 6.9 | 1.0 | 8.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 28.0 | 2.6 | 24.0 | 7.0 | 31.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 36.7 | 16.8 | 28.2 | 3.5 | 14.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 41.6 | 31.7 | 11.3 | 1.6 | 10.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 30.7 | 52.1 | 6.0 | 1.1 | 8.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.3 | 74.7 | 3.8 | 0.3 | 7.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 19.5 | 51.2 | 8.5 | 5.1 | 11.1 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 24.8 | 1.3 | — | 9.8 | 52.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 26.1 | 18.9 | 20.0 | 8.3 | 22.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 24.1 | 37.4 | 11.0 | 9.0 | 11.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 22.0 | 58.1 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 8.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 10.0 | 73.6 | 5.1 | 3.1 | 5.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 38.0 | 51.6 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.1 | 20.1 | 39.7 | — | 20.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 15.4 | 7.7 | 60.6 | 7.7 | 8.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 64.4 | 22.5 | 9.8 | — | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 24.9 | 67.9 | 1.8 | — | 4.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 46.4 | 49.6 | 2.4 | — | 1.6 |
| Male | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 46.4 | 31.0 | 7.8 | 1.5 | 9.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.9 | 0.5 | 14.1 | 5.6 | 48.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 40.5 | 8.1 | 28.2 | 3.5 | 18.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 50.7 | 17.2 | 11.2 | 2.9 | 12.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 54.0 | 28.1 | 5.8 | 0.8 | 8.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 37.1 | 48.9 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 7.1 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 47.8 | 30.9 | 7.7 | 1.2 | 9.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 22.5 | — | 18.7 | 5.2 | 45.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 42.5 | 7.8 | 29.7 | 3.2 | 16.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 53.9 | 16.2 | 11.0 | 2.0 | 12.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 55.2 | 27.2 | 5.8 | 0.8 | 7.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 37.4 | 48.8 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 7.2 |

Table 7. Number and percent distribution of decedents admitted to a nursing home during last year of life by marital status, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Marital status | | | | |
|--|-------|----------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| | | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Separated | Never married |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 28.9 | 32.5 | 9.5 | 5.4 | 16.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 15.8 | — | — | 7.3 | 59.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 30.4 | 10.3 | 18.0 | 5.0 | 28.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 28.9 | 23.7 | 11.8 | 9.2 | 15.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 35.0 | 40.0 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 12.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 21.2 | 57.7 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 3.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 55.0 | 32.2 | 7.4 | — | 4.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | — | 25.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | — | — | 83.2 | — | 16.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 14.3 | 28.6 | 42.9 | — | 14.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 48.1 | 42.2 | 1.9 | — | 5.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 68.7 | 29.0 | 1.1 | — | 1.1 |
| Female | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 10.6 | 72.6 | 6.5 | 1.1 | 8.1 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 35.4 | 5.3 | 25.4 | 10.0 | 19.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 28.0 | 28.1 | 25.6 | 5.3 | 13.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 28.8 | 47.1 | 11.3 | 2.1 | 7.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 13.5 | 69.6 | 6.1 | 1.4 | 8.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.2 | 84.0 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 7.4 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 10.4 | 73.1 | 6.4 | 0.9 | 8.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 34.3 | 5.6 | 30.1 | 9.1 | 15.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 29.3 | 28.2 | 26.3 | 3.8 | 12.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 29.7 | 46.6 | 11.5 | 1.2 | 7.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 13.6 | 69.4 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 8.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.1 | 84.2 | 4.1 | 0.2 | 7.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 12.7 | 64.8 | 7.9 | 4.9 | 7.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 41.8 | 3.8 | — | 14.6 | 39.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 21.5 | 27.9 | 22.0 | 11.8 | 16.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 19.0 | 51.9 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 7.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 12.7 | 70.9 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 5.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.5 | 79.9 | 4.8 | 2.1 | 4.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 18.3 | 74.0 | 4.6 | 0.7 | 2.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | — | — | 100.0 | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 31.9 | 16.0 | 36.1 | 16.0 | — |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 79.4 | 20.6 | — | — | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 89.9 | 1.7 | — | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 92.6 | 4.9 | — | 2.5 |

Table 8. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received hospice care at home during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Received hospice care at home | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|------|------|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,957,227 | 170,923 | 1,742,593 | 43,711 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 89.0 | 2.2 | | |
| 25-44 years | 124,867 | 8,608 | 113,790 | 2,468 | 100.0 | - | 6.9 | 91.1 | | |
| 45-64 years | 385,840 | 41,157 | 336,028 | 8,655 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 87.1 | 2.2 | | |
| 65-74 years | 474,464 | 49,988 | 413,672 | 10,804 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 87.2 | 2.3 | | |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 50,766 | 495,395 | 13,514 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 88.5 | 2.4 | | |
| 85 years and over | 412,382 | 20,404 | 383,708 | 8,270 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 93.1 | 2.0 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,714,015 | 144,624 | 1,532,516 | 36,875 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 89.4 | 2.2 | | |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 6,782 | 84,131 | 1,638 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 90.9 | 1.8 | | |
| 45-64 years | 318,524 | 35,001 | 276,509 | 7,014 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 86.8 | 2.2 | | |
| 65-74 years | 416,052 | 42,312 | 364,363 | 9,378 | 100.0 | 10.2 | 87.6 | 2.3 | | |
| 75-84 years | 505,938 | 42,994 | 451,138 | 11,806 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 89.2 | 2.3 | | |
| 85 years and over | 380,949 | 17,535 | 356,375 | 7,039 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 93.6 | 1.9 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 224,873 | 24,236 | 194,152 | 6,485 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 86.3 | 2.9 | | |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 1,703 | 27,274 | 761 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 91.7 | 2.6 | | |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 5,945 | 55,466 | 1,599 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 88.0 | 2.5 | | |
| 65-74 years | 54,403 | 6,741 | 46,236 | 1,426 | 100.0 | 12.4 | 85.0 | 2.6 | | |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 7,061 | 41,212 | 1,468 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 82.9 | 3.0 | | |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 2,786 | 23,964 | 1,231 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 85.6 | 4.4 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 18,339 | 2,063 | 15,924 | 352 | 100.0 | 11.3 | 86.8 | 1.9 | | |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | 123 | 2,384 | 70 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 92.5 | 2.7 | | |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 212 | 4,053 | 42 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 94.1 | 1.0 | | |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 935 | 3,073 | - | 100.0 | 23.3 | 76.7 | - | | |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 711 | 3,045 | 240 | 100.0 | 17.8 | 76.2 | 6.0 | | |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 82 | 3,369 | - | 100.0 | 2.4 | 97.6 | - | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,016,928 | 78,414 | 911,932 | 26,583 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 89.7 | 2.6 | | |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 3,971 | 80,931 | 1,942 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 93.2 | 2.2 | | |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 19,232 | 213,906 | 6,470 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 89.3 | 2.7 | | |
| 65-74 years | 276,540 | 23,719 | 245,097 | 7,725 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 88.6 | 2.8 | | |
| 75-84 years | 275,295 | 24,182 | 243,704 | 7,409 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 88.5 | 2.7 | | |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 7,310 | 128,294 | 3,037 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 92.5 | 2.2 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 884,168 | 66,165 | 795,773 | 22,230 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 90.0 | 2.5 | | |
| 25-44 years | 64,713 | 3,280 | 60,088 | 1,345 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 92.9 | 2.1 | | |
| 45-64 years | 199,736 | 16,842 | 177,779 | 5,115 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 89.0 | 2.6 | | |
| 65-74 years | 244,283 | 19,293 | 218,346 | 6,644 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 89.4 | 2.7 | | |
| 75-84 years | 248,832 | 20,676 | 221,768 | 6,388 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 89.1 | 2.6 | | |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 6,074 | 117,792 | 2,738 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 93.0 | 2.2 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 121,959 | 11,174 | 106,672 | 4,112 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 87.5 | 3.4 | | |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | 638 | 19,067 | 574 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 94.0 | 2.8 | | |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 2,333 | 33,883 | 1,344 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 90.2 | 3.6 | | |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 3,751 | 25,070 | 1,081 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 83.8 | 3.6 | | |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 3,256 | 19,906 | 814 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 83.0 | 3.4 | | |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 1,197 | 8,747 | 299 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 85.4 | 2.9 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 10,802 | 1,075 | 9,487 | 240 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 87.8 | 2.2 | | |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 53 | 1,776 | 22 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 95.9 | 1.2 | | |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | 56 | 2,245 | 11 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 97.1 | 0.5 | | |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 674 | 1,682 | - | 100.0 | 28.6 | 71.4 | - | | |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 251 | 2,029 | 207 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 81.6 | 8.3 | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 40 | 1,755 | - | 100.0 | 2.2 | 97.8 | - | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 940,297 | 92,509 | 830,660 | 17,128 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 88.3 | 1.8 | | |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 4,637 | 32,859 | 527 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 86.4 | 1.4 | | |
| 45-64 years | 146,231 | 21,925 | 122,121 | 2,185 | 100.0 | 15.0 | 83.5 | 1.5 | | |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 26,269 | 168,575 | 3,079 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 85.2 | 1.6 | | |
| 75-84 years | 284,380 | 26,583 | 251,691 | 6,105 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 88.5 | 2.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 273,740 | 13,094 | 255,414 | 5,233 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 93.3 | 1.9 | | |

Table 8. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received hospice care at home during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Received hospice care at home | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--------|---------|------------|-------|------|------|----------------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | | | | Percent distribution |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 829,847 | 78,459 | 736,743 | 14,644 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 88.8 | 1.8 |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | 3,502 | 24,043 | 292 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 86.4 | 1.1 |
| 45–64 years | 118,788 | 18,159 | 98,730 | 1,900 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 83.1 | 1.6 |
| 65–74 years | 171,769 | 23,019 | 146,017 | 2,734 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 85.0 | 1.6 |
| 75–84 years | 257,106 | 22,318 | 229,370 | 5,418 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 89.2 | 2.1 |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 11,462 | 238,583 | 4,301 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 93.8 | 1.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 102,914 | 13,061 | 87,480 | 2,372 | 100.0 | 12.7 | 85.0 | 2.3 |
| 25–44 years | 9,460 | 1,065 | 8,208 | 187 | 100.0 | 11.3 | 86.8 | 2.0 |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 3,611 | 21,583 | 255 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 84.8 | 1.0 |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 2,990 | 21,167 | 345 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 86.4 | 1.4 |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 3,805 | 21,306 | 654 | 100.0 | 14.8 | 82.7 | 2.5 |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 1,590 | 15,217 | 932 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 85.8 | 5.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,537 | 988 | 6,438 | 111 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 85.4 | 1.5 |
| 25–44 years | 726 | 70 | 608 | 48 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 83.8 | 6.6 |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 155 | 1,809 | 30 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 90.7 | 1.5 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 261 | 1,391 | — | 100.0 | 15.8 | 84.2 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 460 | 1,015 | 33 | 100.0 | 30.5 | 67.3 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 42 | 1,614 | — | 100.0 | 2.5 | 97.5 | — |

Table 9. Number and percent distribution of decedents by number of times decedent saw a medical doctor during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Number of times saw a medical doctor | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|------------|--|
| | | None | 1 | 2-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-24 | 25-49 | 50 or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,870 | 240,268 | 81,046 | 350,046 | 331,736 | 296,753 | 207,173 | 170,121 | 155,638 | 154,089 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 24,936 | 11,003 | 23,760 | 12,726 | 9,563 | 7,509 | 9,112 | 11,957 | 15,124 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 35,871 | 18,204 | 64,275 | 54,781 | 49,922 | 39,562 | 48,700 | 49,564 | 29,428 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 36,024 | 15,021 | 78,805 | 85,719 | 80,761 | 59,533 | 51,634 | 41,973 | 30,554 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 62,573 | 19,150 | 103,807 | 104,244 | 95,175 | 64,180 | 42,958 | 33,104 | 43,422 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 80,863 | 17,667 | 79,399 | 74,265 | 61,332 | 36,388 | 17,717 | 19,040 | 35,561 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,773 | 209,027 | 71,625 | 306,271 | 295,016 | 262,753 | 183,647 | 149,034 | 133,685 | 128,715 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 18,467 | 8,374 | 17,017 | 9,467 | 7,285 | 5,825 | 7,239 | 9,458 | 9,993 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 28,687 | 14,819 | 52,419 | 46,358 | 41,182 | 31,849 | 41,746 | 42,524 | 22,636 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 30,647 | 13,967 | 69,417 | 75,787 | 71,330 | 53,179 | 45,645 | 35,759 | 25,204 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 55,975 | 17,831 | 94,689 | 94,989 | 85,937 | 58,771 | 38,215 | 28,865 | 38,349 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 75,251 | 16,633 | 72,729 | 68,414 | 57,020 | 34,024 | 16,190 | 17,079 | 32,533 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 29,280 | 8,194 | 39,284 | 34,227 | 31,011 | 22,391 | 19,247 | 20,256 | 24,114 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 5,940 | 2,313 | 6,228 | 2,957 | 2,177 | 1,532 | 1,700 | 2,251 | 4,847 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 6,802 | 3,352 | 11,404 | 8,249 | 7,680 | 6,949 | 6,299 | 6,437 | 6,586 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 5,213 | 1,032 | 8,381 | 9,004 | 9,043 | 6,289 | 5,508 | 5,718 | 4,886 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 6,236 | 699 | 8,526 | 8,434 | 8,372 | 5,288 | 4,470 | 3,943 | 4,777 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 5,090 | 798 | 4,745 | 5,583 | 3,738 | 2,333 | 1,271 | 1,909 | 3,017 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 1,961 | 1,227 | 4,491 | 2,493 | 2,990 | 1,135 | 1,840 | 1,696 | 1,260 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 529 | 317 | 515 | 302 | 101 | 152 | 173 | 248 | 284 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 383 | 33 | 453 | 173 | 1,060 | 764 | 655 | 603 | 206 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 165 | 22 | 1,008 | 928 | 388 | 66 | 482 | 497 | 464 | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 362 | 620 | 592 | 821 | 866 | 122 | 273 | 297 | 295 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 522 | 236 | 1,924 | 268 | 574 | 31 | 256 | 52 | 10 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,749 | 116,705 | 52,278 | 198,634 | 173,684 | 142,751 | 102,492 | 80,983 | 78,942 | 83,279 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 20,374 | 8,965 | 17,048 | 8,426 | 6,378 | 4,209 | 5,041 | 5,954 | 10,891 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 26,255 | 13,709 | 44,675 | 36,597 | 26,619 | 23,218 | 23,171 | 26,302 | 21,688 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 22,154 | 9,584 | 49,657 | 49,859 | 47,475 | 32,086 | 27,519 | 22,746 | 18,644 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 27,741 | 12,425 | 55,780 | 51,209 | 42,770 | 30,346 | 20,531 | 16,733 | 21,852 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 20,181 | 7,595 | 31,474 | 27,593 | 19,510 | 12,632 | 4,720 | 7,198 | 10,205 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 98,792 | 45,869 | 173,441 | 153,964 | 126,871 | 89,980 | 69,534 | 68,698 | 68,036 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 15,243 | 7,247 | 12,334 | 6,189 | 4,793 | 3,195 | 3,964 | 4,868 | 7,247 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 21,325 | 11,221 | 37,594 | 31,560 | 22,383 | 18,890 | 19,658 | 22,316 | 16,969 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 19,246 | 9,000 | 44,072 | 43,855 | 43,039 | 28,671 | 23,816 | 19,955 | 15,420 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 24,572 | 11,165 | 51,266 | 46,717 | 38,859 | 27,489 | 18,174 | 14,909 | 19,403 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 18,406 | 7,236 | 28,174 | 25,642 | 17,798 | 11,735 | 3,922 | 6,650 | 8,997 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 16,830 | 5,576 | 22,133 | 18,194 | 14,456 | 11,819 | 10,445 | 9,440 | 14,402 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 4,707 | 1,539 | 4,303 | 1,980 | 1,518 | 992 | 926 | 954 | 3,414 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 4,684 | 2,466 | 6,922 | 4,924 | 3,742 | 3,757 | 3,335 | 3,591 | 4,571 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 2,798 | 572 | 5,046 | 5,543 | 4,145 | 3,382 | 3,254 | 2,555 | 2,988 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 2,907 | 640 | 4,186 | 4,012 | 3,616 | 2,791 | 2,151 | 1,802 | 2,221 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 1,735 | 359 | 1,675 | 1,735 | 1,436 | 897 | 778 | 538 | 1,208 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 1,083 | 833 | 3,060 | 1,527 | 1,424 | 693 | 1,005 | 804 | 842 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 425 | 179 | 411 | 258 | 68 | 22 | 151 | 142 | 230 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 246 | 23 | 158 | 113 | 494 | 571 | 177 | 394 | 147 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 111 | 11 | 538 | 461 | 291 | 33 | 449 | 236 | 236 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 262 | 620 | 328 | 480 | 295 | 66 | 207 | 22 | 229 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 40 | - | 1,625 | 216 | 276 | - | 20 | 10 | - | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 123,563 | 28,767 | 151,413 | 158,051 | 154,002 | 104,681 | 89,138 | 76,696 | 70,810 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 4,562 | 2,038 | 6,712 | 4,300 | 3,185 | 3,300 | 4,071 | 5,993 | 4,234 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 9,617 | 4,495 | 19,601 | 18,183 | 23,303 | 16,344 | 25,529 | 23,262 | 7,741 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 13,870 | 5,438 | 29,149 | 35,860 | 33,286 | 27,447 | 24,115 | 19,228 | 11,910 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 34,832 | 6,726 | 48,027 | 53,035 | 52,405 | 33,835 | 22,426 | 16,371 | 21,569 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 60,682 | 10,071 | 47,924 | 46,673 | 41,823 | 23,756 | 12,997 | 11,842 | 25,356 | |

Table 9. Number and percent distribution of decedents by number of times decedent saw a medical doctor during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Number of times saw a medical doctor | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|------------|------------|
| | | None | 1 | 2-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-24 | 25-49 | 50 or more | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 110,235 | 25,756 | 132,831 | 141,052 | 135,881 | 93,667 | 79,500 | 64,988 | 60,679 |
| 25-44 years | 28,044 | 3,224 | 1,127 | 4,683 | 3,278 | 2,492 | 2,630 | 3,274 | 4,590 | 2,745 |
| 45-64 years | 120,303 | 7,361 | 3,599 | 14,824 | 14,798 | 18,799 | 12,959 | 22,088 | 20,208 | 5,667 |
| 65-74 years | 173,860 | 11,401 | 4,967 | 25,345 | 31,932 | 28,291 | 24,507 | 21,829 | 15,804 | 9,784 |
| 75-84 years | 261,068 | 31,403 | 6,666 | 43,423 | 48,272 | 47,078 | 31,282 | 20,041 | 13,956 | 18,946 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 56,845 | 9,397 | 44,555 | 42,772 | 39,222 | 22,289 | 12,268 | 10,429 | 23,537 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 12,450 | 2,618 | 17,151 | 16,033 | 16,555 | 10,572 | 8,803 | 10,816 | 9,712 |
| 25-44 years | 9,614 | 1,234 | 773 | 1,925 | 977 | 660 | 540 | 774 | 1,297 | 1,433 |
| 45-64 years | 25,765 | 2,118 | 886 | 4,481 | 3,325 | 3,938 | 3,192 | 2,963 | 2,846 | 2,016 |
| 65-74 years | 24,789 | 2,415 | 460 | 3,335 | 3,461 | 4,898 | 2,907 | 2,253 | 3,163 | 1,898 |
| 75-84 years | 26,419 | 3,329 | 59 | 4,340 | 4,422 | 4,756 | 2,497 | 2,319 | 2,140 | 2,556 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 3,355 | 439 | 3,070 | 3,848 | 2,302 | 1,436 | 493 | 1,371 | 1,809 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 877 | 394 | 1,431 | 966 | 1,566 | 442 | 835 | 892 | 418 |
| 25-44 years | 737 | 104 | 137 | 104 | 45 | 33 | 130 | 22 | 106 | 55 |
| 45-64 years | 2,007 | 137 | 10 | 295 | 60 | 566 | 193 | 478 | 209 | 58 |
| 65-74 years | 1,652 | 54 | 11 | 469 | 468 | 97 | 32 | 32 | 261 | 228 |
| 75-84 years | 1,739 | 100 | — | 263 | 341 | 571 | 56 | 67 | 274 | 67 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 482 | 236 | 299 | 52 | 299 | 31 | 236 | 42 | 10 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 12.1 | 4.1 | 17.6 | 16.7 | 14.9 | 10.4 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 7.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 19.8 | 8.8 | 18.9 | 10.1 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 9.5 | 12.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 9.2 | 4.7 | 16.5 | 14.0 | 12.8 | 10.1 | 12.5 | 12.7 | 7.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 7.5 | 3.1 | 16.4 | 17.9 | 16.8 | 12.4 | 10.8 | 8.7 | 6.4 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 11.0 | 3.4 | 18.3 | 18.3 | 16.7 | 11.3 | 7.6 | 5.8 | 7.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 19.2 | 4.2 | 18.8 | 17.6 | 14.5 | 8.6 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 8.4 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 12.0 | 4.1 | 17.6 | 17.0 | 15.1 | 10.6 | 8.6 | 7.7 | 7.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 19.8 | 9.0 | 18.3 | 10.2 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 7.8 | 10.2 | 10.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 8.9 | 4.6 | 16.3 | 14.4 | 12.8 | 9.9 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 7.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.3 | 16.5 | 18.0 | 17.0 | 12.6 | 10.8 | 8.5 | 6.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 10.9 | 3.5 | 18.4 | 18.5 | 16.7 | 11.4 | 7.4 | 5.6 | 7.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 19.3 | 4.3 | 18.7 | 17.6 | 14.6 | 8.7 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 8.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 12.8 | 3.6 | 17.2 | 15.0 | 13.6 | 9.8 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 10.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 19.8 | 7.7 | 20.8 | 9.9 | 7.3 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 16.2 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 10.7 | 5.3 | 17.9 | 12.9 | 12.1 | 10.9 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 10.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 9.5 | 1.9 | 15.2 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 11.4 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 8.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.3 | 1.4 | 16.8 | 16.6 | 16.5 | 10.4 | 8.8 | 7.8 | 9.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.9 | 2.8 | 16.7 | 19.6 | 13.1 | 8.2 | 4.5 | 6.7 | 10.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 10.3 | 6.4 | 23.5 | 13.1 | 15.7 | 5.9 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 6.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 20.2 | 12.1 | 19.6 | 11.5 | 3.9 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 9.5 | 10.9 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 8.8 | 0.8 | 10.5 | 4.0 | 24.5 | 17.7 | 15.1 | 13.9 | 4.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 0.5 | 25.1 | 23.1 | 9.7 | 1.6 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 11.6 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 8.5 | 14.6 | 13.9 | 19.3 | 20.4 | 2.9 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 13.5 | 6.1 | 49.7 | 6.9 | 14.8 | 0.8 | 6.6 | 1.3 | 0.3 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.3 | 5.1 | 19.3 | 16.9 | 13.9 | 10.0 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 8.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 23.3 | 10.3 | 19.5 | 9.7 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 12.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 10.8 | 5.7 | 18.4 | 15.1 | 11.0 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 10.9 | 9.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 7.9 | 3.4 | 17.8 | 17.8 | 17.0 | 11.5 | 9.8 | 8.1 | 6.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 9.9 | 4.5 | 20.0 | 18.3 | 15.3 | 10.9 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 7.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 14.3 | 5.4 | 22.3 | 19.6 | 13.8 | 9.0 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 7.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.0 | 5.1 | 19.4 | 17.2 | 14.2 | 10.1 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 23.4 | 11.1 | 19.0 | 9.5 | 7.4 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 7.5 | 11.1 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 10.6 | 5.6 | 18.6 | 15.6 | 11.1 | 9.4 | 9.7 | 11.1 | 8.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 7.8 | 3.6 | 17.8 | 17.8 | 17.4 | 11.6 | 9.6 | 8.1 | 6.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 9.7 | 4.4 | 20.3 | 18.5 | 15.4 | 10.9 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 7.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 14.3 | 5.6 | 21.9 | 20.0 | 13.8 | 9.1 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 7.0 |

Table 9. Number and percent distribution of decedents by number of times decedent saw a medical doctor during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Number of times saw a medical doctor | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|----------------------|
| | | None | 1 | 2-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-24 | 25-49 | 50 or more | Don't know |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | | | Percent distribution |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 13.7 | 4.5 | 18.0 | 14.8 | 11.7 | 9.6 | 8.5 | 7.7 | 11.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 23.2 | 7.6 | 21.2 | 9.7 | 7.5 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 16.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 12.3 | 6.5 | 18.2 | 13.0 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 12.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 9.2 | 1.9 | 16.7 | 18.3 | 13.7 | 11.2 | 10.8 | 8.4 | 9.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.0 | 2.6 | 17.2 | 16.5 | 14.9 | 11.5 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 9.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 16.7 | 3.5 | 16.2 | 16.7 | 13.9 | 8.7 | 7.5 | 5.2 | 11.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 9.6 | 7.4 | 27.2 | 13.5 | 12.6 | 6.2 | 8.9 | 7.1 | 7.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 22.5 | 9.5 | 21.8 | 13.7 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 12.2 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 10.6 | 1.0 | 6.8 | 4.9 | 21.3 | 24.6 | 7.6 | 17.0 | 6.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 22.7 | 19.5 | 12.3 | 1.4 | 19.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 10.4 | 24.7 | 13.1 | 19.1 | 11.8 | 2.6 | 8.2 | 0.9 | 9.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.8 | — | 74.3 | 9.9 | 12.6 | — | 0.9 | 0.5 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 12.9 | 3.0 | 15.8 | 16.5 | 16.1 | 10.9 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 7.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 11.9 | 5.3 | 17.5 | 11.2 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 10.6 | 15.6 | 11.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 13.2 | 12.3 | 15.7 | 11.0 | 17.2 | 15.7 | 5.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 6.9 | 2.7 | 14.6 | 17.9 | 16.6 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 9.6 | 6.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.0 | 2.3 | 16.6 | 18.3 | 18.1 | 11.7 | 7.8 | 5.7 | 7.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 21.6 | 3.6 | 17.1 | 16.6 | 14.9 | 8.5 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 9.0 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 13.1 | 3.1 | 15.7 | 16.7 | 16.1 | 11.1 | 9.4 | 7.7 | 7.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 11.5 | 4.0 | 16.7 | 11.7 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 11.7 | 16.4 | 9.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 15.6 | 10.8 | 18.4 | 16.8 | 4.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 6.6 | 2.9 | 14.6 | 18.4 | 16.3 | 14.1 | 12.6 | 9.1 | 5.6 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.0 | 2.6 | 16.6 | 18.5 | 18.0 | 12.0 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 7.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 21.8 | 3.6 | 17.1 | 16.4 | 15.0 | 8.5 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 9.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.9 | 2.5 | 16.4 | 15.3 | 15.8 | 10.1 | 8.4 | 10.3 | 9.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 12.8 | 8.0 | 20.0 | 10.2 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 8.1 | 13.5 | 14.9 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 8.2 | 3.4 | 17.4 | 12.9 | 15.3 | 12.4 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 7.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 9.7 | 1.9 | 13.5 | 14.0 | 19.8 | 11.7 | 9.1 | 12.8 | 7.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.6 | 0.2 | 16.4 | 16.7 | 18.0 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 8.1 | 9.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 18.5 | 2.4 | 16.9 | 21.2 | 12.7 | 7.9 | 2.7 | 7.6 | 10.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.2 | 5.0 | 18.3 | 12.4 | 20.0 | 5.7 | 10.7 | 11.4 | 5.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 14.2 | 18.7 | 14.1 | 6.1 | 4.5 | 17.6 | 3.0 | 14.4 | 7.4 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 6.8 | 0.5 | 14.7 | 3.0 | 28.2 | 9.6 | 23.8 | 10.4 | 2.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 28.4 | 28.3 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 15.8 | 13.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 5.7 | — | 15.2 | 19.6 | 32.9 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 15.8 | 3.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 28.6 | 14.0 | 17.7 | 3.1 | 17.7 | 1.9 | 14.0 | 2.5 | 0.6 |

Table 10. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent saw a psychiatrist, psychologist, or any other mental health professional during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Saw a mental health professional | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|------|-------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,868 | 93,678 | 1,835,214 | 57,976 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 92.4 | 2.9 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 18,722 | 99,812 | 7,157 | 100.0 | 14.9 | 79.4 | 5.7 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 25,436 | 352,658 | 12,214 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 90.4 | 3.1 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 23,694 | 442,690 | 13,641 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 92.2 | 2.8 |
| 75-84 years | 568,613 | 19,243 | 535,790 | 13,580 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 94.2 | 2.4 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 6,583 | 404,264 | 11,384 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 95.7 | 2.7 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,772 | 81,627 | 1,609,608 | 48,537 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 92.5 | 2.8 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 15,326 | 72,954 | 4,844 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 78.3 | 5.2 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 21,793 | 290,775 | 9,652 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 90.2 | 3.0 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 20,634 | 387,944 | 12,355 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 92.2 | 2.9 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 17,634 | 484,390 | 11,598 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 94.3 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 6,239 | 373,545 | 10,088 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 95.8 | 2.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 11,297 | 207,823 | 8,883 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 91.1 | 3.9 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 3,122 | 24,674 | 2,149 | 100.0 | 10.4 | 82.4 | 7.2 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 3,402 | 57,906 | 2,450 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 90.8 | 3.8 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 2,842 | 51,180 | 1,050 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 92.9 | 1.9 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 1,587 | 47,219 | 1,938 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 93.1 | 3.8 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 344 | 26,845 | 1,296 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 94.2 | 4.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 755 | 17,782 | 556 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 93.1 | 2.9 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 274 | 2,184 | 164 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 83.3 | 6.2 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 241 | 3,977 | 112 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 91.8 | 2.6 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 218 | 3,566 | 235 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 88.7 | 5.9 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 22 | 4,182 | 44 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 98.4 | 1.0 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | — | 3,874 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,749 | 49,017 | 944,362 | 36,369 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 91.7 | 3.5 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 12,372 | 69,492 | 5,433 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 79.6 | 6.2 |
| 45-64 years | 242,234 | 14,116 | 219,861 | 8,257 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 90.8 | 3.4 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 11,735 | 256,519 | 11,469 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 91.7 | 4.1 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 8,268 | 263,652 | 7,467 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 94.4 | 2.7 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 2,526 | 134,838 | 3,744 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 95.6 | 2.7 |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,183 | 42,353 | 822,409 | 30,422 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 91.9 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 10,126 | 51,264 | 3,691 | 100.0 | 15.6 | 78.8 | 5.7 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 12,164 | 183,227 | 6,526 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 90.7 | 3.2 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 10,272 | 226,319 | 10,481 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 91.6 | 4.2 |
| 75-84 years | 252,553 | 7,443 | 238,711 | 6,399 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 94.5 | 2.5 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 2,347 | 122,888 | 3,325 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 95.6 | 2.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 6,381 | 111,400 | 5,513 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 90.4 | 4.5 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 2,064 | 16,657 | 1,610 | 100.0 | 10.2 | 81.9 | 7.9 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 1,861 | 34,458 | 1,674 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 90.7 | 4.4 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 1,462 | 28,058 | 763 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 92.7 | 2.5 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 814 | 22,464 | 1,047 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 92.4 | 4.3 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 179 | 9,764 | 419 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 94.2 | 4.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 284 | 10,552 | 435 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 93.6 | 3.9 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 182 | 1,572 | 131 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 83.4 | 6.9 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 91 | 2,176 | 57 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 93.6 | 2.5 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | — | 2,142 | 225 | 100.0 | — | 90.5 | 9.5 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 11 | 2,476 | 22 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 98.7 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | — | 2,186 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,122 | 44,661 | 890,854 | 21,606 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 93.1 | 2.3 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 6,350 | 30,320 | 1,724 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 79.0 | 4.5 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 11,320 | 132,798 | 3,957 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 89.7 | 2.7 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 11,960 | 186,171 | 2,172 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 92.9 | 1.1 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 10,975 | 272,139 | 6,113 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 94.1 | 2.1 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 4,057 | 269,426 | 7,641 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 95.8 | 2.7 |

Table 10. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent saw a psychiatrist, psychologist, or any other mental health professional during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Saw a mental health professional | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|------|-------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,590 | 39,274 | 787,201 | 18,115 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 93.2 | 2.1 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 5,200 | 21,691 | 1,153 | 100.0 | 18.5 | 77.3 | 4.1 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 9,629 | 107,548 | 3,126 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 89.4 | 2.6 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 10,362 | 161,625 | 1,873 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 93.0 | 1.1 |
| 75–84 years | 261,069 | 10,191 | 245,679 | 5,199 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 94.1 | 2.0 |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 3,892 | 250,658 | 6,763 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 95.9 | 2.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 4,916 | 96,423 | 3,370 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 92.1 | 3.2 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 1,058 | 8,017 | 539 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 83.4 | 5.6 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 1,541 | 23,449 | 775 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 91.0 | 3.0 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 1,380 | 23,122 | 288 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 93.3 | 1.2 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 773 | 24,754 | 892 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 93.7 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 164 | 17,081 | 877 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 94.3 | 4.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 471 | 7,230 | 121 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 92.4 | 1.6 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 92 | 612 | 33 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 83.0 | 4.5 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 150 | 1,801 | 55 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 89.8 | 2.8 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 218 | 1,424 | 11 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 86.2 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 11 | 1,706 | 22 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 98.1 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | — | 1,687 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — |

Table 11. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was on a waiting list for nursing home care during last year of life and whether care was received, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | On waiting list | | | | Was care received | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,957,225 | 112,730 | 1,815,445 | 29,051 | 141,780 | 73,581 | 39,880 | 28,319 |
| 25–44 years | 124,866 | 1,715 | 121,101 | 2,051 | 3,765 | 954 | 760 | 2,052 |
| 45–64 years | 385,839 | 9,215 | 371,516 | 5,108 | 14,323 | 3,975 | 5,314 | 5,034 |
| 65–74 years | 474,463 | 19,273 | 448,730 | 6,461 | 25,733 | 12,339 | 7,308 | 6,086 |
| 75–84 years | 559,675 | 42,394 | 509,309 | 7,972 | 50,366 | 27,496 | 15,291 | 7,579 |
| 85 years and over | 412,382 | 40,134 | 364,789 | 7,459 | 47,593 | 28,817 | 11,208 | 7,569 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,714,016 | 100,511 | 1,587,810 | 25,696 | 126,206 | 66,764 | 34,579 | 24,863 |
| 25–44 years | 92,551 | 1,328 | 89,802 | 1,421 | 2,749 | 846 | 492 | 1,411 |
| 45–64 years | 318,524 | 6,958 | 307,122 | 4,445 | 11,402 | 3,175 | 3,979 | 4,248 |
| 65–74 years | 416,052 | 16,863 | 393,248 | 5,941 | 22,805 | 10,765 | 6,519 | 5,521 |
| 75–84 years | 505,939 | 38,450 | 460,665 | 6,824 | 45,274 | 25,152 | 13,505 | 6,617 |
| 85 years and over | 380,950 | 36,911 | 336,973 | 7,065 | 43,977 | 26,826 | 10,086 | 7,065 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 224,873 | 11,166 | 210,472 | 3,235 | 14,401 | 6,121 | 4,944 | 3,336 |
| 25–44 years | 29,738 | 352 | 28,789 | 597 | 949 | 107 | 245 | 596 |
| 45–64 years | 63,009 | 2,160 | 60,229 | 621 | 2,781 | 800 | 1,238 | 743 |
| 65–74 years | 54,403 | 2,409 | 51,486 | 508 | 2,918 | 1,574 | 790 | 554 |
| 75–84 years | 49,741 | 3,473 | 45,152 | 1,115 | 4,589 | 1,885 | 1,764 | 939 |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 2,771 | 24,816 | 394 | 3,165 | 1,755 | 907 | 503 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 18,339 | 1,053 | 17,166 | 120 | 1,173 | 696 | 357 | 120 |
| 25–44 years | 2,578 | 34 | 2,511 | 33 | 67 | — | 23 | 44 |
| 45–64 years | 4,306 | 97 | 4,166 | 43 | 140 | — | 97 | 43 |
| 65–74 years | 4,008 | — | 3,997 | 11 | 11 | — | — | 11 |
| 75–84 years | 3,996 | 470 | 3,493 | 33 | 503 | 459 | 22 | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 451 | 3,000 | — | 451 | 237 | 215 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,016,929 | 45,870 | 952,748 | 18,311 | 64,181 | 28,383 | 18,175 | 17,623 |
| 25–44 years | 86,843 | 1,117 | 84,081 | 1,665 | 2,782 | 516 | 632 | 1,634 |
| 45–64 years | 239,608 | 5,584 | 230,344 | 3,680 | 9,264 | 2,062 | 3,620 | 3,582 |
| 65–74 years | 276,540 | 9,509 | 261,928 | 5,104 | 14,612 | 6,200 | 3,534 | 4,878 |
| 75–84 years | 275,295 | 17,073 | 252,631 | 5,592 | 22,664 | 10,506 | 6,901 | 5,258 |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 12,587 | 123,784 | 2,271 | 14,858 | 9,099 | 3,488 | 2,271 |
| White, 25 years and over | 884,168 | 40,481 | 827,521 | 16,167 | 56,647 | 25,433 | 15,607 | 15,607 |
| 25–44 years | 64,714 | 753 | 62,755 | 1,206 | 1,959 | 420 | 375 | 1,165 |
| 45–64 years | 199,735 | 4,677 | 191,889 | 3,169 | 7,846 | 1,882 | 2,893 | 3,071 |
| 65–74 years | 244,284 | 8,364 | 231,220 | 4,699 | 13,064 | 5,374 | 3,204 | 4,486 |
| 75–84 years | 248,832 | 15,332 | 228,559 | 4,941 | 20,273 | 9,532 | 6,007 | 4,734 |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 11,354 | 113,098 | 2,151 | 13,506 | 8,225 | 3,129 | 2,151 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 121,959 | 4,911 | 114,971 | 2,078 | 6,988 | 2,517 | 2,523 | 1,949 |
| 25–44 years | 20,278 | 330 | 19,511 | 437 | 767 | 97 | 234 | 437 |
| 45–64 years | 37,560 | 907 | 36,165 | 488 | 1,395 | 180 | 728 | 488 |
| 65–74 years | 29,902 | 1,144 | 28,364 | 393 | 1,538 | 827 | 330 | 381 |
| 75–84 years | 23,976 | 1,512 | 21,825 | 640 | 2,151 | 756 | 872 | 523 |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 1,017 | 9,106 | 120 | 1,137 | 658 | 359 | 120 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 10,802 | 478 | 10,256 | 67 | 546 | 433 | 45 | 67 |
| 25–44 years | 1,851 | 34 | 1,795 | 22 | 56 | — | 23 | 33 |
| 45–64 years | 2,312 | — | 2,289 | 23 | 23 | — | — | 23 |
| 65–74 years | 2,356 | — | 2,345 | 11 | 11 | — | — | 11 |
| 75–84 years | 2,487 | 229 | 2,247 | 11 | 240 | 218 | 22 | — |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 216 | 1,580 | — | 216 | 216 | — | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 940,299 | 66,860 | 862,700 | 10,739 | 77,599 | 45,198 | 21,705 | 10,695 |
| 25–44 years | 38,023 | 597 | 37,040 | 386 | 983 | 437 | 128 | 417 |
| 45–64 years | 146,232 | 3,630 | 141,173 | 1,428 | 5,059 | 1,913 | 1,694 | 1,452 |
| 65–74 years | 197,923 | 9,764 | 186,802 | 1,357 | 11,121 | 6,139 | 3,774 | 1,207 |
| 75–84 years | 284,380 | 25,321 | 256,679 | 2,380 | 27,701 | 16,990 | 8,390 | 2,321 |
| 85 years and over | 273,741 | 27,547 | 241,006 | 5,188 | 32,735 | 19,718 | 7,720 | 5,298 |

Table 11. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was on a waiting list for nursing home care during last year of life and whether care was received, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | On waiting list | | | | Was care received | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------|---------|------------|-------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 829,847 | 60,030 | 760,288 | 9,529 | 69,559 | 41,331 | 18,972 | 9,255 |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | 575 | 27,047 | 215 | 790 | 427 | 117 | 247 |
| 45–64 years | 118,788 | 2,281 | 115,232 | 1,276 | 3,556 | 1,293 | 1,086 | 1,177 |
| 65–74 years | 171,769 | 8,499 | 162,028 | 1,242 | 9,741 | 5,392 | 3,314 | 1,035 |
| 75–84 years | 257,106 | 23,118 | 232,106 | 1,883 | 25,000 | 15,620 | 7,498 | 1,883 |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 25,557 | 223,875 | 4,914 | 30,471 | 18,601 | 6,957 | 4,914 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 102,914 | 6,256 | 95,502 | 1,157 | 7,413 | 3,604 | 2,421 | 1,387 |
| 25–44 years | 9,460 | 22 | 9,278 | 160 | 182 | 11 | 11 | 160 |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 1,253 | 24,064 | 133 | 1,385 | 620 | 510 | 255 |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 1,265 | 23,122 | 115 | 1,380 | 748 | 460 | 173 |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 1,962 | 23,327 | 476 | 2,437 | 1,130 | 892 | 416 |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 1,754 | 15,711 | 274 | 2,028 | 1,096 | 548 | 384 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,537 | 574 | 6,910 | 53 | 627 | 262 | 312 | 53 |
| 25–44 years | 726 | — | 715 | 11 | 11 | — | — | 11 |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 97 | 1,877 | 20 | 117 | — | 97 | 20 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | — | 1,652 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 241 | 1,245 | 22 | 263 | 241 | — | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 236 | 1,420 | — | 236 | 21 | 215 | — |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.8 | 92.8 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 51.9 | 28.1 | 20.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.4 | 97.0 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 25.3 | 20.2 | 54.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.4 | 96.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 27.8 | 37.1 | 35.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 94.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 48.0 | 28.4 | 23.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 91.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 54.6 | 30.4 | 15.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.7 | 88.5 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 60.6 | 23.6 | 15.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.9 | 92.6 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 52.9 | 27.4 | 19.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.4 | 97.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 30.8 | 17.9 | 51.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.2 | 96.4 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 27.9 | 34.9 | 37.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 94.5 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 47.2 | 28.6 | 24.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 91.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 55.6 | 29.8 | 14.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.7 | 88.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 61.0 | 22.9 | 16.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 93.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 42.5 | 34.3 | 23.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.2 | 96.8 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 11.3 | 25.8 | 62.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 95.6 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 28.8 | 44.5 | 26.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.4 | 94.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 54.0 | 27.1 | 19.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.0 | 90.8 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 41.1 | 38.4 | 20.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.9 | 88.7 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 55.4 | 28.7 | 15.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.7 | 93.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 59.3 | 30.4 | 10.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.3 | 97.4 | 1.3 | 100.0 | — | 34.3 | 65.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.3 | 96.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | — | 69.4 | 30.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | — | 99.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | — | — | 100.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 11.8 | 87.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 91.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 13.1 | 86.9 | — | 100.0 | 52.4 | 47.6 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.5 | 93.7 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 44.2 | 28.3 | 27.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.3 | 96.8 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 22.7 | 58.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.3 | 96.1 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 22.3 | 39.1 | 38.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 94.7 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 42.4 | 24.2 | 33.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.2 | 91.8 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 46.4 | 30.5 | 23.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.1 | 89.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 61.2 | 23.5 | 15.3 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.6 | 93.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 27.6 | 27.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.2 | 97.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 19.1 | 59.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.3 | 96.1 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 24.0 | 36.9 | 39.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 94.7 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 41.1 | 24.5 | 34.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.2 | 91.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 47.0 | 29.6 | 23.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.0 | 89.3 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 60.9 | 23.2 | 15.9 |

Table 11. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was on a waiting list for nursing home care during last year of life and whether care was received, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | On waiting list | | | | Was care received | | | |
|--|-----------------|------|-------|------------|-------------------|-------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.0 | 94.3 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 36.0 | 36.1 | 27.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.6 | 96.2 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 30.5 | 56.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.4 | 96.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 52.2 | 35.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 94.9 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 53.8 | 21.4 | 24.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.3 | 91.0 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 35.1 | 40.5 | 24.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.9 | 88.9 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 57.9 | 31.6 | 10.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.4 | 95.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 79.5 | 8.3 | 12.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.8 | 97.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | — | 40.9 | 59.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | — | 99.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | — | — | 100.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | — | 99.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | — | — | 100.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.2 | 90.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 90.8 | 9.2 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.0 | 88.0 | — | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 7.1 | 91.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 58.3 | 28.0 | 13.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 1.6 | 97.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 44.5 | 13.0 | 42.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.5 | 96.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 37.8 | 33.5 | 28.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.9 | 94.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 55.2 | 33.9 | 10.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 8.9 | 90.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 61.3 | 30.3 | 8.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 10.1 | 88.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 60.2 | 23.6 | 16.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 7.2 | 91.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 59.4 | 27.3 | 13.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 2.1 | 97.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 54.0 | 14.8 | 31.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 1.9 | 97.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 36.4 | 30.5 | 33.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 94.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 55.4 | 34.0 | 10.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.0 | 90.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 62.5 | 30.0 | 7.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 10.1 | 88.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 61.0 | 22.8 | 16.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.1 | 92.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 48.6 | 32.7 | 18.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 0.2 | 98.1 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 87.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.9 | 94.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 44.8 | 36.8 | 18.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.2 | 94.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 54.2 | 33.3 | 12.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 90.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 46.3 | 36.6 | 17.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.9 | 88.6 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 54.1 | 27.0 | 18.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 7.6 | 91.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 41.8 | 49.7 | 8.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | — | 98.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | — | — | 100.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.9 | 94.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | — | 82.9 | 17.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 16.0 | 82.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 91.6 | — | 8.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 14.2 | 85.8 | — | 100.0 | 8.9 | 91.1 | — |

Table 12. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was covered by Medicare, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Covered by Medicare | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,869 | 1,448,516 | 480,763 | 57,590 | 100.0 | 72.9 | 24.2 | 2.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 12,751 | 109,089 | 3,852 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 86.8 | 3.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 78,446 | 296,340 | 15,522 | 100.0 | 20.1 | 75.9 | 4.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 436,928 | 31,217 | 11,879 | 100.0 | 91.0 | 6.5 | 2.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 526,973 | 27,097 | 14,544 | 100.0 | 92.7 | 4.8 | 2.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 393,418 | 17,020 | 11,794 | 100.0 | 93.2 | 4.0 | 2.8 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,773 | 1,301,870 | 391,984 | 45,919 | 100.0 | 74.8 | 22.5 | 2.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 8,833 | 81,821 | 2,470 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 87.9 | 2.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 60,883 | 249,139 | 12,198 | 100.0 | 18.9 | 77.3 | 3.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 388,069 | 23,713 | 9,151 | 100.0 | 92.2 | 5.6 | 2.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 478,365 | 23,007 | 12,250 | 100.0 | 93.1 | 4.5 | 2.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 365,720 | 14,304 | 9,849 | 100.0 | 93.8 | 3.7 | 2.5 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 136,241 | 80,387 | 11,375 | 100.0 | 59.8 | 35.3 | 5.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 3,774 | 24,833 | 1,337 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 82.9 | 4.5 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 17,203 | 43,342 | 3,213 | 100.0 | 27.0 | 68.0 | 5.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 45,528 | 6,871 | 2,673 | 100.0 | 82.7 | 12.5 | 4.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 45,203 | 3,303 | 2,238 | 100.0 | 89.1 | 6.5 | 4.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 24,532 | 2,039 | 1,914 | 100.0 | 86.1 | 7.2 | 6.7 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 10,405 | 8,392 | 296 | 100.0 | 54.5 | 44.0 | 1.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 143 | 2,435 | 44 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 92.9 | 1.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 360 | 3,859 | 110 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 89.1 | 2.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 3,331 | 633 | 55 | 100.0 | 82.9 | 15.8 | 1.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 3,405 | 788 | 55 | 100.0 | 80.2 | 18.5 | 1.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 3,166 | 677 | 31 | 100.0 | 81.7 | 17.5 | 0.8 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,747 | 699,994 | 296,644 | 33,109 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 28.8 | 3.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 8,039 | 76,378 | 2,879 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 87.5 | 3.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 49,796 | 182,039 | 10,398 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 75.2 | 4.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 251,951 | 18,984 | 8,788 | 100.0 | 90.1 | 6.8 | 3.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,387 | 259,533 | 13,526 | 6,328 | 100.0 | 92.9 | 4.8 | 2.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 130,675 | 5,717 | 4,716 | 100.0 | 92.6 | 4.1 | 3.3 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,183 | 626,741 | 241,665 | 26,777 | 100.0 | 70.0 | 27.0 | 3.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 5,758 | 57,470 | 1,854 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 88.3 | 2.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 39,396 | 153,748 | 8,773 | 100.0 | 19.5 | 76.1 | 4.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 225,849 | 14,567 | 6,657 | 100.0 | 91.4 | 5.9 | 2.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,553 | 235,784 | 11,382 | 5,387 | 100.0 | 93.4 | 4.5 | 2.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 119,954 | 4,498 | 4,107 | 100.0 | 93.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 66,985 | 50,132 | 6,176 | 100.0 | 54.3 | 40.7 | 5.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 2,204 | 17,113 | 1,015 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 84.2 | 5.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 10,186 | 26,272 | 1,535 | 100.0 | 26.8 | 69.2 | 4.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 23,901 | 4,284 | 2,098 | 100.0 | 78.9 | 14.2 | 6.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 21,709 | 1,686 | 930 | 100.0 | 89.2 | 6.9 | 3.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 8,986 | 778 | 598 | 100.0 | 86.7 | 7.5 | 5.8 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 6,268 | 4,847 | 156 | 100.0 | 55.6 | 43.0 | 1.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 78 | 1,795 | 11 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 95.3 | 0.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 214 | 2,019 | 90 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 86.9 | 3.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 2,200 | 133 | 33 | 100.0 | 93.0 | 5.6 | 1.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 2,040 | 458 | 11 | 100.0 | 81.3 | 18.2 | 0.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 1,735 | 441 | 10 | 100.0 | 79.4 | 20.2 | 0.5 | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,120 | 748,521 | 184,119 | 24,481 | 100.0 | 78.2 | 19.2 | 2.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 4,711 | 32,711 | 973 | 100.0 | 12.3 | 85.2 | 2.5 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 28,650 | 114,301 | 5,123 | 100.0 | 19.4 | 77.2 | 3.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 184,977 | 12,234 | 3,091 | 100.0 | 92.4 | 6.1 | 1.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 267,439 | 13,571 | 8,215 | 100.0 | 92.5 | 4.7 | 2.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 262,743 | 11,302 | 7,079 | 100.0 | 93.5 | 4.0 | 2.5 | |

Table 12. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was covered by Medicare, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Covered by Medicare | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------|---------|------------|-------|----------------------|------|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,590 | 675,129 | 150,319 | 19,142 | 100.0 | 79.9 | 17.8 | 2.3 | |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 3,076 | 24,351 | 617 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 86.8 | 2.2 | |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 21,487 | 95,391 | 3,426 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 79.3 | 2.9 | |
| 65–74 years | 173,861 | 162,220 | 9,146 | 2,494 | 100.0 | 93.3 | 5.3 | 1.4 | |
| 75–84 years | 261,069 | 242,581 | 11,625 | 6,863 | 100.0 | 92.9 | 4.5 | 2.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 245,766 | 9,805 | 5,742 | 100.0 | 94.1 | 3.8 | 2.2 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 69,255 | 30,255 | 5,199 | 100.0 | 66.1 | 28.9 | 5.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 1,571 | 7,720 | 323 | 100.0 | 16.3 | 80.3 | 3.4 | |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 7,017 | 17,070 | 1,678 | 100.0 | 27.2 | 66.3 | 6.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 21,627 | 2,588 | 575 | 100.0 | 87.2 | 10.4 | 2.3 | |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 23,494 | 1,617 | 1,308 | 100.0 | 88.9 | 6.1 | 5.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 15,546 | 1,261 | 1,316 | 100.0 | 85.8 | 7.0 | 7.3 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 4,137 | 3,545 | 140 | 100.0 | 52.9 | 45.3 | 1.8 | |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 65 | 639 | 33 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 86.7 | 4.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 146 | 1,840 | 20 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 91.7 | 1.0 | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 1,131 | 500 | 22 | 100.0 | 68.4 | 30.3 | 1.3 | |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 1,365 | 330 | 44 | 100.0 | 78.5 | 19.0 | 2.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 1,431 | 236 | 21 | 100.0 | 84.8 | 14.0 | 1.2 | |

Table 13. Number and percent distribution of decedents by amount of decedent's own money paid for medical care during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Amount of own money paid for medical care | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than \$200 | \$200–\$499 | \$500–\$999 | \$1,000–\$1,999 | \$2,000–\$2,999 | \$3,000–\$4,999 | \$5,000–\$9,999 | \$10,000–\$14,999 | \$15,000–\$19,999 | \$20,000–\$24,999 | \$25,000–or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,957,226 | 440,967 | 212,388 | 214,765 | 200,339 | 133,190 | 125,975 | 123,165 | 54,124 | 33,193 | 25,951 | 49,742 | 343,426 | |
| 25–44 years | 124,866 | 53,559 | 11,534 | 9,258 | 7,822 | 5,007 | 3,943 | 3,927 | 1,435 | 603 | 843 | 1,660 | 25,275 | |
| 45–64 years | 385,839 | 99,452 | 36,259 | 44,225 | 41,052 | 26,880 | 26,597 | 22,127 | 9,112 | 3,171 | 3,718 | 9,553 | 63,694 | |
| 65–74 years | 474,464 | 94,509 | 59,164 | 63,911 | 54,610 | 34,821 | 30,288 | 30,716 | 9,109 | 5,714 | 2,384 | 6,623 | 82,615 | |
| 75–84 years | 559,675 | 104,926 | 61,474 | 59,684 | 59,615 | 42,234 | 36,762 | 34,396 | 16,398 | 11,559 | 8,832 | 15,500 | 108,295 | |
| 85 years and over | 412,382 | 88,521 | 43,959 | 37,686 | 37,241 | 24,249 | 28,386 | 31,999 | 18,069 | 12,146 | 10,174 | 16,406 | 63,548 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,714,015 | 358,870 | 184,747 | 189,016 | 183,075 | 121,701 | 118,546 | 116,113 | 51,201 | 31,608 | 25,013 | 47,833 | 286,292 | |
| 25–44 years | 92,551 | 37,747 | 8,696 | 7,623 | 6,731 | 4,083 | 3,326 | 3,314 | 1,249 | 560 | 693 | 1,364 | 17,166 | |
| 45–64 years | 318,524 | 77,216 | 30,228 | 37,358 | 36,027 | 23,792 | 24,150 | 20,268 | 8,332 | 2,665 | 3,237 | 8,678 | 46,574 | |
| 65–74 years | 416,052 | 77,033 | 51,062 | 56,220 | 49,726 | 31,673 | 28,530 | 29,482 | 7,962 | 5,461 | 2,321 | 6,313 | 70,271 | |
| 75–84 years | 505,938 | 89,552 | 54,519 | 53,258 | 55,616 | 39,007 | 35,310 | 32,379 | 15,768 | 11,000 | 8,714 | 15,138 | 95,677 | |
| 85 years and over | 380,950 | 77,322 | 40,242 | 34,558 | 34,975 | 23,147 | 27,231 | 30,670 | 17,890 | 11,922 | 10,049 | 16,340 | 56,605 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 224,873 | 76,362 | 25,626 | 24,142 | 15,909 | 10,502 | 6,961 | 5,703 | 2,257 | 1,315 | 809 | 1,603 | 53,684 | |
| 25–44 years | 29,738 | 14,666 | 2,524 | 1,558 | 1,003 | 825 | 606 | 346 | 176 | — | 139 | 229 | 7,666 | |
| 45–64 years | 63,009 | 21,123 | 5,688 | 6,343 | 4,752 | 2,559 | 2,295 | 1,636 | 767 | 496 | 374 | 669 | 16,308 | |
| 65–74 years | 54,403 | 16,350 | 7,780 | 6,980 | 4,638 | 3,094 | 1,725 | 1,223 | 733 | 242 | 64 | 300 | 11,275 | |
| 75–84 years | 49,741 | 13,928 | 6,593 | 6,360 | 3,702 | 2,942 | 1,407 | 1,580 | 412 | 353 | 118 | 351 | 11,994 | |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 10,295 | 3,040 | 2,902 | 1,814 | 1,082 | 928 | 917 | 169 | 224 | 115 | 55 | 6,440 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 18,339 | 5,735 | 2,016 | 1,606 | 1,355 | 987 | 469 | 1,350 | 666 | 270 | 129 | 306 | 3,450 | |
| 25–44 years | 2,578 | 1,146 | 314 | 78 | 88 | 99 | 12 | 267 | 11 | 42 | 11 | 67 | 444 | |
| 45–64 years | 4,306 | 1,113 | 343 | 524 | 273 | 529 | 153 | 223 | 13 | 10 | 108 | 206 | 812 | |
| 65–74 years | 4,008 | 1,127 | 321 | 711 | 246 | 55 | 33 | 11 | 414 | 11 | — | 11 | 1,068 | |
| 75–84 years | 3,996 | 1,446 | 362 | 66 | 297 | 284 | 44 | 437 | 218 | 207 | — | 11 | 624 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 904 | 676 | 227 | 451 | 21 | 227 | 412 | 10 | — | 10 | 10 | 502 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,016,929 | 243,605 | 114,529 | 116,659 | 105,646 | 68,280 | 60,382 | 53,658 | 23,590 | 12,008 | 10,905 | 19,637 | 188,031 | |
| 25–44 years | 86,843 | 39,630 | 7,640 | 6,019 | 5,066 | 3,040 | 2,380 | 1,884 | 583 | 390 | 593 | 750 | 18,869 | |
| 45–64 years | 239,608 | 70,327 | 21,877 | 26,571 | 25,162 | 14,885 | 14,942 | 10,552 | 4,012 | 1,623 | 1,832 | 5,054 | 42,770 | |
| 65–74 years | 276,541 | 57,806 | 37,860 | 38,708 | 32,974 | 17,145 | 15,932 | 15,550 | 3,233 | 2,702 | 1,132 | 3,129 | 50,372 | |
| 75–84 years | 275,295 | 50,872 | 31,671 | 30,513 | 28,200 | 24,713 | 17,652 | 16,002 | 8,651 | 4,299 | 3,573 | 5,815 | 53,335 | |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 24,970 | 15,482 | 14,848 | 14,244 | 8,497 | 9,475 | 9,671 | 7,111 | 2,994 | 3,776 | 4,890 | 22,685 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 884,168 | 199,056 | 101,120 | 102,627 | 96,609 | 62,260 | 55,970 | 49,164 | 22,213 | 11,134 | 10,348 | 18,661 | 155,005 | |
| 25–44 years | 64,714 | 28,949 | 5,670 | 5,004 | 4,226 | 2,469 | 1,944 | 1,598 | 470 | 348 | 485 | 607 | 12,944 | |
| 45–64 years | 199,736 | 56,149 | 18,853 | 22,820 | 22,884 | 12,987 | 13,651 | 9,309 | 3,644 | 1,371 | 1,565 | 4,591 | 31,912 | |
| 65–74 years | 244,283 | 48,797 | 33,808 | 34,016 | 29,951 | 15,660 | 14,817 | 14,776 | 2,788 | 2,563 | 1,068 | 2,991 | 43,048 | |
| 75–84 years | 248,832 | 44,039 | 28,491 | 27,282 | 26,237 | 23,125 | 16,758 | 14,680 | 8,270 | 3,918 | 3,515 | 5,582 | 46,936 | |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 21,123 | 14,299 | 13,506 | 13,310 | 8,019 | 8,801 | 8,801 | 7,041 | 2,934 | 3,716 | 4,890 | 20,166 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 121,959 | 41,235 | 12,261 | 13,121 | 8,420 | 5,179 | 4,050 | 3,581 | 1,149 | 614 | 458 | 866 | 31,026 | |
| 25–44 years | 20,278 | 9,797 | 1,713 | 970 | 764 | 483 | 424 | 190 | 102 | — | 97 | 143 | 5,596 | |
| 45–64 years | 37,560 | 13,434 | 2,846 | 3,585 | 2,222 | 1,417 | 1,182 | 1,045 | 368 | 253 | 180 | 364 | 10,666 | |
| 65–74 years | 29,902 | 8,404 | 3,838 | 4,220 | 2,798 | 1,462 | 1,093 | 763 | 445 | 127 | 64 | 127 | 6,560 | |
| 75–84 years | 23,976 | 6,058 | 2,907 | 3,209 | 1,919 | 1,337 | 872 | 1,105 | 174 | 174 | 58 | 233 | 5,930 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 3,542 | 957 | 1,137 | 718 | 479 | 479 | 479 | 60 | 60 | — | — | 2,274 | |

Table 13. Number and percent distribution of decedents by amount of decedent's own money paid for medical care during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Amount of own money paid for medical care | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than \$200 | \$200—\$499 | \$500—\$999 | \$1,000—\$1,999 | \$2,000—\$2,999 | \$3,000—\$4,999 | \$5,000—\$9,999 | \$10,000—\$14,999 | \$15,000—\$19,999 | \$20,000—\$24,999 | \$25,000—or more | Don't know | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 10,802 | 3,314 | 1,147 | 911 | 617 | 841 | 362 | 913 | 228 | 260 | 98 | 110 | 2,000 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 883 | 257 | 45 | 76 | 87 | 12 | 96 | 11 | 42 | 11 | — | 330 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | 745 | 178 | 166 | 56 | 481 | 110 | 198 | — | — | 87 | 99 | 193 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 605 | 214 | 472 | 225 | 22 | 22 | 11 | — | 11 | — | 11 | 763 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 775 | 273 | 22 | 44 | 251 | 22 | 218 | 207 | 207 | — | — | 469 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 306 | 226 | 206 | 216 | — | 196 | 391 | 10 | — | — | — | 246 | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 940,298 | 197,362 | 97,860 | 98,106 | 94,694 | 64,910 | 65,594 | 69,507 | 30,534 | 21,186 | 15,047 | 30,105 | 155,395 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 13,929 | 3,893 | 3,240 | 2,756 | 1,967 | 1,563 | 2,043 | 853 | 213 | 251 | 910 | 6,406 | |
| 45-64 years | 146,231 | 29,125 | 14,382 | 17,655 | 15,890 | 11,995 | 11,654 | 11,575 | 5,100 | 1,548 | 1,887 | 4,499 | 20,924 | |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 36,703 | 21,304 | 25,202 | 21,637 | 17,677 | 14,356 | 15,167 | 5,875 | 3,012 | 1,253 | 3,495 | 32,243 | |
| 75-84 years | 284,380 | 54,054 | 29,803 | 29,172 | 31,415 | 17,521 | 19,110 | 18,394 | 7,747 | 7,260 | 5,259 | 9,686 | 54,960 | |
| 85 years and over | 273,740 | 63,550 | 28,477 | 22,838 | 22,997 | 15,752 | 18,910 | 22,329 | 10,959 | 9,153 | 6,398 | 11,516 | 40,862 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 829,846 | 159,814 | 83,627 | 86,389 | 86,466 | 59,441 | 62,575 | 66,949 | 28,988 | 20,474 | 14,665 | 29,172 | 131,287 | |
| 25-44 years | 27,837 | 8,798 | 3,026 | 2,619 | 2,505 | 1,614 | 1,381 | 1,716 | 779 | 213 | 208 | 756 | 4,222 | |
| 45-64 years | 118,788 | 21,067 | 11,375 | 14,539 | 13,143 | 10,805 | 10,499 | 10,958 | 4,688 | 1,294 | 1,673 | 4,087 | 14,662 | |
| 65-74 years | 171,769 | 28,236 | 17,255 | 22,203 | 19,775 | 16,013 | 13,713 | 14,707 | 5,174 | 2,897 | 1,253 | 3,322 | 27,222 | |
| 75-84 years | 257,106 | 45,513 | 26,029 | 25,976 | 29,379 | 15,882 | 18,553 | 17,699 | 7,498 | 7,082 | 5,199 | 9,556 | 48,741 | |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 56,199 | 25,944 | 21,052 | 21,665 | 15,128 | 18,430 | 21,869 | 10,849 | 8,988 | 6,333 | 11,451 | 36,439 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 102,914 | 35,128 | 13,364 | 11,021 | 7,490 | 5,324 | 2,911 | 2,122 | 1,108 | 701 | 351 | 737 | 22,658 | |
| 25-44 years | 9,460 | 4,869 | 811 | 588 | 240 | 342 | 182 | 156 | 74 | — | 43 | 86 | 2,070 | |
| 45-64 years | 25,449 | 7,690 | 2,842 | 2,758 | 2,530 | 1,142 | 1,113 | 592 | 399 | 243 | 194 | 305 | 5,642 | |
| 65-74 years | 24,502 | 7,946 | 3,942 | 2,760 | 1,840 | 1,631 | 633 | 460 | 288 | 115 | — | 173 | 4,715 | |
| 75-84 years | 25,765 | 7,870 | 3,686 | 3,151 | 1,784 | 1,605 | 535 | 476 | 238 | 178 | 59 | 119 | 6,064 | |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 6,754 | 2,083 | 1,765 | 1,096 | 603 | 449 | 439 | 110 | 164 | 55 | 55 | 4,166 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,537 | 2,421 | 869 | 696 | 738 | 146 | 107 | 436 | 438 | 10 | 31 | 196 | 1,450 | |
| 25-44 years | 726 | 262 | 57 | 33 | 11 | 11 | — | 171 | — | — | — | 67 | 114 | |
| 45-64 years | 1,994 | 368 | 165 | 358 | 217 | 48 | 43 | 25 | 13 | 10 | 20 | 107 | 619 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,652 | 522 | 108 | 239 | 22 | 32 | 11 | — | 414 | — | — | — | 305 | |
| 75-84 years | 1,509 | 671 | 89 | 44 | 252 | 33 | 22 | 219 | 11 | — | — | 11 | 155 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 598 | 450 | 21 | 236 | 21 | 31 | 21 | — | — | 10 | 10 | 257 | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 22.5 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 10.2 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 17.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 42.9 | 9.2 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 20.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 25.8 | 9.4 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 2.4 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 16.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 19.9 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 11.5 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 17.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 18.8 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 7.6 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 19.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 21.5 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 15.4 | |

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|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 20.9 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 16.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 40.8 | 9.4 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 18.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 24.2 | 9.5 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 14.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 18.5 | 12.3 | 13.5 | 12.0 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 16.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.7 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 11.0 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 18.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 20.3 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 4.7 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 14.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 34.0 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 7.1 | 4.7 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 23.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 49.3 | 8.5 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | — | 0.5 | 0.8 | 25.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 33.5 | 9.0 | 10.1 | 7.5 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 25.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 30.1 | 14.3 | 12.8 | 8.5 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 20.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 28.0 | 13.3 | 12.8 | 7.4 | 5.9 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 24.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 36.8 | 10.9 | 10.4 | 6.5 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 23.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 31.3 | 11.0 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 5.4 | 2.6 | 7.4 | 3.6 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 18.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 44.5 | 12.2 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 10.4 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 17.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 25.9 | 8.0 | 12.2 | 6.4 | 12.3 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 18.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 28.1 | 8.0 | 17.7 | 6.1 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 10.3 | 0.3 | — | 0.3 | 26.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 36.2 | 9.1 | 1.7 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 1.1 | 10.9 | 5.5 | 5.2 | — | 0.3 | 15.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 26.2 | 19.6 | 6.6 | 13.1 | 0.6 | 6.6 | 11.9 | 0.3 | — | 0.3 | 0.3 | 14.6 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 24.0 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 10.4 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 18.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 45.6 | 8.8 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 21.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 29.4 | 9.1 | 11.1 | 10.5 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 17.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 20.9 | 13.7 | 14.0 | 11.9 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 18.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 18.5 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 10.2 | 9.0 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 19.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 18.0 | 11.2 | 10.7 | 10.3 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 16.4 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 22.5 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 17.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 44.7 | 8.8 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 20.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 28.1 | 9.4 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 16.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 20.0 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 12.3 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 17.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.7 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 10.5 | 9.3 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 18.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 16.7 | 11.3 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 15.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 33.8 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 6.9 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 25.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 48.3 | 8.5 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 0.5 | — | 0.5 | 0.7 | 27.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 35.8 | 7.6 | 9.5 | 5.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 28.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 28.1 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 9.4 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 21.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 25.3 | 12.1 | 13.4 | 8.0 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 24.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 34.6 | 9.4 | 11.1 | 7.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | — | 22.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 30.7 | 10.6 | 8.4 | 5.7 | 7.8 | 3.4 | 8.5 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 18.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 47.7 | 13.9 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 5.2 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 0.6 | — | 17.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 32.2 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 2.4 | 20.8 | 4.8 | 8.6 | — | — | 3.8 | 4.3 | 8.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 25.7 | 9.1 | 20.0 | 9.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.5 | — | 0.5 | — | 0.5 | 32.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 31.2 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 10.1 | 0.9 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.3 | — | — | 18.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.0 | 12.6 | 11.5 | 12.0 | — | 10.9 | 21.8 | 0.6 | — | — | — | 13.7 |

Table 13. Number and percent distribution of decedents by amount of decedent's own money paid for medical care during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Amount of own money paid for medical care | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than \$200 | \$200–\$499 | \$500–\$999 | \$1,000–\$1,999 | \$2,000–\$2,999 | \$3,000–\$4,999 | \$5,000–\$9,999 | \$10,000–\$14,999 | \$15,000–\$19,999 | \$20,000–\$24,999 | \$25,000–or more | Don't know |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 21.0 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 16.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 36.6 | 10.2 | 8.5 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 16.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 19.9 | 9.8 | 12.1 | 10.9 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 3.1 | 14.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 18.5 | 10.8 | 12.7 | 10.9 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 16.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 19.0 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 11.1 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 19.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 23.2 | 10.4 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 4.2 | 14.9 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 19.3 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 3.5 | 15.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 31.6 | 10.9 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 2.7 | 15.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 17.7 | 9.6 | 12.2 | 11.1 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 12.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 16.4 | 10.1 | 12.9 | 11.5 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 15.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.7 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 11.4 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 19.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 22.1 | 10.2 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 14.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 34.1 | 13.0 | 10.7 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 22.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 51.5 | 8.6 | 6.2 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 0.8 | — | 0.5 | 0.9 | 21.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 30.2 | 11.2 | 10.8 | 9.9 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 22.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 32.4 | 16.1 | 11.3 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 0.5 | — | 0.7 | 19.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 30.6 | 14.3 | 12.2 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 23.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 38.1 | 11.7 | 10.0 | 6.2 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 23.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 32.1 | 11.5 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 19.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 36.1 | 7.8 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | — | 23.5 | — | — | — | 9.3 | 15.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 18.5 | 8.3 | 18.0 | 10.9 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 5.4 | 31.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 31.6 | 6.5 | 14.5 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 0.7 | — | 25.1 | — | — | — | 18.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 44.5 | 5.9 | 2.9 | 16.7 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 14.5 | 0.7 | — | — | 0.7 | 10.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 36.1 | 27.2 | 1.3 | 14.2 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.3 | — | — | 0.6 | 0.6 | 15.5 |

Table 14. Number and percent distribution of decedents by amount of decedent's own money paid for medical care during last year of life, according to source paying most for health care during last year of life: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Amount paid | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than \$200 | \$200–\$499 | \$500–\$999 | \$1,000–\$1,999 | \$2,000–\$2,999 | \$3,000–\$4,999 | \$5,000–\$9,999 | \$10,000–\$14,999 | \$15,000–\$19,999 | \$20,000–\$24,999 | \$25,000–or more | Don't know | |
| Source paying most | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All sources..... | 1,893,503 | 396,838 | 208,023 | 213,146 | 198,955 | 132,561 | 125,505 | 123,124 | 53,919 | 33,193 | 25,952 | 49,687 | 332,601 | |
| Self or family..... | 191,695 | 20,502 | 16,008 | 13,638 | 12,187 | 8,826 | 11,455 | 17,445 | 15,646 | 14,668 | 14,250 | 26,459 | 20,611 | |
| Family not with person..... | 15,430 | 2,711 | 1,505 | 1,301 | 1,473 | 309 | 874 | 1,025 | 855 | 1,232 | 196 | 1,444 | 2,507 | |
| Medicare..... | 751,020 | 133,765 | 90,438 | 100,221 | 102,962 | 67,296 | 54,547 | 51,325 | 16,860 | 8,266 | 5,259 | 9,345 | 110,737 | |
| Medicaid..... | 136,275 | 66,599 | 12,985 | 9,668 | 6,895 | 4,532 | 7,156 | 7,880 | 1,961 | 677 | 639 | 929 | 16,355 | |
| Health Maintenance Organization..... | 60,816 | 15,386 | 8,217 | 9,646 | 7,849 | 5,875 | 2,676 | 2,470 | 1,079 | 160 | 434 | 1,024 | 6,002 | |
| Private Health Insurance..... | 285,271 | 49,323 | 33,463 | 37,889 | 35,370 | 27,680 | 24,030 | 20,364 | 9,484 | 3,045 | 2,699 | 6,684 | 35,241 | |
| Veterans Administration..... | 71,556 | 28,649 | 9,154 | 7,490 | 3,548 | 2,290 | 3,477 | 2,115 | 885 | 341 | 361 | 275 | 12,970 | |
| Indian Health Service..... | 2,354 | 1,361 | 367 | 111 | 106 | 45 | 12 | 22 | 11 | — | — | — | 320 | |
| Government Program..... | 18,472 | 6,872 | 2,690 | 1,612 | 1,369 | 536 | 496 | 1,730 | 157 | 217 | 45 | — | 2,748 | |
| Other source..... | 12,473 | 4,919 | 1,264 | 481 | 995 | 391 | 420 | 513 | 479 | 409 | 400 | 196 | 2,006 | |
| Social Security..... | 9,115 | 2,984 | 1,247 | 803 | 78 | 326 | 618 | 821 | 618 | 64 | — | — | 1,556 | |
| Social Security Disability..... | 1,723 | 360 | 290 | 140 | 87 | — | 421 | 207 | 217 | — | — | — | — | |
| Public Assistance and/or Welfare..... | 11,203 | 5,902 | 970 | 419 | 121 | 409 | 847 | 628 | — | — | — | — | 1,907 | |
| Employer and/or Union..... | 4,219 | 1,429 | 942 | 339 | 433 | 196 | 13 | — | 37 | — | — | 104 | 728 | |
| Philanthropy..... | 2,418 | 679 | 325 | 207 | 58 | — | 416 | — | 11 | 43 | — | — | 680 | |
| Federal Employees Health Benefits Program..... | 1,196 | 754 | 22 | 217 | 42 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 161 | |
| Civilian health and medical program of the uniformed services or Veterans Administration..... | 2,846 | 509 | 11 | 434 | 395 | 349 | 293 | 467 | — | — | — | 196 | 193 | |
| Don't know..... | 315,421 | 54,133 | 28,126 | 28,533 | 24,987 | 13,501 | 17,754 | 16,113 | 5,620 | 4,072 | 1,670 | 3,031 | 117,881 | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All sources..... | 100.0 | 21.0 | 11.0 | 11.3 | 10.5 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 17.6 | |
| Self or family..... | 100.0 | 10.7 | 8.4 | 7.1 | 6.4 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 13.8 | 10.8 | |
| Family not with person..... | 100.0 | 17.6 | 9.8 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 2.0 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 1.3 | 9.4 | 16.2 | |
| Medicare..... | 100.0 | 17.8 | 12.0 | 13.3 | 13.7 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 14.7 | |
| Medicaid..... | 100.0 | 48.9 | 9.5 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 12.0 | |
| Health Maintenance Organization..... | 100.0 | 25.3 | 13.5 | 15.9 | 12.9 | 9.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 9.9 | |
| Private Health Insurance..... | 100.0 | 17.3 | 11.7 | 13.3 | 12.4 | 9.7 | 8.4 | 7.1 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 12.4 | |
| Veterans Administration..... | 100.0 | 40.0 | 12.8 | 10.5 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 4.9 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 18.1 | |
| Indian Health Service..... | 100.0 | 57.8 | 15.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.5 | — | — | — | 13.6 | |
| Government Program..... | 100.0 | 37.2 | 14.6 | 8.7 | 7.4 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 9.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.2 | — | 14.9 | |
| Other source..... | 100.0 | 39.4 | 10.1 | 3.9 | 8.0 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 16.1 | |
| Social Security..... | 100.0 | 32.7 | 13.7 | 8.8 | 0.9 | 3.6 | 6.8 | 9.0 | 6.8 | 0.7 | — | — | 17.1 | |
| Social Security Disability..... | 100.0 | 20.9 | 16.8 | 8.1 | 5.1 | — | 24.5 | 12.0 | 12.6 | — | — | — | — | |
| Public Assistance and/or Welfare..... | 100.0 | 52.7 | 8.7 | 3.7 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 7.6 | 5.6 | — | — | — | — | 17.0 | |
| Employer and/or Union..... | 100.0 | 33.9 | 22.3 | 8.0 | 10.3 | 4.6 | 0.3 | — | 0.9 | — | — | 2.5 | 17.3 | |
| Philanthropy..... | 100.0 | 28.1 | 13.5 | 8.6 | 2.4 | — | 17.2 | — | 0.5 | 1.8 | — | — | 28.1 | |
| Federal Employees Health Benefits Program..... | 100.0 | 63.0 | 1.9 | 18.1 | 3.5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13.5 | |
| Civilian health and medical program of the uniformed services or Veterans Administration..... | 100.0 | 17.9 | 0.4 | 15.2 | 13.9 | 12.3 | 10.3 | 16.4 | — | — | — | 6.9 | 6.8 | |
| Don't know..... | 100.0 | 17.2 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 7.9 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 37.4 | |

Table 15. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in walking during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in walking | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|-----|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,868 | 990,528 | 970,500 | 25,839 | 100.0 | 49.9 | 48.8 | 1.3 | |
| 25–44 years | 125,691 | 25,880 | 97,535 | 2,275 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 77.6 | 1.8 | |
| 45–64 years | 390,308 | 145,800 | 237,231 | 7,277 | 100.0 | 37.4 | 60.8 | 1.9 | |
| 65–74 years | 480,025 | 210,618 | 262,863 | 6,544 | 100.0 | 43.9 | 54.8 | 1.4 | |
| 75–84 years | 568,613 | 308,986 | 253,916 | 5,711 | 100.0 | 54.3 | 44.7 | 1.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,231 | 299,244 | 118,955 | 4,032 | 100.0 | 70.9 | 28.2 | 1.0 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,772 | 880,258 | 837,908 | 21,605 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 48.2 | 1.2 | |
| 25–44 years | 93,124 | 20,689 | 70,796 | 1,639 | 100.0 | 22.2 | 76.0 | 1.8 | |
| 45–64 years | 322,219 | 121,211 | 195,402 | 5,606 | 100.0 | 37.6 | 60.6 | 1.7 | |
| 65–74 years | 420,933 | 182,365 | 232,833 | 5,735 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 55.3 | 1.4 | |
| 75–84 years | 513,621 | 278,340 | 230,295 | 4,986 | 100.0 | 54.2 | 44.8 | 1.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 277,653 | 108,582 | 3,638 | 100.0 | 71.2 | 27.9 | 0.9 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 102,033 | 121,793 | 4,177 | 100.0 | 44.8 | 53.4 | 1.8 | |
| 25–44 years | 29,945 | 4,820 | 24,500 | 625 | 100.0 | 16.1 | 81.8 | 2.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 63,758 | 22,901 | 39,209 | 1,648 | 100.0 | 35.9 | 61.5 | 2.6 | |
| 65–74 years | 55,072 | 26,905 | 27,360 | 808 | 100.0 | 48.9 | 49.7 | 1.5 | |
| 75–84 years | 50,744 | 28,072 | 21,969 | 703 | 100.0 | 55.3 | 43.3 | 1.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 19,335 | 8,756 | 394 | 100.0 | 67.9 | 30.7 | 1.4 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 8,237 | 10,799 | 57 | 100.0 | 43.1 | 56.6 | 0.3 | |
| 25–44 years | 2,622 | 371 | 2,239 | 12 | 100.0 | 14.1 | 85.4 | 0.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 4,330 | 1,687 | 2,620 | 23 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 60.5 | 0.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 4,019 | 1,349 | 2,670 | — | 100.0 | 33.6 | 66.4 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 4,248 | 2,574 | 1,652 | 22 | 100.0 | 60.6 | 38.9 | 0.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 2,256 | 1,618 | — | 100.0 | 58.2 | 41.8 | — | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,749 | 438,053 | 574,771 | 16,925 | 100.0 | 42.5 | 55.8 | 1.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 87,296 | 14,779 | 70,758 | 1,759 | 100.0 | 16.9 | 81.1 | 2.0 | |
| 45–64 years | 242,234 | 79,164 | 157,468 | 5,602 | 100.0 | 32.7 | 65.0 | 2.3 | |
| 65–74 years | 279,722 | 114,132 | 160,668 | 4,922 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 57.4 | 1.8 | |
| 75–84 years | 279,388 | 139,433 | 136,802 | 3,153 | 100.0 | 49.9 | 49.0 | 1.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 90,545 | 49,074 | 1,489 | 100.0 | 64.2 | 34.8 | 1.1 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,183 | 384,935 | 496,292 | 13,957 | 100.0 | 43.0 | 55.4 | 1.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 65,081 | 11,897 | 51,901 | 1,282 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 79.7 | 2.0 | |
| 45–64 years | 201,917 | 66,786 | 130,800 | 4,331 | 100.0 | 33.1 | 64.8 | 2.1 | |
| 65–74 years | 247,072 | 99,358 | 143,428 | 4,287 | 100.0 | 40.2 | 58.1 | 1.7 | |
| 75–84 years | 252,554 | 124,914 | 124,952 | 2,688 | 100.0 | 49.5 | 49.5 | 1.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 81,980 | 45,211 | 1,369 | 100.0 | 63.8 | 35.2 | 1.1 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 48,816 | 71,521 | 2,957 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 58.0 | 2.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 20,331 | 2,759 | 17,108 | 465 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 84.1 | 2.3 | |
| 45–64 years | 37,993 | 11,563 | 25,158 | 1,271 | 100.0 | 30.4 | 66.2 | 3.3 | |
| 65–74 years | 30,283 | 14,416 | 15,231 | 636 | 100.0 | 47.6 | 50.3 | 2.1 | |
| 75–84 years | 24,325 | 13,198 | 10,662 | 465 | 100.0 | 54.3 | 43.8 | 1.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 6,880 | 3,362 | 120 | 100.0 | 66.4 | 32.4 | 1.2 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 4,302 | 6,957 | 12 | 100.0 | 38.2 | 61.7 | 0.1 | |
| 25–44 years | 1,885 | 123 | 1,749 | 12 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 92.8 | 0.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 2,324 | 815 | 1,509 | — | 100.0 | 35.1 | 64.9 | — | |
| 65–74 years | 2,367 | 358 | 2,009 | — | 100.0 | 15.1 | 84.9 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 2,509 | 1,321 | 1,188 | — | 100.0 | 52.6 | 47.4 | — | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 1,685 | 501 | — | 100.0 | 77.1 | 22.9 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 552,476 | 395,731 | 8,914 | 100.0 | 57.7 | 41.3 | 0.9 | |
| 25–44 years | 38,395 | 11,101 | 26,777 | 516 | 100.0 | 28.9 | 69.7 | 1.3 | |
| 45–64 years | 148,075 | 66,636 | 79,764 | 1,675 | 100.0 | 45.0 | 53.9 | 1.1 | |
| 65–74 years | 200,302 | 96,486 | 102,195 | 1,621 | 100.0 | 48.2 | 51.0 | 0.8 | |
| 75–84 years | 289,227 | 169,554 | 117,114 | 2,559 | 100.0 | 58.6 | 40.5 | 0.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 208,699 | 69,881 | 2,543 | 100.0 | 74.2 | 24.9 | 0.9 | |

Table 15. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in walking during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in walking | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,587 | 495,323 | 341,615 | 7,649 | 100.0 | 58.6 | 40.4 | 0.9 |
| 25–44 years | 28,043 | 8,792 | 18,894 | 357 | 100.0 | 31.4 | 67.4 | 1.3 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 54,425 | 64,602 | 1,276 | 100.0 | 45.2 | 53.7 | 1.1 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 83,007 | 89,405 | 1,449 | 100.0 | 47.7 | 51.4 | 0.8 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 153,426 | 105,343 | 2,299 | 100.0 | 58.8 | 40.4 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 195,673 | 63,371 | 2,269 | 100.0 | 74.9 | 24.3 | 0.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 53,217 | 50,272 | 1,221 | 100.0 | 50.8 | 48.0 | 1.2 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 2,062 | 7,392 | 159 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 76.9 | 1.7 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 11,338 | 14,050 | 377 | 100.0 | 44.0 | 54.5 | 1.5 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 12,488 | 12,129 | 173 | 100.0 | 50.4 | 48.9 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 14,874 | 11,307 | 238 | 100.0 | 56.3 | 42.8 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 12,455 | 5,394 | 274 | 100.0 | 68.7 | 29.8 | 1.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 3,936 | 3,842 | 45 | 100.0 | 50.3 | 49.1 | 0.6 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 248 | 490 | — | 100.0 | 33.6 | 66.4 | — |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 873 | 1,111 | 23 | 100.0 | 43.5 | 55.4 | 1.1 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 991 | 661 | — | 100.0 | 60.0 | 40.0 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 1,254 | 463 | 22 | 100.0 | 72.1 | 26.6 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 571 | 1,116 | — | 100.0 | 33.8 | 66.2 | — |

Table 16. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help or using special equipment in walking by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 990,529 | 101,844 | 142,975 | 107,627 | 124,640 | 134,555 | 97,802 | 61,935 | 33,698 | 93,410 | 55,177 | 36,866 | |
| 25-44 years | 25,880 | 6,589 | 5,784 | 3,124 | 3,235 | 2,199 | 889 | 573 | 77 | 914 | 1,547 | 950 | |
| 45-64 years | 145,800 | 28,248 | 34,081 | 21,672 | 15,776 | 15,568 | 6,570 | 4,661 | 3,490 | 5,841 | 5,517 | 4,375 | |
| 65-74 years | 210,618 | 28,134 | 39,954 | 30,457 | 28,212 | 25,746 | 15,798 | 8,832 | 4,392 | 12,780 | 9,285 | 7,028 | |
| 75-84 years | 308,986 | 24,147 | 43,799 | 33,042 | 42,373 | 43,284 | 33,726 | 22,121 | 11,730 | 28,155 | 16,807 | 9,804 | |
| 85 years and over | 299,244 | 14,726 | 19,357 | 19,332 | 35,043 | 47,759 | 40,819 | 25,748 | 14,009 | 45,720 | 22,022 | 14,710 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 880,258 | 89,747 | 127,301 | 93,166 | 111,921 | 120,572 | 87,205 | 56,167 | 30,137 | 83,085 | 49,253 | 31,704 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,689 | 5,080 | 4,759 | 2,308 | 2,977 | 1,695 | 573 | 380 | 77 | 693 | 1,372 | 776 | |
| 45-64 years | 121,211 | 24,477 | 29,599 | 18,067 | 12,868 | 12,612 | 4,676 | 3,841 | 2,789 | 4,602 | 4,107 | 3,572 | |
| 65-74 years | 182,365 | 25,535 | 35,319 | 26,183 | 25,086 | 22,062 | 13,569 | 7,366 | 3,787 | 10,119 | 8,041 | 5,297 | |
| 75-84 years | 278,340 | 21,151 | 40,221 | 29,270 | 38,413 | 39,644 | 30,551 | 20,149 | 10,367 | 25,093 | 14,945 | 8,536 | |
| 85 years and over | 277,653 | 13,504 | 17,403 | 17,338 | 32,576 | 44,559 | 37,836 | 24,431 | 13,117 | 42,578 | 20,789 | 13,523 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 102,033 | 11,639 | 15,148 | 13,458 | 11,289 | 12,796 | 9,188 | 5,439 | 3,333 | 9,072 | 5,542 | 5,129 | |
| 25-44 years | 4,820 | 1,444 | 980 | 698 | 193 | 449 | 316 | 182 | — | 210 | 174 | 174 | |
| 45-64 years | 22,901 | 3,696 | 4,141 | 3,493 | 2,535 | 2,531 | 1,884 | 798 | 484 | 1,161 | 1,376 | 803 | |
| 65-74 years | 26,905 | 2,358 | 4,590 | 4,001 | 2,876 | 3,460 | 2,001 | 1,465 | 605 | 2,606 | 1,211 | 1,732 | |
| 75-84 years | 28,072 | 2,941 | 3,522 | 3,291 | 3,477 | 3,485 | 2,705 | 1,708 | 1,352 | 2,767 | 1,589 | 1,234 | |
| 85 years and over | 19,335 | 1,201 | 1,914 | 1,974 | 2,208 | 2,871 | 2,283 | 1,286 | 892 | 2,328 | 1,191 | 1,186 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 8,237 | 458 | 526 | 1,003 | 1,430 | 1,187 | 1,408 | 328 | 228 | 1,253 | 382 | 33 | |
| 25-44 years | 371 | 66 | 45 | 118 | 65 | 55 | — | 11 | — | 11 | — | — | |
| 45-64 years | 1,687 | 75 | 342 | 112 | 373 | 424 | 10 | 23 | 217 | 78 | 34 | — | |
| 65-74 years | 1,349 | 241 | 44 | 273 | 251 | 224 | 228 | — | — | 55 | 33 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 2,574 | 55 | 55 | 480 | 482 | 155 | 470 | 263 | 11 | 295 | 273 | 33 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,256 | 21 | 41 | 21 | 258 | 329 | 700 | 31 | — | 814 | 42 | — | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 438,053 | 54,726 | 73,943 | 51,753 | 55,548 | 54,865 | 35,208 | 22,490 | 13,194 | 34,576 | 24,890 | 16,859 | |
| 25-44 years | 14,779 | 4,300 | 2,998 | 1,577 | 1,657 | 1,281 | 526 | 213 | 40 | 465 | 985 | 737 | |
| 45-64 years | 79,164 | 15,381 | 17,186 | 12,886 | 7,496 | 8,373 | 2,491 | 2,016 | 2,391 | 3,826 | 4,007 | 3,110 | |
| 65-74 years | 114,132 | 16,496 | 22,873 | 16,020 | 13,867 | 11,846 | 8,997 | 4,735 | 2,242 | 6,988 | 5,998 | 4,071 | |
| 75-84 years | 139,433 | 13,833 | 21,445 | 14,930 | 19,369 | 18,521 | 12,524 | 8,773 | 4,223 | 13,463 | 7,749 | 4,601 | |
| 85 years and over | 90,545 | 4,716 | 9,440 | 6,340 | 13,159 | 14,844 | 10,670 | 6,753 | 4,297 | 9,834 | 6,150 | 4,341 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 384,935 | 48,571 | 66,049 | 44,532 | 50,426 | 48,473 | 29,973 | 20,163 | 11,531 | 29,364 | 21,994 | 13,858 | |
| 25-44 years | 11,897 | 3,202 | 2,600 | 1,144 | 1,496 | 1,071 | 392 | 105 | 40 | 351 | 847 | 647 | |
| 45-64 years | 66,786 | 13,454 | 15,034 | 10,978 | 6,158 | 6,916 | 1,515 | 1,694 | 1,934 | 3,251 | 3,301 | 2,551 | |
| 65-74 years | 99,358 | 15,393 | 20,168 | 13,940 | 12,636 | 9,840 | 7,916 | 3,845 | 1,924 | 5,555 | 5,340 | 2,799 | |
| 75-84 years | 124,914 | 12,416 | 19,435 | 12,798 | 18,010 | 16,954 | 10,958 | 8,064 | 3,515 | 11,992 | 6,834 | 3,939 | |
| 85 years and over | 81,980 | 4,107 | 8,812 | 5,672 | 12,126 | 13,691 | 9,192 | 6,454 | 4,118 | 8,214 | 5,672 | 3,922 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 48,816 | 6,066 | 7,619 | 6,675 | 4,783 | 5,628 | 4,605 | 2,283 | 1,435 | 4,123 | 2,622 | 2,979 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,759 | 1,075 | 398 | 410 | 107 | 198 | 134 | 97 | — | 114 | 137 | 89 | |
| 45-64 years | 11,563 | 1,905 | 1,963 | 1,875 | 1,293 | 1,229 | 976 | 300 | 240 | 552 | 672 | 559 | |
| 65-74 years | 14,416 | 1,093 | 2,682 | 2,046 | 1,208 | 1,792 | 1,081 | 890 | 318 | 1,399 | 636 | 1,272 | |
| 75-84 years | 13,198 | 1,395 | 1,977 | 1,686 | 1,337 | 1,512 | 1,337 | 698 | 698 | 1,221 | 698 | 640 | |
| 85 years and over | 6,880 | 598 | 598 | 658 | 838 | 897 | 1,077 | 299 | 179 | 838 | 479 | 419 | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Other races, 25 years and over | 4,302 | 89 | 275 | 546 | 339 | 765 | 630 | 45 | 228 | 1,089 | 274 | 22 |
| 25-44 years | 123 | 23 | — | 23 | 54 | 12 | — | 11 | — | — | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 815 | 23 | 189 | 33 | 45 | 228 | — | 23 | 217 | 23 | 34 | — |
| 65-74 years | 358 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 22 | 214 | — | — | — | 33 | 22 | — |
| 75-84 years | 1,321 | 22 | 33 | 447 | 22 | 55 | 229 | 11 | 11 | 251 | 218 | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 1,685 | 10 | 30 | 10 | 196 | 256 | 401 | — | — | 782 | — | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 552,476 | 47,118 | 69,032 | 55,874 | 69,092 | 79,689 | 62,593 | 39,444 | 20,504 | 58,834 | 30,288 | 20,007 |
| 25-44 years | 11,101 | 2,289 | 2,786 | 1,547 | 1,578 | 917 | 363 | 360 | 37 | 449 | 562 | 213 |
| 45-64 years | 66,636 | 12,867 | 16,895 | 8,786 | 8,280 | 7,194 | 4,080 | 2,645 | 1,099 | 2,015 | 1,510 | 1,265 |
| 65-74 years | 96,486 | 11,638 | 17,081 | 14,437 | 14,346 | 13,900 | 6,801 | 4,096 | 2,150 | 5,793 | 3,287 | 2,957 |
| 75-84 years | 169,554 | 10,314 | 22,354 | 18,111 | 23,004 | 24,763 | 21,202 | 13,348 | 7,506 | 14,692 | 9,058 | 5,203 |
| 85 years and over | 208,699 | 10,010 | 9,917 | 12,992 | 21,884 | 32,915 | 30,148 | 18,995 | 9,712 | 35,886 | 15,871 | 10,369 |
| White, 25 years and over | 495,323 | 41,176 | 61,252 | 48,634 | 61,495 | 72,099 | 57,232 | 36,004 | 18,606 | 53,722 | 27,259 | 17,846 |
| 25-44 years | 8,792 | 1,878 | 2,159 | 1,163 | 1,481 | 624 | 181 | 274 | 37 | 342 | 525 | 128 |
| 45-64 years | 54,425 | 11,023 | 14,565 | 7,089 | 6,710 | 5,696 | 3,161 | 2,147 | 855 | 1,351 | 806 | 1,022 |
| 65-74 years | 83,007 | 10,143 | 15,151 | 12,243 | 12,450 | 12,221 | 5,652 | 3,521 | 1,863 | 4,564 | 2,701 | 2,497 |
| 75-84 years | 153,426 | 8,735 | 20,786 | 16,473 | 20,404 | 22,690 | 19,593 | 12,085 | 6,852 | 13,102 | 8,111 | 4,597 |
| 85 years and over | 195,673 | 9,397 | 8,591 | 11,666 | 20,450 | 30,868 | 28,644 | 17,977 | 8,999 | 34,363 | 15,117 | 9,601 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 53,217 | 5,573 | 7,529 | 6,783 | 6,506 | 7,168 | 4,583 | 3,156 | 1,899 | 4,949 | 2,920 | 2,151 |
| 25-44 years | 2,062 | 369 | 582 | 289 | 86 | 251 | 182 | 86 | — | 96 | 37 | 85 |
| 45-64 years | 11,338 | 1,790 | 2,177 | 1,618 | 1,242 | 1,303 | 908 | 498 | 244 | 609 | 704 | 244 |
| 65-74 years | 12,488 | 1,265 | 1,908 | 1,955 | 1,668 | 1,668 | 920 | 575 | 288 | 1,208 | 575 | 460 |
| 75-84 years | 14,874 | 1,546 | 1,546 | 1,605 | 2,140 | 1,973 | 1,367 | 1,011 | 654 | 1,546 | 892 | 595 |
| 85 years and over | 12,455 | 603 | 1,316 | 1,316 | 1,371 | 1,974 | 1,206 | 987 | 713 | 1,491 | 713 | 767 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 3,936 | 369 | 252 | 456 | 1,091 | 422 | 778 | 284 | — | 164 | 108 | 11 |
| 25-44 years | 248 | 43 | 45 | 95 | 11 | 43 | — | — | — | 11 | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 873 | 53 | 153 | 78 | 328 | 196 | 10 | — | — | 55 | — | — |
| 65-74 years | 991 | 230 | 22 | 239 | 228 | 11 | 228 | — | — | 22 | 11 | — |
| 75-84 years | 1,254 | 33 | 22 | 33 | 460 | 100 | 241 | 252 | — | 44 | 56 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 571 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 63 | 73 | 299 | 31 | — | 31 | 42 | — |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 10.3 | 14.4 | 10.9 | 12.6 | 13.6 | 9.9 | 6.3 | 3.4 | 9.4 | 5.6 | 3.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 25.5 | 22.3 | 12.1 | 12.5 | 8.5 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 3.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 19.4 | 23.4 | 14.9 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 13.4 | 19.0 | 14.5 | 13.4 | 12.2 | 7.5 | 4.2 | 2.1 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 3.3 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 7.8 | 14.2 | 10.7 | 13.7 | 14.0 | 10.9 | 7.2 | 3.8 | 9.1 | 5.4 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 11.7 | 16.0 | 13.6 | 8.6 | 4.7 | 15.3 | 7.4 | 4.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 10.2 | 14.5 | 10.6 | 12.7 | 13.7 | 9.9 | 6.4 | 3.4 | 9.4 | 5.6 | 3.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 24.6 | 23.0 | 11.2 | 14.4 | 8.2 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 3.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 20.2 | 24.4 | 14.9 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 2.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 14.0 | 19.4 | 14.4 | 13.8 | 12.1 | 7.4 | 4.0 | 2.1 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 2.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 14.5 | 10.5 | 13.8 | 14.2 | 11.0 | 7.2 | 3.7 | 9.0 | 5.4 | 3.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 11.7 | 16.0 | 13.6 | 8.8 | 4.7 | 15.3 | 7.5 | 4.9 |

Table 16. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help or using special equipment in walking by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 11.4 | 14.8 | 13.2 | 11.1 | 12.5 | 9.0 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 8.9 | 5.4 | 5.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 29.9 | 20.3 | 14.5 | 4.0 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 3.8 | — | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 16.1 | 18.1 | 15.3 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 8.2 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 3.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.8 | 17.1 | 14.9 | 10.7 | 12.9 | 7.4 | 5.4 | 2.3 | 9.7 | 4.5 | 6.4 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 10.5 | 12.5 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 9.6 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 9.9 | 5.7 | 4.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 6.2 | 9.9 | 10.2 | 11.4 | 14.8 | 11.8 | 6.7 | 4.6 | 12.0 | 6.2 | 6.1 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over.... | 100.0 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 12.2 | 17.4 | 14.4 | 17.1 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 15.2 | 4.6 | 0.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.7 | 12.1 | 31.9 | 17.6 | 14.8 | — | 3.0 | — | 2.9 | — | — | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 20.3 | 6.6 | 22.1 | 25.1 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 12.9 | 4.6 | 2.0 | — | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 17.9 | 3.2 | 20.2 | 18.6 | 16.6 | 16.9 | — | — | 4.1 | 2.4 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 18.6 | 18.7 | 6.0 | 18.3 | 10.2 | 0.4 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 1.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 11.5 | 14.6 | 31.0 | 1.4 | — | 36.1 | 1.9 | — | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 12.5 | 16.9 | 11.8 | 12.7 | 12.5 | 8.0 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 7.9 | 5.7 | 3.8 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 29.1 | 20.3 | 10.7 | 11.2 | 8.7 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 3.1 | 6.7 | 5.0 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 19.4 | 21.7 | 16.3 | 9.5 | 10.6 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 3.9 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 14.5 | 20.0 | 14.0 | 12.1 | 10.4 | 7.9 | 4.1 | 2.0 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 3.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.9 | 15.4 | 10.7 | 13.9 | 13.3 | 9.0 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 9.7 | 5.6 | 3.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.2 | 10.4 | 7.0 | 14.5 | 16.4 | 11.8 | 7.5 | 4.7 | 10.9 | 6.8 | 4.8 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 12.6 | 17.2 | 11.6 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 7.8 | 5.2 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 5.7 | 3.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 26.9 | 21.9 | 9.6 | 12.6 | 9.0 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 7.1 | 5.4 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 20.1 | 22.5 | 16.4 | 9.2 | 10.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 3.8 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 15.5 | 20.3 | 14.0 | 12.7 | 9.9 | 8.0 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 2.8 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.9 | 15.6 | 10.2 | 14.4 | 13.6 | 8.8 | 6.5 | 2.8 | 9.6 | 5.5 | 3.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 14.8 | 16.7 | 11.2 | 7.9 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 6.9 | 4.8 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 12.4 | 15.6 | 13.7 | 9.8 | 11.5 | 9.4 | 4.7 | 2.9 | 8.4 | 5.4 | 6.1 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 39.0 | 14.4 | 14.8 | 3.9 | 7.2 | 4.9 | 3.5 | — | 4.1 | 5.0 | 3.2 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 16.5 | 17.0 | 16.2 | 11.2 | 10.6 | 8.4 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 4.8 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 18.6 | 14.2 | 8.4 | 12.4 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 2.2 | 9.7 | 4.4 | 8.8 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 10.6 | 15.0 | 12.8 | 10.1 | 11.5 | 10.1 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 9.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 12.2 | 13.0 | 15.7 | 4.3 | 2.6 | 12.2 | 7.0 | 6.1 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over.... | 100.0 | 2.1 | 6.4 | 12.7 | 7.9 | 17.8 | 14.6 | 1.0 | 5.3 | 25.3 | 6.4 | 0.5 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 18.7 | — | 18.7 | 44.0 | 9.7 | — | 9.0 | — | — | — | — | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 2.8 | 23.2 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 28.0 | — | 2.8 | 26.6 | 2.8 | 4.2 | — | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.1 | 6.2 | 9.3 | 6.2 | 59.7 | — | — | — | 9.3 | 6.2 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 33.8 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 17.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 19.0 | 16.5 | 1.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 11.6 | 15.2 | 23.8 | — | — | 46.4 | — | — | |

Female

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 8.5 | 12.5 | 10.1 | 12.5 | 14.4 | 11.3 | 7.1 | 3.7 | 10.6 | 5.5 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.6 | 25.1 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 8.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 1.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 19.3 | 25.4 | 13.2 | 12.4 | 10.8 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 12.1 | 17.7 | 15.0 | 14.9 | 14.4 | 7.0 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 6.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.1 | 13.2 | 10.7 | 13.6 | 14.6 | 12.5 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 8.7 | 5.3 | 3.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 6.2 | 10.5 | 15.8 | 14.4 | 9.1 | 4.7 | 17.2 | 7.6 | 5.0 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 8.3 | 12.4 | 9.8 | 12.4 | 14.6 | 11.6 | 7.3 | 3.8 | 10.8 | 5.5 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 21.4 | 24.6 | 13.2 | 16.8 | 7.1 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 3.9 | 6.0 | 1.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 20.3 | 26.8 | 13.0 | 12.3 | 10.5 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 12.2 | 18.3 | 14.7 | 15.0 | 14.7 | 6.8 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 5.7 | 13.5 | 10.7 | 13.3 | 14.8 | 12.8 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 8.5 | 5.3 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 10.5 | 15.8 | 14.6 | 9.2 | 4.6 | 17.6 | 7.7 | 4.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 10.5 | 14.1 | 12.7 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 8.6 | 5.9 | 3.6 | 9.3 | 5.5 | 4.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.9 | 28.2 | 14.0 | 4.2 | 12.2 | 8.8 | 4.2 | — | 4.7 | 1.8 | 4.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 15.8 | 19.2 | 14.3 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 8.0 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 10.1 | 15.3 | 15.7 | 13.4 | 13.4 | 7.4 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 9.7 | 4.6 | 3.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 14.4 | 13.3 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 4.4 | 10.4 | 6.0 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.8 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 15.8 | 9.7 | 7.9 | 5.7 | 12.0 | 5.7 | 6.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 9.4 | 6.4 | 11.6 | 22.7 | 10.7 | 19.8 | 7.2 | — | 4.2 | 2.8 | 0.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.3 | 18.1 | 38.5 | 4.5 | 17.3 | — | — | — | 4.4 | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 6.1 | 17.5 | 9.0 | 37.6 | 22.4 | 1.2 | — | — | 6.4 | — | — |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 23.2 | 2.2 | 24.1 | 23.1 | 1.1 | 23.1 | — | — | 2.2 | 1.1 | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 36.7 | 8.0 | 19.2 | 20.1 | — | 3.5 | 4.4 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 11.0 | 12.8 | 52.3 | 5.5 | — | 5.5 | 7.3 | — |

Table 17. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in eating during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in eating | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|-----|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,868 | 683,683 | 1,266,251 | 36,935 | 100.0 | 34.4 | 63.7 | 1.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 19,762 | 103,371 | 2,559 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 82.2 | 2.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 102,320 | 281,141 | 6,847 | 100.0 | 26.2 | 72.0 | 1.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 147,720 | 322,262 | 10,042 | 100.0 | 30.8 | 67.1 | 2.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,613 | 208,357 | 349,956 | 10,300 | 100.0 | 36.6 | 61.5 | 1.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 205,524 | 209,521 | 7,187 | 100.0 | 48.7 | 49.6 | 1.7 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,772 | 603,307 | 1,104,852 | 31,612 | 100.0 | 34.7 | 63.5 | 1.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,124 | 15,651 | 75,809 | 1,665 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 81.4 | 1.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 85,531 | 231,283 | 5,406 | 100.0 | 26.5 | 71.8 | 1.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 126,983 | 284,780 | 9,170 | 100.0 | 30.2 | 67.7 | 2.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 185,750 | 318,944 | 8,928 | 100.0 | 36.2 | 62.1 | 1.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 189,393 | 194,036 | 6,444 | 100.0 | 48.6 | 49.8 | 1.7 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 75,003 | 147,788 | 5,212 | 100.0 | 32.9 | 64.8 | 2.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 3,700 | 25,385 | 860 | 100.0 | 12.4 | 84.8 | 2.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 15,779 | 46,582 | 1,397 | 100.0 | 24.7 | 73.1 | 2.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 19,694 | 34,507 | 872 | 100.0 | 35.8 | 62.7 | 1.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 21,235 | 28,158 | 1,350 | 100.0 | 41.8 | 55.5 | 2.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 14,596 | 13,156 | 733 | 100.0 | 51.2 | 46.2 | 2.6 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 5,371 | 13,611 | 111 | 100.0 | 28.1 | 71.3 | 0.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 411 | 2,177 | 34 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 83.0 | 1.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 1,010 | 3,276 | 44 | 100.0 | 23.3 | 75.7 | 1.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 1,043 | 2,976 | — | 100.0 | 26.0 | 74.0 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 1,372 | 2,854 | 22 | 100.0 | 32.3 | 67.2 | 0.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 1,535 | 2,329 | 10 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 60.1 | 0.3 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 296,260 | 711,192 | 22,297 | 100.0 | 28.8 | 69.1 | 2.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 11,192 | 74,189 | 1,916 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 85.0 | 2.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 57,132 | 179,975 | 5,126 | 100.0 | 23.6 | 74.3 | 2.1 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 78,795 | 193,356 | 7,571 | 100.0 | 28.2 | 69.1 | 2.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 90,510 | 183,780 | 5,098 | 100.0 | 32.4 | 65.8 | 1.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 58,630 | 79,893 | 2,586 | 100.0 | 41.5 | 56.6 | 1.8 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 256,530 | 619,850 | 18,803 | 100.0 | 28.7 | 69.2 | 2.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 8,978 | 54,832 | 1,271 | 100.0 | 13.8 | 84.3 | 2.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 48,234 | 149,711 | 3,972 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 74.1 | 2.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 67,041 | 173,160 | 6,872 | 100.0 | 27.1 | 70.1 | 2.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 79,851 | 168,361 | 4,342 | 100.0 | 31.6 | 66.7 | 1.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 52,426 | 73,787 | 2,347 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 57.4 | 1.8 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 36,574 | 83,261 | 3,459 | 100.0 | 29.7 | 67.5 | 2.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 1,986 | 17,723 | 622 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 87.2 | 3.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 8,326 | 28,524 | 1,143 | 100.0 | 21.9 | 75.1 | 3.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 11,058 | 18,525 | 699 | 100.0 | 36.5 | 61.2 | 2.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 10,058 | 13,511 | 756 | 100.0 | 41.3 | 55.5 | 3.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 5,145 | 4,978 | 239 | 100.0 | 49.7 | 48.0 | 2.3 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 3,156 | 8,080 | 34 | 100.0 | 28.0 | 71.7 | 0.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 228 | 1,634 | 23 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 86.7 | 1.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 572 | 1,740 | 11 | 100.0 | 24.6 | 74.9 | 0.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 696 | 1,671 | — | 100.0 | 29.4 | 70.6 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 601 | 1,908 | — | 100.0 | 24.0 | 76.0 | — | |
| 85 years and over | 2,187 | 1,058 | 1,128 | — | 100.0 | 48.4 | 51.6 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 387,422 | 555,061 | 14,638 | 100.0 | 40.5 | 58.0 | 1.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 8,569 | 29,182 | 643 | 100.0 | 22.3 | 76.0 | 1.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 45,187 | 101,167 | 1,721 | 100.0 | 30.5 | 68.3 | 1.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 68,925 | 128,907 | 2,471 | 100.0 | 34.4 | 64.4 | 1.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 117,847 | 166,177 | 5,203 | 100.0 | 40.7 | 57.5 | 1.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 146,894 | 129,628 | 4,601 | 100.0 | 52.3 | 46.1 | 1.6 | |

Table 17. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in eating during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in eating | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,589 | 346,777 | 458,003 | 12,809 | 96.8 | 41.1 | 57.4 | 1.5 |
| 25-44 years | 28,044 | 6,672 | 20,977 | 394 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 74.8 | 1.4 |
| 45-64 years | 120,303 | 37,297 | 81,573 | 1,434 | 100.0 | 31.0 | 67.8 | 1.2 |
| 65-74 years | 173,860 | 59,942 | 111,620 | 2,298 | 100.0 | 34.5 | 64.2 | 1.3 |
| 75-84 years | 261,068 | 105,899 | 150,583 | 4,586 | 100.0 | 40.6 | 57.7 | 1.8 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 136,967 | 120,249 | 4,097 | 100.0 | 52.4 | 46.0 | 1.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 38,430 | 64,527 | 1,753 | 100.0 | 36.7 | 61.6 | 1.7 |
| 25-44 years | 9,614 | 1,715 | 7,661 | 238 | 100.0 | 17.8 | 79.7 | 2.5 |
| 45-64 years | 25,765 | 7,452 | 18,058 | 254 | 100.0 | 28.9 | 70.1 | 1.0 |
| 65-74 years | 24,789 | 8,636 | 15,981 | 173 | 100.0 | 34.8 | 64.5 | 0.7 |
| 75-84 years | 26,419 | 11,177 | 14,648 | 595 | 100.0 | 42.3 | 55.4 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 9,450 | 8,179 | 494 | 100.0 | 52.1 | 45.1 | 2.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 2,215 | 5,531 | 76 | 100.0 | 28.3 | 70.7 | 1.0 |
| 25-44 years | 737 | 183 | 544 | 11 | 100.1 | 24.8 | 73.8 | 1.5 |
| 45-64 years | 2,007 | 438 | 1,536 | 33 | 100.0 | 21.8 | 76.5 | 1.6 |
| 65-74 years | 1,652 | 347 | 1,305 | — | 100.0 | 21.0 | 79.0 | — |
| 75-84 years | 1,739 | 771 | 946 | 22 | 100.0 | 44.3 | 54.4 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 477 | 1,200 | 10 | 100.0 | 28.3 | 71.1 | 0.6 |

Table 18. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help or using special equipment in eating by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 683,682 | 162,089 | 149,668 | 86,818 | 88,285 | 73,619 | 33,429 | 22,241 | 8,446 | 30,195 | 28,893 | |
| 25-44 years | 19,762 | 7,590 | 4,915 | 2,275 | 1,433 | 942 | 315 | 147 | 150 | 1,030 | 963 | |
| 45-64 years | 102,319 | 33,136 | 30,678 | 13,779 | 8,102 | 3,962 | 2,701 | 1,676 | 837 | 3,499 | 3,950 | |
| 65-74 years | 147,720 | 41,174 | 36,801 | 22,314 | 16,248 | 12,130 | 3,920 | 3,064 | 836 | 4,343 | 6,890 | |
| 75-84 years | 208,357 | 46,092 | 44,020 | 28,074 | 29,903 | 23,816 | 11,311 | 6,898 | 2,275 | 8,992 | 6,975 | |
| 85 years and over | 205,524 | 34,097 | 33,253 | 20,376 | 32,600 | 32,768 | 15,181 | 10,455 | 4,347 | 12,331 | 10,115 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 603,307 | 142,718 | 131,774 | 75,489 | 77,942 | 65,507 | 30,234 | 20,353 | 7,969 | 27,041 | 24,279 | |
| 25-44 years | 15,651 | 5,870 | 4,081 | 1,721 | 1,296 | 728 | 256 | 136 | 150 | 875 | 537 | |
| 45-64 years | 85,531 | 27,828 | 26,358 | 11,475 | 6,105 | 2,622 | 2,508 | 1,555 | 837 | 3,116 | 3,128 | |
| 65-74 years | 126,983 | 36,509 | 31,494 | 18,585 | 13,880 | 10,674 | 3,175 | 2,510 | 836 | 3,589 | 5,732 | |
| 75-84 years | 185,750 | 40,692 | 39,417 | 25,120 | 26,563 | 21,164 | 10,167 | 6,425 | 2,077 | 8,101 | 6,025 | |
| 85 years and over | 189,393 | 31,819 | 30,425 | 18,590 | 30,098 | 30,319 | 14,128 | 9,727 | 4,068 | 11,361 | 8,858 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 75,003 | 18,580 | 17,083 | 10,599 | 9,513 | 7,257 | 2,725 | 1,866 | 455 | 2,661 | 4,263 | |
| 25-44 years | 3,700 | 1,537 | 750 | 521 | 84 | 169 | 59 | — | — | 156 | 426 | |
| 45-64 years | 15,778 | 5,142 | 4,038 | 2,148 | 1,974 | 1,103 | 193 | 121 | — | 370 | 690 | |
| 65-74 years | 19,694 | 4,419 | 5,253 | 3,287 | 2,121 | 1,435 | 745 | 554 | — | 732 | 1,147 | |
| 75-84 years | 21,235 | 5,289 | 4,286 | 2,888 | 3,295 | 2,183 | 881 | 473 | 176 | 824 | 939 | |
| 85 years and over | 14,596 | 2,194 | 2,756 | 1,755 | 2,039 | 2,368 | 847 | 718 | 279 | 579 | 1,062 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 5,371 | 790 | 810 | 730 | 830 | 856 | 469 | 22 | 22 | 492 | 350 | |
| 25-44 years | 411 | 184 | 84 | 33 | 53 | 45 | — | 11 | — | — | — | |
| 45-64 years | 1,010 | 166 | 283 | 156 | 23 | 237 | — | — | — | 13 | 132 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,043 | 246 | 54 | 442 | 247 | 22 | — | — | — | 22 | 11 | |
| 75-84 years | 1,372 | 111 | 317 | 66 | 44 | 470 | 263 | — | 22 | 66 | 11 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,535 | 83 | 72 | 31 | 463 | 82 | 206 | 10 | — | 391 | 196 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 296,260 | 81,753 | 71,423 | 40,401 | 33,608 | 24,574 | 11,182 | 6,142 | 2,073 | 11,303 | 13,800 | |
| 25-44 years | 11,192 | 5,013 | 2,484 | 1,051 | 710 | 489 | 133 | 93 | 40 | 615 | 563 | |
| 45-64 years | 57,132 | 18,241 | 17,248 | 8,060 | 3,929 | 2,026 | 1,190 | 1,015 | 837 | 2,160 | 2,425 | |
| 65-74 years | 78,795 | 22,637 | 21,640 | 13,048 | 7,268 | 3,990 | 2,495 | 1,236 | 215 | 2,252 | 4,014 | |
| 75-84 years | 90,510 | 23,887 | 19,208 | 12,499 | 13,101 | 9,233 | 2,762 | 1,977 | 530 | 3,886 | 3,429 | |
| 85 years and over | 58,630 | 11,974 | 10,842 | 5,743 | 8,601 | 8,837 | 4,602 | 1,820 | 451 | 2,391 | 3,369 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 256,530 | 70,697 | 62,655 | 35,285 | 28,460 | 21,378 | 9,509 | 5,513 | 1,897 | 9,642 | 11,493 | |
| 25-44 years | 8,978 | 3,929 | 2,157 | 794 | 627 | 355 | 85 | 82 | 40 | 534 | 377 | |
| 45-64 years | 48,234 | 15,161 | 15,344 | 7,119 | 2,613 | 1,317 | 1,130 | 956 | 837 | 1,911 | 1,846 | |
| 65-74 years | 67,041 | 19,730 | 18,629 | 10,916 | 6,003 | 3,418 | 1,922 | 854 | 215 | 1,922 | 3,430 | |
| 75-84 years | 79,851 | 21,110 | 16,551 | 11,372 | 11,589 | 8,270 | 2,264 | 1,861 | 414 | 3,515 | 2,905 | |
| 85 years and over | 52,426 | 10,768 | 9,975 | 5,085 | 7,628 | 8,019 | 4,107 | 1,760 | 391 | 1,760 | 2,934 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 36,574 | 10,525 | 8,310 | 4,835 | 4,652 | 2,687 | 1,445 | 618 | 176 | 1,248 | 2,077 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,986 | 966 | 316 | 258 | 41 | 89 | 48 | — | — | 82 | 186 | |
| 45-64 years | 8,326 | 2,937 | 1,772 | 907 | 1,293 | 492 | 60 | 60 | — | 248 | 557 | |
| 65-74 years | 11,058 | 2,694 | 3,000 | 1,907 | 1,029 | 572 | 572 | 381 | — | 330 | 572 | |
| 75-84 years | 10,058 | 2,733 | 2,384 | 1,105 | 1,512 | 756 | 465 | 116 | 116 | 349 | 523 | |
| 85 years and over | 5,145 | 1,197 | 838 | 658 | 778 | 778 | 299 | 60 | 60 | 239 | 239 | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|---|-----|-----|
| Other races, 25 years and over | 3,156 | 530 | 458 | 281 | 496 | 509 | 229 | 11 | - | 413 | 229 |
| 25-44 years | 228 | 119 | 11 | - | 42 | 45 | - | 11 | - | - | - |
| 45-64 years | 572 | 144 | 133 | 34 | 23 | 217 | - | - | - | - | 23 |
| 65-74 years | 696 | 214 | 11 | 225 | 236 | - | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 601 | 44 | 273 | 22 | - | 207 | 33 | - | - | 22 | - |
| 85 years and over | 1,058 | 10 | 30 | - | 196 | 40 | 196 | - | - | 391 | 196 |

Female

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| All races, 25 years and over | 387,422 | 80,336 | 78,245 | 46,416 | 54,677 | 49,045 | 22,247 | 16,099 | 6,373 | 18,891 | 15,093 |
| 25-44 years | 8,569 | 2,577 | 2,431 | 1,223 | 724 | 454 | 182 | 54 | 110 | 415 | 400 |
| 45-64 years | 45,187 | 14,895 | 13,429 | 5,719 | 4,173 | 1,936 | 1,511 | 660 | - | 1,339 | 1,525 |
| 65-74 years | 68,925 | 18,536 | 15,162 | 9,266 | 8,980 | 8,140 | 1,425 | 1,828 | 621 | 2,090 | 2,876 |
| 75-84 years | 117,847 | 22,205 | 24,812 | 15,576 | 16,802 | 14,584 | 8,549 | 4,921 | 1,745 | 5,106 | 3,547 |
| 85 years and over | 146,894 | 22,123 | 22,411 | 14,633 | 23,999 | 23,931 | 10,580 | 8,635 | 3,896 | 9,941 | 6,746 |
| White, 25 years and over | 346,777 | 72,021 | 69,119 | 40,204 | 49,483 | 44,129 | 20,725 | 14,840 | 6,072 | 17,399 | 12,786 |
| 25-44 years | 6,672 | 1,941 | 1,925 | 927 | 670 | 374 | 171 | 54 | 110 | 341 | 160 |
| 45-64 years | 37,297 | 12,667 | 11,014 | 4,356 | 3,491 | 1,306 | 1,378 | 599 | - | 1,204 | 1,282 |
| 65-74 years | 59,942 | 16,779 | 12,865 | 7,668 | 7,877 | 7,256 | 1,253 | 1,656 | 621 | 1,666 | 2,301 |
| 75-84 years | 105,899 | 19,582 | 22,865 | 13,748 | 14,974 | 12,894 | 7,903 | 4,565 | 1,664 | 4,586 | 3,119 |
| 85 years and over | 136,967 | 21,052 | 20,450 | 13,505 | 22,471 | 22,300 | 10,021 | 7,967 | 3,677 | 9,601 | 5,924 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 38,430 | 8,055 | 8,773 | 5,763 | 4,861 | 4,569 | 1,281 | 1,248 | 279 | 1,414 | 2,186 |
| 25-44 years | 1,715 | 571 | 433 | 263 | 43 | 80 | 11 | - | - | 74 | 240 |
| 45-64 years | 7,452 | 2,205 | 2,265 | 1,241 | 681 | 610 | 133 | 61 | - | 122 | 133 |
| 65-74 years | 8,636 | 1,725 | 2,253 | 1,380 | 1,093 | 863 | 173 | 173 | - | 403 | 575 |
| 75-84 years | 11,177 | 2,556 | 1,902 | 1,784 | 1,784 | 1,427 | 416 | 357 | 59 | 476 | 416 |
| 85 years and over | 9,450 | 997 | 1,919 | 1,096 | 1,261 | 1,590 | 548 | 658 | 219 | 340 | 822 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 2,215 | 260 | 353 | 449 | 333 | 347 | 241 | 10 | 22 | 79 | 121 |
| 25-44 years | 183 | 65 | 73 | 33 | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45-64 years | 438 | 23 | 150 | 122 | - | 20 | - | - | - | 13 | 110 |
| 65-74 years | 347 | 32 | 43 | 218 | 11 | 22 | - | - | - | 22 | - |
| 75-84 years | 771 | 67 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 263 | 230 | - | 22 | 44 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 477 | 73 | 42 | 31 | 267 | 42 | 10 | 10 | - | - | - |

Both sexes

| | | | | | | | | | | | | Percent distribution |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|----------------------|
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 23.7 | 21.9 | 12.7 | 12.9 | 10.8 | 4.9 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 4.4 | 4.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 38.4 | 24.9 | 11.5 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 5.2 | 4.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 32.4 | 30.0 | 13.5 | 7.9 | 3.9 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 3.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 27.9 | 24.9 | 15.1 | 11.0 | 8.2 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 4.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 22.1 | 21.1 | 13.5 | 14.4 | 11.4 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 4.3 | 3.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 16.6 | 16.2 | 9.9 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 7.4 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 6.0 | 4.9 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 23.7 | 21.8 | 12.5 | 12.9 | 10.9 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 1.3 | 4.5 | 4.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 37.5 | 26.1 | 11.0 | 8.3 | 4.7 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 5.6 | 3.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 32.5 | 30.8 | 13.4 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 3.6 | 3.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 28.8 | 24.8 | 14.6 | 10.9 | 8.4 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 2.8 | 4.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 21.9 | 21.2 | 13.5 | 14.3 | 11.4 | 5.5 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 4.4 | 3.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 16.8 | 16.1 | 9.8 | 15.9 | 16.0 | 7.5 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 6.0 | 4.7 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 24.8 | 22.8 | 14.1 | 12.7 | 9.7 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 3.5 | 5.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 41.5 | 20.3 | 14.1 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 1.6 | - | - | 4.2 | 11.5 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 32.6 | 25.6 | 13.6 | 12.5 | 7.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | - | 2.3 | 4.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 22.4 | 26.7 | 16.7 | 10.8 | 7.3 | 3.8 | 2.8 | - | 3.7 | 5.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 24.9 | 20.2 | 13.6 | 15.5 | 10.3 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 3.9 | 4.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 15.0 | 18.9 | 12.0 | 14.0 | 16.2 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 1.9 | 4.0 | 7.3 | |

Table 18. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help or using special equipment in eating by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 14.7 | 15.1 | 13.6 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 8.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 9.2 | 6.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 44.7 | 20.6 | 8.1 | 13.0 | 10.9 | — | 2.7 | — | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 16.5 | 28.0 | 15.5 | 2.2 | 23.5 | — | — | — | 1.3 | 13.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 23.6 | 5.2 | 42.4 | 23.6 | 2.1 | — | — | — | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 8.1 | 23.1 | 4.8 | 3.2 | 34.3 | 19.2 | — | 1.6 | 4.8 | 0.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 2.0 | 30.1 | 5.3 | 13.4 | 0.7 | — | 25.5 | 12.7 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 27.6 | 24.1 | 13.6 | 11.3 | 8.3 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 3.8 | 4.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 44.8 | 22.2 | 9.4 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 5.5 | 5.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 31.9 | 30.2 | 14.1 | 6.9 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 28.7 | 27.5 | 16.6 | 9.2 | 5.1 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 5.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 26.4 | 21.2 | 13.8 | 14.5 | 10.2 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 20.4 | 18.5 | 9.8 | 14.7 | 15.1 | 7.8 | 3.1 | 0.8 | 4.1 | 5.7 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 27.6 | 24.4 | 13.8 | 11.1 | 8.3 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 3.8 | 4.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 43.8 | 24.0 | 8.8 | 7.0 | 4.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 5.9 | 4.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 31.4 | 31.8 | 14.8 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 29.4 | 27.8 | 16.3 | 9.0 | 5.1 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 5.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 26.4 | 20.7 | 14.2 | 14.5 | 10.4 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 4.4 | 3.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 20.5 | 19.0 | 9.7 | 14.5 | 15.3 | 7.8 | 3.4 | 0.7 | 3.4 | 5.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 28.8 | 22.7 | 13.2 | 12.7 | 7.3 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 3.4 | 5.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 48.6 | 15.9 | 13.0 | 2.1 | 4.5 | 2.4 | — | — | 4.1 | 9.4 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 35.3 | 21.3 | 10.9 | 15.5 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | — | 3.0 | 6.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 24.4 | 27.1 | 17.2 | 9.3 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 3.4 | — | 3.0 | 5.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 27.2 | 23.7 | 11.0 | 15.0 | 7.5 | 4.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 5.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 23.3 | 16.3 | 12.8 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 5.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 16.8 | 14.5 | 8.9 | 15.7 | 16.1 | 7.2 | 0.4 | — | 13.1 | 7.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 52.1 | 4.8 | — | 18.6 | 19.7 | — | 4.8 | — | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 25.1 | 23.2 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 37.9 | — | — | — | — | 3.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 30.7 | 1.6 | 32.3 | 33.9 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.3 | 45.4 | 3.7 | — | 34.4 | 5.5 | — | — | 3.7 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.9 | 2.8 | — | 18.5 | 3.8 | 18.5 | — | — | 37.0 | 18.5 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 20.7 | 20.2 | 12.0 | 14.1 | 12.7 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 4.9 | 3.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 30.1 | 28.4 | 14.3 | 8.4 | 5.3 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 33.0 | 29.7 | 12.7 | 9.2 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 1.5 | — | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 26.9 | 22.0 | 13.4 | 13.0 | 11.8 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 3.0 | 4.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 18.8 | 21.1 | 13.2 | 14.3 | 12.4 | 7.3 | 4.2 | 1.5 | 4.3 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 15.1 | 15.3 | 10.0 | 16.3 | 16.3 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 6.8 | 4.6 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 20.8 | 19.9 | 11.6 | 14.3 | 12.7 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 1.8 | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 29.1 | 28.8 | 13.9 | 10.0 | 5.6 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 5.1 | 2.4 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 34.0 | 29.5 | 11.7 | 9.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 1.6 | — | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 28.0 | 21.5 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 12.1 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 3.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 18.5 | 21.6 | 13.0 | 14.1 | 12.2 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 4.3 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 15.4 | 14.9 | 9.9 | 16.4 | 16.3 | 7.3 | 5.8 | 2.7 | 7.0 | 4.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 21.0 | 22.8 | 15.0 | 12.6 | 11.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 3.7 | 5.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 33.3 | 25.3 | 15.3 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 0.6 | — | — | 4.3 | 14.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 29.6 | 30.4 | 16.6 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 1.8 | 0.8 | — | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 20.0 | 26.1 | 16.0 | 12.7 | 10.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | — | 4.7 | 6.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 22.9 | 17.0 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 12.8 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 10.6 | 20.3 | 11.6 | 13.3 | 16.8 | 5.8 | 7.0 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 8.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.7 | 15.9 | 20.3 | 15.0 | 15.7 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 3.5 | 5.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 35.6 | 40.2 | 18.2 | 6.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.2 | 34.3 | 28.0 | — | 4.6 | — | — | — | 2.9 | 25.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 9.3 | 12.4 | 62.8 | 3.1 | 6.2 | — | — | — | 6.2 | — |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 8.6 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 34.2 | 29.8 | — | 2.9 | 5.8 | 1.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 15.4 | 8.8 | 6.6 | 56.0 | 8.8 | 2.2 | 2.2 | — | — | — |

Table 19. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in bathing during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in bathing | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,868 | 1,095,160 | 855,359 | 36,350 | 100.0 | 55.1 | 43.1 | 1.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 29,498 | 93,641 | 2,553 | 100.0 | 23.5 | 74.5 | 2.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 159,770 | 223,544 | 6,994 | 100.0 | 40.9 | 57.3 | 1.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 238,912 | 231,657 | 9,455 | 100.0 | 49.8 | 48.3 | 2.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 338,545 | 219,663 | 10,406 | 100.0 | 59.5 | 38.6 | 1.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 328,435 | 86,855 | 6,942 | 100.0 | 77.8 | 20.6 | 1.6 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,773 | 971,755 | 737,312 | 30,706 | 100.0 | 55.9 | 42.4 | 1.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 22,998 | 68,415 | 1,711 | 100.0 | 24.7 | 73.5 | 1.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,221 | 133,752 | 183,158 | 5,311 | 100.0 | 41.5 | 56.8 | 1.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,934 | 206,419 | 205,995 | 8,520 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 48.9 | 2.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 304,045 | 200,671 | 8,906 | 100.0 | 59.2 | 39.1 | 1.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 304,541 | 79,073 | 6,259 | 100.0 | 78.1 | 20.3 | 1.6 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 114,358 | 108,135 | 5,510 | 100.0 | 50.2 | 47.4 | 2.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 5,947 | 23,201 | 796 | 100.0 | 19.9 | 77.5 | 2.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 24,472 | 37,647 | 1,639 | 100.0 | 38.4 | 59.0 | 2.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 30,678 | 23,459 | 935 | 100.0 | 55.7 | 42.6 | 1.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 31,836 | 17,441 | 1,467 | 100.0 | 62.7 | 34.4 | 2.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 21,425 | 6,387 | 673 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 22.4 | 2.4 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 9,045 | 9,914 | 134 | 100.0 | 47.4 | 51.9 | 0.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 552 | 2,024 | 46 | 100.0 | 21.0 | 77.2 | 1.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 1,546 | 2,740 | 44 | 100.0 | 35.7 | 63.3 | 1.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 1,815 | 2,204 | — | 100.0 | 45.2 | 54.8 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 2,663 | 1,552 | 33 | 100.0 | 62.7 | 36.5 | 0.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 2,469 | 1,395 | 10 | 100.0 | 63.7 | 36.0 | 0.3 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 483,015 | 524,682 | 22,051 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 51.0 | 2.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 16,044 | 69,445 | 1,808 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 79.6 | 2.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 85,888 | 150,828 | 5,517 | 100.0 | 35.5 | 62.3 | 2.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 128,447 | 144,291 | 6,985 | 100.0 | 45.9 | 51.6 | 2.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 154,957 | 119,020 | 5,411 | 100.0 | 55.5 | 42.6 | 1.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 97,679 | 41,098 | 2,331 | 100.0 | 69.2 | 29.1 | 1.7 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 424,047 | 452,693 | 18,444 | 100.0 | 47.4 | 50.6 | 2.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 12,617 | 51,164 | 1,300 | 100.0 | 19.4 | 78.6 | 2.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 72,878 | 124,796 | 4,243 | 100.0 | 36.1 | 61.8 | 2.1 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 111,339 | 129,512 | 6,222 | 100.0 | 45.1 | 52.4 | 2.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 139,170 | 108,856 | 4,528 | 100.0 | 55.1 | 43.1 | 1.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 88,043 | 38,366 | 2,151 | 100.0 | 68.5 | 29.8 | 1.7 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 54,151 | 65,594 | 3,549 | 100.0 | 43.9 | 53.2 | 2.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 3,123 | 16,736 | 472 | 100.0 | 15.4 | 82.3 | 2.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 12,305 | 24,425 | 1,262 | 100.0 | 32.4 | 64.3 | 3.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 16,109 | 13,411 | 763 | 100.0 | 53.2 | 44.3 | 2.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 14,477 | 8,976 | 872 | 100.0 | 59.5 | 36.9 | 3.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 8,137 | 2,046 | 179 | 100.0 | 78.5 | 19.7 | 1.7 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 4,817 | 6,396 | 57 | 100.0 | 42.7 | 56.7 | 0.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 304 | 1,545 | 35 | 100.0 | 16.2 | 82.0 | 1.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 705 | 1,607 | 11 | 100.0 | 30.3 | 69.2 | 0.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 999 | 1,368 | — | 100.0 | 42.2 | 57.8 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 1,310 | 1,188 | 11 | 100.0 | 52.2 | 47.4 | 0.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 1,499 | 687 | — | 100.0 | 68.6 | 31.4 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,120 | 612,143 | 330,678 | 14,299 | 100.0 | 64.0 | 34.5 | 1.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 13,454 | 24,196 | 745 | 100.0 | 35.0 | 63.0 | 1.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 73,882 | 72,716 | 1,477 | 100.0 | 49.9 | 49.1 | 1.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 110,465 | 87,367 | 2,471 | 100.0 | 55.1 | 43.6 | 1.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 183,588 | 100,643 | 4,995 | 100.0 | 63.5 | 34.8 | 1.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 230,755 | 45,756 | 4,612 | 100.0 | 82.1 | 16.3 | 1.6 | |

Table 19. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in bathing during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in bathing | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,589 | 547,709 | 284,618 | 12,262 | 100.0 | 64.8 | 33.7 | 1.5 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 10,382 | 17,252 | 411 | 100.0 | 37.0 | 61.5 | 1.5 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 60,874 | 58,362 | 1,068 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 48.5 | 0.9 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 95,080 | 76,483 | 2,298 | 100.0 | 54.7 | 44.0 | 1.3 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 164,875 | 91,815 | 4,378 | 100.0 | 63.2 | 35.2 | 1.7 |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 216,499 | 40,707 | 4,108 | 100.0 | 82.9 | 15.6 | 1.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 60,207 | 42,542 | 1,960 | 100.0 | 57.5 | 40.6 | 1.9 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 2,825 | 6,465 | 324 | 100.0 | 29.4 | 67.3 | 3.4 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 12,166 | 13,222 | 376 | 100.0 | 47.2 | 51.3 | 1.5 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 14,569 | 10,048 | 173 | 100.0 | 58.8 | 40.5 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 17,359 | 8,465 | 595 | 100.0 | 65.7 | 32.0 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 13,288 | 4,341 | 493 | 100.0 | 73.3 | 24.0 | 2.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 4,228 | 3,518 | 76 | 100.0 | 54.0 | 45.0 | 1.0 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 247 | 479 | 11 | 100.0 | 33.6 | 65.0 | 1.5 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 841 | 1,132 | 33 | 100.0 | 41.9 | 56.4 | 1.6 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 816 | 836 | — | 100.0 | 49.4 | 50.6 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 1,353 | 363 | 22 | 100.0 | 77.8 | 20.9 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 969 | 708 | 10 | 100.0 | 57.4 | 41.9 | 0.6 |

Table 20. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help in bathing by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,095,159 | 156,329 | 182,587 | 126,753 | 135,852 | 144,757 | 89,014 | 65,226 | 31,679 | 125,362 | 37,601 |
| 25-44 years | 29,498 | 8,771 | 7,530 | 4,021 | 2,912 | 2,057 | 511 | 317 | 236 | 1,963 | 1,180 |
| 45-64 years | 159,770 | 39,410 | 39,955 | 29,010 | 16,132 | 10,735 | 6,801 | 2,705 | 1,845 | 8,730 | 4,447 |
| 65-74 years | 238,912 | 45,975 | 52,618 | 33,243 | 33,580 | 28,185 | 10,163 | 9,744 | 3,687 | 15,113 | 6,605 |
| 75-84 years | 338,545 | 42,678 | 54,639 | 36,488 | 45,149 | 51,409 | 31,172 | 22,637 | 9,989 | 32,260 | 12,126 |
| 85 years and over | 328,435 | 19,496 | 27,845 | 23,990 | 38,080 | 52,371 | 40,367 | 29,823 | 15,923 | 67,296 | 13,243 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 971,756 | 135,758 | 160,775 | 110,784 | 119,999 | 129,435 | 80,402 | 59,759 | 28,956 | 114,581 | 31,308 |
| 25-44 years | 22,998 | 6,341 | 6,547 | 2,976 | 2,454 | 1,548 | 350 | 269 | 156 | 1,644 | 714 |
| 45-64 years | 133,752 | 32,913 | 34,284 | 24,568 | 13,316 | 8,572 | 5,787 | 2,315 | 1,530 | 7,274 | 3,193 |
| 65-74 years | 206,419 | 39,865 | 45,873 | 28,472 | 30,009 | 24,265 | 8,622 | 8,205 | 3,370 | 12,654 | 5,084 |
| 75-84 years | 304,045 | 38,168 | 48,345 | 32,802 | 40,029 | 46,883 | 28,262 | 20,749 | 8,929 | 29,096 | 10,783 |
| 85 years and over | 304,541 | 18,472 | 25,725 | 21,967 | 34,191 | 48,167 | 37,381 | 28,221 | 14,971 | 63,914 | 11,533 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 114,358 | 19,238 | 21,238 | 14,648 | 14,107 | 14,217 | 7,439 | 4,975 | 2,702 | 9,625 | 6,167 |
| 25-44 years | 5,947 | 2,270 | 918 | 976 | 371 | 399 | 161 | 48 | 80 | 307 | 417 |
| 45-64 years | 24,472 | 6,179 | 5,388 | 4,102 | 2,541 | 1,900 | 1,014 | 379 | 305 | 1,433 | 1,231 |
| 65-74 years | 30,678 | 5,386 | 6,702 | 4,307 | 3,313 | 3,920 | 1,498 | 1,332 | 306 | 2,403 | 1,510 |
| 75-84 years | 31,836 | 4,410 | 6,172 | 3,240 | 4,648 | 4,360 | 2,233 | 1,646 | 1,060 | 2,769 | 1,299 |
| 85 years and over | 21,425 | 993 | 2,059 | 2,024 | 3,235 | 3,639 | 2,532 | 1,570 | 952 | 2,712 | 1,710 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 9,045 | 1,333 | 573 | 1,321 | 1,746 | 1,104 | 1,174 | 491 | 21 | 1,155 | 126 |
| 25-44 years | 552 | 161 | 65 | 70 | 87 | 110 | — | — | — | 12 | 48 |
| 45-64 years | 1,546 | 318 | 283 | 341 | 276 | 262 | — | 11 | 10 | 23 | 23 |
| 65-74 years | 1,815 | 723 | 43 | 464 | 257 | — | 43 | 207 | 11 | 55 | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 2,663 | 100 | 122 | 447 | 471 | 166 | 677 | 241 | — | 395 | 44 |
| 85 years and over | 2,469 | 31 | 61 | — | 654 | 566 | 454 | 31 | — | 671 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 483,016 | 85,409 | 92,132 | 60,665 | 59,337 | 61,355 | 32,122 | 24,483 | 9,796 | 41,123 | 16,596 |
| 25-44 years | 16,044 | 5,001 | 4,338 | 1,825 | 1,457 | 1,124 | 307 | 173 | 82 | 988 | 750 |
| 45-64 years | 85,888 | 21,486 | 22,128 | 16,309 | 6,492 | 4,945 | 3,379 | 1,266 | 1,515 | 5,588 | 2,781 |
| 65-74 years | 128,447 | 26,552 | 28,652 | 17,437 | 18,831 | 14,310 | 4,280 | 4,544 | 1,699 | 8,377 | 3,766 |
| 75-84 years | 154,957 | 24,535 | 25,961 | 17,259 | 18,910 | 23,704 | 13,003 | 9,084 | 2,739 | 13,978 | 5,783 |
| 85 years and over | 97,679 | 7,835 | 11,053 | 7,835 | 13,648 | 17,272 | 11,154 | 9,415 | 3,760 | 12,192 | 3,516 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 424,047 | 74,000 | 80,199 | 53,722 | 52,690 | 54,352 | 28,058 | 22,367 | 8,645 | 36,286 | 13,727 |
| 25-44 years | 12,617 | 3,568 | 3,783 | 1,396 | 1,278 | 877 | 210 | 125 | 82 | 785 | 512 |
| 45-64 years | 72,878 | 17,955 | 18,967 | 14,629 | 5,221 | 3,913 | 2,835 | 1,130 | 1,271 | 4,848 | 2,108 |
| 65-74 years | 111,339 | 22,890 | 24,698 | 14,975 | 17,133 | 12,402 | 3,633 | 3,845 | 1,497 | 7,263 | 3,003 |
| 75-84 years | 139,170 | 22,351 | 22,755 | 15,486 | 16,736 | 21,905 | 11,405 | 8,270 | 2,274 | 12,623 | 5,365 |
| 85 years and over | 88,043 | 7,236 | 9,996 | 7,236 | 12,322 | 15,255 | 9,975 | 8,997 | 3,520 | 10,768 | 2,738 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 54,151 | 10,653 | 11,606 | 6,173 | 6,269 | 6,190 | 3,216 | 2,105 | 1,139 | 3,954 | 2,847 |
| 25-44 years | 3,123 | 1,337 | 502 | 429 | 102 | 191 | 97 | 48 | — | 190 | 227 |
| 45-64 years | 12,305 | 3,376 | 3,005 | 1,571 | 1,237 | 792 | 544 | 124 | 244 | 741 | 672 |
| 65-74 years | 16,109 | 3,191 | 3,942 | 2,237 | 1,462 | 1,907 | 636 | 699 | 191 | 1,081 | 763 |
| 75-84 years | 14,477 | 2,151 | 3,140 | 1,337 | 2,151 | 1,744 | 1,163 | 814 | 465 | 1,105 | 407 |
| 85 years and over | 8,137 | 598 | 1,017 | 598 | 1,316 | 1,556 | 778 | 419 | 239 | 838 | 778 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Other races, 25 years and over | 4,817 | 756 | 326 | 770 | 378 | 812 | 848 | 11 | 11 | 883 | 22 |
| 25-44 years | 304 | 96 | 53 | — | 76 | 56 | — | — | — | 12 | 11 |
| 45-64 years | 705 | 155 | 155 | 110 | 33 | 240 | — | 11 | — | — | — |
| 65-74 years | 999 | 472 | 11 | 225 | 236 | — | 11 | — | 11 | 33 | — |
| 75-84 years | 1,310 | 33 | 66 | 436 | 22 | 55 | 436 | — | — | 251 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 1,499 | — | 40 | — | 10 | 461 | 401 | — | — | 587 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 612,143 | 70,920 | 90,455 | 66,088 | 76,515 | 83,402 | 56,892 | 40,742 | 21,884 | 84,239 | 21,005 |
| 25-44 years | 13,454 | 3,770 | 3,192 | 2,196 | 1,455 | 933 | 204 | 145 | 153 | 975 | 430 |
| 45-64 years | 73,882 | 17,924 | 17,827 | 12,701 | 9,641 | 5,790 | 3,423 | 1,439 | 329 | 3,141 | 1,667 |
| 65-74 years | 110,465 | 19,423 | 23,967 | 15,806 | 14,748 | 13,875 | 5,883 | 5,199 | 1,988 | 6,736 | 2,839 |
| 75-84 years | 183,588 | 18,143 | 28,678 | 19,229 | 26,239 | 27,705 | 18,169 | 13,552 | 7,249 | 18,282 | 6,343 |
| 85 years and over | 230,755 | 11,661 | 16,792 | 16,156 | 24,432 | 35,099 | 29,213 | 20,407 | 12,163 | 55,104 | 9,727 |
| White, 25 years and over | 547,709 | 61,758 | 80,576 | 57,062 | 67,308 | 75,082 | 52,344 | 37,392 | 20,310 | 78,296 | 17,581 |
| 25-44 years | 10,382 | 2,772 | 2,764 | 1,580 | 1,176 | 671 | 139 | 145 | 73 | 859 | 203 |
| 45-64 years | 60,874 | 14,958 | 15,317 | 9,939 | 8,095 | 4,659 | 2,952 | 1,184 | 258 | 2,426 | 1,085 |
| 65-74 years | 95,080 | 16,975 | 21,175 | 13,497 | 12,876 | 11,863 | 4,989 | 4,360 | 1,873 | 5,392 | 2,080 |
| 75-84 years | 164,875 | 15,817 | 25,590 | 17,316 | 23,293 | 24,978 | 16,857 | 12,479 | 6,655 | 16,473 | 5,418 |
| 85 years and over | 216,499 | 11,235 | 15,730 | 14,730 | 21,869 | 32,911 | 27,407 | 19,225 | 11,451 | 53,146 | 8,795 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 60,207 | 8,585 | 9,633 | 8,475 | 7,839 | 8,027 | 4,222 | 2,871 | 1,563 | 5,671 | 3,321 |
| 25-44 years | 2,825 | 933 | 416 | 546 | 269 | 208 | 65 | — | 80 | 117 | 191 |
| 45-64 years | 12,166 | 2,803 | 2,383 | 2,531 | 1,303 | 1,108 | 471 | 255 | 61 | 692 | 559 |
| 65-74 years | 14,569 | 2,196 | 2,760 | 2,070 | 1,851 | 2,013 | 863 | 633 | 115 | 1,323 | 748 |
| 75-84 years | 17,359 | 2,259 | 3,032 | 1,902 | 2,497 | 2,616 | 1,070 | 832 | 595 | 1,665 | 892 |
| 85 years and over | 13,288 | 394 | 1,042 | 1,425 | 1,919 | 2,083 | 1,754 | 1,151 | 713 | 1,875 | 932 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 4,228 | 577 | 247 | 551 | 1,368 | 292 | 326 | 480 | 10 | 272 | 103 |
| 25-44 years | 247 | 65 | 11 | 70 | 11 | 54 | — | — | — | — | 37 |
| 45-64 years | 841 | 163 | 127 | 231 | 242 | 23 | — | — | 10 | 23 | 23 |
| 65-74 years | 816 | 252 | 32 | 239 | 22 | — | 32 | 207 | — | 22 | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 1,353 | 67 | 56 | 11 | 449 | 111 | 241 | 241 | — | 144 | 33 |
| 85 years and over | 969 | 31 | 21 | — | 644 | 105 | 52 | 31 | — | 84 | — |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 14.3 | 16.7 | 11.6 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 8.1 | 6.0 | 2.9 | 11.4 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 29.7 | 25.5 | 13.6 | 9.9 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 6.7 | 4.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 24.7 | 25.0 | 18.2 | 10.1 | 6.7 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 5.5 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 19.2 | 22.0 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 11.8 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 1.5 | 6.3 | 2.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.6 | 16.1 | 10.8 | 13.3 | 15.2 | 9.2 | 6.7 | 3.0 | 9.5 | 3.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.9 | 8.5 | 7.3 | 11.6 | 15.9 | 12.3 | 9.1 | 4.8 | 20.5 | 4.0 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 14.0 | 16.5 | 11.4 | 12.3 | 13.3 | 8.3 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 11.8 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 27.6 | 28.5 | 12.9 | 10.7 | 6.7 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 7.1 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 24.6 | 25.6 | 18.4 | 10.0 | 6.4 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 5.4 | 2.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 19.3 | 22.2 | 13.8 | 14.5 | 11.8 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 1.6 | 6.1 | 2.5 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.6 | 15.9 | 10.8 | 13.2 | 15.4 | 9.3 | 6.8 | 2.9 | 9.6 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 6.1 | 8.4 | 7.2 | 11.2 | 15.8 | 12.3 | 9.3 | 4.9 | 21.0 | 3.8 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.8 | 18.6 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 2.4 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 38.2 | 15.4 | 16.4 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 5.2 | 7.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 25.2 | 22.0 | 16.8 | 10.4 | 7.8 | 4.1 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 5.9 | 5.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 17.6 | 21.8 | 14.0 | 10.8 | 12.8 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 7.8 | 4.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 13.9 | 19.4 | 10.2 | 14.6 | 13.7 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 8.7 | 4.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.6 | 9.6 | 9.4 | 15.1 | 17.0 | 11.8 | 7.3 | 4.4 | 12.7 | 8.0 |

Table 20. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help in bathing by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 14.7 | 6.3 | 14.6 | 19.3 | 12.2 | 13.0 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 12.8 | 1.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 29.1 | 11.7 | 12.7 | 15.8 | 19.9 | — | — | — | 2.2 | 8.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 20.6 | 18.3 | 22.0 | 17.8 | 17.0 | — | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 39.8 | 2.4 | 25.6 | 14.2 | — | 2.4 | 11.4 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 0.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 16.8 | 17.7 | 6.2 | 25.4 | 9.1 | — | 14.8 | 1.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.3 | 2.5 | — | 26.5 | 22.9 | 18.4 | 1.3 | — | 27.2 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 17.7 | 19.1 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.7 | 6.7 | 5.1 | 2.0 | 8.5 | 3.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 31.2 | 27.0 | 11.4 | 9.1 | 7.0 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 6.2 | 4.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 25.0 | 25.8 | 19.0 | 7.6 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 6.5 | 3.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 20.7 | 22.3 | 13.6 | 14.7 | 11.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 6.5 | 2.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 15.8 | 16.8 | 11.1 | 12.2 | 15.3 | 8.4 | 5.9 | 1.8 | 9.0 | 3.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.0 | 11.3 | 8.0 | 14.0 | 17.7 | 11.4 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 12.5 | 3.6 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 17.5 | 18.9 | 12.7 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 6.6 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 8.6 | 3.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 28.3 | 30.0 | 11.1 | 10.1 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 6.2 | 4.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 24.6 | 26.0 | 20.1 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 6.7 | 2.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 20.6 | 22.2 | 13.4 | 15.4 | 11.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 6.5 | 2.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 16.1 | 16.4 | 11.1 | 12.0 | 15.7 | 8.2 | 5.9 | 1.6 | 9.1 | 3.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.2 | 11.4 | 8.2 | 14.0 | 17.3 | 11.3 | 10.2 | 4.0 | 12.2 | 3.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 19.7 | 21.4 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 2.1 | 7.3 | 5.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 42.8 | 16.1 | 13.7 | 3.3 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 1.5 | — | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 27.4 | 24.4 | 12.8 | 10.1 | 6.4 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 19.8 | 24.5 | 13.9 | 9.1 | 11.8 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 6.7 | 4.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 14.9 | 21.7 | 9.2 | 14.9 | 12.0 | 8.0 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 7.6 | 2.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.4 | 12.5 | 7.4 | 16.2 | 19.1 | 9.6 | 5.1 | 2.9 | 10.3 | 9.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 15.7 | 6.8 | 16.0 | 7.8 | 16.9 | 17.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 18.3 | 0.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 31.4 | 17.5 | — | 25.1 | 18.4 | — | — | — | 3.9 | 3.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 15.6 | 4.7 | 34.0 | — | 1.6 | — | — | — |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 47.2 | 1.1 | 22.5 | 23.6 | — | 1.1 | — | 1.1 | 3.3 | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.5 | 5.1 | 33.3 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 33.3 | — | — | 19.2 | 0.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 2.7 | — | 0.7 | 30.8 | 26.8 | — | — | 39.1 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.6 | 14.8 | 10.8 | 12.5 | 13.6 | 9.3 | 6.7 | 3.6 | 13.8 | 3.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 28.0 | 23.7 | 16.3 | 10.8 | 6.9 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 7.3 | 3.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 24.3 | 24.1 | 17.2 | 13.0 | 7.8 | 4.6 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 4.3 | 2.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 17.6 | 21.7 | 14.3 | 13.4 | 12.6 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 6.1 | 2.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.9 | 15.6 | 10.5 | 14.3 | 15.1 | 9.9 | 7.4 | 3.9 | 10.0 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.1 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 10.6 | 15.2 | 12.7 | 8.8 | 5.3 | 23.9 | 4.2 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 11.3 | 14.7 | 10.4 | 12.3 | 13.7 | 9.6 | 6.8 | 3.7 | 14.3 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 26.7 | 26.6 | 15.2 | 11.3 | 6.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 8.3 | 2.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 24.6 | 25.2 | 16.3 | 13.3 | 7.7 | 4.8 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 1.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 17.9 | 22.3 | 14.2 | 13.5 | 12.5 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 5.7 | 2.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 9.6 | 15.5 | 10.5 | 14.1 | 15.1 | 10.2 | 7.6 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.2 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 10.1 | 15.2 | 12.7 | 8.9 | 5.3 | 24.5 | 4.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 14.3 | 16.0 | 14.1 | 13.0 | 13.3 | 7.0 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 9.4 | 5.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 33.0 | 14.7 | 19.3 | 9.5 | 7.4 | 2.3 | — | 2.8 | 4.1 | 6.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 23.0 | 19.6 | 20.8 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 3.9 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 5.7 | 4.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 18.9 | 14.2 | 12.7 | 13.8 | 5.9 | 4.3 | 0.8 | 9.1 | 5.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 13.0 | 17.5 | 11.0 | 14.4 | 15.1 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 9.6 | 5.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 10.7 | 14.4 | 15.7 | 13.2 | 8.7 | 5.4 | 14.1 | 7.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 13.7 | 5.8 | 13.0 | 32.4 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 11.3 | 0.2 | 6.4 | 2.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 26.3 | 4.5 | 28.3 | 4.4 | 21.7 | — | — | — | — | 14.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 19.3 | 15.1 | 27.4 | 28.8 | 2.7 | — | — | 1.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 30.8 | 4.0 | 29.3 | 2.6 | — | 4.0 | 25.4 | — | 2.6 | 1.3 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 33.2 | 8.2 | 17.8 | 17.8 | — | 10.7 | 2.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.2 | 2.2 | — | 66.5 | 10.8 | 5.4 | 3.2 | — | 8.7 | — |

Table 21. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in dressing during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in dressing | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,869 | 964,194 | 980,134 | 42,541 | 100.0 | 48.5 | 49.3 | 2.1 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 27,908 | 95,736 | 2,647 | 100.0 | 21.7 | 76.2 | 2.1 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 144,627 | 237,471 | 8,210 | 100.0 | 37.1 | 60.8 | 2.1 |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 210,773 | 258,472 | 10,779 | 100.0 | 43.9 | 53.8 | 2.2 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 297,100 | 258,838 | 12,676 | 100.0 | 52.2 | 45.5 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 284,386 | 129,617 | 8,229 | 100.0 | 67.4 | 30.7 | 1.9 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,774 | 851,683 | 851,645 | 36,445 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 49.0 | 2.1 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 21,105 | 70,190 | 1,829 | 100.0 | 22.7 | 75.4 | 2.0 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 120,201 | 195,447 | 6,572 | 100.0 | 37.3 | 60.7 | 2.0 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 182,312 | 228,835 | 9,786 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 54.4 | 2.3 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 265,624 | 236,997 | 11,001 | 100.0 | 51.7 | 46.1 | 2.1 |
| 85 years and over | 389,874 | 262,441 | 120,176 | 7,257 | 100.0 | 67.3 | 30.8 | 1.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 104,526 | 117,515 | 5,962 | 100.0 | 45.8 | 51.5 | 2.6 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 5,773 | 23,400 | 772 | 100.0 | 19.3 | 78.1 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 22,806 | 39,359 | 1,594 | 100.0 | 35.8 | 61.7 | 2.5 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 27,292 | 26,787 | 993 | 100.0 | 49.6 | 48.6 | 1.8 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 28,946 | 20,157 | 1,641 | 100.0 | 57.0 | 39.7 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 19,710 | 7,813 | 962 | 100.0 | 69.2 | 27.4 | 3.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 7,984 | 10,975 | 134 | 100.0 | 41.8 | 57.5 | 0.7 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 430 | 2,146 | 46 | 100.0 | 16.4 | 81.8 | 1.7 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 1,620 | 2,666 | 44 | 100.0 | 37.4 | 61.6 | 1.0 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 1,168 | 2,851 | — | 100.0 | 29.1 | 70.9 | — |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 2,530 | 1,685 | 33 | 100.0 | 59.6 | 39.7 | 0.8 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 2,235 | 1,628 | 10 | 100.0 | 57.7 | 42.0 | 0.3 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,747 | 427,227 | 577,469 | 25,051 | 100.0 | 41.5 | 56.1 | 2.4 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 14,914 | 70,469 | 1,913 | 100.0 | 17.1 | 80.7 | 2.2 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 79,016 | 157,228 | 5,989 | 100.0 | 32.6 | 64.9 | 2.5 |
| 65-74 years | 279,722 | 114,654 | 157,645 | 7,423 | 100.0 | 41.0 | 56.4 | 2.7 |
| 75-84 years | 279,387 | 135,708 | 137,246 | 6,433 | 100.0 | 48.6 | 49.1 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 82,935 | 54,881 | 3,293 | 100.0 | 58.8 | 38.9 | 2.3 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 372,810 | 501,807 | 21,067 | 100.0 | 41.6 | 56.1 | 2.4 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 11,741 | 51,954 | 1,387 | 100.0 | 18.0 | 79.8 | 2.1 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 66,559 | 130,647 | 4,711 | 100.0 | 33.0 | 64.7 | 2.3 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 99,106 | 141,307 | 6,660 | 100.0 | 40.1 | 57.2 | 2.7 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 120,954 | 126,224 | 5,376 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 50.0 | 2.1 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 73,950 | 51,676 | 2,934 | 100.0 | 57.5 | 40.2 | 2.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 50,504 | 68,863 | 3,927 | 100.0 | 41.0 | 55.9 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 2,923 | 16,917 | 492 | 100.0 | 14.4 | 83.2 | 2.4 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 11,817 | 24,909 | 1,267 | 100.0 | 31.1 | 65.6 | 3.3 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 14,977 | 14,544 | 763 | 100.0 | 49.5 | 48.0 | 2.5 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 13,489 | 9,790 | 1,047 | 100.0 | 55.5 | 40.2 | 4.3 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 7,299 | 2,704 | 359 | 100.0 | 70.4 | 26.1 | 3.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 4,413 | 6,800 | 57 | 100.0 | 39.2 | 60.3 | 0.5 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 251 | 1,599 | 35 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 84.8 | 1.9 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 640 | 1,672 | 11 | 100.0 | 27.5 | 72.0 | 0.5 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 572 | 1,795 | — | 100.0 | 24.2 | 75.8 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 1,266 | 1,232 | 11 | 100.0 | 50.4 | 49.1 | 0.4 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 1,685 | 501 | — | 100.0 | 77.1 | 22.9 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,120 | 536,966 | 402,665 | 17,489 | 100.0 | 56.1 | 42.1 | 1.8 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 12,394 | 25,266 | 734 | 100.0 | 32.3 | 65.8 | 1.9 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 65,611 | 80,243 | 2,220 | 100.0 | 44.3 | 54.2 | 1.5 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 96,119 | 100,827 | 3,356 | 100.0 | 48.0 | 50.3 | 1.7 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 161,391 | 121,592 | 6,243 | 100.0 | 55.8 | 42.0 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 201,451 | 74,736 | 4,937 | 100.0 | 71.7 | 26.6 | 1.8 |

Table 21. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in dressing during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in dressing | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,588 | 479,372 | 349,838 | 15,378 | 100.0 | 56.8 | 41.4 | 1.8 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 9,365 | 18,237 | 442 | 100.0 | 33.4 | 65.0 | 1.6 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 53,643 | 64,800 | 1,861 | 100.0 | 44.6 | 53.9 | 1.5 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 83,206 | 87,528 | 3,126 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 50.3 | 1.8 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 144,669 | 110,773 | 5,626 | 100.0 | 55.4 | 42.4 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 188,490 | 68,500 | 4,323 | 100.0 | 72.1 | 26.2 | 1.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 54,022 | 48,652 | 2,035 | 100.0 | 51.6 | 46.5 | 1.9 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 2,850 | 6,483 | 281 | 100.0 | 29.6 | 67.4 | 2.9 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 10,988 | 14,450 | 327 | 100.0 | 42.6 | 56.1 | 1.3 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 12,316 | 12,244 | 230 | 100.0 | 49.7 | 49.4 | 0.9 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 15,457 | 10,367 | 595 | 100.0 | 58.5 | 39.2 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 12,411 | 5,109 | 603 | 100.0 | 68.5 | 28.2 | 3.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 3,571 | 4,175 | 76 | 100.0 | 45.7 | 53.4 | 1.0 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 179 | 547 | 11 | 100.0 | 24.3 | 74.2 | 1.5 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 980 | 994 | 33 | 100.0 | 48.9 | 49.5 | 1.6 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 597 | 1,055 | — | 100.0 | 36.1 | 63.9 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 1,265 | 452 | 22 | 100.0 | 72.7 | 26.0 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 550 | 1,127 | 10 | 100.0 | 32.6 | 66.8 | 0.6 |

Table 22. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help or using special equipment in dressing by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 964,194 | 133,518 | 165,217 | 119,974 | 127,192 | 130,018 | 72,045 | 55,540 | 25,155 | 99,387 | 36,148 |
| 25-44 years | 27,308 | 8,040 | 6,720 | 4,119 | 2,541 | 1,840 | 542 | 283 | 236 | 1,647 | 1,340 |
| 45-64 years | 144,627 | 34,620 | 36,074 | 26,181 | 15,266 | 10,015 | 5,683 | 3,090 | 1,326 | 7,648 | 4,725 |
| 65-74 years | 210,773 | 36,699 | 46,239 | 30,406 | 30,760 | 24,023 | 10,312 | 7,808 | 3,610 | 13,714 | 7,203 |
| 75-84 years | 297,100 | 35,256 | 49,033 | 34,868 | 43,362 | 45,774 | 23,112 | 19,415 | 7,985 | 26,773 | 11,523 |
| 85 years and over | 284,385 | 18,904 | 27,150 | 24,401 | 35,263 | 48,367 | 32,396 | 24,943 | 11,999 | 49,606 | 11,357 |
| White, 25 years and over | 851,683 | 115,801 | 146,300 | 104,718 | 112,017 | 114,967 | 64,652 | 50,155 | 22,902 | 89,454 | 30,717 |
| 25-44 years | 21,105 | 5,988 | 5,525 | 3,123 | 2,101 | 1,431 | 429 | 176 | 156 | 1,387 | 791 |
| 45-64 years | 120,201 | 28,777 | 30,652 | 22,155 | 12,280 | 7,816 | 4,680 | 2,631 | 1,266 | 6,233 | 3,712 |
| 65-74 years | 182,312 | 31,845 | 40,776 | 26,144 | 27,283 | 20,199 | 8,848 | 6,333 | 3,340 | 11,628 | 5,916 |
| 75-84 years | 265,624 | 31,306 | 44,029 | 30,705 | 38,758 | 41,933 | 20,377 | 17,428 | 7,044 | 23,678 | 10,366 |
| 85 years and over | 262,440 | 17,885 | 25,320 | 22,591 | 31,596 | 43,587 | 30,319 | 23,588 | 11,096 | 46,528 | 9,931 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,526 | 17,288 | 18,261 | 13,898 | 13,643 | 13,621 | 6,446 | 4,916 | 2,221 | 8,877 | 5,353 |
| 25-44 years | 5,773 | 1,934 | 1,120 | 926 | 363 | 342 | 113 | 97 | 80 | 260 | 538 |
| 45-64 years | 22,806 | 5,695 | 5,125 | 3,670 | 2,735 | 1,731 | 1,002 | 438 | 60 | 1,370 | 980 |
| 65-74 years | 27,292 | 4,789 | 5,375 | 3,799 | 3,198 | 3,823 | 1,453 | 1,268 | 248 | 2,052 | 1,286 |
| 75-84 years | 28,945 | 3,883 | 4,871 | 3,705 | 4,122 | 3,707 | 2,058 | 1,768 | 941 | 2,767 | 1,123 |
| 85 years and over | 19,710 | 988 | 1,770 | 1,799 | 3,225 | 4,017 | 1,819 | 1,346 | 892 | 2,428 | 1,426 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,984 | 429 | 655 | 1,358 | 1,531 | 1,430 | 946 | 469 | 32 | 1,055 | 78 |
| 25-44 years | 430 | 118 | 76 | 70 | 76 | 68 | — | 11 | — | — | 11 |
| 45-64 years | 1,620 | 147 | 298 | 356 | 252 | 467 | — | 21 | — | 44 | 34 |
| 65-74 years | 1,168 | 66 | 87 | 464 | 279 | — | 11 | 207 | 22 | 33 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,530 | 66 | 133 | 458 | 482 | 133 | 677 | 219 | — | 329 | 33 |
| 85 years and over | 2,235 | 31 | 61 | 10 | 442 | 762 | 258 | 10 | 10 | 650 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 427,228 | 73,752 | 82,336 | 56,337 | 57,419 | 51,818 | 26,954 | 20,643 | 8,499 | 33,677 | 15,791 |
| 25-44 years | 14,914 | 4,900 | 3,902 | 1,792 | 1,279 | 985 | 215 | 139 | 82 | 790 | 831 |
| 45-64 years | 79,016 | 20,153 | 19,302 | 14,308 | 7,553 | 4,933 | 2,994 | 1,298 | 897 | 4,824 | 2,753 |
| 65-74 years | 114,655 | 21,276 | 27,215 | 15,773 | 17,336 | 11,307 | 5,037 | 3,840 | 1,058 | 7,886 | 3,927 |
| 75-84 years | 135,708 | 20,236 | 20,857 | 16,690 | 18,906 | 20,120 | 9,716 | 7,956 | 3,153 | 12,212 | 5,863 |
| 85 years and over | 82,935 | 7,188 | 11,059 | 7,775 | 12,345 | 14,474 | 8,992 | 7,410 | 3,309 | 7,965 | 2,418 |
| White, 25 years and over | 372,310 | 63,772 | 71,744 | 49,577 | 50,856 | 44,561 | 23,142 | 18,589 | 7,593 | 29,138 | 13,338 |
| 25-44 years | 11,741 | 3,654 | 3,299 | 1,369 | 1,076 | 815 | 167 | 42 | 82 | 684 | 552 |
| 45-64 years | 66,559 | 16,877 | 16,285 | 12,816 | 6,050 | 3,814 | 2,390 | 1,043 | 837 | 4,196 | 2,249 |
| 65-74 years | 99,106 | 18,179 | 23,980 | 13,704 | 15,638 | 9,209 | 4,274 | 3,204 | 856 | 6,847 | 3,215 |
| 75-84 years | 120,954 | 18,412 | 18,000 | 14,452 | 17,139 | 18,401 | 8,292 | 7,259 | 2,688 | 10,751 | 5,561 |
| 85 years and over | 73,950 | 6,650 | 10,181 | 7,236 | 10,953 | 12,322 | 8,019 | 7,041 | 3,129 | 6,660 | 1,760 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 50,504 | 9,793 | 10,254 | 5,989 | 6,022 | 6,238 | 3,181 | 2,033 | 895 | 3,679 | 2,420 |
| 25-44 years | 2,923 | 1,192 | 550 | 422 | 138 | 102 | 48 | 97 | — | 106 | 268 |
| 45-64 years | 11,817 | 3,196 | 2,885 | 1,382 | 1,481 | 856 | 603 | 244 | 60 | 617 | 492 |
| 65-74 years | 14,977 | 3,064 | 3,191 | 1,844 | 1,462 | 2,098 | 763 | 636 | 191 | 1,017 | 711 |
| 75-84 years | 13,488 | 1,802 | 2,791 | 1,802 | 1,744 | 1,686 | 988 | 698 | 465 | 1,221 | 291 |
| 85 years and over | 7,299 | 538 | 838 | 538 | 1,197 | 1,496 | 778 | 359 | 179 | 718 | 658 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|----|-----|----|
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 4,413 | 188 | 337 | 770 | 541 | 1,020 | 631 | 21 | 11 | 860 | 33 |
| 25-44 years | 251 | 53 | 53 | — | 65 | 68 | — | — | — | — | 11 |
| 45-64 years | 640 | 79 | 133 | 110 | 22 | 262 | — | 11 | — | 11 | 11 |
| 65-74 years | 572 | 33 | 44 | 225 | 236 | — | — | — | 11 | 22 | — |
| 75-84 years | 1,266 | 22 | 66 | 436 | 22 | 33 | 436 | — | — | 240 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 1,685 | — | 40 | — | 196 | 657 | 196 | 10 | — | 587 | — |

Female

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 536,966 | 59,766 | 82,881 | 63,637 | 69,773 | 78,199 | 45,091 | 34,897 | 16,656 | 65,710 | 20,357 |
| 25-44 years | 12,394 | 3,141 | 2,818 | 2,327 | 1,262 | 856 | 327 | 144 | 153 | 857 | 510 |
| 45-64 years | 65,611 | 14,467 | 16,772 | 11,873 | 7,713 | 5,082 | 2,689 | 1,792 | 429 | 2,823 | 1,972 |
| 65-74 years | 96,119 | 15,423 | 19,024 | 14,633 | 13,424 | 12,715 | 5,275 | 3,968 | 2,552 | 5,827 | 3,276 |
| 75-84 years | 161,391 | 15,020 | 28,176 | 18,179 | 24,457 | 25,654 | 13,396 | 11,459 | 4,832 | 14,561 | 5,660 |
| 85 years and over | 201,451 | 11,716 | 16,092 | 16,626 | 22,918 | 33,892 | 23,404 | 17,533 | 8,690 | 41,641 | 8,939 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 479,373 | 52,029 | 74,556 | 56,140 | 61,162 | 70,406 | 41,510 | 31,566 | 15,309 | 60,316 | 17,379 |
| 25-44 years | 9,365 | 2,334 | 2,225 | 1,754 | 1,025 | 616 | 262 | 133 | 73 | 703 | 239 |
| 45-64 years | 53,643 | 11,900 | 14,367 | 9,339 | 6,230 | 4,001 | 2,290 | 1,588 | 429 | 2,037 | 1,462 |
| 65-74 years | 83,206 | 13,666 | 16,796 | 12,439 | 11,645 | 10,990 | 4,575 | 3,129 | 2,484 | 4,782 | 2,701 |
| 75-84 years | 144,669 | 12,895 | 26,029 | 16,254 | 21,618 | 23,533 | 12,084 | 10,169 | 4,357 | 12,927 | 4,805 |
| 85 years and over | 188,490 | 11,235 | 15,139 | 15,354 | 20,643 | 31,266 | 22,300 | 16,547 | 7,967 | 39,868 | 8,171 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 54,022 | 7,496 | 8,007 | 7,909 | 7,621 | 7,383 | 3,265 | 2,883 | 1,326 | 5,199 | 2,933 |
| 25-44 years | 2,850 | 742 | 570 | 503 | 226 | 240 | 65 | — | 80 | 154 | 271 |
| 45-64 years | 10,988 | 2,499 | 2,239 | 2,287 | 1,253 | 875 | 399 | 194 | — | 754 | 487 |
| 65-74 years | 12,316 | 1,725 | 2,185 | 1,955 | 1,736 | 1,725 | 690 | 633 | 58 | 1,035 | 575 |
| 75-84 years | 15,457 | 2,081 | 2,081 | 1,902 | 2,378 | 2,021 | 1,070 | 1,070 | 476 | 1,546 | 832 |
| 85 years and over | 12,411 | 449 | 932 | 1,261 | 2,028 | 2,522 | 1,042 | 987 | 713 | 1,710 | 767 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 3,571 | 241 | 318 | 588 | 990 | 410 | 315 | 447 | 21 | 195 | 45 |
| 25-44 years | 179 | 65 | 22 | 70 | 11 | — | — | 11 | — | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 980 | 68 | 165 | 246 | 230 | 206 | — | 10 | — | 33 | 23 |
| 65-74 years | 597 | 32 | 43 | 239 | 43 | — | — | 11 | 207 | 11 | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 1,265 | 44 | 67 | 22 | 460 | 100 | 241 | 219 | — | 89 | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 550 | 31 | 21 | 10 | 246 | 105 | 63 | — | 10 | 63 | — |

Both sexes

| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 13.8 | 17.1 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 13.5 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 2.6 | 10.3 | 3.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 29.4 | 24.6 | 15.1 | 9.3 | 6.7 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 6.0 | 4.9 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 23.9 | 24.9 | 18.1 | 10.6 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 5.3 | 3.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 17.4 | 21.9 | 14.4 | 14.6 | 11.4 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 6.5 | 3.4 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 11.9 | 16.5 | 11.7 | 14.6 | 15.4 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 2.7 | 9.0 | 3.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 6.6 | 9.5 | 8.6 | 12.4 | 17.0 | 11.4 | 8.8 | 4.2 | 17.4 | 4.0 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 13.6 | 17.2 | 12.3 | 13.2 | 13.5 | 7.6 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 10.5 | 3.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 28.4 | 26.2 | 14.8 | 10.0 | 6.8 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 6.6 | 3.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 23.9 | 25.5 | 18.4 | 10.2 | 6.5 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 5.2 | 3.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 17.5 | 22.4 | 14.3 | 15.0 | 11.1 | 4.9 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 6.4 | 3.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 11.8 | 16.6 | 11.6 | 14.6 | 15.8 | 7.7 | 6.6 | 2.7 | 8.9 | 3.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 6.8 | 9.6 | 8.6 | 12.0 | 16.6 | 11.6 | 9.0 | 4.2 | 17.7 | 3.8 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 16.5 | 17.5 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 13.0 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 2.1 | 8.5 | 5.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 33.5 | 19.4 | 16.0 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 4.5 | 9.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 25.0 | 22.5 | 16.1 | 12.0 | 7.6 | 4.4 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 6.0 | 4.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 17.5 | 19.7 | 13.9 | 11.7 | 14.0 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 0.9 | 7.5 | 4.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 13.4 | 16.8 | 12.8 | 14.2 | 12.8 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 3.2 | 9.6 | 3.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 16.4 | 20.4 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 4.5 | 12.3 | 7.2 |

Table 22. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help or using special equipment in dressing by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.4 | 8.2 | 17.0 | 19.2 | 17.9 | 11.8 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 13.2 | 1.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 27.5 | 17.6 | 16.3 | 17.7 | 15.8 | — | 2.6 | — | — | 2.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 9.1 | 18.4 | 22.0 | 15.6 | 28.9 | — | 1.3 | — | 2.7 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.6 | 7.5 | 39.7 | 23.9 | — | 0.9 | 17.7 | 1.9 | 2.8 | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.6 | 5.2 | 18.1 | 19.1 | 5.3 | 26.7 | 8.7 | — | 13.0 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 19.8 | 34.1 | 11.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 29.1 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 17.3 | 19.3 | 13.2 | 13.4 | 12.1 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 2.0 | 7.9 | 3.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 32.9 | 26.2 | 12.0 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 5.3 | 5.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 25.5 | 24.4 | 18.1 | 9.6 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 3.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 18.6 | 23.7 | 13.8 | 15.1 | 9.9 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 6.9 | 3.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 14.9 | 15.4 | 12.3 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 2.3 | 9.0 | 4.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.7 | 13.3 | 9.4 | 14.9 | 17.5 | 10.8 | 8.9 | 4.0 | 9.6 | 2.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 17.1 | 19.3 | 13.3 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 7.8 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 31.1 | 28.1 | 11.7 | 9.2 | 6.9 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 5.8 | 4.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 25.4 | 24.5 | 19.3 | 9.1 | 5.7 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 6.3 | 3.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 18.3 | 24.2 | 13.8 | 15.8 | 9.3 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 6.9 | 3.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 15.2 | 14.9 | 11.9 | 14.2 | 15.2 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 2.2 | 8.9 | 4.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.0 | 13.8 | 9.8 | 14.8 | 16.7 | 10.8 | 9.5 | 4.2 | 9.0 | 2.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 19.4 | 20.3 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.4 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 7.3 | 4.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 40.8 | 18.8 | 14.5 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 3.3 | — | 3.6 | 9.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 27.0 | 24.4 | 11.7 | 12.5 | 7.2 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 5.2 | 4.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 20.5 | 21.3 | 12.3 | 9.8 | 14.0 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 1.3 | 6.8 | 4.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 13.4 | 20.7 | 13.4 | 12.9 | 12.5 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 9.1 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.4 | 11.5 | 7.4 | 16.4 | 20.5 | 10.7 | 4.9 | 2.5 | 9.8 | 9.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.3 | 7.6 | 17.5 | 12.3 | 23.1 | 14.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 19.5 | 0.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 21.3 | 21.3 | — | 26.0 | 27.0 | — | — | — | — | 4.4 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 12.4 | 20.7 | 17.2 | 3.5 | 40.9 | — | 1.8 | — | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.8 | 7.8 | 39.3 | 41.3 | — | — | — | 1.9 | 3.9 | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.7 | 5.2 | 34.4 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 34.4 | — | — | 19.0 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 2.4 | — | 11.6 | 39.0 | 11.6 | 0.6 | — | 34.8 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.1 | 15.4 | 11.9 | 13.0 | 14.6 | 8.4 | 6.5 | 3.1 | 12.2 | 3.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 25.3 | 22.7 | 18.8 | 10.2 | 6.9 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 6.9 | 4.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 22.0 | 25.6 | 18.1 | 11.8 | 7.7 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 4.3 | 3.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 16.0 | 19.8 | 15.2 | 14.0 | 13.2 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 6.1 | 3.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.3 | 17.5 | 11.3 | 15.2 | 15.9 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.8 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 11.4 | 16.8 | 11.6 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 20.7 | 4.4 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 10.9 | 15.6 | 11.5 | 12.8 | 14.7 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 3.2 | 12.6 | 3.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 24.9 | 23.8 | 18.7 | 10.9 | 6.6 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 7.5 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 22.2 | 26.8 | 17.4 | 11.6 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 0.8 | 3.8 | 2.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 16.4 | 20.2 | 14.9 | 14.0 | 13.2 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 3.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 8.9 | 18.0 | 11.2 | 14.9 | 16.3 | 8.4 | 7.0 | 3.0 | 8.9 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 11.0 | 16.6 | 11.8 | 8.8 | 4.2 | 21.2 | 4.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 14.1 | 13.7 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 2.5 | 9.6 | 5.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 26.0 | 20.0 | 17.7 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 2.3 | — | 2.8 | 5.4 | 9.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 22.7 | 20.4 | 20.8 | 11.4 | 8.0 | 3.6 | 1.8 | — | 6.9 | 4.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 14.0 | 17.7 | 15.9 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 0.5 | 8.4 | 4.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 12.3 | 15.4 | 13.1 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 3.1 | 10.0 | 5.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.6 | 7.5 | 10.2 | 16.3 | 20.3 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 5.7 | 13.8 | 6.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 6.8 | 8.9 | 16.5 | 27.7 | 11.5 | 8.8 | 12.5 | 0.6 | 5.5 | 1.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 36.3 | 12.5 | 39.0 | 6.1 | — | — | 6.1 | — | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 7.0 | 16.9 | 25.1 | 23.4 | 21.0 | — | 1.0 | — | 3.3 | 2.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 40.1 | 7.2 | — | 1.8 | 34.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | — |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.5 | 5.3 | 1.8 | 36.4 | 7.9 | 19.1 | 17.3 | — | 7.0 | 1.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.7 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 44.8 | 19.1 | 11.4 | — | 1.9 | 11.4 | — |

Table 23. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in using the toilet during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in using toilet | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,867 | 959,338 | 984,468 | 43,061 | 100.0 | 48.3 | 49.5 | 2.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 27,544 | 95,266 | 2,881 | 100.0 | 21.9 | 75.8 | 2.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 147,011 | 234,574 | 8,723 | 100.0 | 37.7 | 60.1 | 2.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 210,348 | 259,146 | 10,530 | 100.0 | 43.8 | 54.0 | 2.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 296,425 | 260,167 | 12,022 | 100.0 | 52.1 | 45.8 | 2.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,231 | 278,010 | 135,315 | 8,906 | 100.0 | 65.8 | 32.0 | 2.1 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,773 | 849,831 | 853,246 | 36,696 | 100.0 | 48.8 | 49.0 | 2.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 21,471 | 69,712 | 1,942 | 100.0 | 23.1 | 74.9 | 2.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 124,248 | 191,033 | 6,939 | 100.0 | 38.6 | 59.3 | 2.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 181,586 | 229,989 | 9,358 | 100.0 | 43.1 | 54.6 | 2.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 264,856 | 238,187 | 10,579 | 100.0 | 51.6 | 46.4 | 2.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 257,670 | 124,325 | 7,878 | 100.0 | 66.1 | 31.9 | 2.0 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 101,122 | 120,662 | 6,220 | 100.0 | 44.4 | 52.9 | 2.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 5,685 | 23,367 | 893 | 100.0 | 19.0 | 78.0 | 3.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 21,542 | 40,488 | 1,728 | 100.0 | 33.8 | 63.5 | 2.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 26,555 | 27,346 | 1,172 | 100.0 | 48.2 | 49.7 | 2.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 29,071 | 20,263 | 1,410 | 100.0 | 57.3 | 39.9 | 2.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 18,269 | 9,199 | 1,017 | 100.0 | 64.1 | 32.3 | 3.6 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 8,384 | 10,564 | 145 | 100.0 | 43.9 | 55.3 | 0.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 388 | 2,188 | 46 | 100.0 | 14.8 | 83.5 | 1.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 1,221 | 3,054 | 55 | 100.0 | 28.2 | 70.5 | 1.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 2,207 | 1,812 | — | 100.0 | 54.9 | 45.1 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 2,497 | 1,718 | 33 | 100.0 | 58.8 | 40.4 | 0.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 2,071 | 1,793 | 10 | 100.0 | 53.4 | 46.3 | 0.3 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 416,842 | 588,713 | 24,193 | 100.0 | 40.5 | 57.2 | 2.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 14,994 | 70,283 | 2,019 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 80.5 | 2.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 78,142 | 157,574 | 6,517 | 100.0 | 32.3 | 65.1 | 2.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,722 | 110,987 | 161,687 | 7,048 | 100.0 | 39.7 | 57.8 | 2.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 133,534 | 140,342 | 5,512 | 100.0 | 47.8 | 50.2 | 2.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 79,184 | 58,827 | 3,097 | 100.0 | 56.1 | 41.7 | 2.2 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 364,953 | 509,972 | 20,259 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 57.0 | 2.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 11,902 | 51,727 | 1,452 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 79.5 | 2.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 66,609 | 130,205 | 5,103 | 100.0 | 33.0 | 64.5 | 2.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 96,105 | 144,747 | 6,222 | 100.0 | 38.9 | 58.6 | 2.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 119,115 | 128,694 | 4,745 | 100.0 | 47.2 | 51.0 | 1.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 71,223 | 54,599 | 2,738 | 100.0 | 55.4 | 42.5 | 2.1 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 47,431 | 71,998 | 3,865 | 100.0 | 38.5 | 58.4 | 3.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 2,884 | 16,915 | 533 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 83.2 | 2.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 11,004 | 25,598 | 1,391 | 100.0 | 29.0 | 67.4 | 3.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 13,884 | 15,573 | 827 | 100.0 | 45.8 | 51.4 | 2.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 13,198 | 10,371 | 756 | 100.0 | 54.3 | 42.6 | 3.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 6,462 | 3,542 | 359 | 100.0 | 62.4 | 34.2 | 3.5 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 4,458 | 6,744 | 69 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 59.8 | 0.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 209 | 1,641 | 35 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 87.1 | 1.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 530 | 1,771 | 23 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 76.2 | 1.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 999 | 1,368 | — | 100.0 | 42.2 | 57.8 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 1,221 | 1,277 | 11 | 100.0 | 48.7 | 50.9 | 0.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 1,499 | 687 | — | 100.0 | 68.6 | 31.4 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,120 | 542,496 | 395,756 | 18,868 | 100.0 | 56.7 | 41.3 | 2.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 12,550 | 24,984 | 862 | 100.0 | 32.7 | 65.1 | 2.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 68,869 | 77,000 | 2,206 | 100.0 | 46.5 | 52.0 | 1.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 99,361 | 97,459 | 3,482 | 100.0 | 49.6 | 48.7 | 1.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 162,891 | 119,825 | 6,510 | 100.0 | 56.3 | 41.4 | 2.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 198,826 | 76,489 | 5,809 | 100.0 | 70.7 | 27.2 | 2.1 | |

Table 23. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help or used special equipment in using the toilet during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Received help in using toilet | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 484,879 | 343,273 | 16,437 | 100.0 | 57.4 | 40.6 | 1.9 | | |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 9,569 | 17,984 | 490 | 100.0 | 34.1 | 64.1 | 1.7 | | |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 57,639 | 60,828 | 1,836 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 50.6 | 1.5 | | |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 85,481 | 85,242 | 3,137 | 100.0 | 49.2 | 49.0 | 1.8 | | |
| 75–84 years | 261,069 | 145,742 | 109,493 | 5,834 | 100.0 | 55.8 | 41.9 | 2.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 186,447 | 69,726 | 5,140 | 100.0 | 71.4 | 26.7 | 2.0 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 53,691 | 48,663 | 2,355 | 100.0 | 51.3 | 46.5 | 2.2 | | |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 2,801 | 6,452 | 361 | 100.0 | 29.1 | 67.1 | 3.8 | | |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 10,538 | 14,890 | 337 | 100.0 | 40.9 | 57.8 | 1.3 | | |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 12,671 | 11,773 | 345 | 100.0 | 51.1 | 47.5 | 1.4 | | |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 15,873 | 9,892 | 654 | 100.0 | 60.1 | 37.4 | 2.5 | | |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 11,808 | 5,657 | 658 | 100.0 | 65.2 | 31.2 | 3.6 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 3,926 | 3,820 | 76 | 100.0 | 50.2 | 48.8 | 1.0 | | |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 179 | 547 | 11 | 100.0 | 24.3 | 74.2 | 1.5 | | |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 691 | 1,282 | 33 | 100.0 | 34.5 | 63.9 | 1.6 | | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 1,209 | 444 | — | 100.0 | 73.1 | 26.9 | — | | |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 1,276 | 441 | 22 | 100.0 | 73.4 | 25.4 | 1.3 | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 571 | 1,106 | 10 | 100.0 | 33.8 | 65.5 | 0.6 | | |

Table 24. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help or using special equipment in using the toilet by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 959,338 | 164,879 | 181,913 | 121,676 | 116,665 | 117,639 | 61,555 | 50,496 | 22,456 | 87,203 | 348,556 | |
| 25-44 years | 27,544 | 9,239 | 6,779 | 3,866 | 2,167 | 1,519 | 576 | 307 | 198 | 1,625 | 1,268 | |
| 45-64 years | 147,011 | 41,001 | 40,749 | 22,688 | 12,996 | 9,254 | 4,432 | 2,248 | 1,157 | 8,020 | 4,466 | |
| 65-74 years | 210,348 | 48,169 | 47,354 | 31,921 | 25,478 | 21,415 | 8,397 | 6,573 | 3,242 | 11,680 | 6,120 | |
| 75-84 years | 296,425 | 43,893 | 56,887 | 34,085 | 43,575 | 38,027 | 20,987 | 17,619 | 7,862 | 23,099 | 10,390 | |
| 85 years and over | 278,010 | 22,577 | 30,144 | 29,116 | 32,449 | 47,424 | 27,164 | 23,750 | 9,996 | 42,779 | 12,611 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 849,832 | 143,210 | 160,667 | 107,283 | 102,552 | 105,205 | 55,112 | 46,501 | 20,740 | 78,395 | 30,166 | |
| 25-44 years | 21,471 | 6,796 | 5,659 | 2,878 | 1,894 | 1,193 | 420 | 216 | 113 | 1,378 | 924 | |
| 45-64 years | 124,248 | 34,512 | 35,041 | 19,342 | 10,344 | 7,450 | 3,704 | 2,054 | 1,157 | 6,942 | 3,703 | |
| 65-74 years | 181,586 | 42,194 | 40,782 | 28,085 | 22,145 | 18,268 | 7,158 | 5,455 | 2,926 | 9,906 | 4,667 | |
| 75-84 years | 264,856 | 38,384 | 51,461 | 30,111 | 39,016 | 34,879 | 18,499 | 15,776 | 7,056 | 20,328 | 9,347 | |
| 85 years and over | 257,670 | 21,323 | 27,725 | 26,868 | 29,153 | 43,416 | 25,331 | 23,001 | 9,488 | 39,842 | 11,525 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 101,122 | 20,126 | 20,429 | 13,385 | 12,381 | 11,700 | 5,661 | 3,515 | 1,487 | 7,839 | 4,600 | |
| 25-44 years | 5,685 | 2,344 | 1,019 | 955 | 220 | 258 | 145 | 91 | 85 | 247 | 321 | |
| 45-64 years | 21,542 | 6,343 | 5,422 | 3,068 | 2,424 | 1,587 | 707 | 194 | — | 1,055 | 741 | |
| 65-74 years | 26,555 | 4,826 | 6,293 | 3,596 | 3,065 | 3,136 | 1,217 | 911 | 306 | 1,753 | 1,453 | |
| 75-84 years | 29,071 | 5,420 | 5,338 | 3,528 | 4,065 | 3,060 | 2,007 | 1,591 | 588 | 2,476 | 999 | |
| 85 years and over | 18,269 | 1,192 | 2,358 | 2,238 | 2,607 | 3,658 | 1,585 | 728 | 508 | 2,308 | 1,087 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 8,384 | 1,543 | 816 | 1,008 | 1,733 | 734 | 782 | 480 | 229 | 969 | 90 | |
| 25-44 years | 388 | 98 | 102 | 33 | 53 | 68 | 11 | — | — | — | 23 | |
| 45-64 years | 1,221 | 146 | 287 | 278 | 228 | 217 | 20 | — | — | 23 | — | |
| 65-74 years | 2,207 | 1,149 | 279 | 240 | 268 | 11 | 22 | 207 | 11 | 22 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 2,497 | 89 | 89 | 447 | 494 | 89 | 481 | 252 | 218 | 295 | 44 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,070 | 62 | 61 | 10 | 689 | 350 | 248 | 21 | — | 629 | — | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 416,842 | 89,867 | 90,848 | 54,519 | 51,551 | 42,665 | 20,198 | 15,960 | 7,379 | 28,905 | 14,949 | |
| 25-44 years | 14,994 | 5,810 | 3,542 | 1,780 | 889 | 816 | 260 | 131 | 88 | 845 | 832 | |
| 45-64 years | 78,142 | 23,433 | 21,048 | 12,033 | 5,980 | 4,385 | 2,029 | 956 | 533 | 4,900 | 2,845 | |
| 65-74 years | 110,987 | 27,816 | 27,135 | 16,737 | 13,076 | 9,229 | 3,915 | 2,431 | 1,058 | 6,243 | 3,349 | |
| 75-84 years | 133,534 | 25,007 | 26,791 | 15,401 | 19,431 | 15,499 | 8,116 | 5,809 | 2,978 | 10,049 | 4,452 | |
| 85 years and over | 79,184 | 7,801 | 12,330 | 8,567 | 12,175 | 12,736 | 5,879 | 6,634 | 2,722 | 6,867 | 3,472 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 364,952 | 79,053 | 78,933 | 48,524 | 45,640 | 36,993 | 17,358 | 14,584 | 6,452 | 24,974 | 12,441 | |
| 25-44 years | 11,902 | 4,345 | 3,115 | 1,303 | 847 | 565 | 212 | 82 | 40 | 715 | 679 | |
| 45-64 years | 66,609 | 19,925 | 18,148 | 10,782 | 4,675 | 3,312 | 1,610 | 956 | 533 | 4,344 | 2,326 | |
| 65-74 years | 96,104 | 24,576 | 23,148 | 15,200 | 11,568 | 7,703 | 3,204 | 1,922 | 856 | 5,342 | 2,586 | |
| 75-84 years | 119,115 | 22,775 | 23,550 | 13,222 | 17,792 | 14,070 | 7,247 | 5,169 | 2,481 | 8,890 | 3,918 | |
| 85 years and over | 71,223 | 7,432 | 10,974 | 8,019 | 10,757 | 11,344 | 5,085 | 6,454 | 2,543 | 5,682 | 2,934 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 47,431 | 10,144 | 11,439 | 5,493 | 5,210 | 5,098 | 2,405 | 1,376 | 709 | 3,105 | 2,452 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,884 | 1,412 | 405 | 477 | — | 184 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 130 | 130 | |
| 45-64 years | 11,004 | 3,418 | 2,757 | 1,207 | 1,293 | 856 | 419 | — | — | 557 | 497 | |
| 65-74 years | 13,884 | 2,746 | 3,763 | 1,526 | 1,272 | 1,526 | 699 | 509 | 191 | 890 | 763 | |
| 75-84 years | 13,198 | 2,209 | 3,198 | 1,744 | 1,628 | 1,395 | 640 | 640 | 291 | 930 | 523 | |
| 85 years and over | 6,461 | 359 | 1,316 | 538 | 1,017 | 1,137 | 598 | 179 | 179 | 598 | 538 | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Other races, 25 years and over | 4,458 | 670 | 475 | 502 | 702 | 574 | 436 | — | 218 | 827 | 56 |
| 25–44 years | 209 | 53 | 22 | — | 42 | 68 | — | — | — | — | 23 |
| 45–64 years | 530 | 90 | 144 | 45 | 11 | 217 | — | — | — | — | 22 |
| 65–74 years | 999 | 494 | 225 | 11 | 236 | — | 11 | — | 11 | 11 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,221 | 22 | 44 | 436 | 11 | 33 | 229 | — | 207 | 229 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 1,499 | 10 | 40 | 10 | 401 | 256 | 196 | — | — | 587 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 542,496 | 75,012 | 91,065 | 67,157 | 65,114 | 74,974 | 41,357 | 34,537 | 15,077 | 58,298 | 19,906 |
| 25–44 years | 12,549 | 3,429 | 3,236 | 2,086 | 1,278 | 702 | 315 | 176 | 110 | 779 | 436 |
| 45–64 years | 68,869 | 17,568 | 19,701 | 10,655 | 7,016 | 4,869 | 2,403 | 1,293 | 624 | 3,119 | 1,622 |
| 65–74 years | 99,361 | 20,353 | 20,218 | 15,184 | 12,402 | 12,187 | 4,482 | 4,142 | 2,185 | 5,437 | 2,772 |
| 75–84 years | 162,891 | 18,886 | 30,096 | 18,684 | 24,143 | 22,529 | 12,872 | 11,811 | 4,883 | 13,050 | 5,938 |
| 85 years and over | 198,826 | 14,776 | 17,814 | 20,549 | 20,274 | 34,688 | 21,285 | 17,116 | 7,274 | 35,911 | 9,139 |
| White, 25 years and over | 484,879 | 64,157 | 81,734 | 58,759 | 56,912 | 68,212 | 37,754 | 31,918 | 14,288 | 53,422 | 17,725 |
| 25–44 years | 9,569 | 2,452 | 2,544 | 1,575 | 1,047 | 628 | 208 | 133 | 73 | 663 | 245 |
| 45–64 years | 57,639 | 14,587 | 16,894 | 8,560 | 5,669 | 4,138 | 2,094 | 1,099 | 624 | 2,598 | 1,378 |
| 65–74 years | 85,481 | 17,618 | 17,635 | 12,885 | 10,577 | 10,566 | 3,954 | 3,532 | 2,070 | 4,564 | 2,082 |
| 75–84 years | 145,742 | 15,609 | 27,911 | 16,889 | 21,223 | 20,808 | 11,252 | 10,607 | 4,575 | 11,438 | 5,429 |
| 85 years and over | 186,447 | 13,891 | 16,751 | 18,849 | 18,396 | 32,072 | 20,246 | 16,547 | 6,946 | 34,159 | 8,591 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 53,691 | 9,981 | 8,990 | 7,892 | 7,171 | 6,601 | 3,256 | 2,139 | 778 | 4,734 | 2,149 |
| 25–44 years | 2,801 | 932 | 613 | 478 | 220 | 74 | 97 | 43 | 37 | 117 | 191 |
| 45–64 years | 10,538 | 2,925 | 2,665 | 1,861 | 1,131 | 731 | 288 | 194 | — | 499 | 244 |
| 65–74 years | 12,671 | 2,081 | 2,530 | 2,070 | 1,793 | 1,610 | 518 | 403 | 115 | 863 | 690 |
| 75–84 years | 15,873 | 3,210 | 2,140 | 1,784 | 2,437 | 1,665 | 1,367 | 951 | 297 | 1,546 | 476 |
| 85 years and over | 11,808 | 833 | 1,042 | 1,699 | 1,590 | 2,522 | 987 | 548 | 329 | 1,710 | 548 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 3,926 | 874 | 341 | 506 | 1,031 | 161 | 347 | 480 | 11 | 142 | 33 |
| 25–44 years | 179 | 45 | 79 | 33 | 11 | — | 11 | — | — | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 691 | 55 | 143 | 234 | 217 | — | 20 | — | — | 23 | — |
| 65–74 years | 1,209 | 655 | 54 | 228 | 32 | 11 | 11 | 207 | — | 11 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,276 | 67 | 44 | 11 | 483 | 56 | 252 | 252 | 11 | 67 | 33 |
| 85 years and over | 571 | 52 | 21 | — | 288 | 94 | 52 | 21 | — | 42 | — |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 17.2 | 19.0 | 12.7 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 9.1 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 33.5 | 24.6 | 14.0 | 7.9 | 5.5 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 5.9 | 4.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 27.9 | 27.7 | 15.4 | 8.8 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 5.5 | 3.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 22.9 | 22.5 | 15.2 | 12.1 | 10.2 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 5.6 | 2.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 14.8 | 19.2 | 11.5 | 14.7 | 12.8 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 7.8 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.1 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 11.7 | 17.1 | 9.8 | 8.5 | 3.6 | 15.4 | 4.5 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.9 | 18.9 | 12.6 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 2.4 | 9.2 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 31.7 | 26.4 | 13.4 | 8.8 | 5.6 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 6.4 | 4.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 27.8 | 28.2 | 15.6 | 8.3 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 5.6 | 3.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 23.2 | 22.5 | 15.5 | 12.2 | 10.1 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 5.5 | 2.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 14.5 | 19.4 | 11.4 | 14.7 | 13.2 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 2.7 | 7.7 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.3 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 11.3 | 16.9 | 9.8 | 8.9 | 3.7 | 15.5 | 4.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 19.9 | 20.2 | 13.2 | 12.2 | 11.6 | 5.6 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 7.8 | 4.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 41.2 | 17.9 | 16.8 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4.3 | 5.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 29.5 | 25.2 | 14.2 | 11.3 | 7.4 | 3.3 | 0.9 | — | 4.9 | 3.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 18.2 | 23.7 | 13.5 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 6.6 | 5.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 18.6 | 18.4 | 12.1 | 14.0 | 10.5 | 6.9 | 5.5 | 2.0 | 8.5 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 6.5 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 14.2 | 20.0 | 8.7 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 12.6 | 6.0 |

Table 24. Number and percent distribution of decedents receiving help or using special equipment in using the toilet by length of time decedent received help, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 3 months | 3 months to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 18.4 | 9.7 | 12.0 | 20.7 | 8.8 | 9.3 | 5.7 | 2.7 | 11.6 | 1.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 25.3 | 26.2 | 8.6 | 13.7 | 17.5 | 2.8 | — | — | — | 5.9 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 11.9 | 23.5 | 22.8 | 18.7 | 17.8 | 1.7 | — | — | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 52.0 | 12.6 | 10.9 | 12.2 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 9.4 | 0.5 | 1.0 | — |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 17.9 | 19.8 | 3.6 | 19.3 | 10.1 | 8.7 | 11.8 | 1.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 33.3 | 16.9 | 12.0 | 1.0 | — | 30.4 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 21.6 | 21.8 | 13.1 | 12.4 | 10.2 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 6.9 | 3.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 38.8 | 23.6 | 11.9 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 17.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 30.0 | 26.9 | 15.4 | 7.7 | 5.6 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 6.3 | 3.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 25.1 | 24.5 | 15.1 | 11.8 | 8.3 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 5.6 | 3.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 18.7 | 20.1 | 11.5 | 14.6 | 11.6 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 7.5 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.9 | 15.6 | 10.8 | 15.4 | 16.1 | 7.4 | 8.4 | 3.4 | 8.7 | 4.4 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 21.7 | 21.6 | 13.3 | 12.5 | 10.1 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 6.8 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 36.5 | 26.2 | 11.0 | 7.1 | 4.7 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 29.9 | 27.3 | 16.2 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 6.5 | 3.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 25.6 | 24.1 | 15.8 | 12.0 | 8.0 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 5.6 | 2.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 19.1 | 19.8 | 11.1 | 14.9 | 11.8 | 6.1 | 4.3 | 2.1 | 7.5 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 10.4 | 15.4 | 11.3 | 15.1 | 15.9 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 4.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 21.4 | 24.1 | 11.6 | 11.0 | 10.8 | 5.1 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 6.6 | 5.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 49.0 | 14.1 | 16.6 | — | 6.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 31.1 | 25.1 | 11.0 | 11.8 | 7.8 | 3.8 | — | — | 5.1 | 4.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 19.8 | 27.1 | 11.0 | 9.2 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 6.4 | 5.5 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 16.7 | 24.2 | 13.2 | 12.3 | 10.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 2.2 | 7.1 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.6 | 20.4 | 8.3 | 15.7 | 17.6 | 9.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 9.3 | 8.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 15.0 | 10.7 | 11.3 | 15.7 | 12.8 | 9.8 | — | 4.9 | 18.5 | 1.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 25.6 | 10.6 | — | 20.3 | 32.5 | — | — | — | — | 11.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 17.0 | 27.2 | 8.5 | 2.2 | 41.0 | — | — | — | — | 4.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 49.4 | 22.5 | 1.1 | 23.6 | — | 1.1 | — | 1.1 | 1.1 | — |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 35.7 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 18.7 | — | 16.9 | 18.7 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 26.8 | 17.1 | 13.0 | — | — | 39.1 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 13.8 | 16.8 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 13.8 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 2.8 | 10.8 | 3.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 27.3 | 25.8 | 16.6 | 10.2 | 5.6 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 6.2 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 25.5 | 28.6 | 15.5 | 10.2 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 4.5 | 2.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 20.5 | 20.4 | 15.3 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 2.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 11.6 | 18.5 | 11.5 | 14.8 | 13.8 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 3.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.4 | 9.0 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 17.5 | 10.7 | 8.6 | 3.7 | 18.1 | 4.6 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 13.2 | 16.9 | 12.1 | 11.7 | 14.1 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 3.0 | 11.0 | 3.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 25.6 | 26.6 | 16.5 | 11.0 | 6.6 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 6.9 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 25.3 | 29.3 | 14.9 | 9.8 | 7.2 | 3.6 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 4.5 | 2.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 20.6 | 20.6 | 15.1 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 5.3 | 2.4 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 10.7 | 19.2 | 11.6 | 14.6 | 14.3 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 7.9 | 3.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 17.2 | 10.9 | 8.9 | 3.7 | 18.3 | 4.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 18.6 | 16.7 | 14.7 | 13.4 | 12.3 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 8.8 | 4.0 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 33.3 | 21.9 | 17.1 | 7.9 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 4.2 | 6.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 27.8 | 25.3 | 17.7 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 2.7 | 1.8 | — | 4.7 | 2.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 16.4 | 20.0 | 16.3 | 14.2 | 12.7 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 6.8 | 5.5 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 20.2 | 13.4 | 11.2 | 15.4 | 10.5 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 9.7 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 14.4 | 13.5 | 21.4 | 8.4 | 4.6 | 2.8 | 14.5 | 4.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 22.3 | 8.7 | 12.9 | 26.3 | 4.1 | 8.8 | 12.2 | 0.3 | 3.6 | 0.9 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 24.9 | 44.3 | 18.6 | 6.1 | — | 6.1 | — | — | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 8.3 | 20.6 | 33.8 | 31.4 | — | 2.9 | — | — | 3.3 | — |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 54.2 | 4.5 | 18.9 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 17.1 | — | 0.9 | — |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 37.8 | 4.4 | 19.8 | 19.8 | 0.9 | 5.2 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.2 | 3.7 | — | 50.5 | 16.5 | 9.2 | 3.7 | — | 7.3 | — |

Table 25. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help at home in walking, eating, bathing, dressing, or using the toilet during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Received help at home | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,717,508 | 746,698 | 881,199 | 89,611 | 100.0 | 43.5 | 51.3 | 5.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 123,194 | 25,252 | 93,218 | 4,724 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 75.7 | 3.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 376,598 | 141,992 | 221,997 | 12,609 | 100.0 | 37.7 | 59.0 | 3.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 452,539 | 198,611 | 236,116 | 17,812 | 100.0 | 43.9 | 52.2 | 3.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 488,075 | 225,769 | 233,268 | 29,038 | 100.0 | 46.3 | 47.8 | 6.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 277,103 | 155,074 | 96,601 | 25,428 | 100.0 | 56.0 | 34.9 | 9.2 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,487,988 | 648,532 | 759,711 | 79,744 | 100.0 | 43.6 | 51.1 | 5.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 91,306 | 19,755 | 68,068 | 3,483 | 100.0 | 21.6 | 74.6 | 3.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 310,797 | 119,497 | 180,854 | 10,446 | 100.0 | 38.5 | 58.2 | 3.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 397,117 | 171,073 | 209,956 | 16,088 | 100.0 | 43.1 | 52.9 | 4.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 438,083 | 199,080 | 212,486 | 26,517 | 100.0 | 45.4 | 48.5 | 6.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 250,684 | 139,127 | 88,348 | 23,210 | 100.0 | 55.5 | 35.2 | 9.3 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 211,777 | 91,152 | 111,267 | 9,358 | 100.0 | 43.0 | 52.5 | 4.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,355 | 5,045 | 23,241 | 1,069 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 79.2 | 3.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 61,515 | 21,026 | 38,380 | 2,110 | 100.0 | 34.2 | 62.4 | 3.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 51,446 | 25,762 | 24,168 | 1,517 | 100.0 | 50.1 | 47.0 | 3.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 46,380 | 25,132 | 18,782 | 2,465 | 100.0 | 54.2 | 40.5 | 5.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 23,081 | 14,186 | 6,696 | 2,198 | 100.0 | 61.5 | 29.0 | 9.5 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 17,742 | 7,013 | 10,221 | 509 | 100.0 | 39.5 | 57.6 | 2.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,533 | 451 | 1,909 | 173 | 100.0 | 17.8 | 75.4 | 6.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,285 | 1,468 | 2,763 | 53 | 100.0 | 34.3 | 64.5 | 1.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 3,975 | 1,776 | 1,992 | 207 | 100.0 | 44.7 | 50.1 | 5.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 3,612 | 1,557 | 2,000 | 55 | 100.0 | 43.1 | 55.4 | 1.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,338 | 1,761 | 1,557 | 21 | 100.0 | 52.8 | 46.6 | 0.6 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 942,598 | 358,357 | 540,967 | 43,273 | 100.0 | 38.0 | 57.4 | 4.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 85,633 | 13,410 | 69,108 | 3,115 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 80.7 | 3.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 234,509 | 73,255 | 152,502 | 8,753 | 100.0 | 31.2 | 65.0 | 3.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 265,646 | 104,692 | 150,716 | 10,238 | 100.0 | 39.4 | 56.7 | 3.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 250,045 | 111,829 | 124,622 | 13,594 | 100.0 | 44.7 | 49.8 | 5.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 106,764 | 55,171 | 44,020 | 7,573 | 100.0 | 51.7 | 41.2 | 7.1 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 815,245 | 310,461 | 466,981 | 37,803 | 100.0 | 38.1 | 57.3 | 4.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 63,836 | 10,594 | 50,963 | 2,279 | 100.0 | 16.6 | 79.8 | 3.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 195,388 | 62,340 | 125,969 | 7,079 | 100.0 | 31.9 | 64.5 | 3.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 234,873 | 90,138 | 135,324 | 9,412 | 100.0 | 38.4 | 57.6 | 4.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 225,065 | 99,255 | 113,622 | 12,188 | 100.0 | 44.1 | 50.5 | 5.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 96,083 | 48,134 | 41,104 | 6,845 | 100.0 | 50.1 | 42.8 | 7.1 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 116,931 | 44,076 | 67,554 | 5,301 | 100.0 | 37.7 | 57.8 | 4.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 19,991 | 2,598 | 16,682 | 711 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 83.5 | 3.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 36,820 | 10,209 | 24,960 | 1,650 | 100.0 | 27.7 | 67.8 | 4.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 28,439 | 13,780 | 13,832 | 827 | 100.0 | 48.5 | 48.6 | 2.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 22,755 | 11,744 | 9,615 | 1,395 | 100.0 | 51.6 | 42.3 | 6.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 8,926 | 5,744 | 2,465 | 718 | 100.0 | 64.4 | 27.6 | 8.0 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 10,421 | 3,821 | 6,431 | 169 | 100.0 | 36.7 | 61.7 | 1.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,806 | 218 | 1,463 | 125 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 81.0 | 6.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,301 | 705 | 1,573 | 23 | 100.0 | 30.7 | 68.4 | 1.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,334 | 774 | 1,559 | -- | 100.0 | 33.2 | 66.8 | -- | |
| 75-84 years | 2,225 | 830 | 1,384 | 11 | 100.0 | 37.3 | 62.2 | 0.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,755 | 1,294 | 451 | 10 | 100.0 | 73.7 | 25.7 | 0.6 | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 774,910 | 388,339 | 340,232 | 46,338 | 100.0 | 50.1 | 43.9 | 6.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 37,561 | 11,842 | 24,110 | 1,610 | 100.0 | 31.5 | 64.2 | 4.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 142,089 | 68,738 | 69,495 | 3,856 | 100.0 | 48.4 | 48.9 | 2.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 186,893 | 93,919 | 85,401 | 7,573 | 100.0 | 50.3 | 45.7 | 4.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 238,029 | 113,939 | 108,646 | 15,444 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 45.6 | 6.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 170,339 | 99,902 | 52,581 | 17,855 | 100.0 | 58.7 | 30.9 | 10.5 | |

Table 25. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help at home in walking, eating, bathing, dressing, or using the toilet during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Received help at home | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 672,743 | 338,072 | 292,729 | 41,941 | 100.0 | 50.3 | 43.5 | 6.2 |
| 25–44 years | 27,471 | 9,161 | 17,105 | 1,204 | 100.0 | 33.4 | 62.3 | 4.4 |
| 45–64 years | 115,409 | 57,157 | 54,885 | 3,367 | 100.0 | 49.5 | 47.6 | 2.9 |
| 65–74 years | 162,244 | 80,936 | 74,632 | 6,676 | 100.0 | 49.9 | 46.0 | 4.1 |
| 75–84 years | 213,017 | 99,825 | 98,863 | 14,329 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 46.4 | 6.7 |
| 85 years and over | 154,602 | 90,993 | 47,244 | 16,365 | 100.0 | 58.9 | 30.6 | 10.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 94,845 | 47,075 | 43,713 | 4,057 | 100.0 | 49.6 | 46.1 | 4.3 |
| 25–44 years | 9,364 | 2,447 | 6,559 | 358 | 100.0 | 26.1 | 70.1 | 3.8 |
| 45–64 years | 24,696 | 10,817 | 13,420 | 459 | 100.0 | 43.8 | 54.3 | 1.9 |
| 65–74 years | 23,007 | 11,981 | 10,335 | 690 | 100.0 | 52.1 | 44.9 | 3.0 |
| 75–84 years | 23,625 | 13,388 | 9,167 | 1,070 | 100.0 | 56.7 | 38.8 | 4.5 |
| 85 years and over | 14,154 | 8,442 | 4,232 | 1,480 | 100.0 | 59.6 | 29.9 | 10.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,321 | 3,192 | 3,790 | 340 | 100.0 | 43.6 | 51.8 | 4.6 |
| 25–44 years | 726 | 233 | 445 | 48 | 100.0 | 32.1 | 61.3 | 6.6 |
| 45–64 years | 1,984 | 763 | 1,190 | 30 | 100.0 | 38.5 | 60.0 | 1.5 |
| 65–74 years | 1,641 | 1,002 | 433 | 207 | 100.0 | 61.0 | 26.4 | 12.6 |
| 75–84 years | 1,387 | 727 | 616 | 44 | 100.0 | 52.4 | 44.4 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 1,583 | 467 | 1,105 | 10 | 100.0 | 29.5 | 69.8 | 0.7 |

Table 26. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help at home in taking medicines or pills, administering injections, or changing bandages, or in other nursing care, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Received help at home | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,717,508 | 767,219 | 855,829 | 94,461 | 100.0 | 44.7 | 49.8 | 5.5 |
| 25-44 years | 123,194 | 28,283 | 90,440 | 4,472 | 100.0 | 23.0 | 73.4 | 3.6 |
| 45-64 years | 376,598 | 150,561 | 212,315 | 13,722 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 56.4 | 3.6 |
| 65-74 years | 452,539 | 205,131 | 228,947 | 18,461 | 100.0 | 45.3 | 50.6 | 4.1 |
| 75-84 years | 488,074 | 230,553 | 226,419 | 31,102 | 100.0 | 47.2 | 46.4 | 6.4 |
| 85 years and over | 277,103 | 152,691 | 97,708 | 26,704 | 100.0 | 55.1 | 35.3 | 9.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,487,989 | 668,603 | 735,536 | 83,850 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 49.4 | 5.6 |
| 25-44 years | 91,306 | 22,378 | 65,549 | 3,379 | 100.0 | 24.5 | 71.8 | 3.7 |
| 45-64 years | 310,798 | 126,649 | 172,746 | 11,403 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 55.6 | 3.7 |
| 65-74 years | 397,118 | 177,917 | 202,514 | 16,687 | 100.0 | 44.8 | 51.0 | 4.2 |
| 75-84 years | 438,082 | 204,234 | 205,664 | 28,184 | 100.0 | 46.6 | 47.0 | 6.4 |
| 85 years and over | 250,684 | 137,425 | 89,063 | 24,196 | 100.0 | 54.8 | 35.5 | 9.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 211,777 | 91,041 | 110,586 | 10,150 | 100.0 | 43.0 | 52.2 | 4.8 |
| 25-44 years | 29,355 | 5,406 | 23,014 | 935 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 78.4 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 61,515 | 22,249 | 36,968 | 2,299 | 100.0 | 36.2 | 60.1 | 3.7 |
| 65-74 years | 51,446 | 25,350 | 24,540 | 1,556 | 100.0 | 49.3 | 47.7 | 3.0 |
| 75-84 years | 46,380 | 24,543 | 18,963 | 2,874 | 100.0 | 52.9 | 40.9 | 6.2 |
| 85 years and over | 23,080 | 13,493 | 7,100 | 2,487 | 100.0 | 58.5 | 30.8 | 10.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 17,742 | 7,574 | 9,708 | 461 | 100.0 | 42.7 | 54.7 | 2.6 |
| 25-44 years | 2,533 | 498 | 1,877 | 158 | 100.0 | 19.7 | 74.1 | 6.2 |
| 45-64 years | 4,285 | 1,663 | 2,601 | 20 | 100.0 | 38.8 | 60.7 | 0.5 |
| 65-74 years | 3,975 | 1,864 | 1,893 | 218 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 47.6 | 5.5 |
| 75-84 years | 3,612 | 1,776 | 1,792 | 44 | 100.0 | 49.2 | 49.6 | 1.2 |
| 85 years and over | 3,338 | 1,773 | 1,545 | 21 | 100.0 | 53.1 | 46.3 | 0.6 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 942,598 | 394,447 | 501,998 | 46,153 | 100.0 | 41.9 | 53.3 | 4.9 |
| 25-44 years | 85,633 | 15,885 | 66,775 | 2,973 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 78.0 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 234,509 | 84,010 | 141,074 | 9,425 | 100.0 | 35.8 | 60.2 | 4.0 |
| 65-74 years | 265,646 | 116,529 | 139,081 | 10,036 | 100.0 | 43.9 | 52.4 | 3.8 |
| 75-84 years | 250,046 | 121,294 | 113,568 | 15,184 | 100.0 | 48.5 | 45.4 | 6.1 |
| 85 years and over | 106,764 | 56,729 | 41,500 | 8,535 | 100.0 | 53.1 | 38.9 | 8.0 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 815,246 | 344,245 | 430,681 | 40,320 | 100.0 | 42.2 | 52.8 | 5.0 |
| 25-44 years | 63,836 | 12,613 | 49,006 | 2,217 | 100.0 | 19.8 | 76.8 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 195,389 | 71,655 | 116,088 | 7,646 | 100.0 | 36.7 | 59.4 | 3.9 |
| 65-74 years | 234,873 | 101,110 | 124,363 | 9,400 | 100.0 | 43.1 | 53.0 | 4.0 |
| 75-84 years | 225,066 | 108,963 | 102,674 | 13,429 | 100.0 | 48.4 | 45.6 | 6.0 |
| 85 years and over | 96,083 | 49,905 | 38,551 | 7,628 | 100.0 | 51.9 | 40.1 | 7.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 116,931 | 45,377 | 65,878 | 5,676 | 100.0 | 38.8 | 56.3 | 4.9 |
| 25-44 years | 19,991 | 2,991 | 16,381 | 620 | 100.0 | 15.0 | 81.9 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 36,820 | 11,377 | 23,664 | 1,779 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 64.3 | 4.8 |
| 65-74 years | 28,439 | 14,174 | 13,630 | 636 | 100.0 | 49.8 | 47.9 | 2.2 |
| 75-84 years | 22,755 | 11,512 | 9,499 | 1,744 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 41.8 | 7.7 |
| 85 years and over | 8,926 | 5,325 | 2,704 | 897 | 100.0 | 59.7 | 30.3 | 10.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 10,421 | 4,825 | 5,439 | 157 | 100.0 | 46.3 | 52.2 | 1.5 |
| 25-44 years | 1,806 | 282 | 1,388 | 136 | 100.0 | 15.6 | 76.9 | 7.5 |
| 45-64 years | 2,301 | 978 | 1,322 | — | 100.0 | 42.5 | 57.5 | — |
| 65-74 years | 2,334 | 1,246 | 1,088 | — | 100.0 | 53.4 | 46.6 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,225 | 819 | 1,395 | 11 | 100.0 | 36.8 | 62.7 | 0.5 |
| 85 years and over | 1,755 | 1,499 | 246 | 10 | 100.0 | 85.4 | 14.0 | 0.6 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 774,909 | 372,771 | 353,830 | 48,308 | 100.0 | 48.1 | 45.7 | 6.2 |
| 25-44 years | 37,561 | 12,397 | 23,665 | 1,499 | 100.0 | 33.0 | 63.0 | 4.0 |
| 45-64 years | 142,089 | 66,551 | 71,241 | 4,297 | 100.0 | 46.8 | 50.1 | 3.0 |
| 65-74 years | 186,893 | 88,602 | 89,866 | 8,424 | 100.0 | 47.4 | 48.1 | 4.5 |
| 75-84 years | 238,028 | 109,259 | 112,851 | 15,918 | 100.0 | 45.9 | 47.4 | 6.7 |
| 85 years and over | 170,339 | 95,962 | 56,208 | 18,169 | 100.0 | 56.3 | 33.0 | 10.7 |

Table 26. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent received help at home in taking medicines or pills, administering injections, or changing bandages, or in other nursing care, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Received help at home | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 672,742 | 324,359 | 304,854 | 43,530 | 100.0 | 48.2 | 45.3 | 6.5 | |
| 25–44 years | 27,471 | 9,766 | 16,543 | 1,162 | 100.0 | 35.6 | 60.2 | 4.2 | |
| 45–64 years | 115,409 | 54,994 | 56,658 | 3,757 | 100.0 | 47.7 | 49.1 | 3.3 | |
| 65–74 years | 162,244 | 76,807 | 78,151 | 7,287 | 100.0 | 47.3 | 48.2 | 4.5 | |
| 75–84 years | 213,017 | 95,271 | 102,990 | 14,756 | 100.0 | 44.7 | 48.4 | 6.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 154,602 | 87,520 | 50,513 | 16,569 | 100.0 | 56.6 | 32.7 | 10.7 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 94,845 | 45,663 | 44,708 | 4,474 | 100.0 | 48.2 | 47.1 | 4.7 | |
| 25–44 years | 9,364 | 2,416 | 6,634 | 315 | 100.0 | 25.8 | 70.8 | 3.4 | |
| 45–64 years | 24,696 | 10,872 | 13,304 | 520 | 100.0 | 44.0 | 53.9 | 2.1 | |
| 65–74 years | 23,007 | 11,176 | 10,910 | 920 | 100.0 | 48.6 | 47.4 | 4.0 | |
| 75–84 years | 23,625 | 13,031 | 9,464 | 1,130 | 100.0 | 55.2 | 40.1 | 4.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 14,154 | 8,168 | 4,396 | 1,590 | 100.0 | 57.7 | 31.1 | 11.2 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,321 | 2,749 | 4,268 | 303 | 100.0 | 37.6 | 58.3 | 4.2 | |
| 25–44 years | 726 | 216 | 488 | 22 | 100.0 | 29.7 | 67.3 | 3.0 | |
| 45–64 years | 1,984 | 685 | 1,279 | 20 | 100.0 | 34.5 | 64.5 | 1.0 | |
| 65–74 years | 1,641 | 618 | 805 | 218 | 100.0 | 37.7 | 49.1 | 13.3 | |
| 75–84 years | 1,387 | 957 | 397 | 33 | 100.0 | 69.0 | 28.6 | 2.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,583 | 273 | 1,299 | 10 | 100.0 | 17.3 | 82.1 | 0.7 | |

Table 27. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether another person provided help at home during last year of life, according to relationship to decedent: United States, 1986

| Relationship to decedent | Was help provided | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|--------|------|---------------|----------------------|--|
| | Total | Provided help | Did not provide help | Don't know | Total | | Provided help | Did not provide help | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Husband or wife | 734,776 | 320,608 | 336,475 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 43.6 | 45.8 | 10.6 | |
| Son | 734,776 | 157,452 | 499,631 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 68.0 | 10.6 | |
| Daughter | 734,776 | 259,310 | 397,773 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 35.3 | 54.1 | 10.6 | |
| Parent | 734,776 | 16,254 | 640,829 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 87.1 | 10.6 | |
| Sibling | 734,776 | 56,869 | 600,213 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 81.7 | 10.6 | |
| Son- or daughter-in-law | 734,776 | 72,644 | 584,439 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 79.5 | 10.6 | |
| Niece or nephew | 734,776 | 28,579 | 628,504 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 85.5 | 10.6 | |
| Grandson or granddaughter | 734,776 | 44,947 | 612,136 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 83.3 | 10.6 | |
| Neighbor or friend | 734,776 | 90,124 | 566,959 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 12.3 | 77.2 | 10.6 | |
| Visiting nurse | 734,776 | 212,786 | 444,296 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 29.0 | 60.5 | 10.6 | |
| Visiting homemaker | 734,776 | 69,572 | 576,511 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 80.0 | 10.6 | |
| Other | 734,776 | 118,067 | 539,016 | 77,693 | 100.0 | 16.1 | 73.4 | 10.6 | |

Table 28. Number and percent distribution of decedents by frequency of trouble in understanding where he or she was during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age:
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| Sex, race, and age | Total | Frequency of trouble | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|--|
| | | All or most of the time | Some of the time | Last few hours or days | Never or hardly ever | Don't know | Total | All or most of the time | Some of the time | Last few hours or days | Never or hardly ever | Don't know | |
| | | Number | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,868 | 158,796 | 263,114 | 289,802 | 1,220,415 | 54,742 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 13.2 | 14.6 | 61.4 | 2.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 2,809 | 7,784 | 13,600 | 96,012 | 5,486 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 6.2 | 10.8 | 76.4 | 4.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 9,784 | 29,697 | 63,011 | 275,844 | 11,971 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 7.6 | 16.1 | 70.7 | 3.1 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 20,191 | 49,631 | 76,590 | 318,549 | 15,064 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 10.3 | 16.0 | 66.4 | 3.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 56,179 | 85,274 | 83,634 | 329,845 | 13,681 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 15.0 | 14.7 | 58.0 | 2.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 69,833 | 90,727 | 52,968 | 200,165 | 8,540 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 21.5 | 12.5 | 47.4 | 2.0 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,774 | 142,717 | 229,252 | 258,781 | 1,063,521 | 45,502 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 13.2 | 14.9 | 61.1 | 2.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 1,935 | 6,001 | 10,603 | 70,800 | 3,786 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 6.4 | 11.4 | 76.0 | 4.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 8,129 | 23,299 | 54,202 | 227,101 | 9,489 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 7.2 | 16.8 | 70.5 | 3.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,934 | 17,035 | 41,216 | 67,585 | 281,752 | 13,346 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 9.8 | 16.1 | 66.9 | 3.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 50,216 | 75,060 | 76,552 | 300,176 | 11,618 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 14.6 | 14.9 | 58.4 | 2.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 65,402 | 83,676 | 49,840 | 183,692 | 7,263 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 21.5 | 12.8 | 47.1 | 1.9 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 14,416 | 31,203 | 28,723 | 145,313 | 8,349 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 63.7 | 3.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 839 | 1,636 | 2,645 | 23,244 | 1,580 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 5.5 | 8.8 | 77.6 | 5.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 1,634 | 5,939 | 8,261 | 45,530 | 2,394 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 9.3 | 13.0 | 71.4 | 3.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 2,906 | 7,705 | 8,027 | 35,148 | 1,287 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 14.0 | 14.6 | 63.8 | 2.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 5,348 | 9,611 | 6,765 | 27,197 | 1,822 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 18.9 | 13.3 | 53.6 | 3.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 3,688 | 6,312 | 3,025 | 14,193 | 1,266 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 22.2 | 10.6 | 49.8 | 4.5 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 1,662 | 2,658 | 2,298 | 11,583 | 891 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 13.9 | 12.0 | 60.7 | 4.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 34 | 148 | 352 | 1,968 | 120 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 5.7 | 13.4 | 75.1 | 4.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 21 | 458 | 549 | 3,214 | 88 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 10.6 | 12.7 | 74.2 | 2.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 250 | 711 | 978 | 1,649 | 431 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 17.7 | 24.3 | 41.0 | 10.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 614 | 603 | 318 | 2,472 | 241 | 100.0 | 14.5 | 14.2 | 7.5 | 58.2 | 5.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 742 | 739 | 103 | 2,280 | 10 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 19.1 | 2.7 | 58.9 | 0.3 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 55,721 | 116,945 | 141,292 | 681,532 | 34,258 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 11.4 | 13.7 | 66.2 | 3.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 1,576 | 4,943 | 7,885 | 68,794 | 4,099 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 5.7 | 9.0 | 78.8 | 4.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 6,945 | 17,019 | 34,486 | 174,264 | 9,519 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 14.2 | 71.9 | 3.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 9,455 | 28,916 | 43,979 | 187,551 | 9,822 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 10.3 | 15.7 | 67.1 | 3.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,387 | 21,993 | 37,161 | 39,239 | 173,437 | 7,557 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 13.3 | 14.0 | 62.1 | 2.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 15,752 | 28,907 | 15,703 | 77,486 | 3,261 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 20.5 | 11.1 | 54.9 | 2.3 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 48,202 | 100,280 | 125,478 | 592,882 | 28,342 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 11.2 | 14.0 | 66.2 | 3.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 1,166 | 3,854 | 6,109 | 51,068 | 2,884 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 5.9 | 9.4 | 78.5 | 4.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 5,809 | 13,395 | 29,735 | 145,460 | 7,518 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 6.6 | 14.7 | 72.0 | 3.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 7,918 | 23,981 | 38,969 | 167,423 | 8,782 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 9.7 | 15.8 | 67.8 | 3.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 19,021 | 32,832 | 35,790 | 158,295 | 6,616 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 13.0 | 14.2 | 62.7 | 2.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 14,288 | 26,218 | 14,875 | 70,636 | 2,543 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 20.4 | 11.6 | 54.9 | 2.0 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 6,596 | 15,419 | 14,207 | 81,513 | 5,559 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 12.5 | 11.5 | 66.1 | 4.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 376 | 988 | 1,604 | 16,235 | 1,128 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 4.9 | 7.9 | 79.9 | 5.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 1,124 | 3,492 | 4,281 | 27,140 | 1,956 | 100.4 | 3.0 | 9.2 | 11.3 | 71.4 | 5.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 1,526 | 4,474 | 4,347 | 19,110 | 827 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 14.8 | 14.4 | 63.1 | 2.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 2,733 | 4,012 | 3,198 | 13,453 | 930 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 16.5 | 13.2 | 55.3 | 3.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 838 | 2,453 | 778 | 5,576 | 718 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 23.7 | 7.5 | 53.8 | 6.9 | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 923 | 1,246 | 1,606 | 7,138 | 357 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 11.1 | 14.3 | 63.3 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 34 | 100 | 172 | 1,492 | 87 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 5.3 | 9.1 | 79.2 | 4.6 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 11 | 133 | 470 | 1,664 | 45 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 5.7 | 20.3 | 71.6 | 2.0 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 11 | 461 | 663 | 1,019 | 214 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 19.5 | 28.0 | 43.0 | 9.0 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 240 | 317 | 251 | 1,690 | 11 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 12.6 | 10.0 | 67.4 | 0.4 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 627 | 236 | 50 | 1,274 | - | 100.0 | 28.7 | 10.8 | 2.3 | 58.3 | - |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,120 | 103,075 | 146,168 | 148,511 | 538,883 | 20,484 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 15.3 | 15.5 | 56.3 | 2.1 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 1,233 | 2,842 | 5,715 | 27,218 | 1,387 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 7.4 | 14.9 | 70.9 | 3.6 |
| 45-64 years | 148,074 | 2,840 | 12,678 | 28,525 | 101,580 | 2,452 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 8.6 | 19.3 | 68.6 | 1.7 |
| 65-74 years | 200,301 | 10,736 | 20,715 | 32,610 | 130,998 | 5,242 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 10.3 | 16.3 | 65.4 | 2.6 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 34,185 | 48,114 | 44,396 | 156,408 | 6,124 | 100.0 | 11.8 | 16.6 | 15.4 | 54.1 | 2.1 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 54,080 | 61,820 | 37,265 | 122,679 | 5,279 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 22.0 | 13.3 | 43.6 | 1.9 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,588 | 94,516 | 128,972 | 133,303 | 470,637 | 17,160 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 15.3 | 15.8 | 55.7 | 2.0 |
| 25-44 years | 28,044 | 770 | 2,147 | 4,493 | 19,732 | 902 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 7.7 | 16.0 | 70.4 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 120,303 | 2,320 | 9,904 | 24,467 | 81,640 | 1,972 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 8.2 | 20.3 | 67.9 | 1.6 |
| 65-74 years | 173,860 | 9,117 | 17,235 | 28,616 | 114,329 | 4,564 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 9.9 | 16.5 | 65.8 | 2.6 |
| 75-84 years | 261,068 | 31,195 | 42,228 | 40,762 | 141,881 | 5,002 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 16.2 | 15.6 | 54.4 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 51,114 | 57,458 | 34,965 | 113,055 | 4,721 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 22.0 | 13.4 | 43.3 | 1.8 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 7,820 | 15,784 | 14,515 | 63,800 | 2,790 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 15.1 | 13.9 | 60.9 | 2.7 |
| 25-44 years | 9,614 | 464 | 647 | 1,041 | 7,010 | 452 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 10.8 | 72.9 | 4.7 |
| 45-64 years | 25,765 | 510 | 2,448 | 3,980 | 18,390 | 437 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 9.5 | 15.5 | 71.4 | 1.7 |
| 65-74 years | 24,789 | 1,380 | 3,231 | 3,680 | 16,039 | 460 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 13.0 | 14.9 | 64.7 | 1.9 |
| 75-84 years | 26,419 | 2,616 | 5,600 | 3,567 | 13,744 | 892 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 21.2 | 13.5 | 52.0 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 2,851 | 3,859 | 2,248 | 8,617 | 548 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 21.3 | 12.4 | 47.6 | 3.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 739 | 1,412 | 692 | 4,445 | 534 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 18.1 | 8.9 | 56.8 | 6.8 |
| 25-44 years | 737 | - | 48 | 180 | 476 | 33 | 100.0 | - | 6.5 | 24.5 | 64.6 | 4.5 |
| 45-64 years | 2,007 | 10 | 325 | 78 | 1,550 | 43 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 16.2 | 3.9 | 77.3 | 2.1 |
| 65-74 years | 1,652 | 239 | 250 | 315 | 631 | 218 | 100.0 | 14.5 | 15.1 | 19.0 | 38.2 | 13.2 |
| 75-84 years | 1,739 | 374 | 286 | 67 | 782 | 230 | 100.0 | 21.5 | 16.4 | 3.8 | 45.0 | 13.2 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 115 | 503 | 52 | 1,006 | 10 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 29.8 | 3.1 | 59.6 | 0.6 |

Table 29. Number and percent distribution of decedents by frequency of trouble in remembering what year it was during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Frequency of trouble | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| | | All or most of the time | Some of the time | Last few hours or days | Never or hardly ever | Don't know | Total | All or most of the time | Some of the time | Last few hours or days | Never or hardly ever |
| | | Number | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,868 | 192,982 | 222,869 | 216,392 | 1,296,073 | 58,552 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 11.2 | 10.9 | 65.2 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 2,965 | 5,594 | 9,883 | 101,554 | 5,695 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 7.9 | 80.8 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 10,643 | 23,954 | 47,362 | 295,832 | 12,517 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 6.1 | 12.1 | 75.8 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 24,565 | 39,379 | 59,101 | 341,801 | 15,180 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 8.2 | 12.3 | 71.2 |
| 75-84 years | 568,613 | 67,691 | 71,881 | 63,385 | 350,580 | 15,076 | 100.0 | 11.9 | 12.6 | 11.2 | 61.7 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 87,118 | 82,061 | 36,662 | 206,306 | 10,084 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 19.4 | 8.7 | 48.9 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,772 | 174,025 | 191,400 | 191,991 | 1,134,052 | 48,305 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 65.2 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 2,254 | 4,288 | 7,883 | 74,810 | 3,890 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 4.6 | 8.5 | 80.3 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 8,945 | 17,988 | 39,995 | 245,320 | 9,972 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 5.6 | 12.4 | 76.1 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 20,461 | 32,110 | 51,324 | 303,916 | 13,121 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 7.6 | 12.2 | 72.2 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 60,782 | 62,646 | 58,107 | 319,425 | 12,663 | 100.0 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.3 | 62.2 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 81,584 | 74,368 | 34,682 | 190,581 | 8,658 | 100.0 | 20.9 | 19.1 | 8.9 | 48.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 17,230 | 28,666 | 22,482 | 150,060 | 9,565 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 12.6 | 9.9 | 65.8 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 677 | 1,160 | 1,721 | 24,702 | 1,685 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 5.8 | 82.5 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 1,688 | 5,508 | 6,808 | 47,297 | 2,458 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 8.6 | 10.7 | 74.2 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 3,875 | 6,552 | 6,847 | 35,965 | 1,834 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 11.9 | 12.4 | 65.3 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 6,240 | 8,481 | 5,178 | 28,673 | 2,172 | 100.0 | 12.3 | 16.7 | 10.2 | 56.5 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 4,750 | 6,966 | 1,929 | 13,425 | 1,416 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 24.5 | 6.8 | 47.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 1,727 | 2,802 | 1,920 | 11,961 | 683 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 14.7 | 10.1 | 62.7 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 34 | 146 | 279 | 2,043 | 120 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 5.6 | 10.6 | 77.9 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 10 | 458 | 560 | 3,215 | 87 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 10.6 | 12.9 | 74.3 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 229 | 717 | 929 | 1,920 | 224 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 17.8 | 23.1 | 47.8 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 670 | 754 | 100 | 2,483 | 241 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 17.8 | 2.4 | 58.5 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 784 | 728 | 52 | 2,300 | 10 | 100.0 | 20.2 | 18.8 | 1.3 | 59.4 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 69,240 | 97,325 | 106,665 | 719,854 | 36,664 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 69.9 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 1,772 | 3,418 | 5,528 | 72,238 | 4,341 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 6.3 | 82.8 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 7,220 | 13,140 | 27,052 | 185,158 | 9,664 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 5.4 | 11.2 | 76.4 |
| 65-74 years | 279,722 | 12,965 | 22,595 | 35,096 | 199,151 | 9,915 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 8.1 | 12.6 | 71.2 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 27,185 | 31,515 | 27,227 | 184,579 | 8,882 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 11.3 | 9.8 | 66.1 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 20,099 | 26,658 | 11,761 | 78,728 | 3,863 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 18.9 | 8.3 | 55.8 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,183 | 61,156 | 81,546 | 93,297 | 628,928 | 30,256 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 9.1 | 10.4 | 70.3 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 1,439 | 2,613 | 4,477 | 53,521 | 3,032 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 82.2 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 6,224 | 9,997 | 22,418 | 155,596 | 7,682 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 5.0 | 11.1 | 77.1 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 10,920 | 17,989 | 30,618 | 178,989 | 8,557 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 7.3 | 12.4 | 72.4 |
| 75-84 years | 252,553 | 24,179 | 27,467 | 24,821 | 168,425 | 7,661 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 10.9 | 9.8 | 66.7 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 18,395 | 23,480 | 10,963 | 72,396 | 3,325 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 18.3 | 8.5 | 56.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 7,139 | 14,126 | 12,274 | 83,682 | 6,073 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 11.5 | 10.0 | 67.9 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 299 | 707 | 931 | 17,173 | 1,222 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 84.5 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 996 | 2,988 | 4,152 | 27,909 | 1,948 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 7.9 | 10.9 | 73.5 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 2,035 | 3,954 | 4,029 | 19,121 | 1,144 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 63.1 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 2,733 | 3,547 | 2,384 | 14,441 | 1,221 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 14.6 | 9.8 | 59.4 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 1,077 | 2,932 | 778 | 5,037 | 538 | 100.0 | 10.4 | 28.3 | 7.5 | 48.6 |

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|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 945 | 1,653 | 1,094 | 7,244 | 335 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 14.7 | 9.7 | 64.3 | 3.0 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 34 | 98 | 121 | 1,544 | 87 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 82.0 | 4.6 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | — | 155 | 482 | 1,652 | 34 | 100.0 | — | 6.7 | 20.7 | 71.1 | 1.5 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 11 | 652 | 449 | 1,041 | 214 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 27.5 | 19.0 | 44.0 | 9.0 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 273 | 502 | 22 | 1,712 | — | 100.0 | 10.9 | 20.0 | 0.9 | 68.2 | — |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 627 | 246 | 20 | 1,294 | — | 100.0 | 28.7 | 11.2 | 0.9 | 59.2 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 123,742 | 125,543 | 109,728 | 576,220 | 21,888 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 13.1 | 11.5 | 60.2 | 2.3 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 1,193 | 2,177 | 4,355 | 29,316 | 1,355 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 5.7 | 11.3 | 76.4 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 3,424 | 10,813 | 20,310 | 110,674 | 2,854 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 7.3 | 13.7 | 74.7 | 1.9 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 11,599 | 16,784 | 24,004 | 142,650 | 5,265 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 12.0 | 71.2 | 2.6 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 40,507 | 40,366 | 36,157 | 166,002 | 6,195 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 12.5 | 57.4 | 2.1 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 67,019 | 55,404 | 24,901 | 127,578 | 6,221 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 19.7 | 8.9 | 45.4 | 2.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 112,869 | 109,854 | 98,694 | 505,124 | 18,048 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 13.0 | 11.7 | 59.8 | 2.1 |
| 25-44 years | 28,044 | 815 | 1,676 | 3,406 | 21,289 | 858 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 6.0 | 12.2 | 75.9 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 120,303 | 2,721 | 7,991 | 17,577 | 89,724 | 2,291 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 6.6 | 14.6 | 74.6 | 1.9 |
| 65-74 years | 173,860 | 9,542 | 14,121 | 20,707 | 124,927 | 4,564 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 8.1 | 11.9 | 71.9 | 2.6 |
| 75-84 years | 261,068 | 36,602 | 35,179 | 33,286 | 150,999 | 5,002 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 13.5 | 12.8 | 57.8 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 63,189 | 50,888 | 23,719 | 118,185 | 5,333 | 100.0 | 24.2 | 19.5 | 9.1 | 45.2 | 2.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 10,091 | 14,540 | 10,208 | 66,378 | 3,492 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 13.9 | 9.8 | 63.4 | 3.3 |
| 25-44 years | 9,614 | 378 | 453 | 790 | 7,529 | 463 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 8.2 | 78.3 | 4.8 |
| 45-64 years | 25,765 | 692 | 2,520 | 2,655 | 19,387 | 510 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 75.3 | 2.0 |
| 65-74 years | 24,789 | 1,840 | 2,598 | 2,818 | 16,844 | 690 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 10.5 | 11.4 | 68.0 | 2.8 |
| 75-84 years | 26,419 | 3,508 | 4,934 | 2,794 | 14,231 | 951 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 18.7 | 10.6 | 53.9 | 3.6 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 3,673 | 4,034 | 1,151 | 8,387 | 877 | 100.0 | 20.3 | 22.3 | 6.4 | 46.3 | 4.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 782 | 1,149 | 826 | 4,717 | 348 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 14.7 | 10.6 | 60.3 | 4.5 |
| 25-44 years | 737 | — | 48 | 158 | 498 | 33 | 100.0 | — | 6.5 | 21.5 | 67.6 | 4.5 |
| 45-64 years | 2,007 | 10 | 303 | 78 | 1,563 | 53 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 15.1 | 3.9 | 77.9 | 2.6 |
| 65-74 years | 1,652 | 218 | 65 | 480 | 879 | 11 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 3.9 | 29.1 | 53.2 | 0.7 |
| 75-84 years | 1,739 | 397 | 252 | 78 | 771 | 241 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 14.5 | 4.5 | 44.3 | 13.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 157 | 482 | 31 | 1,006 | 10 | 100.0 | 9.3 | 28.6 | 1.9 | 59.6 | 0.6 |

Table 30. Number and percent distribution of decedents by frequency of trouble in recognizing family members or friends during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Frequency of trouble | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| | | All or most of the time | Some of the time | Last few hours or days | Never or hardly ever | Don't know | Total | All or most of the time | Some of the time | Last few hours or days | Never or hardly ever | |
| | | Number | Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,870 | 115,533 | 207,050 | 245,044 | 1,369,103 | 50,140 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 10.4 | 12.3 | 68.9 | 2.5 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 2,165 | 4,172 | 11,209 | 102,715 | 5,431 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 8.9 | 81.7 | 4.3 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 6,103 | 18,257 | 51,634 | 303,377 | 10,938 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 4.7 | 13.2 | 77.7 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 15,796 | 31,495 | 62,050 | 356,400 | 14,284 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 6.6 | 12.9 | 74.3 | 3.0 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 40,909 | 64,141 | 70,495 | 380,196 | 12,874 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 11.3 | 12.4 | 66.9 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 422,231 | 50,561 | 88,986 | 49,656 | 226,415 | 6,613 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 21.1 | 11.8 | 53.6 | 1.6 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,772 | 103,048 | 182,533 | 217,514 | 1,194,538 | 42,139 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 10.5 | 12.5 | 68.7 | 2.4 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 1,484 | 3,075 | 8,766 | 76,073 | 3,727 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 9.4 | 81.7 | 4.0 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 4,622 | 14,177 | 43,875 | 250,921 | 8,624 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 4.4 | 13.6 | 77.9 | 2.7 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 13,231 | 26,608 | 53,336 | 314,830 | 12,929 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 6.3 | 12.7 | 74.8 | 3.1 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 36,707 | 56,419 | 64,733 | 344,550 | 11,213 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 11.0 | 12.6 | 67.1 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 47,004 | 82,255 | 46,804 | 208,164 | 5,646 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 21.1 | 12.0 | 53.4 | 1.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 11,247 | 22,130 | 25,861 | 161,487 | 7,278 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 9.7 | 11.3 | 70.8 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 668 | 1,022 | 2,182 | 24,512 | 1,561 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 7.3 | 81.9 | 5.2 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 1,383 | 3,622 | 7,267 | 49,265 | 2,221 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 5.7 | 11.4 | 77.3 | 3.5 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 2,337 | 4,395 | 7,939 | 39,282 | 1,120 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 8.0 | 14.4 | 71.3 | 2.0 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 3,829 | 7,129 | 5,651 | 32,726 | 1,408 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 14.1 | 11.1 | 64.5 | 2.8 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 3,030 | 5,962 | 2,822 | 15,703 | 967 | 100.0 | 10.6 | 20.9 | 9.9 | 55.1 | 3.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 1,237 | 2,388 | 1,669 | 13,076 | 723 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 12.5 | 8.7 | 68.5 | 3.8 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 12 | 76 | 261 | 2,130 | 144 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 2.9 | 10.0 | 81.2 | 5.5 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 97 | 458 | 492 | 3,191 | 92 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 10.6 | 11.4 | 73.7 | 2.1 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 229 | 492 | 775 | 2,288 | 235 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 12.2 | 19.3 | 56.9 | 5.9 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 373 | 593 | 111 | 2,919 | 252 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 14.0 | 2.6 | 68.7 | 5.9 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 526 | 769 | 31 | 2,548 | — | 100.0 | 13.6 | 19.9 | 0.8 | 65.8 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 39,591 | 85,701 | 115,989 | 755,853 | 32,615 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 8.3 | 11.3 | 73.4 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 1,383 | 2,271 | 6,728 | 72,662 | 4,252 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 7.7 | 83.2 | 4.9 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 3,840 | 10,711 | 29,049 | 190,371 | 8,262 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 4.4 | 12.0 | 78.6 | 3.4 |
| 65-74 years | 279,722 | 7,265 | 18,609 | 32,554 | 211,216 | 10,079 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 6.7 | 11.6 | 75.5 | 3.6 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 15,859 | 26,486 | 32,317 | 197,274 | 7,452 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 9.5 | 11.6 | 70.6 | 2.7 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 11,244 | 27,623 | 15,341 | 84,330 | 2,570 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 19.6 | 10.9 | 59.8 | 1.8 |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,183 | 33,848 | 74,371 | 102,510 | 657,255 | 27,199 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 8.3 | 11.5 | 73.4 | 3.0 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 1,043 | 1,741 | 5,233 | 54,073 | 2,990 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 8.0 | 83.1 | 4.6 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 3,001 | 8,431 | 24,957 | 159,072 | 6,456 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 4.2 | 12.4 | 78.8 | 3.2 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 5,780 | 15,616 | 28,064 | 188,638 | 8,975 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 6.3 | 11.4 | 76.4 | 3.6 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 14,038 | 23,549 | 29,773 | 178,567 | 6,627 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 9.3 | 11.8 | 70.7 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 9,985 | 25,034 | 14,484 | 76,905 | 2,151 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 19.5 | 11.3 | 59.8 | 1.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 4,961 | 10,350 | 12,428 | 90,509 | 5,047 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 8.4 | 10.1 | 73.4 | 4.1 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 327 | 465 | 1,375 | 17,012 | 1,152 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 6.8 | 83.7 | 5.7 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 752 | 2,147 | 3,686 | 29,635 | 1,772 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 5.7 | 9.7 | 78.0 | 4.7 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 1,474 | 2,555 | 4,029 | 21,335 | 890 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 8.4 | 13.3 | 70.5 | 2.9 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 1,570 | 2,849 | 2,500 | 16,592 | 814 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 11.7 | 10.3 | 68.2 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 838 | 2,333 | 838 | 5,935 | 419 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 22.5 | 8.1 | 57.3 | 4.0 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 783 | 979 | 1,050 | 8,089 | 370 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 71.8 | 3.3 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 12 | 64 | 120 | 1,578 | 111 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 6.4 | 83.7 | 5.9 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 87 | 133 | 406 | 1,664 | 34 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 17.5 | 71.6 | 1.5 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 11 | 438 | 461 | 1,243 | 214 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 18.5 | 19.5 | 52.5 | 9.0 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 251 | 88 | 44 | 2,115 | 11 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 84.3 | 0.4 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 421 | 256 | 20 | 1,489 | — | 100.0 | 19.3 | 11.7 | 0.9 | 68.1 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,120 | 75,942 | 121,350 | 129,055 | 613,249 | 17,525 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 12.7 | 13.5 | 64.1 | 1.8 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 782 | 1,901 | 4,480 | 30,052 | 1,179 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 11.7 | 78.3 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 2,263 | 7,545 | 22,585 | 113,006 | 2,675 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 5.1 | 15.3 | 76.3 | 1.8 |
| 65-74 years | 200,301 | 8,531 | 12,886 | 29,497 | 145,183 | 4,205 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 14.7 | 72.5 | 2.1 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 25,050 | 37,655 | 38,178 | 182,922 | 5,422 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 63.3 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 39,317 | 61,363 | 34,315 | 142,086 | 4,043 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 21.8 | 12.2 | 50.5 | 1.4 |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 69,200 | 108,161 | 115,004 | 537,284 | 14,940 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 12.8 | 13.6 | 63.6 | 1.8 |
| 25-44 years | 28,044 | 441 | 1,334 | 3,532 | 22,000 | 737 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 4.8 | 12.6 | 78.5 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 120,303 | 1,621 | 5,746 | 18,919 | 91,849 | 2,169 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 4.8 | 15.7 | 76.4 | 1.8 |
| 65-74 years | 173,860 | 7,451 | 10,992 | 25,272 | 126,192 | 3,954 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 6.3 | 14.5 | 72.6 | 2.3 |
| 75-84 years | 261,069 | 22,669 | 32,870 | 34,960 | 165,984 | 4,586 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 12.6 | 13.4 | 63.6 | 1.8 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 37,019 | 57,221 | 32,321 | 131,258 | 3,495 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 21.9 | 12.4 | 50.2 | 1.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 6,287 | 11,780 | 13,433 | 70,979 | 2,231 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 11.3 | 12.8 | 67.8 | 2.1 |
| 25-44 years | 9,614 | 341 | 556 | 807 | 7,500 | 409 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 78.0 | 4.3 |
| 45-64 years | 25,765 | 631 | 1,474 | 3,581 | 19,629 | 449 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 5.7 | 13.9 | 76.2 | 1.7 |
| 65-74 years | 24,789 | 863 | 1,840 | 3,910 | 17,947 | 230 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 7.4 | 15.8 | 72.4 | 0.9 |
| 75-84 years | 26,419 | 2,259 | 4,280 | 3,151 | 16,134 | 595 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 16.2 | 11.9 | 61.1 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 2,193 | 3,629 | 1,984 | 9,769 | 548 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 20.0 | 11.0 | 53.9 | 3.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 455 | 1,408 | 618 | 4,987 | 354 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 18.0 | 7.9 | 63.8 | 4.5 |
| 25-44 years | 737 | — | 11 | 141 | 552 | 33 | 100.0 | — | 1.5 | 19.1 | 74.9 | 4.5 |
| 45-64 years | 2,007 | 10 | 325 | 86 | 1,527 | 58 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 16.2 | 4.3 | 76.1 | 2.9 |
| 65-74 years | 1,652 | 218 | 54 | 315 | 1,045 | 22 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 3.3 | 19.0 | 63.2 | 1.3 |
| 75-84 years | 1,739 | 122 | 505 | 67 | 804 | 241 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 29.0 | 3.8 | 46.3 | 13.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 105 | 513 | 10 | 1,059 | — | 100.0 | 6.2 | 30.4 | 0.6 | 62.7 | — |

Table 31. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent signed a living will, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Signed a living will | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|------|------|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,869 | 176,425 | 1,691,151 | 119,293 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 85.1 | 6.0 | | |
| 25-44 years | 125,692 | 7,276 | 107,514 | 10,902 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 85.5 | 8.7 | | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 35,453 | 329,113 | 25,742 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 84.3 | 6.6 | | |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 43,407 | 407,651 | 28,966 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 84.9 | 6.0 | | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 59,045 | 477,262 | 32,306 | 100.0 | 10.4 | 83.9 | 5.7 | | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 31,244 | 369,611 | 21,377 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 87.5 | 5.1 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,773 | 170,577 | 1,467,895 | 101,301 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 84.4 | 5.8 | | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 6,451 | 78,649 | 8,025 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 84.5 | 8.6 | | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 34,069 | 267,881 | 20,269 | 100.0 | 10.6 | 83.1 | 6.3 | | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 41,712 | 354,422 | 24,799 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 84.2 | 5.9 | | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 57,661 | 427,108 | 28,853 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 83.2 | 5.6 | | |
| 85 years and over | 389,874 | 30,684 | 339,835 | 19,355 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 87.2 | 5.0 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 5,356 | 205,665 | 16,982 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 90.2 | 7.5 | | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 695 | 26,462 | 2,788 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 88.4 | 9.3 | | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 1,314 | 57,262 | 5,182 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 89.8 | 8.1 | | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 1,662 | 49,512 | 3,898 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 89.9 | 7.1 | | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 1,352 | 46,269 | 3,123 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 91.2 | 6.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 334 | 26,160 | 1,990 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 91.8 | 7.0 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 492 | 17,591 | 1,009 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 92.1 | 5.3 | | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 130 | 2,403 | 89 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 91.6 | 3.4 | | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 70 | 3,970 | 290 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 91.7 | 6.7 | | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 33 | 3,717 | 269 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 92.5 | 6.7 | | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 33 | 3,885 | 330 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 91.5 | 7.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 227 | 3,616 | 31 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 93.3 | 0.8 | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,749 | 78,539 | 886,893 | 64,317 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 86.1 | 6.3 | | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 4,260 | 75,333 | 7,704 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 86.3 | 8.8 | | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 18,174 | 207,554 | 16,505 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 85.7 | 6.8 | | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 19,691 | 242,170 | 17,862 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 86.6 | 6.4 | | |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 27,152 | 237,966 | 14,269 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 85.2 | 5.1 | | |
| 85 years and over | 141,109 | 9,262 | 123,870 | 7,977 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 87.8 | 5.7 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 75,555 | 765,434 | 54,194 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 85.5 | 6.1 | | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 3,934 | 55,307 | 5,840 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 85.0 | 9.0 | | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 17,542 | 171,703 | 12,672 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 85.0 | 6.3 | | |
| 65-74 years | 247,072 | 18,640 | 213,002 | 15,431 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 86.2 | 6.3 | | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 26,444 | 213,106 | 13,004 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 84.4 | 5.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 8,997 | 112,316 | 7,247 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 87.4 | 5.6 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 2,668 | 110,941 | 9,685 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 90.0 | 7.9 | | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 261 | 18,262 | 1,808 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 89.8 | 8.9 | | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 621 | 33,619 | 3,753 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 88.5 | 9.9 | | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 1,029 | 27,081 | 2,173 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 89.4 | 7.2 | | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 698 | 22,406 | 1,221 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 92.1 | 5.0 | | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 60 | 9,573 | 730 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 92.4 | 7.0 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 316 | 10,517 | 438 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 93.3 | 3.9 | | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 65 | 1,763 | 56 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 93.6 | 3.0 | | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 11 | 2,233 | 80 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 96.1 | 3.4 | | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 22 | 2,087 | 258 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 88.2 | 10.9 | | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 11 | 2,454 | 44 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 97.8 | 1.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 206 | 1,981 | — | 100.0 | 9.4 | 90.6 | — | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 97,886 | 804,259 | 54,976 | 100.0 | 10.2 | 84.0 | 5.7 | | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 3,016 | 32,181 | 3,197 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 83.8 | 8.3 | | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 17,279 | 121,559 | 9,237 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 82.1 | 6.2 | | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 23,716 | 165,482 | 11,104 | 100.0 | 11.8 | 82.6 | 5.5 | | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 31,893 | 239,296 | 18,037 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 82.7 | 6.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 21,982 | 245,741 | 13,400 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 87.4 | 4.8 | | |

Table 31. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent signed a living will, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | <i>Signed a living will</i> | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,589 | 95,021 | 702,460 | 47,107 | 100.0 | 11.3 | 83.2 | 5.6 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 2,517 | 23,342 | 2,185 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 83.2 | 7.8 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 16,527 | 96,179 | 7,597 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 80.0 | 6.3 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 23,072 | 141,419 | 9,369 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 81.3 | 5.4 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 31,217 | 214,002 | 15,849 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 82.0 | 6.1 |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 21,687 | 227,519 | 12,108 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 87.1 | 4.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 2,688 | 94,724 | 7,297 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 90.5 | 7.0 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 434 | 8,200 | 980 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 85.3 | 10.2 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 693 | 23,643 | 1,429 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 91.8 | 5.6 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 633 | 22,432 | 1,725 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 90.5 | 7.0 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 654 | 23,862 | 1,902 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 90.3 | 7.2 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 274 | 16,588 | 1,261 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 91.5 | 7.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 177 | 7,074 | 571 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 90.4 | 7.3 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 65 | 639 | 33 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 86.8 | 4.5 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 58 | 1,738 | 211 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 86.6 | 10.5 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 11 | 1,631 | 11 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 98.7 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 22 | 1,431 | 286 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 82.3 | 16.4 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 21 | 1,635 | 31 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 96.9 | 1.9 |

Table 32. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent had trouble in finding or gaining admission to a nursing home during last 3 years of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Had trouble | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|-------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know | Total | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know | |
| | | Number | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,957,227 | 30,940 | 50,215 | 1,792,002 | 84,070 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 91.6 | 4.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 124,867 | 615 | 651 | 117,895 | 5,706 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 94.4 | 4.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 385,839 | 3,423 | 3,551 | 360,277 | 18,588 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 93.4 | 4.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 474,464 | 7,480 | 6,336 | 437,525 | 23,123 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 92.2 | 4.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 10,591 | 17,785 | 507,010 | 24,289 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 90.6 | 4.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 412,382 | 8,831 | 21,893 | 369,295 | 12,364 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 5.3 | 89.6 | 3.0 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,714,014 | 28,465 | 45,374 | 1,567,788 | 72,387 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 91.5 | 4.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 572 | 496 | 87,280 | 4,202 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 94.3 | 4.5 | |
| 45-64 years | 318,524 | 2,902 | 2,868 | 297,139 | 15,615 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 93.3 | 4.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 416,052 | 6,927 | 5,488 | 382,874 | 20,763 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 92.0 | 5.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 505,938 | 9,577 | 16,395 | 458,807 | 21,159 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 90.7 | 4.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 380,949 | 8,486 | 20,126 | 341,688 | 10,649 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 5.3 | 89.7 | 2.8 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 224,873 | 2,345 | 3,813 | 207,424 | 11,290 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 92.2 | 5.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 43 | 154 | 28,104 | 1,437 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 94.5 | 4.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 423 | 563 | 59,092 | 2,931 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 93.8 | 4.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 54,403 | 542 | 848 | 50,665 | 2,349 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 93.1 | 4.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 1,003 | 1,116 | 44,743 | 2,879 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 90.0 | 5.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 334 | 1,131 | 24,821 | 1,695 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 4.0 | 88.7 | 6.1 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 18,339 | 130 | 1,028 | 16,788 | 393 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 5.6 | 91.5 | 2.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | — | — | 2,511 | 67 | 100.0 | — | — | 97.4 | 2.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 97 | 120 | 4,046 | 43 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 94.0 | 1.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 11 | — | 3,986 | 11 | 100.0 | 0.3 | — | 99.5 | 0.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 11 | 273 | 3,461 | 251 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 6.8 | 86.6 | 6.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 10 | 635 | 2,785 | 21 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 18.4 | 80.7 | 0.6 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,016,928 | 12,456 | 19,742 | 930,924 | 53,806 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 91.5 | 5.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 456 | 297 | 81,770 | 4,321 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 94.2 | 5.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 2,266 | 2,168 | 221,179 | 13,975 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 92.3 | 5.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 276,540 | 3,258 | 2,806 | 254,850 | 15,627 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 92.2 | 5.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 275,295 | 4,070 | 6,785 | 249,662 | 14,778 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 90.7 | 5.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 2,407 | 7,665 | 123,463 | 5,107 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 5.5 | 89.1 | 3.7 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 884,168 | 11,602 | 17,464 | 808,586 | 46,515 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 91.5 | 5.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 64,713 | 456 | 208 | 60,887 | 3,163 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 94.1 | 4.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 199,735 | 2,086 | 1,880 | 183,851 | 11,918 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 92.1 | 6.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 244,283 | 2,992 | 2,361 | 225,031 | 13,899 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 92.1 | 5.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 248,832 | 3,722 | 5,975 | 226,099 | 13,037 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 90.9 | 5.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 2,347 | 7,041 | 112,718 | 4,498 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 5.6 | 89.0 | 3.6 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 121,959 | 843 | 1,843 | 112,289 | 6,984 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 92.1 | 5.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | — | 89 | 19,065 | 1,124 | 100.0 | — | 0.4 | 94.0 | 5.5 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 180 | 308 | 35,039 | 2,034 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 93.3 | 5.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 254 | 445 | 27,486 | 1,717 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 91.9 | 5.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 349 | 581 | 21,534 | 1,512 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 89.8 | 6.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 60 | 419 | 9,166 | 598 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 89.5 | 5.8 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 10,802 | 11 | 434 | 10,049 | 307 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 4.0 | 93.0 | 2.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | — | — | 1,817 | 34 | 100.0 | — | — | 98.2 | 1.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | — | — | 2,289 | 23 | 100.0 | — | — | 99.0 | 1.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 11 | — | 2,334 | 11 | 100.0 | 0.5 | — | 99.1 | 0.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | — | 229 | 2,029 | 229 | 100.0 | — | 9.2 | 81.6 | 9.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | — | 206 | 1,580 | 10 | 100.0 | — | 11.5 | 88.0 | 0.6 | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 940,298 | 18,484 | 30,473 | 861,077 | 30,264 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 91.6 | 3.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 159 | 353 | 36,125 | 1,386 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 95.0 | 3.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 146,232 | 1,157 | 1,363 | 139,098 | 4,614 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 95.1 | 3.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 4,223 | 3,530 | 182,674 | 7,496 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 92.3 | 3.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 284,380 | 6,521 | 11,000 | 257,348 | 9,511 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 90.5 | 3.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 273,741 | 6,424 | 14,227 | 245,832 | 7,257 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 5.2 | 89.8 | 2.7 | |

Table 32. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent had trouble in finding or gaining admission to a nursing home during last 3 years of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Had trouble | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|--|
| | | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know | Total | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know | |
| Female—Con. | | Number | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 829,847 | 16,863 | 27,909 | 759,203 | 25,872 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 91.5 | 3.1 | |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | 116 | 288 | 26,393 | 1,040 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 94.8 | 3.7 | |
| 45–64 years | 118,789 | 816 | 988 | 113,288 | 3,696 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 95.4 | 3.1 | |
| 65–74 years | 171,769 | 3,935 | 3,127 | 157,843 | 6,864 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 91.9 | 4.0 | |
| 75–84 years | 257,106 | 5,856 | 10,421 | 232,708 | 8,121 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 90.5 | 3.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 6,139 | 13,085 | 228,971 | 6,151 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 5.1 | 90.0 | 2.4 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 102,914 | 1,502 | 1,971 | 95,135 | 4,306 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 92.4 | 4.2 | |
| 25–44 years | 9,460 | 43 | 65 | 9,039 | 313 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 95.6 | 3.3 | |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 244 | 255 | 24,053 | 897 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 94.5 | 3.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 288 | 403 | 23,179 | 633 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 94.6 | 2.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 654 | 535 | 23,208 | 1,367 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 90.1 | 5.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 274 | 713 | 15,656 | 1,096 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 4.0 | 88.3 | 6.2 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,537 | 119 | 594 | 6,739 | 86 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 7.9 | 89.4 | 1.1 | |
| 25–44 years | 726 | — | — | 693 | 33 | 100.0 | — | — | 95.5 | 4.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 97 | 120 | 1,757 | 20 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 88.1 | 1.0 | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | — | — | 1,652 | — | 100.0 | — | — | 100.0 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 11 | 44 | 1,431 | 22 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 94.9 | 1.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 10 | 430 | 1,205 | 10 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 25.9 | 72.8 | 0.6 | |

Table 33. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent had trouble in getting help for care at home during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Had trouble | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know | Total | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know |
| | | Number | Percent distribution | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,957,227 | 52,229 | 75,106 | 1,740,718 | 89,174 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 88.9 | 4.6 |
| 25-44 years | 124,867 | 1,952 | 2,540 | 114,914 | 5,461 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 92.0 | 4.4 |
| 45-64 years | 385,839 | 9,071 | 12,690 | 347,564 | 16,515 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 90.1 | 4.3 |
| 65-74 years | 474,464 | 12,433 | 15,941 | 425,869 | 20,222 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 89.8 | 4.3 |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 15,929 | 25,374 | 491,530 | 26,842 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 87.8 | 4.8 |
| 85 years and over | 412,383 | 12,846 | 18,562 | 360,841 | 20,134 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 4.5 | 87.5 | 4.9 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,714,015 | 45,983 | 67,393 | 1,520,857 | 79,781 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 88.7 | 4.7 |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 1,532 | 1,998 | 84,975 | 4,046 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 91.8 | 4.4 |
| 45-64 years | 318,524 | 7,467 | 10,903 | 286,238 | 13,915 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 89.9 | 4.4 |
| 65-74 years | 416,053 | 10,914 | 14,501 | 372,193 | 18,445 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 89.5 | 4.4 |
| 75-84 years | 505,938 | 13,943 | 22,858 | 444,644 | 24,493 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 87.9 | 4.8 |
| 85 years and over | 380,950 | 12,126 | 17,134 | 332,807 | 18,883 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 87.4 | 5.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 224,873 | 5,780 | 6,860 | 203,037 | 9,197 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 90.3 | 4.1 |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 397 | 543 | 27,450 | 1,348 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 92.3 | 4.5 |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 1,506 | 1,630 | 57,337 | 2,537 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 91.0 | 4.0 |
| 65-74 years | 54,403 | 1,486 | 1,429 | 49,712 | 1,777 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 91.4 | 3.3 |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 1,712 | 2,057 | 43,678 | 2,294 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 87.8 | 4.6 |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 678 | 1,201 | 24,861 | 1,241 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 4.3 | 88.9 | 4.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 18,839 | 467 | 853 | 16,823 | 196 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 4.7 | 91.7 | 1.1 |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | 22 | — | 2,488 | 67 | 100.0 | 0.9 | — | 96.5 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 97 | 157 | 3,989 | 63 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 92.6 | 1.5 |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 33 | 11 | 3,964 | — | 100.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 98.9 | — |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 273 | 459 | 3,208 | 55 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 11.5 | 80.3 | 1.4 |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 41 | 227 | 3,173 | 10 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 6.6 | 91.9 | 0.3 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,016,928 | 20,952 | 29,903 | 913,895 | 52,178 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 89.9 | 5.1 |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 1,155 | 1,212 | 80,245 | 4,231 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 92.4 | 4.9 |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 4,859 | 5,546 | 216,821 | 12,382 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 90.5 | 5.2 |
| 65-74 years | 276,540 | 5,007 | 6,525 | 252,079 | 12,930 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 91.2 | 4.7 |
| 75-84 years | 275,295 | 6,748 | 10,145 | 243,618 | 14,784 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 88.5 | 5.4 |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 3,183 | 6,476 | 121,132 | 7,851 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 87.4 | 5.7 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 884,168 | 18,486 | 26,202 | 792,753 | 46,726 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 89.7 | 5.3 |
| 25-44 years | 64,713 | 880 | 1,048 | 59,581 | 3,205 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 92.1 | 5.0 |
| 45-64 years | 199,735 | 4,178 | 4,608 | 180,302 | 10,647 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 90.3 | 5.3 |
| 65-74 years | 244,283 | 4,487 | 6,005 | 222,006 | 11,785 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 90.9 | 4.8 |
| 75-84 years | 248,832 | 6,007 | 8,869 | 220,298 | 13,657 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 88.5 | 5.5 |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 2,934 | 5,672 | 110,566 | 7,432 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 87.3 | 5.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 121,959 | 2,216 | 3,134 | 111,237 | 5,372 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 91.2 | 4.4 |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | 264 | 164 | 18,858 | 992 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 93.0 | 4.9 |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 681 | 816 | 34,351 | 1,712 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 91.5 | 4.6 |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 509 | 509 | 27,740 | 1,144 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 92.8 | 3.8 |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 523 | 1,047 | 21,302 | 1,105 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 4.4 | 88.9 | 4.6 |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 239 | 598 | 8,986 | 419 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 5.8 | 87.7 | 4.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 10,802 | 250 | 567 | 9,906 | 79 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 5.3 | 91.7 | 0.7 |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 11 | — | 1,806 | 34 | 100.0 | 0.6 | — | 97.6 | 1.8 |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | — | 121 | 2,168 | 23 | 100.0 | — | 5.3 | 93.8 | 1.0 |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 11 | 11 | 2,334 | — | 100.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 99.1 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 218 | 229 | 2,018 | 22 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 81.2 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 10 | 206 | 1,580 | — | 100.0 | 0.6 | 11.5 | 88.0 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 940,298 | 31,277 | 45,204 | 826,821 | 36,996 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 87.9 | 3.9 |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 797 | 1,328 | 34,668 | 1,230 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 91.2 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 146,232 | 4,212 | 7,144 | 130,743 | 4,133 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 89.4 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 7,426 | 9,416 | 173,789 | 7,292 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 87.8 | 3.7 |
| 75-84 years | 284,380 | 9,180 | 15,229 | 247,912 | 12,058 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 5.4 | 87.2 | 4.2 |
| 85 years and over | 273,741 | 9,663 | 12,086 | 239,709 | 12,284 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 87.6 | 4.5 |

Table 33. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent had trouble in getting help for care at home during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Had trouble | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|-------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know | Total | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | Number | | | | | | Percent distribution | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 829,847 | 27,497 | 41,191 | 728,105 | 33,055 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 87.7 | 4.0 |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | 652 | 950 | 25,395 | 841 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 91.2 | 3.0 |
| 45–64 years | 118,788 | 3,289 | 6,295 | 105,936 | 3,268 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 89.2 | 2.8 |
| 65–74 years | 171,769 | 6,427 | 8,496 | 150,187 | 6,660 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 87.4 | 3.9 |
| 75–84 years | 257,106 | 7,936 | 13,988 | 224,346 | 10,836 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 5.4 | 87.3 | 4.2 |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 9,193 | 11,462 | 222,241 | 11,451 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 87.4 | 4.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 102,914 | 3,564 | 3,726 | 91,800 | 3,824 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 89.2 | 3.7 |
| 25–44 years | 9,460 | 133 | 379 | 8,592 | 356 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 90.8 | 3.8 |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 825 | 814 | 22,986 | 824 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 90.3 | 3.2 |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 978 | 920 | 21,972 | 633 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 89.7 | 2.6 |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 1,189 | 1,011 | 22,376 | 1,189 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 86.9 | 4.6 |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 439 | 603 | 15,875 | 822 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 89.5 | 4.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,537 | 217 | 287 | 6,917 | 117 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 91.8 | 1.6 |
| 25–44 years | 726 | 11 | — | 682 | 33 | 100.0 | 1.5 | — | 93.9 | 4.5 |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 97 | 35 | 1,821 | 40 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 1.8 | 91.3 | 2.0 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 22 | — | 1,631 | — | 100.0 | 1.3 | — | 98.7 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 56 | 230 | 1,190 | 33 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 15.3 | 78.9 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 31 | 21 | 1,593 | 10 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 96.2 | 0.6 |

Table 34. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent had trouble in paying medical bills during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Had trouble | | | | | | Total | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|-------|------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|--|
| | | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know | Total | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,957,227 | 95,373 | 142,363 | 1,646,529 | 72,962 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 84.1 | 3.7 | | | |
| 25-44 years | 124,867 | 9,556 | 8,616 | 100,526 | 6,170 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 6.9 | 80.5 | 4.9 | | | |
| 45-64 years | 385,840 | 33,375 | 33,318 | 301,582 | 17,565 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 78.2 | 4.6 | | | |
| 65-74 years | 474,463 | 20,138 | 36,866 | 399,398 | 18,062 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 7.8 | 84.2 | 3.8 | | | |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 20,045 | 38,070 | 483,250 | 18,311 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 6.8 | 86.3 | 3.3 | | | |
| 85 years and over | 412,383 | 12,260 | 25,494 | 361,774 | 12,854 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 6.2 | 87.7 | 3.1 | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,714,014 | 76,595 | 122,303 | 1,453,383 | 61,732 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 84.8 | 3.6 | | | |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 6,786 | 7,216 | 74,001 | 4,548 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 80.0 | 4.9 | | | |
| 45-64 years | 318,523 | 26,872 | 27,927 | 249,230 | 14,494 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 78.3 | 4.6 | | | |
| 65-74 years | 416,053 | 15,886 | 30,936 | 353,564 | 15,666 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 7.4 | 85.0 | 3.8 | | | |
| 75-84 years | 505,938 | 16,177 | 33,203 | 440,589 | 15,969 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 6.6 | 87.1 | 3.2 | | | |
| 85 years and over | 380,949 | 10,875 | 23,021 | 335,999 | 11,055 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 6.0 | 88.2 | 2.9 | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 224,873 | 18,008 | 18,450 | 177,589 | 10,826 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 79.0 | 4.8 | | | |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 2,627 | 1,231 | 24,350 | 1,531 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 4.1 | 81.9 | 5.2 | | | |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 5,998 | 4,993 | 49,003 | 3,015 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 7.9 | 77.8 | 4.8 | | | |
| 65-74 years | 54,403 | 4,174 | 5,432 | 42,615 | 2,182 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 10.0 | 78.3 | 4.0 | | | |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 3,823 | 4,352 | 39,268 | 2,298 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 78.9 | 4.6 | | | |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 1,386 | 2,442 | 22,354 | 1,799 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 8.7 | 79.9 | 6.4 | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 18,339 | 770 | 1,610 | 15,556 | 403 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 8.8 | 84.8 | 2.2 | | | |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | 143 | 169 | 2,175 | 90 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 84.4 | 3.5 | | | |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 505 | 398 | 3,348 | 55 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 9.2 | 77.8 | 1.3 | | | |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 77 | 497 | 3,220 | 214 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 12.4 | 80.3 | 5.3 | | | |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 44 | 514 | 3,393 | 44 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 12.9 | 84.9 | 1.1 | | | |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | -- | 31 | 3,420 | -- | 100.0 | -- | 0.9 | 99.1 | -- | | | |
| Male | | Number | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,016,929 | 53,714 | 65,064 | 853,368 | 44,783 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 83.9 | 4.4 | | | |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 6,196 | 4,946 | 71,047 | 4,655 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 5.7 | 81.8 | 5.4 | | | |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 18,004 | 18,899 | 190,228 | 12,476 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 79.4 | 5.2 | | | |
| 65-74 years | 276,541 | 11,458 | 17,346 | 235,379 | 12,358 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 85.1 | 4.5 | | | |
| 75-84 years | 275,295 | 13,697 | 16,588 | 234,557 | 10,453 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 85.2 | 3.8 | | | |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 4,358 | 7,286 | 122,157 | 4,841 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 5.3 | 88.1 | 3.5 | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 884,168 | 43,047 | 54,695 | 748,113 | 38,313 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 84.6 | 4.3 | | | |
| 25-44 years | 64,713 | 4,363 | 4,015 | 52,799 | 3,536 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 81.6 | 5.5 | | | |
| 45-64 years | 199,735 | 14,573 | 16,235 | 158,444 | 10,483 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 79.3 | 5.3 | | | |
| 65-74 years | 244,283 | 9,230 | 13,920 | 210,654 | 10,480 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 86.2 | 4.3 | | | |
| 75-84 years | 248,832 | 11,361 | 14,266 | 213,694 | 9,511 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 85.9 | 3.8 | | | |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 3,520 | 6,259 | 112,522 | 4,303 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 4.9 | 88.9 | 3.4 | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 121,959 | 10,314 | 9,553 | 95,938 | 6,154 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 78.7 | 5.1 | | | |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | 1,800 | 820 | 16,586 | 1,073 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 4.0 | 81.8 | 5.3 | | | |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 3,189 | 2,444 | 29,980 | 1,948 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 6.5 | 79.8 | 5.2 | | | |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 2,162 | 3,179 | 22,896 | 1,665 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 10.6 | 76.6 | 5.6 | | | |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 2,326 | 2,093 | 18,627 | 930 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 8.7 | 77.7 | 3.9 | | | |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 838 | 1,017 | 7,849 | 538 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 9.9 | 76.6 | 5.3 | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 10,802 | 353 | 816 | 9,316 | 316 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 7.6 | 86.3 | 2.9 | | | |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 33 | 110 | 1,662 | 46 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 6.0 | 89.8 | 2.5 | | | |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | 242 | 220 | 1,805 | 45 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 9.5 | 78.1 | 2.0 | | | |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 67 | 247 | 1,829 | 214 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 10.5 | 77.6 | 9.1 | | | |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 11 | 229 | 2,236 | 11 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 9.2 | 89.9 | 0.4 | | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | -- | 10 | 1,785 | -- | 100.0 | -- | 0.6 | 99.4 | -- | | | |
| Female | | Number | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 940,299 | 41,659 | 77,299 | 793,162 | 28,179 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 8.2 | 84.4 | 3.0 | | | |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 3,360 | 3,670 | 29,479 | 1,514 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 77.5 | 4.0 | | | |
| 45-64 years | 146,231 | 15,371 | 14,418 | 111,353 | 5,089 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 9.9 | 76.2 | 3.5 | | | |
| 65-74 years | 197,924 | 8,680 | 19,520 | 164,020 | 5,704 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 9.9 | 82.9 | 2.9 | | | |
| 75-84 years | 284,380 | 6,347 | 21,482 | 248,693 | 7,858 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 7.6 | 87.5 | 2.8 | | | |
| 85 years and over | 273,741 | 7,902 | 18,208 | 239,617 | 8,013 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 6.7 | 87.5 | 2.9 | | | |

Table 34. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent had trouble in paying medical bills during last year of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Had trouble | | | | | Total | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| | | Yes, very much | Yes, some | No or not applicable | Don't know | | | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | Number | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 829,846 | 33,548 | 67,608 | 705,271 | 23,420 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 8.2 | 85.0 | 2.8 | |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | 2,423 | 3,201 | 21,202 | 1,012 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 11.5 | 76.2 | 3.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 118,788 | 12,299 | 11,692 | 90,786 | 4,011 | 100.0 | 10.4 | 9.8 | 76.4 | 3.4 | |
| 65–74 years | 171,770 | 6,657 | 17,017 | 142,910 | 5,186 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 9.9 | 83.2 | 3.0 | |
| 75–84 years | 257,106 | 4,816 | 18,937 | 226,895 | 6,458 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 7.4 | 88.3 | 2.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 254,345 | 7,354 | 16,762 | 223,477 | 6,752 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 6.6 | 87.9 | 2.7 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 102,914 | 7,694 | 8,897 | 81,651 | 4,672 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 79.3 | 4.5 | |
| 25–44 years | 9,460 | 827 | 411 | 7,764 | 458 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 82.1 | 4.8 | |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 2,809 | 2,549 | 19,023 | 1,068 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 74.8 | 4.2 | |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 2,013 | 2,253 | 19,719 | 518 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 80.5 | 2.1 | |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 1,498 | 2,259 | 20,641 | 1,367 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 8.8 | 80.1 | 5.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 548 | 1,425 | 14,505 | 1,261 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 8.0 | 81.8 | 7.1 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,537 | 417 | 793 | 6,240 | 87 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 10.5 | 82.8 | 1.2 | |
| 25–44 years | 726 | 110 | 59 | 513 | 44 | 100.0 | 15.2 | 8.1 | 70.6 | 6.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 262 | 178 | 1,544 | 10 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 8.9 | 77.4 | 0.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 11 | 250 | 1,391 | — | 100.0 | 0.7 | 15.1 | 84.2 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 33 | 286 | 1,157 | 33 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 18.9 | 76.7 | 2.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | — | 21 | 1,635 | — | 100.0 | — | 1.3 | 98.7 | — | |

Table 35. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had high blood pressure, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had high blood pressure | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,870 | 891,796 | 987,219 | 107,855 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 49.7 | 5.4 | | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 27,081 | 92,526 | 6,085 | 100.0 | 21.6 | 73.6 | 4.8 | | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 172,754 | 199,537 | 18,017 | 100.0 | 44.3 | 51.1 | 4.6 | | |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 238,729 | 217,535 | 23,761 | 100.0 | 49.7 | 45.3 | 5.0 | | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 275,022 | 261,422 | 32,170 | 100.0 | 48.4 | 46.0 | 5.7 | | |
| 85 years and over | 422,233 | 178,210 | 216,199 | 27,824 | 100.0 | 42.2 | 51.2 | 6.6 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,774 | 763,888 | 882,996 | 92,890 | 100.0 | 43.9 | 50.8 | 5.3 | | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 18,190 | 70,752 | 4,182 | 100.0 | 19.5 | 76.0 | 4.5 | | |
| 45-64 years | 322,221 | 136,360 | 171,784 | 14,077 | 100.0 | 42.3 | 53.3 | 4.4 | | |
| 65-74 years | 420,934 | 203,899 | 196,066 | 20,969 | 100.0 | 48.4 | 46.6 | 5.0 | | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 244,135 | 241,269 | 28,218 | 100.0 | 47.5 | 47.0 | 5.5 | | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 161,304 | 203,125 | 25,444 | 100.0 | 41.4 | 52.1 | 6.5 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 120,349 | 93,111 | 14,544 | 100.0 | 52.8 | 40.8 | 6.4 | | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 8,311 | 19,788 | 1,846 | 100.0 | 27.8 | 66.1 | 6.2 | | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 34,416 | 25,571 | 3,771 | 100.0 | 54.0 | 40.1 | 5.9 | | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 33,092 | 19,265 | 2,715 | 100.0 | 60.1 | 35.0 | 4.9 | | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 28,882 | 17,988 | 3,874 | 100.0 | 56.9 | 35.5 | 7.6 | | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 15,648 | 10,499 | 2,338 | 100.0 | 54.9 | 36.9 | 8.2 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 7,558 | 11,113 | 421 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 58.2 | 2.2 | | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 580 | 1,986 | 56 | 100.0 | 22.1 | 75.8 | 2.1 | | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 1,978 | 2,183 | 169 | 100.0 | 45.7 | 50.4 | 3.9 | | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 1,738 | 2,204 | 77 | 100.0 | 43.2 | 54.8 | 1.9 | | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 2,005 | 2,166 | 77 | 100.0 | 47.2 | 51.0 | 1.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 1,257 | 2,575 | 42 | 100.0 | 32.5 | 66.5 | 1.1 | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 416,606 | 556,902 | 56,241 | 100.0 | 40.5 | 54.1 | 5.5 | | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 18,338 | 64,592 | 4,366 | 100.0 | 21.0 | 74.0 | 5.0 | | |
| 45-64 years | 242,234 | 104,362 | 124,454 | 13,418 | 100.0 | 43.1 | 51.4 | 5.5 | | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 130,941 | 134,309 | 14,473 | 100.0 | 46.8 | 48.0 | 5.2 | | |
| 75-84 years | 279,387 | 117,810 | 146,308 | 15,269 | 100.0 | 42.2 | 52.4 | 5.5 | | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 45,154 | 87,239 | 8,715 | 100.0 | 32.0 | 61.8 | 6.2 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 355,868 | 492,031 | 47,285 | 100.0 | 39.8 | 55.0 | 5.3 | | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 12,781 | 49,366 | 2,934 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 75.9 | 4.5 | | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 84,986 | 106,316 | 10,615 | 100.0 | 42.1 | 52.7 | 5.3 | | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 113,616 | 120,374 | 13,083 | 100.0 | 46.0 | 48.7 | 5.3 | | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 104,772 | 134,767 | 13,015 | 100.0 | 41.5 | 53.4 | 5.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 39,713 | 81,208 | 7,638 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 63.2 | 5.9 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 56,251 | 58,923 | 8,721 | 100.0 | 45.6 | 47.3 | 7.1 | | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 5,048 | 13,896 | 1,387 | 100.0 | 24.8 | 68.4 | 6.8 | | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 18,290 | 16,991 | 2,712 | 100.0 | 48.1 | 44.7 | 7.1 | | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 16,248 | 12,700 | 1,335 | 100.0 | 53.7 | 41.9 | 4.4 | | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 12,046 | 10,069 | 2,209 | 100.0 | 49.5 | 41.4 | 9.1 | | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 4,619 | 4,667 | 1,077 | 100.0 | 44.6 | 45.0 | 10.4 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 4,487 | 6,548 | 236 | 100.0 | 39.8 | 58.1 | 2.1 | | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 510 | 1,330 | 45 | 100.0 | 27.0 | 70.6 | 2.4 | | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 1,086 | 1,147 | 91 | 100.0 | 46.7 | 49.4 | 3.9 | | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 1,077 | 1,235 | 56 | 100.0 | 45.5 | 52.2 | 2.4 | | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 993 | 1,472 | 44 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 58.7 | 1.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 822 | 1,364 | — | 100.0 | 37.6 | 62.4 | — | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 475,189 | 430,318 | 51,614 | 100.0 | 49.7 | 45.0 | 5.4 | | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 8,742 | 27,934 | 1,718 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 72.8 | 4.5 | | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 68,392 | 75,083 | 4,599 | 100.0 | 46.2 | 50.7 | 3.1 | | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 107,788 | 83,227 | 9,288 | 100.0 | 53.8 | 41.6 | 4.6 | | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 157,211 | 115,114 | 16,901 | 100.0 | 54.4 | 39.8 | 5.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 133,055 | 128,960 | 19,108 | 100.0 | 47.3 | 45.9 | 6.8 | | |

Table 35. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had high blood pressure, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had high blood pressure | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 408,020 | 390,964 | 45,606 | 100.0 | 48.3 | 46.3 | 5.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 5,410 | 21,386 | 1,248 | 100.0 | 19.3 | 76.3 | 4.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 51,373 | 65,467 | 3,463 | 100.0 | 42.7 | 54.4 | 2.9 | |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 90,283 | 75,692 | 7,886 | 100.0 | 51.9 | 43.5 | 4.5 | |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 139,363 | 106,502 | 15,203 | 100.0 | 53.4 | 40.8 | 5.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 121,591 | 121,917 | 17,806 | 100.0 | 46.5 | 46.7 | 6.8 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 64,098 | 34,788 | 5,823 | 100.0 | 61.2 | 33.2 | 5.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 3,263 | 5,892 | 459 | 100.0 | 33.9 | 61.3 | 4.8 | |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 16,127 | 8,580 | 1,059 | 100.0 | 62.6 | 33.3 | 4.1 | |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 16,844 | 6,566 | 1,380 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 26.5 | 5.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 16,836 | 7,918 | 1,665 | 100.0 | 63.7 | 30.0 | 6.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 11,030 | 5,832 | 1,261 | 100.0 | 60.9 | 32.2 | 7.0 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 3,071 | 4,566 | 186 | 100.0 | 39.3 | 58.4 | 2.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 70 | 656 | 11 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 89.1 | 1.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 893 | 1,036 | 78 | 100.0 | 44.5 | 51.6 | 3.9 | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 661 | 969 | 22 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 58.7 | 1.3 | |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 1,012 | 693 | 33 | 100.0 | 58.2 | 39.9 | 1.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 435 | 1,211 | 42 | 100.0 | 25.8 | 71.8 | 2.5 | |

Table 36. Number and percent distribution of decedents having high blood pressure by length of time before death it was first noticed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time before death | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 891,795 | 35,177 | 33,154 | 53,332 | 70,099 | 35,293 | 154,733 | 140,684 | 59,959 | 67,603 | 77,826 | 163,933 | |
| 25-44 years | 27,081 | 3,067 | 2,594 | 2,150 | 3,007 | 1,677 | 5,692 | 2,376 | 962 | 819 | 324 | 4,415 | |
| 45-64 years | 172,754 | 8,185 | 7,493 | 12,741 | 17,314 | 8,495 | 32,776 | 28,062 | 12,549 | 9,054 | 8,739 | 27,348 | |
| 65-74 years | 238,728 | 11,042 | 8,494 | 14,277 | 17,700 | 10,656 | 38,323 | 43,914 | 15,568 | 18,114 | 18,496 | 42,144 | |
| 75-84 years | 275,022 | 7,704 | 9,682 | 13,342 | 20,567 | 9,077 | 48,826 | 40,682 | 18,865 | 24,979 | 26,777 | 54,521 | |
| 85 years and over | 178,209 | 5,179 | 4,892 | 10,823 | 11,513 | 5,388 | 29,118 | 25,650 | 12,015 | 14,638 | 23,490 | 35,506 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 763,888 | 28,834 | 26,769 | 44,851 | 56,812 | 30,412 | 134,429 | 124,717 | 52,337 | 60,215 | 70,014 | 134,498 | |
| 25-44 years | 18,190 | 1,957 | 1,825 | 1,591 | 2,026 | 1,272 | 3,546 | 1,797 | 697 | 650 | 151 | 2,678 | |
| 45-64 years | 136,359 | 6,420 | 5,499 | 9,326 | 13,362 | 7,359 | 26,730 | 23,822 | 9,767 | 6,923 | 6,693 | 20,459 | |
| 65-74 years | 203,899 | 9,554 | 6,773 | 12,214 | 13,937 | 9,090 | 32,778 | 39,657 | 13,532 | 16,212 | 16,414 | 33,741 | |
| 75-84 years | 244,135 | 6,249 | 8,265 | 12,035 | 17,821 | 7,867 | 44,186 | 36,353 | 17,218 | 23,050 | 24,646 | 46,444 | |
| 85 years and over | 161,304 | 4,655 | 4,407 | 9,686 | 9,666 | 4,824 | 27,189 | 23,088 | 11,122 | 13,380 | 22,110 | 31,177 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 120,349 | 5,983 | 5,453 | 8,236 | 12,237 | 4,596 | 19,149 | 14,842 | 7,071 | 6,899 | 7,452 | 28,432 | |
| 25-44 years | 8,311 | 1,033 | 662 | 548 | 872 | 394 | 2,027 | 519 | 212 | 168 | 162 | 1,714 | |
| 45-64 years | 34,416 | 1,732 | 1,915 | 3,225 | 3,758 | 1,114 | 5,726 | 3,967 | 2,541 | 2,105 | 1,808 | 6,525 | |
| 65-74 years | 33,092 | 1,477 | 1,235 | 2,030 | 3,505 | 1,523 | 5,458 | 4,029 | 1,993 | 1,689 | 2,039 | 8,114 | |
| 75-84 years | 28,882 | 1,237 | 1,177 | 1,296 | 2,472 | 1,003 | 4,289 | 4,022 | 1,646 | 1,710 | 2,064 | 7,966 | |
| 85 years and over | 15,648 | 503 | 464 | 1,136 | 1,630 | 563 | 1,650 | 2,304 | 678 | 1,226 | 1,381 | 4,113 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,558 | 361 | 932 | 245 | 1,051 | 285 | 1,155 | 1,126 | 552 | 489 | 360 | 1,003 | |
| 25-44 years | 580 | 76 | 106 | 11 | 109 | 11 | 118 | 60 | 53 | — | 11 | 23 | |
| 45-64 years | 1,978 | 34 | 79 | 189 | 194 | 22 | 320 | 273 | 240 | 25 | 238 | 364 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,738 | 11 | 487 | 33 | 257 | 43 | 87 | 229 | 43 | 214 | 44 | 290 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,005 | 219 | 240 | 11 | 273 | 208 | 351 | 307 | — | 219 | 67 | 111 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,257 | 21 | 21 | — | 217 | — | 279 | 258 | 215 | 31 | — | 216 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 416,606 | 20,688 | 17,819 | 23,960 | 34,506 | 20,034 | 77,754 | 65,389 | 29,950 | 25,315 | 27,456 | 73,735 | |
| 25-44 years | 18,338 | 1,928 | 1,961 | 1,044 | 2,060 | 1,218 | 4,026 | 1,561 | 610 | 587 | 205 | 3,139 | |
| 45-64 years | 104,362 | 5,517 | 4,057 | 7,661 | 8,707 | 5,517 | 20,028 | 17,511 | 8,032 | 5,329 | 5,253 | 16,749 | |
| 65-74 years | 130,941 | 7,663 | 5,104 | 6,564 | 9,505 | 6,669 | 22,250 | 24,944 | 8,615 | 8,317 | 9,342 | 21,968 | |
| 75-84 years | 117,811 | 4,473 | 4,442 | 5,279 | 10,431 | 4,691 | 21,529 | 16,119 | 9,911 | 8,289 | 9,016 | 23,632 | |
| 85 years and over | 45,154 | 1,108 | 2,255 | 3,412 | 3,804 | 1,940 | 9,920 | 5,254 | 2,782 | 2,792 | 3,640 | 8,248 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 355,868 | 17,463 | 13,743 | 19,699 | 27,698 | 17,821 | 66,967 | 58,808 | 26,586 | 22,325 | 24,772 | 59,987 | |
| 25-44 years | 12,781 | 1,233 | 1,380 | 822 | 1,490 | 1,000 | 2,701 | 1,190 | 496 | 430 | 109 | 1,932 | |
| 45-64 years | 84,986 | 4,667 | 2,635 | 5,826 | 6,493 | 4,952 | 16,776 | 15,547 | 6,725 | 4,415 | 4,348 | 12,602 | |
| 65-74 years | 113,616 | 6,635 | 4,071 | 5,362 | 7,489 | 5,767 | 19,483 | 23,089 | 7,725 | 7,277 | 8,546 | 18,171 | |
| 75-84 years | 104,772 | 3,950 | 3,701 | 4,755 | 9,097 | 4,342 | 19,011 | 14,483 | 9,097 | 7,650 | 8,249 | 20,437 | |
| 85 years and over | 39,713 | 978 | 1,956 | 2,934 | 3,129 | 1,760 | 8,997 | 4,498 | 2,543 | 2,553 | 3,520 | 6,845 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 56,251 | 3,095 | 3,438 | 4,049 | 5,918 | 2,180 | 9,978 | 6,079 | 3,288 | 2,777 | 2,411 | 13,038 | |
| 25-44 years | 5,048 | 618 | 475 | 212 | 461 | 218 | 1,207 | 348 | 61 | 157 | 97 | 1,196 | |
| 45-64 years | 18,289 | 816 | 1,366 | 1,668 | 2,093 | 544 | 3,052 | 1,930 | 1,284 | 914 | 676 | 3,946 | |
| 65-74 years | 16,248 | 1,017 | 775 | 1,168 | 1,780 | 890 | 2,734 | 1,844 | 890 | 827 | 763 | 3,560 | |
| 75-84 years | 12,046 | 523 | 523 | 523 | 1,105 | 349 | 2,267 | 1,407 | 814 | 640 | 756 | 3,140 | |
| 85 years and over | 4,619 | 120 | 299 | 479 | 479 | 179 | 718 | 550 | 239 | 239 | 120 | 1,197 | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Other races, 25 years and over | 4,487 | 131 | 638 | 211 | 891 | 33 | 808 | 503 | 76 | 214 | 273 | 709 |
| 25–44 years | 510 | 76 | 106 | 11 | 109 | — | 118 | 23 | 53 | — | — | 12 |
| 45–64 years | 1,086 | 34 | 56 | 167 | 121 | 22 | 200 | 34 | 22 | — | 228 | 201 |
| 65–74 years | 1,077 | 11 | 258 | 33 | 236 | 11 | 33 | 11 | — | 214 | 33 | 236 |
| 75–84 years | 993 | — | 218 | — | 229 | — | 251 | 229 | — | — | 11 | 55 |
| 85 years and over | 822 | 10 | — | — | 196 | — | 206 | 206 | — | — | — | 206 |

Female

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| All races, 25 years and over | 475,189 | 14,489 | 15,336 | 29,373 | 35,593 | 15,259 | 76,979 | 75,295 | 30,009 | 42,288 | 50,370 | 90,199 |
| 25–44 years | 8,742 | 1,139 | 633 | 1,106 | 947 | 459 | 1,665 | 815 | 352 | 232 | 119 | 1,275 |
| 45–64 years | 68,392 | 2,669 | 3,435 | 5,080 | 8,606 | 2,978 | 12,748 | 10,551 | 4,517 | 3,724 | 3,486 | 10,599 |
| 65–74 years | 107,788 | 3,379 | 3,390 | 7,714 | 8,195 | 3,987 | 16,072 | 18,970 | 6,953 | 9,797 | 9,154 | 20,177 |
| 75–84 years | 157,211 | 3,231 | 5,241 | 8,063 | 10,136 | 4,387 | 27,296 | 24,563 | 8,954 | 16,690 | 17,761 | 30,890 |
| 85 years and over | 133,055 | 4,071 | 2,637 | 7,410 | 7,709 | 3,448 | 19,197 | 20,396 | 9,233 | 11,845 | 19,850 | 27,258 |
| White, 25 years and over | 408,020 | 11,371 | 13,026 | 25,152 | 29,114 | 12,591 | 67,461 | 65,909 | 25,751 | 37,890 | 45,242 | 74,511 |
| 25–44 years | 5,410 | 724 | 445 | 769 | 536 | 272 | 846 | 607 | 201 | 221 | 43 | 746 |
| 45–64 years | 51,373 | 1,753 | 2,864 | 3,500 | 6,869 | 2,408 | 9,954 | 8,275 | 3,042 | 2,508 | 2,345 | 7,857 |
| 65–74 years | 90,283 | 2,919 | 2,701 | 6,851 | 6,448 | 3,322 | 13,295 | 16,568 | 5,807 | 8,935 | 7,868 | 15,570 |
| 75–84 years | 139,363 | 2,299 | 4,565 | 7,280 | 8,724 | 3,525 | 25,175 | 21,870 | 8,121 | 15,401 | 16,397 | 26,007 |
| 85 years and over | 121,591 | 3,677 | 2,451 | 6,752 | 6,537 | 3,064 | 18,192 | 18,590 | 8,580 | 10,827 | 18,590 | 24,332 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 64,098 | 2,888 | 2,015 | 4,187 | 6,319 | 2,417 | 9,171 | 8,763 | 3,782 | 4,122 | 5,041 | 15,394 |
| 25–44 years | 3,263 | 415 | 188 | 336 | 411 | 176 | 820 | 171 | 151 | 11 | 65 | 518 |
| 45–64 years | 16,126 | 916 | 549 | 1,557 | 1,664 | 570 | 2,674 | 2,037 | 1,257 | 1,191 | 1,131 | 2,579 |
| 65–74 years | 16,844 | 460 | 460 | 863 | 1,725 | 633 | 2,724 | 2,185 | 1,103 | 863 | 1,276 | 4,553 |
| 75–84 years | 16,836 | 713 | 654 | 773 | 1,367 | 654 | 2,021 | 2,616 | 832 | 1,070 | 1,308 | 4,827 |
| 85 years and over | 11,029 | 384 | 164 | 658 | 1,151 | 384 | 932 | 1,754 | 439 | 987 | 1,261 | 2,916 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 3,071 | 230 | 294 | 34 | 160 | 251 | 347 | 623 | 476 | 276 | 87 | 294 |
| 25–44 years | 70 | — | — | — | — | 11 | — | 37 | — | — | 11 | 11 |
| 45–64 years | 893 | — | 23 | 23 | 73 | — | 120 | 238 | 218 | 25 | 10 | 163 |
| 65–74 years | 661 | — | 228 | — | 22 | 32 | 54 | 218 | 43 | — | 11 | 54 |
| 75–84 years | 1,012 | 219 | 22 | 11 | 44 | 208 | 100 | 78 | — | 219 | 56 | 56 |
| 85 years and over | 435 | 10 | 21 | — | 21 | — | 73 | 52 | 215 | 31 | — | 10 |

Both sexes

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 6.0 | 7.9 | 4.0 | 17.4 | 15.8 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 8.7 | 18.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 11.3 | 9.6 | 7.9 | 11.1 | 6.2 | 21.0 | 8.8 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 16.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 7.4 | 10.0 | 4.9 | 19.0 | 16.2 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 15.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 4.5 | 16.1 | 18.4 | 6.5 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 17.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 7.5 | 3.3 | 17.8 | 14.8 | 6.9 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 19.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 16.3 | 14.4 | 6.7 | 8.2 | 13.2 | 19.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 5.9 | 7.4 | 4.0 | 17.6 | 16.3 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 17.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 10.8 | 10.0 | 8.7 | 11.1 | 7.0 | 19.5 | 9.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 14.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 6.8 | 9.8 | 5.4 | 19.6 | 17.5 | 7.2 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 15.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 4.5 | 16.1 | 19.4 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 16.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 3.2 | 18.1 | 14.9 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 19.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 16.9 | 14.3 | 6.9 | 8.3 | 13.7 | 19.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 6.8 | 10.2 | 3.8 | 15.9 | 12.3 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 23.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 12.4 | 8.0 | 6.6 | 10.5 | 4.7 | 24.4 | 6.2 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 20.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 9.4 | 10.9 | 3.2 | 16.6 | 11.5 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 5.3 | 19.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 6.1 | 10.6 | 4.6 | 16.5 | 12.2 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 24.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 8.6 | 3.5 | 14.8 | 13.9 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 27.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 7.3 | 10.4 | 3.6 | 10.5 | 14.7 | 4.3 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 26.3 |

Table 36. Number and percent distribution of decedents having high blood pressure by length of time before death it was first noticed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time before death | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.8 | 12.3 | 3.2 | 13.9 | 3.8 | 15.3 | 14.9 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 13.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 13.2 | 18.3 | 1.9 | 18.9 | 1.9 | 20.4 | 10.3 | 9.2 | — | 1.9 | 4.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 1.7 | 4.0 | 9.6 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 16.2 | 13.8 | 12.2 | 1.3 | 12.0 | 18.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 0.6 | 28.0 | 1.9 | 14.8 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 13.2 | 2.5 | 12.3 | 2.5 | 16.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 0.6 | 13.6 | 10.4 | 17.5 | 15.3 | — | 10.9 | 3.3 | 5.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.6 | 1.7 | — | 17.2 | — | 22.2 | 20.5 | 17.1 | 2.5 | — | 17.2 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 8.3 | 4.8 | 18.7 | 15.7 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 17.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 5.7 | 11.2 | 6.6 | 22.0 | 8.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 17.1 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.3 | 3.9 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 5.3 | 19.2 | 16.8 | 7.7 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 16.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 5.1 | 17.0 | 19.0 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 16.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 8.9 | 4.0 | 18.3 | 13.7 | 8.4 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 20.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 4.3 | 22.0 | 11.6 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 8.1 | 18.3 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 7.8 | 5.0 | 18.8 | 16.5 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 16.9 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 9.6 | 10.8 | 6.4 | 11.7 | 7.8 | 21.1 | 9.3 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 15.1 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.5 | 3.1 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 5.8 | 19.7 | 18.3 | 7.9 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 14.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.8 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 17.1 | 20.3 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 16.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 8.7 | 4.1 | 18.1 | 13.8 | 8.7 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 19.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 22.7 | 11.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 8.9 | 17.2 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 10.5 | 3.9 | 17.7 | 10.8 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 23.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 12.2 | 9.4 | 4.2 | 9.1 | 4.3 | 23.9 | 6.9 | 1.2 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 23.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 7.5 | 9.1 | 11.4 | 3.0 | 16.7 | 10.6 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 21.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 7.2 | 11.0 | 5.5 | 16.8 | 11.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 21.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 9.2 | 2.9 | 18.8 | 11.7 | 6.8 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 26.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.6 | 6.5 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 3.9 | 15.5 | 11.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 2.6 | 25.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 2.9 | 14.2 | 4.7 | 19.9 | 0.7 | 18.0 | 11.2 | 1.7 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 15.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 15.0 | 20.8 | 2.2 | 21.5 | — | 23.2 | 4.5 | 10.5 | — | — | 2.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 15.4 | 11.2 | 2.1 | 18.4 | 3.1 | 2.1 | — | 21.0 | 18.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 1.0 | 24.0 | 3.1 | 21.9 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 1.0 | — | 19.8 | 3.1 | 21.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | — | 21.9 | — | 23.1 | — | 25.3 | 23.1 | — | — | 1.1 | 5.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.2 | — | — | 23.8 | — | 25.0 | 25.0 | — | — | — | 25.0 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 3.2 | 16.2 | 15.8 | 6.3 | 8.9 | 10.6 | 19.0 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 13.0 | 7.2 | 12.6 | 10.8 | 5.3 | 19.0 | 9.3 | 4.0 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 14.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 7.4 | 12.6 | 4.4 | 18.6 | 15.4 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 15.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 3.7 | 14.9 | 17.6 | 6.5 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 18.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 2.8 | 17.4 | 15.6 | 5.7 | 10.6 | 11.3 | 19.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 2.6 | 14.4 | 15.3 | 6.9 | 8.9 | 14.9 | 20.5 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 16.5 | 16.2 | 6.3 | 9.3 | 11.1 | 18.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 13.4 | 8.2 | 14.2 | 9.9 | 5.0 | 15.6 | 11.2 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 13.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 13.4 | 4.7 | 19.4 | 16.1 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 15.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 3.7 | 14.7 | 18.4 | 6.4 | 9.9 | 8.7 | 17.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 2.5 | 18.1 | 15.7 | 5.8 | 11.1 | 11.8 | 18.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 2.5 | 15.0 | 15.3 | 7.1 | 8.9 | 15.3 | 20.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 6.5 | 9.9 | 3.8 | 14.3 | 13.7 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 7.9 | 24.0 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 12.7 | 5.8 | 10.3 | 12.6 | 5.4 | 25.1 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 15.9 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.7 | 3.4 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 3.5 | 16.6 | 12.6 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 16.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 3.8 | 16.2 | 13.0 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 7.6 | 27.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 8.1 | 3.9 | 12.0 | 15.5 | 4.9 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 28.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 10.4 | 3.5 | 8.4 | 15.9 | 4.0 | 8.9 | 11.4 | 26.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 7.5 | 9.6 | 1.1 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 11.3 | 20.3 | 15.5 | 9.0 | 2.8 | 9.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | 15.6 | — | 52.4 | — | — | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | — | 2.5 | 2.5 | 8.2 | — | 13.4 | 26.7 | 24.4 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 18.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | — | 34.5 | — | 3.3 | 4.9 | 8.1 | 32.9 | 6.5 | — | 1.6 | 8.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 21.6 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 4.4 | 20.5 | 9.9 | 7.7 | — | 21.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.4 | 4.8 | — | 4.8 | — | 16.9 | 12.1 | 49.4 | 7.2 | — | 2.4 |

Table 37. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether a doctor ever prescribed medicine for high blood pressure, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Did doctor ever prescribe medicine | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|--------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 891,794 | 804,328 | 59,520 | 27,947 | 100.0 | 90.2 | 6.7 | 3.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 27,081 | 18,853 | 7,082 | 1,146 | 100.0 | 69.6 | 26.2 | 4.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 172,754 | 149,935 | 16,373 | 6,447 | 100.0 | 86.8 | 9.5 | 3.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 238,728 | 216,201 | 15,391 | 7,136 | 100.0 | 90.6 | 6.4 | 3.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 275,021 | 254,424 | 11,815 | 8,782 | 100.0 | 92.5 | 4.3 | 3.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 178,209 | 164,915 | 8,858 | 4,436 | 100.0 | 92.5 | 5.0 | 2.5 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 763,889 | 690,506 | 50,149 | 23,234 | 100.0 | 90.4 | 6.6 | 3.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 18,190 | 12,007 | 5,517 | 667 | 100.0 | 66.0 | 30.3 | 3.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 136,360 | 117,949 | 12,895 | 5,517 | 100.0 | 86.5 | 9.5 | 4.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 203,899 | 184,032 | 13,508 | 6,358 | 100.0 | 90.3 | 6.6 | 3.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 244,135 | 226,297 | 10,365 | 7,473 | 100.0 | 92.7 | 4.2 | 3.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 161,305 | 150,221 | 7,865 | 3,219 | 100.0 | 93.1 | 4.9 | 2.0 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 120,349 | 107,599 | 8,345 | 4,404 | 100.0 | 89.4 | 6.9 | 3.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 8,311 | 6,375 | 1,467 | 468 | 100.0 | 76.7 | 17.7 | 5.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 34,416 | 30,459 | 3,084 | 872 | 100.0 | 88.5 | 9.0 | 2.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 33,092 | 30,737 | 1,611 | 745 | 100.0 | 92.9 | 4.9 | 2.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 28,882 | 26,353 | 1,231 | 1,297 | 100.0 | 91.2 | 4.3 | 4.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 15,648 | 13,674 | 952 | 1,022 | 100.0 | 87.4 | 6.1 | 6.5 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,558 | 6,225 | 1,025 | 309 | 100.0 | 82.4 | 13.6 | 4.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 580 | 471 | 98 | 11 | 100.0 | 81.2 | 16.9 | 1.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 1,978 | 1,527 | 394 | 58 | 100.0 | 77.2 | 19.9 | 2.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,738 | 1,432 | 273 | 33 | 100.0 | 82.4 | 15.7 | 1.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,005 | 1,775 | 219 | 11 | 100.0 | 88.5 | 10.9 | 0.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,257 | 1,020 | 41 | 196 | 100.0 | 81.1 | 3.3 | 15.6 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 416,606 | 365,567 | 34,235 | 16,803 | 100.0 | 87.7 | 8.2 | 4.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 18,338 | 12,297 | 5,261 | 780 | 100.0 | 67.1 | 28.7 | 4.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 104,362 | 89,348 | 10,870 | 4,144 | 100.0 | 85.6 | 10.4 | 4.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 130,941 | 116,901 | 8,745 | 5,295 | 100.0 | 89.3 | 6.7 | 4.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 117,810 | 106,643 | 6,567 | 4,600 | 100.0 | 90.5 | 5.6 | 3.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 45,154 | 40,379 | 2,792 | 1,983 | 100.0 | 89.4 | 6.2 | 4.4 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 355,867 | 312,921 | 28,748 | 14,198 | 100.0 | 87.9 | 8.1 | 4.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 12,781 | 8,323 | 4,006 | 451 | 100.0 | 65.1 | 31.3 | 3.5 | |
| 45-64 years | 84,986 | 72,549 | 8,895 | 3,542 | 100.0 | 85.4 | 10.5 | 4.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 113,615 | 101,411 | 7,503 | 4,701 | 100.0 | 89.3 | 6.6 | 4.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 104,772 | 94,836 | 5,800 | 4,135 | 100.0 | 90.5 | 5.5 | 3.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 39,713 | 35,802 | 2,543 | 1,369 | 100.0 | 90.2 | 6.4 | 3.4 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 56,250 | 48,838 | 5,082 | 2,331 | 100.0 | 86.8 | 9.0 | 4.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 5,048 | 3,573 | 1,157 | 318 | 100.0 | 70.8 | 22.9 | 6.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 18,289 | 16,012 | 1,721 | 557 | 100.0 | 87.5 | 9.4 | 3.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 16,248 | 14,468 | 1,208 | 572 | 100.0 | 89.0 | 7.4 | 3.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 12,046 | 10,825 | 756 | 465 | 100.0 | 89.9 | 6.3 | 3.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 4,619 | 3,960 | 239 | 419 | 100.0 | 85.8 | 5.2 | 9.1 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 4,487 | 3,807 | 406 | 274 | 100.0 | 84.8 | 9.0 | 6.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 510 | 401 | 98 | 11 | 100.0 | 78.6 | 19.2 | 2.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 1,086 | 787 | 254 | 45 | 100.0 | 72.5 | 23.4 | 4.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,077 | 1,021 | 33 | 22 | 100.0 | 94.8 | 3.1 | 2.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 993 | 982 | 11 | — | 100.0 | 98.9 | 1.1 | — | |
| 85 years and over | 822 | 617 | 10 | 196 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 1.2 | 23.8 | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 475,188 | 438,760 | 25,284 | 11,144 | 100.0 | 92.3 | 5.3 | 2.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 8,742 | 6,556 | 1,820 | 366 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 20.8 | 4.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 68,892 | 60,587 | 5,503 | 2,303 | 100.0 | 88.6 | 8.0 | 3.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 107,788 | 99,301 | 6,647 | 1,840 | 100.0 | 92.1 | 6.2 | 1.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 157,211 | 147,781 | 5,248 | 4,182 | 100.0 | 94.0 | 3.3 | 2.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 133,055 | 124,536 | 6,066 | 2,453 | 100.0 | 93.6 | 4.6 | 1.8 | |

Table 37. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether a doctor ever prescribed medicine for high blood pressure, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Did doctor ever prescribe medicine | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|--------|------------|--------|-------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 408,020 | 377,582 | 21,402 | 9,035 | 100.0 | 92.5 | 5.2 | 2.2 |
| 25–44 years | 5,410 | 3,683 | 1,511 | 216 | 100.0 | 68.1 | 27.9 | 4.0 |
| 45–64 years | 51,373 | 45,400 | 3,999 | 1,974 | 100.0 | 88.4 | 7.8 | 3.8 |
| 65–74 years | 90,283 | 82,621 | 6,005 | 1,657 | 100.0 | 91.5 | 6.7 | 1.8 |
| 75–84 years | 139,363 | 131,460 | 4,565 | 3,338 | 100.0 | 94.3 | 3.3 | 2.4 |
| 85 years and over | 121,591 | 114,419 | 5,322 | 1,850 | 100.0 | 94.1 | 4.4 | 1.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 64,098 | 58,760 | 3,264 | 2,074 | 100.0 | 91.7 | 5.1 | 3.2 |
| 25–44 years | 3,263 | 2,803 | 310 | 150 | 100.0 | 85.9 | 9.5 | 4.6 |
| 45–64 years | 16,126 | 14,447 | 1,364 | 316 | 100.0 | 89.6 | 8.5 | 2.0 |
| 65–74 years | 16,844 | 16,269 | 403 | 173 | 100.0 | 96.6 | 2.4 | 1.0 |
| 75–84 years | 16,836 | 15,528 | 476 | 832 | 100.0 | 92.2 | 2.8 | 4.9 |
| 85 years and over | 11,029 | 9,714 | 713 | 603 | 100.0 | 88.1 | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 3,071 | 2,418 | 619 | 35 | 100.0 | 78.7 | 20.1 | 1.1 |
| 25–44 years | 70 | 70 | — | — | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 893 | 740 | 140 | 13 | 100.0 | 82.9 | 15.7 | 1.4 |
| 65–74 years | 661 | 411 | 239 | 11 | 100.0 | 62.2 | 36.2 | 1.6 |
| 75–84 years | 1,012 | 793 | 208 | 11 | 100.0 | 78.4 | 20.5 | 1.1 |
| 85 years and over | 435 | 403 | 31 | — | 100.0 | 92.8 | 7.2 | — |

Table 38. Number and percent distribution of decedents having high blood pressure by regularity with which decedent took medicine prescribed for it, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Regularity of taking medicine | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|--|
| | Total | Very regular | Not very regular | Hardly took it at all | Don't know | Total | Very regular | Not very regular | Hardly took it at all | Don't know | |
| | | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 804,328 | 708,259 | 64,338 | 14,691 | 17,040 | 100.0 | 88.1 | 8.0 | 1.8 | 2.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 18,853 | 13,311 | 3,556 | 1,221 | 765 | 100.0 | 70.6 | 18.9 | 6.5 | 4.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 149,935 | 126,626 | 16,334 | 3,414 | 3,561 | 100.0 | 84.5 | 10.9 | 2.3 | 2.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 216,201 | 193,975 | 15,840 | 2,703 | 3,683 | 100.0 | 89.7 | 7.3 | 1.3 | 1.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 254,424 | 227,621 | 16,315 | 3,873 | 6,616 | 100.0 | 89.5 | 6.4 | 1.5 | 2.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 164,915 | 146,727 | 12,294 | 3,479 | 2,415 | 100.0 | 89.0 | 7.5 | 2.1 | 1.5 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 690,504 | 613,266 | 52,103 | 11,852 | 13,283 | 100.0 | 88.0 | 7.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 12,007 | 8,999 | 1,938 | 668 | 401 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 16.1 | 5.6 | 3.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 117,949 | 100,761 | 12,362 | 2,342 | 2,484 | 100.0 | 85.4 | 10.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | |
| 65-74 years | 184,032 | 166,734 | 12,604 | 2,134 | 2,560 | 100.0 | 90.6 | 6.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 226,297 | 203,478 | 13,692 | 3,519 | 5,608 | 100.0 | 89.9 | 6.1 | 1.6 | 2.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 150,221 | 133,294 | 11,507 | 3,190 | 2,230 | 100.0 | 88.7 | 7.7 | 2.1 | 1.5 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 107,599 | 89,513 | 11,610 | 2,774 | 3,702 | 100.0 | 83.2 | 10.8 | 2.6 | 3.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 6,375 | 4,070 | 1,400 | 542 | 364 | 100.0 | 63.8 | 22.0 | 8.5 | 5.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 30,459 | 24,462 | 3,893 | 1,050 | 1,054 | 100.0 | 80.3 | 12.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,737 | 26,081 | 2,985 | 548 | 1,123 | 100.0 | 84.9 | 9.7 | 1.8 | 3.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 26,353 | 22,456 | 2,546 | 354 | 998 | 100.0 | 85.2 | 9.7 | 1.3 | 3.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 13,674 | 12,443 | 788 | 279 | 164 | 100.0 | 91.0 | 5.8 | 2.0 | 1.2 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 6,225 | 5,480 | 625 | 65 | 55 | 100.0 | 88.1 | 10.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 471 | 241 | 218 | 11 | — | 100.0 | 51.3 | 46.4 | 2.4 | — | |
| 45-64 years | 1,527 | 1,403 | 79 | 22 | 22 | 100.0 | 91.9 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,432 | 1,160 | 251 | 22 | — | 100.0 | 81.0 | 17.5 | 1.5 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 1,775 | 1,686 | 77 | — | 11 | 100.0 | 95.0 | 4.4 | — | 0.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,020 | 989 | — | 10 | 21 | 100.0 | 97.0 | — | 1.0 | 2.1 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 365,567 | 319,266 | 28,919 | 8,431 | 8,951 | 100.0 | 87.3 | 7.9 | 2.3 | 2.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 12,297 | 8,413 | 2,292 | 1,070 | 521 | 100.0 | 68.4 | 18.6 | 8.7 | 4.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 89,348 | 73,605 | 11,092 | 2,343 | 2,307 | 100.0 | 82.4 | 12.4 | 2.6 | 2.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 116,901 | 105,837 | 6,988 | 2,038 | 2,038 | 100.0 | 90.5 | 6.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 106,643 | 96,828 | 4,972 | 1,150 | 3,694 | 100.0 | 90.8 | 4.7 | 1.1 | 3.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 40,379 | 34,583 | 3,575 | 1,830 | 391 | 100.0 | 85.7 | 8.9 | 4.5 | 1.0 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 312,922 | 275,854 | 23,141 | 6,735 | 7,191 | 100.0 | 88.2 | 7.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 8,323 | 6,107 | 1,260 | 646 | 311 | 100.0 | 73.4 | 15.1 | 7.8 | 3.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 72,549 | 60,243 | 9,062 | 1,576 | 1,668 | 100.0 | 83.0 | 12.5 | 2.2 | 2.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 101,411 | 92,416 | 5,555 | 1,720 | 1,720 | 100.0 | 91.1 | 5.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 94,836 | 86,773 | 3,928 | 1,034 | 3,101 | 100.0 | 91.5 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 3.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 35,802 | 30,315 | 3,335 | 11,760 | 391 | 100.0 | 84.7 | 9.3 | 4.9 | 1.1 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 48,838 | 39,997 | 5,463 | 1,653 | 1,726 | 100.0 | 81.9 | 11.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 3,573 | 2,098 | 851 | 414 | 210 | 100.0 | 58.7 | 23.8 | 11.6 | 5.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 16,012 | 12,677 | 1,974 | 745 | 617 | 100.0 | 79.2 | 12.3 | 4.7 | 3.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 14,468 | 12,422 | 1,411 | 318 | 318 | 100.0 | 85.9 | 9.8 | 2.2 | 2.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 10,825 | 9,139 | 988 | 116 | 581 | 100.0 | 84.4 | 9.1 | 1.1 | 5.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,960 | 3,661 | 239 | 60 | — | 100.0 | 92.5 | 6.0 | 1.5 | — | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 3,807 | 3,414 | 315 | 43 | 34 | 100.0 | 89.7 | 8.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 401 | 208 | 182 | 11 | — | 100.0 | 51.9 | 45.3 | 2.8 | — | |
| 45-64 years | 787 | 685 | 56 | 22 | 23 | 100.0 | 87.2 | 7.2 | 2.8 | 2.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,021 | 999 | 22 | — | — | 100.0 | 97.8 | 2.2 | — | — | |
| 75-84 years | 982 | 915 | 55 | — | 11 | 100.0 | 93.3 | 5.6 | — | 1.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 617 | 607 | — | 10 | — | 100.0 | 98.4 | — | 1.6 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 438,761 | 388,993 | 35,419 | 6,260 | 8,090 | 100.0 | 88.7 | 8.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 6,556 | 4,897 | 1,264 | 151 | 244 | 100.0 | 74.7 | 19.3 | 2.3 | 3.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 60,587 | 53,020 | 5,241 | 1,072 | 1,254 | 100.0 | 87.5 | 8.7 | 1.8 | 2.1 | |
| 65-74 years | 99,301 | 88,139 | 8,851 | 665 | 1,645 | 100.0 | 88.8 | 8.9 | 0.7 | 1.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 147,781 | 130,793 | 11,343 | 2,723 | 2,923 | 100.0 | 88.5 | 7.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 124,536 | 112,144 | 8,719 | 1,649 | 2,024 | 100.0 | 90.1 | 7.0 | 1.3 | 1.6 | |

Table 38. Number and percent distribution of decedents having high blood pressure by regularity with which decedent took medicine prescribed for it, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Regularity of taking medicine | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | Total | Very regular | Not very regular | Hardly took it at all | Don't know | Total | Very regular | Not very regular | Hardly took it at all | Don't know |
| | | | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 377,583 | 337,412 | 28,962 | 5,117 | 6,092 | 100.0 | 89.4 | 7.7 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| 25–44 years | 3,683 | 2,892 | 679 | 22 | 91 | 100.0 | 78.5 | 18.4 | 0.6 | 2.5 |
| 45–64 years | 45,400 | 40,518 | 3,299 | 766 | 816 | 100.0 | 89.3 | 7.3 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| 65–74 years | 82,621 | 74,318 | 7,049 | 414 | 840 | 100.0 | 90.0 | 8.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| 75–84 years | 131,460 | 116,705 | 9,764 | 2,485 | 2,507 | 100.0 | 88.8 | 7.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 114,419 | 102,979 | 8,171 | 1,430 | 1,839 | 100.0 | 90.0 | 7.1 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 58,760 | 49,516 | 6,147 | 1,121 | 1,976 | 100.0 | 84.3 | 10.5 | 1.9 | 3.4 |
| 25–44 years | 2,803 | 1,971 | 548 | 129 | 154 | 100.0 | 70.4 | 19.6 | 4.6 | 5.5 |
| 45–64 years | 14,447 | 11,786 | 1,919 | 305 | 437 | 100.0 | 81.6 | 13.3 | 2.1 | 3.0 |
| 65–74 years | 16,269 | 13,660 | 1,573 | 230 | 805 | 100.0 | 84.0 | 9.7 | 1.4 | 5.0 |
| 75–84 years | 15,528 | 13,317 | 1,557 | 238 | 416 | 100.0 | 85.8 | 10.0 | 1.5 | 2.7 |
| 85 years and over | 9,714 | 8,782 | 548 | 219 | 164 | 100.0 | 90.4 | 5.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 2,418 | 2,065 | 310 | 22 | 21 | 100.0 | 85.4 | 12.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| 25–44 years | 70 | 33 | 37 | — | — | 100.0 | 47.6 | 52.4 | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 740 | 717 | 23 | — | — | 100.0 | 96.9 | 3.1 | — | — |
| 65–74 years | 411 | 161 | 228 | 22 | — | 100.0 | 39.2 | 55.5 | 5.2 | — |
| 75–84 years | 793 | 771 | 22 | — | — | 100.0 | 97.2 | 2.8 | — | — |
| 85 years and over | 403 | 382 | — | — | 21 | 100.0 | 94.8 | — | — | 5.2 |

**Table 39. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had a heart attack, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986**

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had heart attack | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,869 | 580,789 | 1,348,165 | 57,915 | 100.0 | 29.2 | 67.9 | 2.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 14,037 | 108,591 | 3,063 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 86.4 | 2.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,309 | 121,368 | 259,306 | 9,635 | 100.0 | 31.1 | 66.4 | 2.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 170,804 | 297,000 | 12,220 | 100.0 | 35.6 | 61.9 | 2.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,613 | 181,192 | 368,755 | 18,666 | 100.0 | 31.9 | 64.9 | 3.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 93,388 | 314,513 | 14,331 | 100.0 | 22.1 | 74.5 | 3.4 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,772 | 519,806 | 1,170,765 | 49,202 | 100.0 | 29.9 | 67.3 | 2.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 10,273 | 80,607 | 2,245 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 86.6 | 2.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 102,960 | 211,899 | 7,361 | 100.0 | 32.0 | 65.8 | 2.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 153,226 | 257,273 | 10,434 | 100.0 | 36.4 | 61.1 | 2.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 167,886 | 329,517 | 16,219 | 100.0 | 32.7 | 64.2 | 3.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 85,460 | 291,469 | 12,994 | 100.0 | 21.9 | 74.8 | 3.3 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 56,901 | 162,566 | 8,536 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 71.3 | 3.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 3,476 | 25,673 | 796 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 85.7 | 2.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 17,253 | 44,299 | 2,206 | 100.0 | 27.1 | 69.5 | 3.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 16,887 | 36,421 | 1,765 | 100.0 | 30.7 | 66.1 | 3.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 12,561 | 35,769 | 2,414 | 100.0 | 24.8 | 70.5 | 4.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 6,725 | 20,404 | 1,356 | 100.0 | 23.6 | 71.6 | 4.8 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 4,081 | 14,834 | 177 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 77.7 | 0.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 288 | 2,311 | 23 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 88.2 | 0.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 1,155 | 3,107 | 68 | 100.0 | 26.7 | 71.8 | 1.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 691 | 3,307 | 22 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 82.3 | 0.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 746 | 3,469 | 33 | 100.0 | 17.6 | 81.7 | 0.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 1,202 | 2,640 | 31 | 100.0 | 31.0 | 68.2 | 0.8 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 345,392 | 653,489 | 30,867 | 100.0 | 33.5 | 63.5 | 3.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 10,431 | 74,590 | 2,275 | 100.0 | 11.9 | 85.4 | 2.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 87,962 | 146,884 | 7,387 | 100.0 | 36.3 | 60.6 | 3.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,722 | 110,625 | 161,197 | 7,900 | 100.0 | 39.5 | 57.6 | 2.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 102,270 | 168,204 | 8,914 | 100.0 | 36.6 | 60.2 | 3.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 34,104 | 102,614 | 4,390 | 100.0 | 24.2 | 72.7 | 3.1 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,183 | 313,174 | 555,989 | 26,020 | 100.0 | 35.0 | 62.1 | 2.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 7,927 | 55,441 | 1,713 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 85.2 | 2.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 77,141 | 119,119 | 5,657 | 100.0 | 38.2 | 59.0 | 2.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,072 | 101,158 | 139,031 | 6,883 | 100.0 | 40.9 | 56.3 | 2.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 95,655 | 149,042 | 7,857 | 100.0 | 37.9 | 59.0 | 3.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 31,293 | 93,355 | 3,912 | 100.0 | 24.3 | 72.6 | 3.0 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 29,375 | 89,118 | 4,801 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 72.3 | 3.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 2,275 | 17,505 | 551 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 86.1 | 2.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 10,015 | 26,270 | 1,708 | 100.0 | 26.4 | 69.1 | 4.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 8,873 | 20,393 | 1,017 | 100.0 | 29.3 | 67.3 | 3.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 6,058 | 17,221 | 1,047 | 100.0 | 24.9 | 70.8 | 4.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 2,154 | 7,730 | 479 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 74.6 | 4.6 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 2,843 | 8,382 | 46 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 74.4 | 0.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 229 | 1,644 | 12 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 87.2 | 0.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 806 | 1,495 | 23 | 100.0 | 34.7 | 64.3 | 1.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 594 | 1,773 | — | 100.0 | 25.1 | 74.9 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 557 | 1,941 | 11 | 100.0 | 22.2 | 77.4 | 0.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 657 | 1,530 | — | 100.0 | 30.0 | 70.0 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 235,397 | 694,676 | 27,048 | 100.0 | 24.6 | 72.6 | 2.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 3,606 | 34,001 | 788 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 88.6 | 2.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 33,406 | 112,422 | 2,247 | 100.0 | 22.6 | 75.9 | 1.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 60,179 | 135,803 | 4,320 | 100.0 | 30.0 | 67.8 | 2.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 78,922 | 200,552 | 9,752 | 100.0 | 27.3 | 69.3 | 3.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 59,284 | 211,898 | 9,941 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 75.4 | 3.5 | |

**Table 39. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had a heart attack, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986—Con.**

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had heart attack | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|----------------------|------|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | Number | Percent distribution | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,588 | 206,632 | 614,774 | 23,182 | 100.0 | 24.5 | 72.8 | 2.7 | |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 2,347 | 25,165 | 532 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 89.7 | 1.9 | |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 25,819 | 92,780 | 1,704 | 100.0 | 21.5 | 77.1 | 1.4 | |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 52,068 | 118,241 | 3,551 | 100.0 | 29.9 | 68.0 | 2.0 | |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 72,231 | 180,475 | 8,362 | 100.0 | 27.7 | 69.1 | 3.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 54,167 | 198,113 | 9,033 | 100.0 | 20.7 | 75.8 | 3.5 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 27,526 | 73,448 | 3,735 | 100.0 | 26.3 | 70.1 | 3.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 1,200 | 8,168 | 245 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 85.0 | 2.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 7,238 | 18,029 | 498 | 100.0 | 28.1 | 70.0 | 1.9 | |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 8,014 | 16,028 | 748 | 100.0 | 32.3 | 64.7 | 3.0 | |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 6,503 | 18,548 | 1,367 | 100.0 | 24.6 | 70.2 | 5.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 4,571 | 12,674 | 877 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 69.9 | 4.8 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 1,239 | 6,452 | 131 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 82.5 | 1.7 | |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 59 | 668 | 11 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 90.6 | 1.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 349 | 1,612 | 45 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 80.3 | 2.3 | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 97 | 1,534 | 22 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 92.8 | 1.3 | |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 189 | 1,528 | 22 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 87.9 | 1.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 545 | 1,111 | 31 | 100.0 | 32.3 | 65.8 | 1.9 | |

Table 40. Number and percent distribution of decedents who had a heart attack by length of time before death of a first heart attack, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 1 day | 1 day to less than 2 weeks | 2 weeks to less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 580,789 | 24,321 | 40,105 | 17,500 | 27,454 | 16,395 | 33,822 | 81,071 | 81,915 | 65,290 | 32,850 | 50,278 | 109,787 | |
| 25-44 years | 14,037 | 1,191 | 1,632 | 375 | 1,032 | 435 | 895 | 1,310 | 1,091 | 433 | 73 | 238 | 5,332 | |
| 45-64 years | 121,368 | 5,839 | 6,587 | 3,414 | 4,945 | 3,826 | 7,361 | 17,143 | 20,277 | 15,836 | 4,987 | 4,852 | 26,299 | |
| 65-74 years | 170,804 | 6,075 | 12,726 | 5,725 | 8,508 | 5,116 | 9,898 | 21,090 | 23,590 | 20,975 | 13,409 | 11,681 | 32,012 | |
| 75-84 years | 181,192 | 8,281 | 12,259 | 6,102 | 8,827 | 5,283 | 9,619 | 25,863 | 24,791 | 18,316 | 9,811 | 21,188 | 30,851 | |
| 85 years and over | 93,388 | 2,935 | 6,901 | 1,884 | 4,142 | 1,734 | 6,048 | 15,665 | 12,166 | 9,730 | 4,569 | 12,320 | 15,293 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 519,806 | 21,537 | 35,875 | 14,896 | 23,413 | 14,211 | 29,374 | 71,536 | 74,839 | 60,691 | 30,721 | 47,820 | 94,893 | |
| 25-44 years | 10,273 | 985 | 1,225 | 298 | 662 | 311 | 666 | 1,063 | 837 | 397 | 62 | 134 | 3,635 | |
| 45-64 years | 102,960 | 4,955 | 5,164 | 2,179 | 4,096 | 3,103 | 5,740 | 13,930 | 17,760 | 14,524 | 4,596 | 4,708 | 22,206 | |
| 65-74 years | 153,227 | 5,291 | 11,388 | 5,247 | 6,965 | 4,633 | 8,447 | 18,395 | 21,786 | 19,741 | 12,759 | 10,821 | 27,754 | |
| 75-84 years | 167,886 | 7,685 | 11,427 | 5,572 | 8,091 | 4,770 | 8,889 | 24,066 | 23,208 | 16,986 | 9,110 | 20,467 | 27,616 | |
| 85 years and over | 85,460 | 2,621 | 6,672 | 1,599 | 3,599 | 1,395 | 5,633 | 14,082 | 11,248 | 9,045 | 4,194 | 11,690 | 13,682 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 56,901 | 2,515 | 4,140 | 2,584 | 3,847 | 1,845 | 3,931 | 9,120 | 6,421 | 4,186 | 1,890 | 1,948 | 14,474 | |
| 25-44 years | 3,476 | 195 | 386 | 77 | 294 | 37 | 219 | 247 | 217 | 36 | 11 | 104 | 1,653 | |
| 45-64 years | 17,253 | 841 | 1,377 | 1,225 | 826 | 528 | 1,598 | 3,124 | 2,181 | 1,171 | 380 | 131 | 3,871 | |
| 65-74 years | 16,887 | 784 | 1,338 | 478 | 1,510 | 472 | 1,013 | 2,629 | 1,771 | 1,223 | 618 | 860 | 4,192 | |
| 75-84 years | 12,561 | 585 | 821 | 530 | 703 | 469 | 708 | 1,764 | 1,354 | 1,297 | 702 | 470 | 3,157 | |
| 85 years and over | 6,725 | 110 | 219 | 274 | 513 | 339 | 394 | 1,356 | 897 | 459 | 179 | 384 | 1,601 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 4,081 | 269 | 90 | 20 | 194 | 338 | 517 | 414 | 657 | 413 | 240 | 509 | 420 | |
| 25-44 years | 288 | 11 | 22 | — | 76 | 87 | 11 | — | 37 | — | — | — | 44 | |
| 45-64 years | 1,155 | 43 | 46 | 10 | 23 | 196 | 24 | 89 | 337 | 142 | 11 | 13 | 222 | |
| 65-74 years | 691 | — | — | — | 33 | 11 | 438 | 66 | 33 | 11 | 33 | — | 66 | |
| 75-84 years | 746 | 11 | 11 | — | 33 | 44 | 22 | 33 | 229 | 33 | — | 251 | 77 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,202 | 204 | 10 | 10 | 30 | — | 22 | 227 | 21 | 227 | 196 | 246 | 10 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 345,392 | 13,991 | 18,467 | 9,606 | 14,488 | 8,916 | 16,885 | 46,714 | 49,942 | 44,275 | 24,627 | 31,303 | 66,178 | |
| 25-44 years | 10,431 | 1,030 | 1,260 | 212 | 826 | 285 | 537 | 1,132 | 879 | 388 | 62 | 72 | 3,747 | |
| 45-64 years | 87,962 | 4,457 | 4,226 | 2,128 | 3,535 | 2,451 | 4,915 | 12,070 | 15,673 | 12,993 | 3,753 | 3,716 | 18,045 | |
| 65-74 years | 110,625 | 3,799 | 7,171 | 2,540 | 4,312 | 2,702 | 5,414 | 13,321 | 15,437 | 15,091 | 10,732 | 9,117 | 20,989 | |
| 75-84 years | 102,270 | 3,922 | 4,245 | 3,933 | 3,784 | 2,576 | 3,944 | 14,737 | 13,412 | 12,044 | 7,553 | 14,086 | 18,035 | |
| 85 years and over | 34,104 | 782 | 1,565 | 792 | 2,030 | 902 | 2,075 | 5,454 | 4,542 | 3,760 | 2,526 | 4,313 | 5,362 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 313,174 | 12,348 | 15,898 | 8,600 | 12,390 | 8,089 | 15,028 | 41,746 | 46,142 | 41,528 | 22,952 | 30,079 | 58,364 | |
| 25-44 years | 7,927 | 835 | 889 | 200 | 548 | 198 | 464 | 955 | 710 | 363 | 62 | 11 | 2,691 | |
| 45-64 years | 77,141 | 3,798 | 3,314 | 1,568 | 3,140 | 2,272 | 4,176 | 10,297 | 14,194 | 11,945 | 3,433 | 3,596 | 15,409 | |
| 65-74 years | 101,158 | 3,418 | 6,408 | 2,350 | 3,642 | 2,563 | 4,722 | 11,761 | 14,334 | 14,328 | 10,276 | 8,544 | 18,812 | |
| 75-84 years | 95,655 | 3,515 | 3,722 | 3,701 | 3,308 | 2,274 | 3,711 | 13,843 | 12,601 | 11,568 | 7,030 | 13,625 | 16,758 | |
| 85 years and over | 31,293 | 782 | 1,565 | 782 | 1,760 | 782 | 1,956 | 4,890 | 4,303 | 3,325 | 2,151 | 4,303 | 4,694 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 29,375 | 1,609 | 2,513 | 996 | 1,928 | 717 | 1,397 | 4,650 | 3,222 | 2,408 | 1,456 | 985 | 7,493 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,275 | 184 | 349 | 12 | 203 | — | 62 | 177 | 169 | 25 | — | 61 | 1,034 | |
| 45-64 years | 10,015 | 637 | 878 | 561 | 373 | 180 | 728 | 1,717 | 1,151 | 916 | 308 | 120 | 2,447 | |
| 65-74 years | 8,873 | 381 | 763 | 191 | 648 | 127 | 254 | 1,526 | 1,081 | 763 | 445 | 572 | 2,122 | |
| 75-84 years | 6,058 | 407 | 523 | 233 | 465 | 291 | 233 | 872 | 581 | 465 | 523 | 233 | 1,232 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,154 | — | — | — | 239 | 120 | 359 | 239 | 239 | 179 | — | 658 | | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 2,843 | 34 | 56 | 10 | 161 | 109 | 461 | 317 | 578 | 339 | 218 | 239 | 321 |
| 25-44 years | 229 | 11 | 22 | - | 76 | 87 | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | 22 |
| 45-64 years | 806 | 23 | 33 | - | 23 | - | 11 | 56 | 327 | 132 | 11 | - | 189 |
| 65-74 years | 594 | - | - | - | 22 | 11 | 438 | 33 | 22 | - | 11 | - | 56 |
| 75-84 years | 557 | - | - | - | 11 | 11 | - | 22 | 229 | 11 | - | 229 | 44 |
| 85 years and over | 657 | - | - | 10 | 30 | - | - | 206 | - | 196 | 196 | 10 | 10 |

Female

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 235,397 | 10,331 | 21,638 | 7,893 | 12,967 | 7,479 | 16,937 | 34,357 | 31,973 | 21,015 | 8,224 | 18,975 | 43,610 |
| 25-44 years | 3,606 | 161 | 372 | 163 | 206 | 150 | 358 | 178 | 212 | 44 | 11 | 166 | 1,585 |
| 45-64 years | 33,406 | 1,382 | 2,361 | 1,286 | 1,410 | 1,375 | 2,447 | 5,073 | 4,605 | 2,844 | 1,234 | 1,136 | 8,254 |
| 65-74 years | 60,179 | 2,276 | 5,554 | 3,185 | 4,195 | 2,415 | 4,484 | 7,769 | 8,153 | 5,884 | 2,678 | 2,564 | 11,023 |
| 75-84 years | 78,922 | 4,360 | 8,014 | 2,169 | 5,043 | 2,707 | 5,676 | 11,126 | 11,379 | 6,272 | 2,258 | 7,102 | 12,817 |
| 85 years and over | 59,284 | 2,152 | 5,337 | 1,091 | 2,113 | 832 | 3,973 | 10,211 | 7,624 | 5,971 | 2,043 | 8,007 | 9,931 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 206,632 | 9,189 | 19,977 | 6,295 | 11,015 | 6,122 | 14,346 | 29,790 | 28,697 | 19,163 | 7,768 | 17,741 | 36,529 |
| 25-44 years | 2,347 | 150 | 335 | 98 | 115 | 113 | 202 | 108 | 127 | 33 | - | 123 | 943 |
| 45-64 years | 25,819 | 1,157 | 1,850 | 612 | 956 | 831 | 1,564 | 3,633 | 3,565 | 2,579 | 1,162 | 1,112 | 6,797 |
| 65-74 years | 52,068 | 1,873 | 4,979 | 2,897 | 3,322 | 2,070 | 3,725 | 6,633 | 7,452 | 5,413 | 2,484 | 2,277 | 8,942 |
| 75-84 years | 72,231 | 4,170 | 7,706 | 1,872 | 4,783 | 2,496 | 5,178 | 10,223 | 10,606 | 5,418 | 2,080 | 6,842 | 10,858 |
| 85 years and over | 54,167 | 1,839 | 5,107 | 817 | 1,839 | 613 | 3,677 | 9,193 | 6,946 | 5,720 | 2,043 | 7,387 | 8,988 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 27,526 | 906 | 1,627 | 1,588 | 1,919 | 1,128 | 2,534 | 4,470 | 3,198 | 1,777 | 434 | 963 | 6,982 |
| 25-44 years | 1,200 | 11 | 37 | 65 | 91 | 37 | 156 | 70 | 48 | 11 | 11 | 43 | 620 |
| 45-64 years | 7,238 | 205 | 498 | 664 | 454 | 348 | 870 | 1,407 | 1,030 | 255 | 72 | 11 | 1,424 |
| 65-74 years | 8,014 | 403 | 575 | 288 | 863 | 345 | 758 | 1,103 | 690 | 460 | 173 | 288 | 2,070 |
| 75-84 years | 6,503 | 178 | 297 | 297 | 238 | 178 | 476 | 892 | 773 | 832 | 178 | 238 | 1,925 |
| 85 years and over | 4,571 | 110 | 219 | 274 | 274 | 219 | 274 | 997 | 658 | 219 | - | 384 | 943 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 1,239 | 235 | 34 | 10 | 33 | 229 | 56 | 97 | 78 | 74 | 22 | 271 | 99 |
| 25-44 years | 59 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 37 | - | - | - | 22 |
| 45-64 years | 349 | 20 | 13 | 10 | - | 196 | 13 | 33 | 10 | 10 | - | 13 | 33 |
| 65-74 years | 97 | - | - | - | 11 | - | - | 32 | 11 | 11 | 22 | - | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 189 | 11 | 11 | - | 22 | 33 | 22 | 11 | - | 22 | - | 22 | 33 |
| 85 years and over | 545 | 204 | 10 | - | - | - | 22 | 21 | 21 | 31 | - | 236 | - |

Both sexes

| | Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|------|
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.2 | 6.9 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 2.8 | 5.8 | 14.0 | 14.1 | 11.2 | 5.7 | 8.7 | 18.9 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 8.5 | 11.6 | 2.7 | 7.4 | 3.1 | 6.4 | 9.3 | 7.8 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 38.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 6.1 | 14.1 | 16.7 | 13.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 21.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.6 | 7.5 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 5.8 | 12.3 | 13.8 | 12.3 | 7.9 | 6.8 | 18.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 2.9 | 5.3 | 14.3 | 13.7 | 10.1 | 5.4 | 11.7 | 17.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.1 | 7.4 | 2.0 | 4.4 | 1.9 | 6.5 | 16.8 | 13.0 | 10.4 | 4.9 | 13.2 | 16.4 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.1 | 6.9 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 13.8 | 14.4 | 11.7 | 5.9 | 9.2 | 18.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 9.6 | 11.9 | 2.9 | 6.4 | 3.0 | 6.5 | 10.3 | 8.1 | 3.9 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 35.4 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 5.6 | 13.5 | 17.2 | 14.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 21.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.5 | 7.4 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 12.0 | 14.2 | 12.9 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 18.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 14.3 | 13.8 | 10.1 | 5.4 | 12.2 | 16.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.1 | 7.8 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 6.6 | 16.5 | 13.2 | 10.6 | 4.9 | 13.7 | 16.0 |

Table 40. Number and percent distribution of decedents who had a heart attack by length of time before death of a first heart attack, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | | | Percent distribution |
|--|-------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| | | Less than 1 day | 1 day to less than 2 weeks | 2 weeks to less than 1 month | 1 month to less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | Percent distribution | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.4 | 7.3 | 4.5 | 6.8 | 3.2 | 6.9 | 13.0 | 11.3 | 7.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 25.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 5.6 | 11.1 | 2.2 | 8.5 | 1.1 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 47.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.9 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 9.3 | 18.1 | 12.6 | 6.8 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 22.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 4.6 | 7.9 | 2.8 | 8.9 | 2.8 | 6.0 | 15.6 | 10.5 | 7.2 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 24.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 6.5 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 14.0 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 25.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 7.6 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 20.2 | 13.3 | 6.8 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 23.8 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.6 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 12.7 | 10.1 | 16.1 | 10.1 | 5.9 | 12.5 | 10.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 7.7 | — | 26.2 | 30.3 | 3.8 | — | 12.7 | — | — | — | 15.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 16.9 | 2.1 | 7.7 | 29.2 | 12.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 19.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | — | — | — | 4.8 | 1.6 | 63.5 | 9.5 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 4.7 | — | 9.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | — | 4.5 | 5.9 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 30.7 | 4.5 | — | 33.7 | 10.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 2.5 | — | 1.8 | 18.8 | 1.7 | 18.9 | 16.3 | 20.4 | 0.8 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.1 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 4.9 | 13.5 | 14.5 | 12.8 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 19.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 9.9 | 12.1 | 2.0 | 7.9 | 2.7 | 5.2 | 10.9 | 8.4 | 3.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 35.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 5.6 | 13.7 | 17.8 | 14.8 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 20.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 6.5 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 4.9 | 12.0 | 14.0 | 13.6 | 9.7 | 8.2 | 19.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 14.4 | 13.1 | 11.8 | 7.4 | 13.8 | 17.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 6.0 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 16.0 | 13.3 | 11.0 | 7.4 | 12.6 | 15.7 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 2.7 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 4.8 | 13.3 | 14.7 | 13.3 | 7.3 | 9.6 | 18.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 10.5 | 11.2 | 2.5 | 6.9 | 2.5 | 5.9 | 12.1 | 9.0 | 4.6 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 34.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 5.4 | 13.3 | 18.4 | 15.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 20.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 6.3 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 11.6 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 10.2 | 8.4 | 18.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 14.5 | 13.2 | 12.1 | 7.3 | 14.2 | 17.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 5.6 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 15.6 | 13.8 | 10.6 | 6.9 | 13.8 | 15.0 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.5 | 8.6 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 15.8 | 11.0 | 8.2 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 25.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 8.1 | 15.3 | 0.5 | 8.9 | — | 2.7 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 1.1 | — | 2.7 | 45.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 6.4 | 8.8 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 1.8 | 7.3 | 17.1 | 11.5 | 9.1 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 24.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 4.3 | 8.6 | 2.1 | 7.3 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 17.2 | 12.2 | 8.6 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 23.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 3.8 | 7.7 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 14.4 | 9.6 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 3.8 | 20.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | — | — | 11.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 16.7 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 8.3 | — | 30.6 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 5.7 | 3.8 | 13.2 | 11.2 | 20.3 | 11.9 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 11.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 4.8 | 9.6 | — | 33.0 | 38.1 | 4.8 | — | — | — | — | — | 9.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 2.8 | 4.2 | — | 2.8 | — | 1.4 | 7.0 | 40.6 | 16.4 | 1.4 | — | 23.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | — | — | — | 3.7 | 1.9 | 73.8 | 5.6 | 3.7 | — | 1.9 | — | 9.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | — | — | — | 2.0 | 2.0 | — | 4.0 | 41.1 | 2.0 | — | 41.1 | 7.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | — | 1.5 | 4.6 | — | — | 31.3 | — | 29.8 | 29.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | |

Female

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.4 | 9.2 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 3.2 | 7.2 | 14.6 | 13.6 | 8.9 | 3.5 | 8.1 | 18.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 10.3 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 9.9 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 44.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 7.1 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 7.3 | 15.2 | 13.8 | 8.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 24.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 9.2 | 5.3 | 7.0 | 4.0 | 7.5 | 12.9 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 18.3 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 5.5 | 10.2 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 3.4 | 7.2 | 14.1 | 14.4 | 7.9 | 2.9 | 9.0 | 16.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.6 | 9.0 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 6.7 | 17.2 | 12.9 | 10.1 | 3.4 | 13.5 | 16.8 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.4 | 9.7 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 6.9 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 9.3 | 38.0 | 8.6 | 17.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 6.4 | 14.3 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 8.6 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 1.4 | — | 5.2 | 40.2 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 7.2 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 6.1 | 14.1 | 13.8 | 10.0 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 26.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.6 | 9.6 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 4.0 | 7.2 | 12.7 | 14.3 | 10.4 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 17.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 5.8 | 10.7 | 2.6 | 6.6 | 3.5 | 7.2 | 14.2 | 14.7 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 9.5 | 15.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.4 | 9.4 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 6.8 | 17.0 | 12.8 | 10.6 | 3.8 | 13.6 | 16.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 7.0 | 4.1 | 9.2 | 16.2 | 11.6 | 6.5 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 25.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 5.4 | 7.6 | 3.1 | 13.0 | 5.9 | 4.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 3.6 | 51.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 2.8 | 6.9 | 9.2 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 12.0 | 19.4 | 14.2 | 3.5 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 19.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 7.2 | 3.6 | 10.8 | 4.3 | 9.5 | 13.8 | 8.6 | 5.7 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 25.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 2.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 7.3 | 13.7 | 11.9 | 12.8 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 29.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 21.8 | 14.4 | 4.8 | — | 8.4 | 20.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 19.0 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 2.7 | 18.5 | 4.6 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 1.7 | 21.8 | 8.0 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 62.4 | — | — | — | 37.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.8 | 3.6 | 2.9 | — | 56.0 | 3.6 | 9.3 | 2.9 | — | — | 3.6 | 9.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | — | — | — | 11.1 | — | — | 33.3 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 22.2 | — | 11.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 | — | 11.8 | 17.6 | 11.8 | 5.9 | — | 11.8 | — | 11.8 | 17.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 37.5 | 1.9 | — | — | — | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 5.8 | — | 43.2 | — |

Table 41. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had angina pectoris, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had angina pectoris | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------|------|------------|------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | | | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | Number | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,869 | 268,874 | 1,521,960 | 196,035 | 100.0 | 13.5 | 76.6 | 9.9 |
| 25–44 years | 125,691 | 4,009 | 113,784 | 7,898 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 90.5 | 6.3 |
| 45–64 years | 390,308 | 47,928 | 309,077 | 33,303 | 100.0 | 12.3 | 79.2 | 8.5 |
| 65–74 years | 480,024 | 71,737 | 357,932 | 50,355 | 100.0 | 14.9 | 74.6 | 10.5 |
| 75–84 years | 568,614 | 90,388 | 416,830 | 61,396 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 73.3 | 10.8 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 54,812 | 324,337 | 43,083 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 76.8 | 10.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,773 | 248,229 | 1,325,371 | 166,173 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 76.2 | 9.6 |
| 25–44 years | 93,125 | 3,086 | 84,920 | 5,118 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 91.2 | 5.5 |
| 45–64 years | 322,220 | 41,829 | 254,308 | 26,083 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 78.9 | 8.1 |
| 65–74 years | 420,933 | 66,488 | 312,100 | 42,346 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 74.1 | 10.1 |
| 75–84 years | 513,622 | 84,794 | 374,816 | 54,012 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 73.0 | 10.5 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 52,033 | 299,227 | 38,614 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 76.8 | 9.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 18,837 | 180,362 | 28,804 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 79.1 | 12.6 |
| 25–44 years | 29,945 | 889 | 26,523 | 2,533 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 88.6 | 8.5 |
| 45–64 years | 63,758 | 5,669 | 51,082 | 7,007 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 80.1 | 11.0 |
| 65–74 years | 55,072 | 5,085 | 42,338 | 7,650 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 76.9 | 13.9 |
| 75–84 years | 50,744 | 5,176 | 38,339 | 7,229 | 100.0 | 10.2 | 75.6 | 14.3 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 2,019 | 22,080 | 4,386 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 77.5 | 15.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 1,808 | 16,227 | 1,058 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 85.0 | 5.5 |
| 25–44 years | 2,622 | 34 | 2,340 | 247 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 89.3 | 9.4 |
| 45–64 years | 4,330 | 430 | 3,688 | 213 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 85.2 | 4.9 |
| 65–74 years | 4,019 | 165 | 3,494 | 360 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 87.0 | 9.0 |
| 75–84 years | 4,248 | 419 | 3,675 | 155 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 86.5 | 3.7 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 760 | 3,030 | 83 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 78.2 | 2.2 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 140,351 | 783,791 | 105,606 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 76.1 | 10.3 |
| 25–44 years | 87,296 | 2,762 | 79,211 | 5,323 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 90.7 | 6.1 |
| 45–64 years | 242,233 | 34,132 | 184,136 | 23,965 | 100.0 | 14.1 | 76.0 | 9.9 |
| 65–74 years | 279,723 | 41,871 | 207,046 | 30,806 | 100.0 | 15.0 | 74.0 | 11.0 |
| 75–84 years | 279,388 | 44,754 | 205,774 | 28,859 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 73.7 | 10.3 |
| 85 years and over | 141,109 | 16,832 | 107,624 | 16,653 | 100.0 | 11.9 | 76.3 | 11.8 |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,183 | 129,840 | 677,051 | 88,292 | 100.0 | 14.5 | 75.6 | 9.9 |
| 25–44 years | 65,081 | 2,274 | 59,206 | 3,601 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 91.0 | 5.5 |
| 45–64 years | 201,917 | 30,681 | 152,148 | 19,088 | 100.0 | 15.2 | 75.4 | 9.5 |
| 65–74 years | 247,072 | 39,331 | 181,845 | 25,896 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 73.6 | 10.5 |
| 75–84 years | 252,554 | 41,712 | 185,803 | 25,039 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 73.6 | 9.9 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 15,842 | 98,049 | 14,669 | 100.0 | 12.3 | 76.3 | 11.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 9,725 | 96,686 | 16,884 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 78.4 | 13.7 |
| 25–44 years | 20,331 | 465 | 18,265 | 1,581 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 89.9 | 7.8 |
| 45–64 years | 37,993 | 3,305 | 29,913 | 4,775 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 78.7 | 12.6 |
| 65–74 years | 30,283 | 2,440 | 23,011 | 4,832 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 76.0 | 16.0 |
| 75–84 years | 24,325 | 2,976 | 17,628 | 3,721 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 72.5 | 15.3 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 538 | 7,849 | 1,974 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 75.8 | 19.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 787 | 10,054 | 430 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 89.2 | 3.8 |
| 25–44 years | 1,885 | 23 | 1,721 | 141 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 91.3 | 7.5 |
| 45–64 years | 2,324 | 147 | 2,075 | 102 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 89.3 | 4.4 |
| 65–74 years | 2,367 | 100 | 2,189 | 78 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 92.5 | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 2,509 | 66 | 2,344 | 99 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 93.4 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 451 | 1,725 | 10 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 78.9 | 0.5 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,120 | 128,522 | 738,169 | 90,429 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 77.1 | 9.5 |
| 25–44 years | 38,395 | 1,247 | 34,573 | 2,575 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 90.1 | 6.7 |
| 45–64 years | 148,075 | 13,795 | 124,941 | 9,338 | 100.0 | 9.3 | 84.4 | 6.3 |
| 65–74 years | 200,301 | 29,866 | 150,886 | 19,550 | 100.0 | 14.9 | 75.3 | 9.8 |
| 75–84 years | 289,226 | 45,634 | 211,056 | 32,536 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 73.0 | 11.1 |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 37,980 | 216,713 | 26,431 | 100.0 | 13.5 | 77.1 | 9.4 |

Table 41. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had angina pectoris, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had angina pectoris | | | | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
|--|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------|-------|------|------|------------|-------|-----|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | | | | | | | | |
| Female—Con. | Number | | | | | | | | | | Percent distribution | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 118,389 | 648,320 | 77,880 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 76.8 | 9.2 | | | | |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 812 | 25,715 | 1,517 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 91.7 | 5.4 | | | | |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 11,148 | 102,160 | 6,996 | 100.0 | 9.3 | 84.9 | 5.8 | | | | |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 27,156 | 130,254 | 16,450 | 100.0 | 15.6 | 74.9 | 9.5 | | | | |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 43,082 | 189,013 | 28,973 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 72.4 | 11.1 | | | | |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 36,191 | 201,178 | 23,945 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 77.0 | 9.2 | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 9,112 | 83,676 | 11,920 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 79.9 | 11.4 | | | | |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 423 | 8,238 | 952 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 85.7 | 9.9 | | | | |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 2,364 | 21,169 | 2,232 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 82.2 | 8.7 | | | | |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 2,645 | 19,327 | 2,818 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 78.0 | 11.4 | | | | |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 2,200 | 20,712 | 3,508 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 78.4 | 13.3 | | | | |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 1,480 | 14,230 | 2,412 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 78.5 | 13.3 | | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 1,021 | 6,173 | 629 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 78.9 | 8.0 | | | | |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 11 | 620 | 106 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 84.0 | 14.4 | | | | |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 283 | 1,612 | 111 | 100.0 | 14.1 | 80.3 | 5.5 | | | | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 65 | 1,305 | 282 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 79.0 | 17.1 | | | | |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 352 | 1,331 | 56 | 100.0 | 20.3 | 76.6 | 3.2 | | | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 309 | 1,305 | 73 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 77.3 | 4.4 | | | | |

**Table 42. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had a stroke, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986**

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had a stroke | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,869 | 506,533 | 1,408,274 | 72,061 | 100.0 | 25.5 | 70.9 | 3.6 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 9,892 | 111,883 | 3,916 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 89.0 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 63,279 | 315,091 | 11,939 | 100.0 | 16.2 | 80.7 | 3.1 |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 122,112 | 340,707 | 17,205 | 100.0 | 25.4 | 71.0 | 3.6 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 170,138 | 378,809 | 19,667 | 100.0 | 29.9 | 66.6 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 141,113 | 261,784 | 19,335 | 100.0 | 33.4 | 62.0 | 4.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,773 | 438,204 | 1,238,711 | 62,857 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 71.2 | 3.6 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 6,505 | 83,770 | 2,849 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 90.0 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 48,124 | 264,541 | 9,555 | 100.0 | 14.9 | 82.1 | 3.0 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 101,693 | 303,949 | 15,292 | 100.0 | 24.2 | 72.2 | 3.6 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 151,278 | 344,911 | 17,433 | 100.0 | 29.5 | 67.2 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 130,604 | 241,540 | 17,729 | 100.0 | 33.5 | 62.0 | 4.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 63,422 | 155,557 | 9,025 | 100.0 | 27.8 | 68.2 | 4.0 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 3,209 | 25,703 | 1,033 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 85.8 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 14,742 | 46,680 | 2,336 | 100.0 | 23.1 | 73.2 | 3.7 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 18,271 | 34,910 | 1,892 | 100.0 | 33.2 | 63.4 | 3.4 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 17,545 | 31,020 | 2,179 | 100.0 | 34.6 | 61.1 | 4.3 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 9,655 | 17,244 | 1,585 | 100.0 | 33.9 | 60.5 | 5.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 4,908 | 14,006 | 180 | 100.0 | 25.7 | 73.4 | 0.9 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 178 | 2,410 | 34 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 91.9 | 1.3 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 412 | 3,870 | 48 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 89.4 | 1.1 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 2,148 | 1,849 | 22 | 100.0 | 53.5 | 46.0 | 0.5 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 1,315 | 2,877 | 55 | 100.0 | 31.0 | 67.7 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 854 | 3,000 | 21 | 100.0 | 22.0 | 77.4 | 0.5 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 231,508 | 758,432 | 39,810 | 100.0 | 22.5 | 73.7 | 3.9 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 6,010 | 78,361 | 2,926 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 89.8 | 3.4 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 38,393 | 194,516 | 9,325 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 80.3 | 3.9 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 69,068 | 198,782 | 11,873 | 100.0 | 24.7 | 71.1 | 4.2 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 77,153 | 193,219 | 9,016 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 69.2 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 141,109 | 40,884 | 93,553 | 6,671 | 100.0 | 29.0 | 66.3 | 4.7 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,183 | 199,045 | 661,633 | 34,507 | 100.0 | 22.2 | 73.9 | 3.9 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 4,054 | 58,778 | 2,249 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 90.3 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 30,440 | 164,063 | 7,415 | 100.0 | 15.1 | 81.3 | 3.7 |
| 65-74 years | 247,072 | 58,150 | 178,206 | 10,717 | 100.0 | 23.5 | 72.1 | 4.3 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 69,220 | 175,271 | 8,063 | 100.0 | 27.4 | 69.4 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 37,181 | 85,315 | 6,063 | 100.0 | 28.9 | 66.4 | 4.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 30,130 | 87,950 | 5,214 | 100.0 | 24.4 | 71.3 | 4.2 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 1,825 | 17,852 | 654 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 87.8 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 7,718 | 28,387 | 1,888 | 100.0 | 20.3 | 74.7 | 5.0 |
| 65-74 years | 30,282 | 9,740 | 19,399 | 1,144 | 100.0 | 32.2 | 64.1 | 3.8 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 7,616 | 15,778 | 930 | 100.0 | 31.3 | 64.9 | 3.8 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 3,231 | 6,533 | 598 | 100.0 | 31.2 | 63.1 | 5.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 2,333 | 8,849 | 89 | 100.0 | 20.7 | 78.5 | 0.8 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 130 | 1,731 | 23 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 91.9 | 1.2 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 235 | 2,066 | 23 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 88.9 | 1.0 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 1,179 | 1,177 | 11 | 100.0 | 49.8 | 49.7 | 0.5 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 317 | 2,170 | 22 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 86.5 | 0.9 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 471 | 1,705 | 10 | 100.0 | 21.6 | 78.0 | 0.5 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,120 | 275,026 | 649,843 | 32,251 | 100.0 | 28.7 | 67.9 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 3,882 | 33,522 | 991 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 87.3 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 24,886 | 120,575 | 2,614 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 81.4 | 1.8 |
| 65-74 years | 200,301 | 53,044 | 141,925 | 5,333 | 100.0 | 26.5 | 70.9 | 2.7 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 92,985 | 185,590 | 10,651 | 100.0 | 32.2 | 64.2 | 3.7 |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 100,229 | 168,231 | 12,663 | 100.0 | 35.7 | 59.8 | 4.5 |

**Table 42. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had a stroke, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986—Con.**

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had a stroke | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,589 | 239,159 | 577,080 | 28,350 | 100.0 | 28.3 | 68.3 | 3.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 2,451 | 24,993 | 601 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 89.1 | 2.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 17,685 | 100,478 | 2,140 | 100.0 | 14.7 | 83.5 | 1.8 | |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 43,543 | 125,743 | 4,575 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 72.3 | 2.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 82,058 | 169,641 | 9,369 | 100.0 | 31.4 | 65.0 | 3.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 93,422 | 156,225 | 11,666 | 100.0 | 35.8 | 59.8 | 4.5 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 33,292 | 67,607 | 3,810 | 100.0 | 31.8 | 64.6 | 3.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 1,384 | 7,851 | 379 | 100.0 | 14.4 | 81.7 | 3.9 | |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 7,024 | 18,293 | 448 | 100.0 | 27.3 | 71.0 | 1.7 | |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 8,531 | 15,510 | 748 | 100.0 | 34.4 | 62.6 | 3.0 | |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 9,928 | 15,242 | 1,248 | 100.0 | 37.6 | 57.7 | 4.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 6,425 | 10,711 | 987 | 100.0 | 35.5 | 59.1 | 5.4 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 2,575 | 5,156 | 91 | 100.0 | 32.9 | 65.9 | 1.2 | |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 48 | 679 | 11 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 92.1 | 1.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 178 | 1,804 | 25 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 89.9 | 1.3 | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 969 | 672 | 11 | 100.0 | 58.7 | 40.7 | 0.7 | |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 998 | 707 | 33 | 100.0 | 57.4 | 40.7 | 1.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 382 | 1,294 | 10 | 100.0 | 22.7 | 76.7 | 0.6 | |

Table 43. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever was diagnosed by a physician as having Alzheimer's disease, chronic brain syndrome, dementia, senility, or any other serious memory impairment, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Any serious memory impairment | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|----------------------|------|------|-----|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Percent distribution | | | |
| | | | | | Total | Yes | No | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,869 | 222,030 | 1,696,332 | 68,507 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 85.4 | 3.5 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 3,998 | 117,669 | 4,026 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 93.6 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 390,309 | 16,654 | 360,898 | 12,757 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 92.5 | 3.3 |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 36,229 | 428,634 | 15,161 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 89.3 | 3.2 |
| 75-84 years | 568,613 | 83,923 | 464,543 | 20,148 | 100.0 | 14.8 | 81.7 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 81,227 | 324,590 | 16,415 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 76.9 | 3.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,772 | 200,814 | 1,481,624 | 57,334 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 85.2 | 3.3 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 2,883 | 87,598 | 2,644 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 94.1 | 2.8 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 14,142 | 298,127 | 9,951 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 92.5 | 3.1 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 30,546 | 377,403 | 12,984 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 89.7 | 3.1 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 76,927 | 419,469 | 17,226 | 100.0 | 15.0 | 81.7 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 76,316 | 299,027 | 14,530 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 76.7 | 3.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 19,125 | 198,201 | 10,678 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 86.9 | 4.7 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 1,031 | 27,613 | 1,301 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 92.2 | 4.3 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 2,359 | 58,694 | 2,705 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 92.1 | 4.2 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 5,219 | 47,720 | 2,134 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 86.7 | 3.9 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 6,130 | 41,736 | 2,878 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 82.3 | 5.7 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 4,386 | 22,439 | 1,660 | 100.0 | 15.4 | 78.8 | 5.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 2,091 | 16,506 | 496 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 86.5 | 2.6 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 84 | 2,456 | 82 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 93.7 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 153 | 4,077 | 101 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 94.1 | 2.3 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 464 | 3,511 | 43 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 87.4 | 1.1 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 865 | 3,339 | 44 | 100.0 | 20.4 | 78.6 | 1.0 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 525 | 3,124 | 225 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 80.6 | 5.8 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 90,268 | 899,333 | 40,148 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 87.3 | 3.9 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 2,368 | 82,080 | 2,849 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 94.0 | 3.3 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 11,515 | 221,390 | 9,328 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 91.4 | 3.9 |
| 65-74 years | 279,722 | 18,714 | 249,672 | 11,337 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 89.3 | 4.1 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 34,614 | 233,475 | 11,298 | 100.0 | 12.4 | 83.6 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 23,056 | 112,716 | 5,336 | 100.0 | 16.3 | 79.9 | 3.8 |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,183 | 80,710 | 780,829 | 33,643 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 87.2 | 3.8 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 1,713 | 61,213 | 2,154 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 94.1 | 3.3 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 10,057 | 184,640 | 7,219 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 91.4 | 3.6 |
| 65-74 years | 247,072 | 15,617 | 221,401 | 10,054 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 89.6 | 4.1 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 31,798 | 211,038 | 9,717 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 83.6 | 3.9 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 21,524 | 102,537 | 4,498 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 79.8 | 3.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 8,497 | 108,395 | 6,402 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 87.9 | 5.2 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 582 | 19,089 | 660 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 93.9 | 3.3 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 1,413 | 34,517 | 2,063 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 90.9 | 5.4 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 2,861 | 26,150 | 1,272 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 86.4 | 4.2 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 2,326 | 20,430 | 1,570 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 84.0 | 6.5 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 1,316 | 8,208 | 838 | 100.0 | 12.7 | 79.2 | 8.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 1,061 | 10,108 | 102 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 89.7 | 0.9 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 73 | 1,777 | 34 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 94.3 | 1.8 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 45 | 2,233 | 46 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 96.1 | 2.0 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 236 | 2,120 | 11 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 89.6 | 0.5 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 491 | 2,007 | 11 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 80.0 | 0.4 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 216 | 1,971 | — | 100.0 | 9.9 | 90.1 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 131,762 | 797,000 | 28,360 | 100.0 | 13.8 | 83.3 | 3.0 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 1,630 | 35,587 | 1,178 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 92.7 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 5,138 | 139,508 | 3,429 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 94.2 | 2.3 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 17,515 | 178,963 | 3,824 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 89.4 | 1.9 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 49,309 | 231,068 | 8,850 | 100.0 | 17.1 | 79.9 | 3.1 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 58,170 | 211,874 | 11,079 | 100.0 | 20.7 | 75.5 | 3.9 |

Table 43. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever was diagnosed by a physician as having Alzheimer's disease, chronic brain syndrome, dementia, senility, or any other serious memory impairment, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Any serious memory impairment | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,588 | 120,104 | 700,795 | 23,691 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 83.0 | 2.8 | | |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 1,170 | 26,385 | 489 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 94.1 | 1.8 | | |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 4,085 | 113,487 | 2,731 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 94.3 | 2.3 | | |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 14,929 | 156,002 | 2,930 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 89.7 | 1.7 | | |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 45,129 | 208,431 | 7,509 | 100.0 | 17.3 | 79.8 | 2.9 | | |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 54,791 | 196,490 | 10,032 | 100.0 | 21.0 | 75.2 | 3.8 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 10,627 | 89,806 | 4,275 | 100.0 | 10.2 | 85.8 | 4.1 | | |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 449 | 8,524 | 641 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 88.7 | 6.7 | | |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 946 | 24,177 | 642 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 93.8 | 2.5 | | |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 2,358 | 21,569 | 863 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 87.0 | 3.5 | | |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 3,805 | 21,306 | 1,308 | 100.0 | 14.4 | 80.7 | 5.0 | | |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 3,070 | 14,230 | 822 | 100.0 | 16.9 | 78.5 | 4.5 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 1,030 | 6,398 | 394 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 81.8 | 5.0 | | |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 11 | 679 | 47 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 92.0 | 6.4 | | |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 107 | 1,844 | 55 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 91.9 | 2.8 | | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 228 | 1,391 | 32 | 100.0 | 13.8 | 84.2 | 2.0 | | |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 374 | 1,331 | 33 | 100.0 | 21.5 | 76.6 | 1.9 | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 309 | 1,153 | 225 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 68.3 | 13.4 | | |

Table 44. Number and percent distribution of decedents having Alzheimer's disease by length of time before death it was diagnosed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 222,030 | 29,451 | 19,107 | 32,496 | 28,303 | 26,495 | 13,129 | 36,989 | 19,421 | 16,639 | |
| 25-44 years | 3,998 | 1,391 | 260 | 386 | 505 | 189 | 132 | 240 | 577 | 319 | |
| 45-64 years | 16,653 | 4,947 | 892 | 1,394 | 1,267 | 1,452 | 754 | 3,116 | 1,931 | 903 | |
| 65-74 years | 36,229 | 5,691 | 3,356 | 4,948 | 4,332 | 4,156 | 3,047 | 3,883 | 3,487 | 3,328 | |
| 75-84 years | 83,923 | 9,779 | 8,856 | 14,734 | 11,713 | 9,754 | 4,294 | 13,959 | 5,895 | 4,939 | |
| 85 years and over | 81,227 | 7,644 | 5,743 | 11,034 | 10,487 | 10,944 | 4,903 | 15,791 | 7,530 | 7,149 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 200,814 | 24,376 | 17,218 | 29,302 | 26,318 | 24,308 | 12,249 | 35,191 | 17,854 | 13,998 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,883 | 883 | 136 | 258 | 464 | 124 | 84 | 240 | 487 | 208 | |
| 45-64 years | 14,142 | 3,943 | 816 | 1,130 | 1,194 | 1,151 | 630 | 2,931 | 1,749 | 597 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,546 | 4,217 | 2,739 | 4,419 | 3,773 | 3,805 | 2,741 | 3,382 | 2,951 | 2,520 | |
| 75-84 years | 76,927 | 8,696 | 8,079 | 13,464 | 10,803 | 8,922 | 4,165 | 13,269 | 5,371 | 4,158 | |
| 85 years and over | 76,316 | 6,637 | 5,448 | 10,031 | 10,084 | 10,305 | 4,629 | 15,371 | 7,296 | 6,516 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 19,125 | 4,704 | 1,806 | 2,934 | 1,691 | 1,914 | 870 | 1,496 | 1,103 | 2,607 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,031 | 485 | 84 | 128 | 41 | 53 | 48 | — | 91 | 100 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,359 | 895 | 64 | 242 | 61 | 300 | 124 | 185 | 182 | 306 | |
| 65-74 years | 5,219 | 1,256 | 618 | 530 | 548 | 351 | 308 | 490 | 312 | 808 | |
| 75-84 years | 6,130 | 1,061 | 766 | 1,237 | 647 | 591 | 118 | 646 | 295 | 770 | |
| 85 years and over | 4,386 | 1,007 | 274 | 798 | 394 | 618 | 274 | 174 | 224 | 623 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 2,091 | 371 | 83 | 260 | 294 | 273 | 11 | 301 | 464 | 33 | |
| 25-44 years | 84 | 22 | 40 | — | — | 11 | — | — | — | 11 | |
| 45-64 years | 153 | 108 | 11 | 21 | 11 | — | — | — | — | — | |
| 65-74 years | 464 | 218 | — | — | 11 | — | — | 11 | 225 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 865 | 22 | 11 | 33 | 262 | 241 | 11 | 44 | 229 | 11 | |
| 85 years and over | 525 | — | 21 | 206 | 10 | 21 | — | 246 | 10 | 10 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 90,268 | 14,583 | 8,180 | 14,289 | 10,078 | 10,434 | 4,532 | 14,116 | 8,233 | 5,823 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,368 | 922 | 174 | 178 | 340 | 189 | 41 | 42 | 254 | 228 | |
| 45-64 years | 11,515 | 3,256 | 293 | 1,262 | 620 | 1,195 | 558 | 2,469 | 1,373 | 489 | |
| 65-74 years | 18,714 | 2,667 | 1,940 | 2,061 | 1,813 | 2,627 | 1,472 | 2,240 | 2,188 | 1,705 | |
| 75-84 years | 34,614 | 5,152 | 4,012 | 6,117 | 4,241 | 3,701 | 896 | 5,518 | 2,794 | 2,184 | |
| 85 years and over | 23,056 | 2,586 | 1,760 | 4,672 | 3,063 | 2,722 | 1,565 | 3,846 | 1,624 | 1,217 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 80,710 | 12,589 | 7,287 | 12,873 | 9,058 | 9,701 | 4,148 | 13,205 | 7,300 | 4,548 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,713 | 602 | 93 | 130 | 299 | 124 | 41 | 42 | 254 | 128 | |
| 45-64 years | 10,057 | 2,748 | 217 | 1,130 | 609 | 956 | 434 | 2,345 | 1,313 | 304 | |
| 65-74 years | 15,617 | 2,147 | 1,495 | 1,934 | 1,495 | 2,563 | 1,282 | 1,922 | 1,709 | 1,070 | |
| 75-84 years | 31,798 | 4,745 | 3,722 | 5,572 | 3,722 | 3,515 | 827 | 5,169 | 2,460 | 2,068 | |
| 85 years and over | 21,524 | 2,347 | 1,760 | 4,107 | 2,934 | 2,543 | 1,565 | 3,727 | 1,565 | 978 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 8,497 | 1,960 | 841 | 1,177 | 769 | 710 | 373 | 911 | 490 | 1,265 | |
| 25-44 years | 582 | 309 | 41 | 48 | 41 | 53 | — | — | — | 89 | |
| 45-64 years | 1,413 | 497 | 64 | 120 | — | 240 | 124 | 124 | 60 | 184 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,861 | 509 | 445 | 127 | 318 | 64 | 191 | 318 | 254 | 636 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,326 | 407 | 291 | 523 | 291 | 174 | 58 | 349 | 116 | 116 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,316 | 239 | — | 359 | 120 | 179 | — | 120 | 60 | 239 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 1,061 | 33 | 51 | 239 | 250 | 22 | 11 | — | 443 | 11 | |
| 25-44 years | 73 | 11 | 40 | — | — | 11 | — | — | — | 11 | |
| 45-64 years | 45 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | — | — | — | — | — | |
| 65-74 years | 236 | 11 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 225 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 491 | — | — | 22 | 229 | 11 | 11 | — | 218 | — | |
| 85 years and over | 216 | — | — | 206 | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 131,762 | 14,868 | 10,928 | 18,207 | 18,226 | 16,061 | 8,597 | 22,873 | 11,188 | 10,815 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,630 | 469 | 86 | 208 | 165 | — | 91 | 197 | 324 | 90 | |
| 45-64 years | 5,138 | 1,691 | 599 | 132 | 646 | 256 | 196 | 646 | 558 | 414 | |
| 65-74 years | 17,515 | 3,024 | 1,416 | 2,888 | 2,519 | 1,529 | 1,574 | 1,643 | 1,299 | 1,623 | |
| 75-84 years | 49,308 | 4,627 | 4,844 | 8,616 | 7,472 | 6,053 | 3,398 | 8,442 | 3,101 | 2,756 | |
| 85 years and over | 58,170 | 5,057 | 3,983 | 6,363 | 7,424 | 8,222 | 3,338 | 11,945 | 5,906 | 5,932 | |

Table 44. Number and percent distribution of decedents having Alzheimer's disease by length of time before death it was diagnosed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| | | Less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years or more | Don't know | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | Number | |
| White, 25 years and over | 120,104 | 11,787 | 9,930 | 16,429 | 17,260 | 14,607 | 8,100 | 21,986 | 10,553 | 9,451 | |
| 25–44 years | 1,170 | 281 | 43 | 128 | 165 | — | 43 | 197 | 233 | 79 | |
| 45–64 years | 4,085 | 1,195 | 599 | — | 585 | 196 | 196 | 585 | 436 | 293 | |
| 65–74 years | 14,929 | 2,070 | 1,243 | 2,485 | 2,278 | 1,242 | 1,459 | 1,459 | 1,242 | 1,450 | |
| 75–84 years | 45,129 | 3,951 | 4,357 | 7,892 | 7,082 | 5,407 | 3,338 | 8,100 | 2,911 | 2,091 | |
| 85 years and over | 54,791 | 4,290 | 3,688 | 5,924 | 7,150 | 7,763 | 3,064 | 11,644 | 5,731 | 5,538 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 10,627 | 2,744 | 965 | 1,756 | 922 | 1,203 | 497 | 585 | 613 | 1,343 | |
| 25–44 years | 449 | 177 | 43 | 80 | — | — | 48 | — | 91 | 11 | |
| 45–64 years | 946 | 398 | — | 122 | 61 | 61 | — | 61 | 122 | 122 | |
| 65–74 years | 2,358 | 748 | 173 | 403 | 230 | 288 | 115 | 173 | 58 | 173 | |
| 75–84 years | 3,805 | 654 | 476 | 713 | 357 | 416 | 59 | 297 | 178 | 654 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,070 | 767 | 274 | 439 | 274 | 439 | 274 | 55 | 164 | 384 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 1,030 | 337 | 32 | 21 | 44 | 251 | — | 301 | 22 | 22 | |
| 25–44 years | 11 | 11 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| 45–64 years | 107 | 97 | — | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| 65–74 years | 228 | 207 | — | — | 11 | — | — | 11 | — | — | |
| 75–84 years | 374 | 22 | 11 | 11 | 33 | 230 | — | 44 | 11 | 11 | |
| 85 years and over | 309 | — | 21 | — | — | 21 | — | 246 | 10 | 10 | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 13.3 | 8.6 | 14.6 | 12.7 | 11.9 | 5.9 | 16.7 | 8.7 | 7.5 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 34.8 | 6.5 | 9.7 | 12.6 | 4.7 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 14.4 | 8.0 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 29.7 | 5.4 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 8.7 | 4.5 | 18.7 | 11.6 | 5.4 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 15.7 | 9.3 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 8.4 | 10.7 | 9.6 | 9.2 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 11.7 | 10.6 | 17.6 | 14.0 | 11.6 | 5.1 | 16.6 | 7.0 | 5.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.4 | 7.1 | 13.6 | 12.9 | 13.5 | 6.0 | 19.4 | 9.3 | 8.8 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 12.1 | 8.6 | 14.6 | 13.1 | 12.1 | 6.1 | 17.5 | 8.9 | 7.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 30.6 | 4.7 | 8.9 | 16.1 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 8.3 | 16.9 | 7.2 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 27.9 | 5.8 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 4.5 | 20.7 | 12.4 | 4.2 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 13.8 | 9.0 | 14.5 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 9.0 | 11.1 | 9.7 | 8.2 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 11.3 | 10.5 | 17.5 | 14.0 | 11.6 | 5.4 | 17.2 | 7.0 | 5.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13.5 | 6.1 | 20.1 | 9.6 | 8.5 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 24.6 | 9.4 | 15.3 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 4.5 | 7.8 | 5.8 | 13.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 47.1 | 8.2 | 12.4 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 4.7 | — | 8.8 | 9.7 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 37.9 | 2.7 | 10.3 | 2.6 | 12.7 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 13.0 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 24.1 | 11.8 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 9.4 | 6.0 | 15.5 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.3 | 12.5 | 20.2 | 10.6 | 9.6 | 1.9 | 10.5 | 4.8 | 12.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 23.0 | 6.2 | 18.2 | 9.0 | 14.1 | 6.2 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 14.2 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 17.7 | 4.0 | 12.4 | 14.1 | 13.1 | 0.5 | 14.4 | 22.2 | 1.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 26.4 | 47.4 | — | — | 13.1 | — | — | — | 13.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 71.0 | 7.5 | 14.1 | 7.5 | — | — | — | — | — | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 47.0 | — | — | 2.3 | — | — | 2.3 | 48.4 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 30.3 | 27.9 | 1.3 | 5.1 | 26.5 | 1.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 4.0 | 39.2 | 1.9 | 4.0 | — | 46.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.2 | 9.1 | 15.8 | 11.2 | 11.6 | 5.0 | 15.6 | 9.1 | 6.5 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 38.9 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 14.3 | 8.0 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 10.7 | 9.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 28.3 | 2.5 | 11.0 | 5.4 | 10.4 | 4.8 | 21.4 | 11.9 | 4.2 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 14.3 | 10.4 | 11.0 | 9.7 | 14.0 | 7.9 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 9.1 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 14.9 | 11.6 | 17.7 | 12.3 | 10.7 | 2.6 | 15.9 | 8.1 | 6.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 11.2 | 7.6 | 20.3 | 13.3 | 11.8 | 6.8 | 16.7 | 7.0 | 5.3 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 15.6 | 9.0 | 15.9 | 11.2 | 12.0 | 5.1 | 16.4 | 9.0 | 5.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 35.2 | 5.4 | 7.6 | 17.4 | 7.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 14.8 | 7.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 27.3 | 2.2 | 11.2 | 6.1 | 9.5 | 4.3 | 23.3 | 13.1 | 3.0 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 13.7 | 9.6 | 12.4 | 9.6 | 16.4 | 8.2 | 12.3 | 10.9 | 6.8 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 14.9 | 11.7 | 17.5 | 11.7 | 11.1 | 2.6 | 16.3 | 7.7 | 6.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 10.9 | 8.2 | 19.1 | 13.6 | 11.8 | 7.3 | 17.3 | 7.3 | 4.5 | |

Table 44. Number and percent distribution of decedents having Alzheimer's disease by length of time before death it was diagnosed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years or more | Don't know |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 23.1 | 9.9 | 13.9 | 9.1 | 8.4 | 4.4 | 10.7 | 5.8 | 14.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 53.1 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 9.2 | — | — | — | 15.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 35.2 | 4.5 | 8.5 | — | 17.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 4.2 | 13.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 17.8 | 15.6 | 4.4 | 11.1 | 2.2 | 6.7 | 11.1 | 8.9 | 22.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.5 | 12.5 | 22.5 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 2.5 | 15.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 18.2 | — | 27.3 | 9.1 | 13.6 | — | 9.1 | 4.5 | 18.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 22.5 | 23.6 | 2.1 | 1.0 | — | 41.7 | 1.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 54.6 | — | — | 15.1 | — | — | — | 15.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 24.6 | 25.1 | 25.1 | 25.1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 95.3 | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | — | — | 4.5 | 46.6 | 2.2 | 2.2 | — | 44.4 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | — | 95.3 | 4.7 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.3 | 8.3 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 12.2 | 6.5 | 17.4 | 8.5 | 8.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 28.8 | 5.3 | 12.8 | 10.1 | — | 5.6 | 12.1 | 19.9 | 5.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 32.9 | 11.7 | 2.6 | 12.6 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 12.6 | 10.9 | 8.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 17.3 | 8.1 | 16.5 | 14.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 7.4 | 9.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 17.5 | 15.2 | 12.3 | 6.9 | 17.1 | 6.3 | 5.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.7 | 6.8 | 10.9 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 5.7 | 20.5 | 10.2 | 10.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 9.8 | 8.3 | 13.7 | 14.4 | 12.2 | 6.7 | 18.3 | 8.8 | 7.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 24.0 | 3.7 | 11.0 | 14.1 | — | 3.7 | 16.9 | 19.9 | 6.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 29.3 | 14.7 | — | 14.3 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 14.3 | 10.7 | 7.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 13.9 | 8.3 | 16.6 | 15.3 | 8.3 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 8.3 | 9.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 17.5 | 15.7 | 12.0 | 7.4 | 17.9 | 6.5 | 4.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 10.8 | 13.0 | 14.2 | 5.6 | 21.3 | 10.5 | 10.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 25.8 | 9.1 | 16.5 | 8.7 | 11.3 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 12.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 39.3 | 9.6 | 17.8 | — | — | 10.7 | — | 20.2 | 2.4 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 42.1 | — | 12.9 | 6.4 | 6.4 | — | 6.4 | 12.9 | 12.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 31.7 | 7.3 | 17.1 | 9.8 | 12.2 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 2.4 | 7.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.2 | 12.5 | 18.8 | 9.4 | 10.9 | 1.6 | 7.8 | 4.7 | 17.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 25.0 | 8.9 | 14.3 | 8.9 | 14.3 | 8.9 | 1.8 | 5.4 | 12.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 32.8 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 24.4 | — | 29.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 90.6 | — | 9.4 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 90.6 | — | — | 4.7 | — | — | 4.7 | — | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 5.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 8.9 | 61.5 | — | 11.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 6.8 | — | — | 6.8 | — | 79.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 |

Table 45. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had any other mental, nervous, or emotional health problem, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had other mental problems | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------|----------------------|------|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | | Percent distribution | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,869 | 227,893 | 1,695,927 | 63,049 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 85.4 | 3.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 24,682 | 96,299 | 4,710 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 76.6 | 3.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 52,686 | 326,109 | 11,513 | 100.0 | 13.5 | 83.6 | 3.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 55,555 | 411,843 | 12,627 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 85.8 | 2.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,613 | 60,918 | 488,960 | 18,735 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 86.0 | 3.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 34,052 | 372,716 | 15,465 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 88.3 | 3.7 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,773 | 200,606 | 1,485,930 | 53,237 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 85.4 | 3.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 20,117 | 69,873 | 3,135 | 100.0 | 21.6 | 75.0 | 3.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 44,821 | 268,492 | 8,907 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 83.3 | 2.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 49,130 | 360,502 | 11,302 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 85.6 | 2.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 54,590 | 443,057 | 15,975 | 100.0 | 10.6 | 86.3 | 3.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 31,948 | 344,006 | 13,919 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 88.2 | 3.6 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 24,373 | 194,063 | 9,567 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 85.1 | 4.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 4,082 | 24,358 | 1,505 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 81.3 | 5.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 7,385 | 53,843 | 2,529 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 84.5 | 4.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 5,681 | 48,099 | 1,293 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 87.3 | 2.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 5,585 | 42,454 | 2,705 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 83.7 | 5.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 1,640 | 25,310 | 1,535 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 88.9 | 5.4 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 2,914 | 15,934 | 245 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 83.5 | 1.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 483 | 2,068 | 71 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 78.9 | 2.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 479 | 3,774 | 77 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 87.2 | 1.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 745 | 3,242 | 32 | 100.0 | 18.5 | 80.7 | 0.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 743 | 3,450 | 55 | 100.0 | 17.5 | 81.2 | 1.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 464 | 3,400 | 10 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 87.8 | 0.3 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,749 | 108,159 | 884,513 | 37,077 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 85.9 | 3.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 16,783 | 66,944 | 3,570 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 76.7 | 4.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,234 | 29,156 | 204,869 | 8,209 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 84.6 | 3.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 28,199 | 241,423 | 10,101 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 86.3 | 3.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,387 | 25,384 | 244,178 | 9,826 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 87.4 | 3.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,109 | 8,637 | 127,099 | 5,373 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 90.1 | 3.8 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 92,525 | 771,517 | 31,142 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 86.2 | 3.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 13,863 | 48,611 | 2,607 | 100.0 | 21.3 | 74.7 | 4.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 24,504 | 171,259 | 6,154 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 84.8 | 3.1 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,072 | 24,417 | 213,445 | 9,211 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 86.4 | 3.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,553 | 22,113 | 221,974 | 8,466 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 87.9 | 3.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 7,628 | 116,228 | 4,705 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 90.4 | 3.7 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 13,424 | 104,024 | 5,846 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 84.4 | 4.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 2,504 | 16,887 | 940 | 100.0 | 12.3 | 83.1 | 4.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 4,265 | 31,707 | 2,021 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 83.5 | 5.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 3,266 | 26,127 | 890 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 86.3 | 2.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 2,791 | 20,197 | 1,337 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 83.0 | 5.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 598 | 9,106 | 658 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 87.9 | 6.4 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 2,210 | 8,971 | 89 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 79.6 | 0.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 417 | 1,445 | 23 | 100.0 | 22.1 | 76.7 | 1.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 386 | 1,903 | 34 | 100.0 | 16.6 | 81.9 | 1.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 516 | 1,851 | — | 100.0 | 21.8 | 78.2 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 480 | 2,007 | 22 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 80.0 | 0.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 411 | 1,765 | 10 | 100.0 | 18.8 | 80.7 | 0.5 | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 119,735 | 811,414 | 25,972 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 84.8 | 2.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 7,899 | 29,355 | 1,141 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 76.5 | 3.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 23,530 | 121,240 | 3,304 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 81.9 | 2.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 27,356 | 170,420 | 2,526 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 85.1 | 1.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 35,535 | 244,782 | 8,909 | 100.0 | 12.3 | 84.6 | 3.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 25,414 | 245,617 | 10,092 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 87.4 | 3.6 | |

Table 45. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had any other mental, nervous, or emotional health problem, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had other mental problems | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,589 | 108,081 | 714,412 | 22,095 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 84.6 | 2.6 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 6,254 | 21,262 | 528 | 100.0 | 22.3 | 75.8 | 1.9 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 20,317 | 97,233 | 2,753 | 100.0 | 16.9 | 80.8 | 2.3 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 24,713 | 147,056 | 2,091 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 84.6 | 1.2 |
| 75–84 years | 261,069 | 32,477 | 221,083 | 7,509 | 100.0 | 12.4 | 84.7 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 24,320 | 227,778 | 9,215 | 100.0 | 9.3 | 87.2 | 3.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 10,949 | 90,039 | 3,721 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 86.0 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 1,578 | 7,470 | 565 | 100.0 | 16.4 | 77.7 | 5.9 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 3,120 | 22,136 | 509 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 85.9 | 2.0 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 2,415 | 21,972 | 403 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 88.6 | 1.6 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 2,794 | 22,257 | 1,367 | 100.0 | 10.6 | 84.3 | 5.2 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 1,042 | 16,204 | 877 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 89.4 | 4.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 704 | 6,963 | 156 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 89.0 | 2.0 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 67 | 623 | 47 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 84.5 | 6.4 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 93 | 1,871 | 43 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 93.2 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 228 | 1,391 | 32 | 100.0 | 13.8 | 84.2 | 2.0 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 263 | 1,442 | 33 | 100.0 | 15.2 | 82.9 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 52 | 1,635 | — | 100.0 | 3.1 | 96.9 | — |

Table 46. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had diabetes, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had diabetes | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,870 | 342,020 | 1,589,602 | 55,247 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 80.0 | 2.8 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 8,444 | 113,971 | 3,276 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 90.7 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 72,555 | 307,282 | 10,471 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 78.7 | 2.7 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 98,382 | 368,222 | 13,421 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 76.7 | 2.8 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 106,018 | 447,502 | 15,094 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 78.7 | 2.7 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 56,621 | 352,625 | 12,986 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 83.5 | 3.1 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,774 | 291,350 | 1,402,389 | 46,034 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 80.6 | 2.7 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 6,244 | 84,452 | 2,428 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 90.7 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 55,318 | 259,064 | 7,838 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 80.4 | 2.4 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 84,086 | 325,146 | 11,702 | 100.0 | 20.0 | 77.2 | 2.8 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 93,109 | 407,887 | 12,626 | 100.0 | 18.1 | 79.4 | 2.5 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 52,593 | 325,840 | 11,440 | 100.0 | 13.5 | 83.6 | 2.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 47,351 | 171,627 | 9,025 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 75.3 | 4.0 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 2,091 | 27,052 | 803 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 90.3 | 2.7 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 16,409 | 44,793 | 2,555 | 100.0 | 25.7 | 70.3 | 4.0 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 13,625 | 39,728 | 1,719 | 100.0 | 24.7 | 72.1 | 3.1 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 11,332 | 36,999 | 2,413 | 100.0 | 22.3 | 72.9 | 4.8 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 3,893 | 23,056 | 1,535 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 80.9 | 5.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 3,319 | 15,586 | 188 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 81.6 | 1.0 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 110 | 2,467 | 45 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 94.1 | 1.7 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 828 | 3,425 | 77 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 79.1 | 1.8 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 671 | 3,349 | — | 100.0 | 16.7 | 83.3 | — |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 1,577 | 2,616 | 55 | 100.0 | 37.1 | 61.6 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 134 | 3,729 | 10 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 96.3 | 0.3 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,749 | 159,574 | 837,287 | 32,888 | 100.0 | 15.5 | 81.3 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 4,889 | 79,713 | 2,695 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 91.3 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 242,234 | 42,144 | 192,886 | 7,204 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 79.6 | 3.0 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 49,633 | 220,577 | 9,513 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 78.9 | 3.4 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 44,657 | 226,998 | 7,733 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 81.3 | 2.8 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 18,252 | 117,113 | 5,743 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 83.0 | 4.1 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 139,319 | 728,450 | 27,415 | 100.0 | 15.6 | 81.4 | 3.1 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 3,677 | 59,333 | 2,071 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 91.2 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 34,277 | 162,345 | 5,295 | 100.0 | 17.0 | 80.4 | 2.6 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 44,064 | 194,640 | 8,369 | 100.0 | 17.8 | 78.8 | 3.4 |
| 75-84 years | 252,553 | 40,285 | 205,673 | 6,595 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 81.4 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 17,016 | 106,459 | 5,085 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 82.8 | 4.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 18,553 | 99,359 | 5,382 | 100.0 | 15.1 | 80.6 | 4.4 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 1,136 | 18,595 | 600 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 91.5 | 3.0 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 7,281 | 28,837 | 1,875 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 75.9 | 4.9 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 5,277 | 23,862 | 1,144 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 78.8 | 3.8 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 3,663 | 19,557 | 1,105 | 100.0 | 15.1 | 80.4 | 4.5 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 1,197 | 8,507 | 658 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 82.1 | 6.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 1,703 | 9,478 | 90 | 100.0 | 15.1 | 84.1 | 0.8 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 76 | 1,785 | 23 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 94.7 | 1.2 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 586 | 1,703 | 34 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 73.3 | 1.5 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 291 | 2,076 | — | 100.0 | 12.3 | 87.7 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 709 | 1,767 | 33 | 100.0 | 28.2 | 70.4 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 40 | 2,146 | — | 100.0 | 1.8 | 98.2 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 182,446 | 752,315 | 22,360 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 78.6 | 2.3 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 3,555 | 34,258 | 581 | 100.0 | 9.3 | 89.2 | 1.5 |
| 45-64 years | 148,074 | 30,412 | 114,396 | 3,267 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 77.3 | 2.2 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 48,749 | 147,645 | 3,908 | 100.0 | 24.3 | 73.7 | 2.0 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 61,361 | 220,504 | 7,361 | 100.0 | 21.2 | 76.2 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 38,369 | 235,512 | 7,242 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 83.8 | 2.6 |

Table 46. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had diabetes, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had diabetes | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,589 | 152,032 | 673,938 | 18,619 | 100.0 | 18.0 | 79.8 | 2.2 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 2,567 | 25,120 | 357 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 89.6 | 1.3 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 21,041 | 96,719 | 2,543 | 100.0 | 17.5 | 80.4 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 173,861 | 40,022 | 130,506 | 3,333 | 100.0 | 23.0 | 75.1 | 1.9 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 52,824 | 202,213 | 6,031 | 100.0 | 20.2 | 77.5 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 35,578 | 219,381 | 6,355 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 84.0 | 2.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 28,798 | 72,269 | 3,643 | 100.0 | 27.5 | 69.0 | 3.5 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 955 | 8,457 | 202 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 88.0 | 2.1 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 9,129 | 15,956 | 681 | 100.0 | 35.4 | 61.9 | 2.6 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 8,348 | 15,866 | 575 | 100.0 | 33.7 | 64.0 | 2.3 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 7,669 | 17,442 | 1,308 | 100.0 | 29.0 | 66.0 | 5.0 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 2,697 | 14,549 | 877 | 100.0 | 14.9 | 80.3 | 4.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 1,617 | 6,108 | 97 | 100.0 | 20.7 | 78.1 | 1.3 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 33 | 682 | 22 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 92.5 | 3.0 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 242 | 1,722 | 43 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 85.8 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 379 | 1,273 | — | 100.0 | 23.0 | 77.1 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 868 | 849 | 22 | 100.0 | 49.9 | 48.8 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 94 | 1,583 | 10 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 93.8 | 0.6 |

Table 47. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether cancer was the main condition leading to death, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Was cancer main condition | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,868 | 511,115 | 1,428,738 | 47,015 | 100.0 | 25.7 | 71.9 | 2.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 24,041 | 98,667 | 2,983 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 78.5 | 2.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 148,920 | 233,888 | 7,500 | 100.0 | 38.2 | 59.9 | 1.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 159,336 | 309,966 | 10,722 | 100.0 | 33.2 | 64.6 | 2.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 129,670 | 424,247 | 14,697 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 74.6 | 2.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,231 | 49,148 | 361,970 | 11,113 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 85.7 | 2.6 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,773 | 449,900 | 1,252,709 | 37,165 | 100.0 | 25.9 | 72.0 | 2.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 19,508 | 71,809 | 1,808 | 100.0 | 21.0 | 77.1 | 1.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 127,599 | 189,289 | 5,332 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 58.8 | 1.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,934 | 141,069 | 271,132 | 8,733 | 100.0 | 33.5 | 64.4 | 2.1 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 117,156 | 384,631 | 11,835 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 74.9 | 2.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 44,567 | 335,848 | 9,458 | 100.0 | 11.4 | 86.1 | 2.4 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 57,102 | 161,244 | 9,657 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 70.7 | 4.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 4,074 | 24,769 | 1,101 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 82.7 | 3.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 19,876 | 41,748 | 2,134 | 100.0 | 31.2 | 65.5 | 3.4 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 17,266 | 35,839 | 1,968 | 100.0 | 31.4 | 65.1 | 3.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 11,749 | 36,166 | 2,829 | 100.0 | 23.2 | 71.3 | 5.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 4,138 | 22,722 | 1,625 | 100.0 | 14.5 | 79.8 | 5.7 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 4,112 | 14,787 | 193 | 100.0 | 21.5 | 77.5 | 1.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 458 | 2,089 | 74 | 100.0 | 17.5 | 79.7 | 2.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 1,445 | 2,852 | 34 | 100.0 | 33.4 | 65.9 | 0.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 1,001 | 2,996 | 22 | 100.0 | 24.9 | 74.5 | 0.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 765 | 3,449 | 33 | 100.0 | 18.0 | 81.2 | 0.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 443 | 3,401 | 31 | 100.0 | 11.4 | 87.8 | 0.8 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 267,895 | 733,961 | 27,902 | 100.0 | 26.0 | 71.3 | 2.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 11,360 | 73,731 | 2,205 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 84.5 | 2.5 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 79,509 | 157,521 | 5,203 | 100.0 | 32.8 | 65.0 | 2.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 89,717 | 181,801 | 8,206 | 100.0 | 32.1 | 65.0 | 2.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 67,141 | 204,112 | 8,134 | 100.0 | 24.0 | 73.1 | 2.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 20,167 | 116,786 | 4,155 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 82.8 | 2.9 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 233,407 | 639,106 | 22,672 | 100.0 | 26.1 | 71.4 | 2.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 9,305 | 54,325 | 1,451 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 83.5 | 2.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 67,909 | 130,392 | 3,616 | 100.0 | 33.6 | 64.6 | 1.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 78,219 | 161,995 | 6,859 | 100.0 | 31.7 | 65.6 | 2.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 60,372 | 185,153 | 7,030 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 73.3 | 2.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,559 | 17,602 | 107,241 | 3,716 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 83.4 | 2.9 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 32,211 | 85,947 | 5,136 | 100.0 | 26.1 | 69.7 | 4.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 1,807 | 17,822 | 702 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 87.7 | 3.5 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 11,203 | 25,215 | 1,575 | 100.0 | 29.5 | 66.4 | 4.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 10,768 | 18,180 | 1,335 | 100.0 | 35.6 | 60.0 | 4.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 6,279 | 16,941 | 1,105 | 100.0 | 25.8 | 69.7 | 4.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 2,154 | 7,790 | 419 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 75.2 | 4.0 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 2,277 | 8,899 | 94 | 100.0 | 20.2 | 79.0 | 0.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 248 | 1,585 | 52 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 84.1 | 2.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 398 | 1,915 | 11 | 100.0 | 17.1 | 82.4 | 0.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 730 | 1,626 | 11 | 100.0 | 30.8 | 68.7 | 0.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 491 | 2,018 | — | 100.0 | 19.6 | 80.4 | — | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 411 | 1,755 | 20 | 100.0 | 18.8 | 80.3 | 0.9 | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,120 | 243,220 | 694,788 | 19,113 | 100.0 | 25.4 | 72.6 | 2.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 12,681 | 24,936 | 778 | 100.0 | 33.0 | 65.0 | 2.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 69,410 | 76,367 | 2,298 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 51.6 | 1.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 69,619 | 128,166 | 2,517 | 100.0 | 34.8 | 64.0 | 1.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 62,529 | 220,135 | 6,562 | 100.0 | 21.6 | 76.1 | 2.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 28,981 | 245,184 | 6,959 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 87.2 | 2.5 | |

Table 47. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether cancer was the main condition leading to death, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Was cancer main condition | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|------------|-------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | | | | |
| | | | | | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | Number | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,589 | 216,493 | 613,603 | 14,493 | 100.0 | 25.6 | 72.7 | 1.7 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 10,203 | 17,484 | 357 | 100.0 | 36.4 | 62.4 | 1.3 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 59,690 | 58,897 | 1,716 | 100.0 | 49.6 | 49.0 | 1.4 |
| 65–74 years | 173,861 | 62,850 | 109,137 | 1,873 | 100.0 | 36.2 | 62.8 | 1.1 |
| 75–84 years | 261,069 | 56,785 | 199,479 | 4,805 | 100.0 | 21.8 | 76.4 | 1.8 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 26,965 | 228,606 | 5,742 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 87.5 | 2.2 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 24,891 | 75,297 | 4,521 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 71.9 | 4.3 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 2,267 | 6,947 | 399 | 100.0 | 23.6 | 72.3 | 4.2 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 8,673 | 16,533 | 559 | 100.0 | 33.7 | 64.2 | 2.2 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 6,498 | 17,659 | 633 | 100.0 | 26.2 | 71.2 | 2.6 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 5,469 | 19,225 | 1,724 | 100.0 | 20.7 | 72.8 | 6.5 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 1,984 | 14,932 | 1,206 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 82.4 | 6.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 1,835 | 5,888 | 99 | 100.0 | 23.5 | 75.3 | 1.3 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 211 | 504 | 22 | 100.0 | 28.6 | 68.4 | 3.0 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 1,047 | 937 | 23 | 100.0 | 52.2 | 46.7 | 1.1 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 272 | 1,370 | 11 | 100.0 | 16.4 | 82.9 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 275 | 1,431 | 33 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 82.3 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 31 | 1,645 | 10 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 97.5 | 0.6 |

Table 48. Number and percent distribution of decedents for whom cancer was the main condition leading to death by length of time before death cancer was first noticed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 511,114 | 140,944 | 83,889 | 80,832 | 53,693 | 41,901 | 19,437 | 47,823 | 13,710 | 8,877 | 20,008 |
| 25-44 years | 24,041 | 4,672 | 4,285 | 5,263 | 2,515 | 1,974 | 987 | 2,600 | 377 | 549 | 819 |
| 45-64 years | 148,920 | 35,921 | 29,299 | 25,585 | 16,896 | 11,969 | 4,741 | 13,333 | 3,497 | 2,387 | 5,292 |
| 65-74 years | 159,336 | 43,056 | 26,264 | 24,233 | 14,829 | 15,100 | 5,850 | 15,811 | 3,861 | 2,878 | 7,452 |
| 75-84 years | 129,670 | 40,406 | 19,363 | 19,041 | 13,398 | 9,038 | 5,889 | 11,091 | 4,646 | 2,375 | 4,422 |
| 85 years and over | 49,148 | 16,889 | 4,679 | 6,709 | 6,054 | 3,821 | 1,970 | 4,987 | 1,328 | 688 | 2,023 |
| White, 25 years and over | 449,899 | 126,131 | 76,393 | 70,335 | 46,217 | 36,217 | 17,733 | 42,327 | 12,217 | 7,466 | 14,864 |
| 25-44 years | 19,508 | 3,689 | 3,781 | 4,370 | 1,843 | 1,483 | 885 | 2,165 | 280 | 508 | 504 |
| 45-64 years | 127,599 | 30,358 | 25,891 | 22,600 | 14,042 | 10,142 | 4,183 | 11,504 | 3,175 | 1,956 | 3,746 |
| 65-74 years | 141,069 | 38,884 | 24,289 | 20,281 | 13,131 | 12,912 | 5,273 | 14,271 | 3,395 | 2,521 | 6,110 |
| 75-84 years | 117,156 | 37,315 | 18,042 | 17,007 | 11,816 | 8,098 | 5,596 | 9,749 | 4,353 | 2,072 | 3,109 |
| 85 years and over | 44,567 | 15,886 | 4,390 | 6,076 | 5,385 | 3,581 | 1,795 | 4,638 | 1,013 | 409 | 1,395 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 57,102 | 14,208 | 7,081 | 9,687 | 6,797 | 5,366 | 1,458 | 4,957 | 1,244 | 1,400 | 4,905 |
| 25-44 years | 4,074 | 877 | 492 | 850 | 586 | 424 | 80 | 356 | 54 | 41 | 315 |
| 45-64 years | 19,876 | 5,390 | 3,071 | 2,894 | 2,688 | 1,596 | 547 | 1,597 | 321 | 431 | 1,340 |
| 65-74 years | 17,266 | 3,899 | 1,931 | 3,502 | 1,698 | 2,177 | 363 | 1,541 | 466 | 357 | 1,332 |
| 75-84 years | 11,749 | 3,059 | 1,299 | 1,817 | 1,352 | 939 | 293 | 1,114 | 293 | 292 | 1,291 |
| 85 years and over | 4,138 | 983 | 289 | 623 | 474 | 229 | 174 | 349 | 110 | 279 | 628 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 4,113 | 605 | 416 | 810 | 679 | 319 | 246 | 539 | 249 | 11 | 239 |
| 25-44 years | 458 | 107 | 12 | 42 | 87 | 66 | 22 | 79 | 43 | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 1,445 | 173 | 337 | 91 | 166 | 231 | 10 | 231 | — | — | 206 |
| 65-74 years | 1,001 | 272 | 44 | 449 | — | 11 | 214 | — | — | — | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 765 | 33 | 22 | 218 | 230 | — | — | 229 | — | 11 | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 444 | 21 | — | 10 | 196 | 11 | — | — | 206 | — | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 267,894 | 78,080 | 44,293 | 42,700 | 30,661 | 22,304 | 10,350 | 19,290 | 5,328 | 3,873 | 11,016 |
| 25-44 years | 11,360 | 3,114 | 2,024 | 2,745 | 960 | 759 | 343 | 624 | 85 | 262 | 446 |
| 45-64 years | 79,509 | 22,875 | 16,492 | 13,490 | 9,461 | 4,943 | 2,864 | 4,728 | 828 | 1,086 | 2,743 |
| 65-74 years | 89,716 | 26,055 | 14,160 | 13,945 | 9,563 | 9,869 | 2,563 | 7,073 | 1,379 | 993 | 4,119 |
| 75-84 years | 67,141 | 19,876 | 9,090 | 11,098 | 7,129 | 4,462 | 3,482 | 5,257 | 2,645 | 1,473 | 2,628 |
| 85 years and over | 20,167 | 6,160 | 2,526 | 1,423 | 3,548 | 2,271 | 1,098 | 1,608 | 391 | 60 | 1,081 |
| White, 25 years and over | 233,407 | 69,642 | 40,623 | 36,131 | 26,266 | 18,823 | 9,591 | 16,258 | 4,706 | 3,164 | 8,202 |
| 25-44 years | 9,305 | 2,490 | 1,778 | 2,283 | 811 | 536 | 343 | 500 | 85 | 221 | 260 |
| 45-64 years | 67,909 | 19,336 | 14,526 | 11,815 | 7,959 | 4,055 | 2,804 | 4,056 | 640 | 837 | 1,880 |
| 65-74 years | 78,218 | 23,744 | 13,288 | 11,143 | 8,152 | 8,141 | 2,158 | 5,992 | 1,315 | 866 | 3,419 |
| 75-84 years | 60,372 | 18,401 | 8,684 | 9,717 | 6,409 | 3,939 | 3,308 | 4,342 | 2,471 | 1,241 | 1,861 |
| 85 years and over | 17,602 | 5,672 | 2,347 | 1,173 | 2,934 | 2,151 | 978 | 1,369 | 196 | — | 782 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 32,211 | 8,178 | 3,427 | 5,827 | 4,133 | 3,403 | 545 | 2,772 | 426 | 709 | 2,792 |
| 25-44 years | 1,807 | 528 | 234 | 420 | 137 | 179 | — | 82 | — | 41 | 186 |
| 45-64 years | 11,203 | 3,429 | 1,768 | 1,652 | 1,468 | 865 | 60 | 672 | 188 | 248 | 852 |
| 65-74 years | 10,768 | 2,289 | 838 | 2,352 | 1,410 | 1,717 | 191 | 1,081 | 64 | 127 | 699 |
| 75-84 years | 6,279 | 1,454 | 407 | 1,163 | 698 | 523 | 174 | 698 | 174 | 233 | 756 |
| 85 years and over | 2,154 | 479 | 179 | 239 | 419 | 120 | 120 | 239 | — | 60 | 299 |

Table 48. Number and percent distribution of decedents for whom cancer was the main condition leading to death by length of time before death cancer was first noticed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years or more | Don't know |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 2,277 | 260 | 243 | 742 | 262 | 78 | 214 | 260 | 196 | — | 22 |
| 25–44 years | 247 | 96 | 12 | 42 | 11 | 44 | — | 42 | — | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 398 | 110 | 197 | 23 | 34 | 23 | — | — | — | — | 11 |
| 65–74 years | 729 | 22 | 33 | 449 | — | 11 | 214 | — | — | — | — |
| 75–84 years | 491 | 22 | — | 218 | 22 | — | — | 218 | — | — | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 412 | 10 | — | 10 | 196 | — | — | — | 196 | — | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 243,219 | 62,864 | 39,597 | 38,132 | 23,032 | 19,597 | 9,087 | 28,532 | 8,382 | 5,004 | 8,992 |
| 25–44 years | 12,681 | 1,559 | 2,260 | 2,518 | 1,556 | 1,215 | 645 | 1,976 | 292 | 287 | 373 |
| 45–64 years | 69,410 | 13,046 | 12,808 | 12,096 | 7,435 | 7,026 | 1,877 | 8,605 | 2,668 | 1,301 | 2,549 |
| 65–74 years | 69,619 | 17,000 | 12,104 | 10,289 | 5,267 | 5,231 | 3,288 | 8,738 | 2,483 | 1,886 | 3,334 |
| 75–84 years | 62,529 | 20,530 | 10,272 | 7,944 | 6,269 | 4,575 | 2,406 | 5,834 | 2,002 | 902 | 1,794 |
| 85 years and over | 28,981 | 10,729 | 2,152 | 5,286 | 2,506 | 1,550 | 872 | 3,378 | 937 | 628 | 942 |
| White, 25 years and over | 216,493 | 56,489 | 35,769 | 34,204 | 19,951 | 17,394 | 8,141 | 26,068 | 7,511 | 4,302 | 6,662 |
| 25–44 years | 10,203 | 1,199 | 2,003 | 2,087 | 1,031 | 947 | 542 | 1,666 | 196 | 287 | 244 |
| 45–64 years | 59,690 | 11,022 | 11,365 | 10,786 | 6,082 | 6,087 | 1,379 | 7,449 | 2,536 | 1,119 | 1,867 |
| 65–74 years | 62,850 | 15,140 | 11,001 | 9,139 | 4,979 | 4,771 | 3,115 | 8,278 | 2,080 | 1,656 | 2,690 |
| 75–84 years | 56,785 | 18,914 | 9,358 | 7,290 | 5,407 | 4,159 | 2,288 | 5,407 | 1,883 | 832 | 1,248 |
| 85 years and over | 26,965 | 10,214 | 2,043 | 4,903 | 2,451 | 1,430 | 817 | 3,268 | 817 | 409 | 613 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 24,891 | 6,029 | 3,655 | 3,860 | 2,664 | 1,963 | 914 | 2,185 | 817 | 691 | 2,113 |
| 25–44 years | 2,267 | 348 | 258 | 431 | 448 | 246 | 80 | 274 | 54 | — | 129 |
| 45–64 years | 8,673 | 1,962 | 1,303 | 1,242 | 1,220 | 731 | 487 | 925 | 133 | 183 | 488 |
| 65–74 years | 6,498 | 1,610 | 1,093 | 1,150 | 288 | 460 | 173 | 460 | 403 | 230 | 633 |
| 75–84 years | 5,469 | 1,605 | 892 | 654 | 654 | 416 | 119 | 416 | 119 | 59 | 535 |
| 85 years and over | 1,984 | 504 | 110 | 384 | 55 | 110 | 55 | 110 | 110 | 219 | 329 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 1,835 | 345 | 173 | 68 | 417 | 241 | 32 | 279 | 53 | 11 | 216 |
| 25–44 years | 211 | 11 | — | — | 76 | 22 | 22 | 37 | 43 | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 1,047 | 63 | 140 | 68 | 133 | 208 | 10 | 231 | — | — | 194 |
| 65–74 years | 272 | 250 | 11 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 11 |
| 75–84 years | 274 | 11 | 22 | — | 208 | — | — | 11 | — | 11 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 31 | 10 | — | — | — | 10 | — | — | 10 | — | — |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 27.6 | 16.4 | 15.8 | 10.5 | 8.2 | 3.8 | 9.4 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 3.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 19.4 | 17.8 | 21.9 | 10.5 | 8.2 | 4.1 | 10.8 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 3.4 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 24.1 | 19.7 | 17.2 | 11.3 | 8.0 | 3.2 | 9.0 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 3.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 27.0 | 16.5 | 15.2 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 3.7 | 9.9 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 4.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 31.2 | 14.9 | 14.7 | 10.3 | 7.0 | 4.5 | 8.6 | 3.6 | 1.8 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 34.4 | 9.5 | 13.7 | 12.3 | 7.8 | 4.0 | 10.1 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 4.1 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 28.0 | 17.0 | 15.6 | 10.3 | 8.0 | 3.9 | 9.4 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 3.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 18.9 | 19.4 | 22.4 | 9.4 | 7.6 | 4.5 | 11.1 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 23.8 | 20.3 | 17.7 | 11.0 | 7.9 | 3.3 | 9.0 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 2.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 27.6 | 17.2 | 14.4 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 3.7 | 10.1 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 4.3 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 31.9 | 15.4 | 14.5 | 10.1 | 6.9 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 3.7 | 1.8 | 2.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 35.6 | 9.8 | 13.6 | 12.1 | 8.0 | 4.0 | 10.4 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 3.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 24.9 | 12.4 | 17.0 | 11.9 | 9.4 | 2.6 | 8.7 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 8.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 21.5 | 12.1 | 20.9 | 14.4 | 10.4 | 2.0 | 8.7 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 7.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 27.1 | 15.4 | 14.6 | 13.5 | 8.0 | 2.8 | 8.0 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 6.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 22.6 | 11.2 | 20.3 | 9.8 | 12.6 | 2.1 | 8.9 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 7.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 26.0 | 11.1 | 15.5 | 11.5 | 8.0 | 2.5 | 9.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 11.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 23.7 | 7.0 | 15.1 | 11.4 | 5.5 | 4.2 | 8.4 | 2.6 | 6.7 | 15.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 14.7 | 10.1 | 19.7 | 16.5 | 7.8 | 6.0 | 13.1 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 5.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 23.2 | 2.6 | 9.2 | 19.0 | 14.5 | 4.9 | 17.2 | 9.3 | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 12.0 | 23.4 | 6.3 | 11.5 | 16.0 | 0.7 | 16.0 | — | — | 14.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 27.2 | 4.4 | 44.9 | — | 1.1 | 21.4 | — | — | — | 1.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 28.5 | 30.1 | — | — | 29.9 | — | 1.4 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.7 | — | 2.3 | 44.1 | 2.5 | — | — | 46.4 | — | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 29.1 | 16.5 | 15.9 | 11.4 | 8.3 | 3.9 | 7.2 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 4.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 27.4 | 17.8 | 24.2 | 8.4 | 6.7 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 3.9 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 28.8 | 20.7 | 17.0 | 11.9 | 6.2 | 3.6 | 5.9 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 3.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 29.0 | 15.8 | 15.5 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 2.9 | 7.9 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 4.6 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 29.6 | 13.5 | 16.5 | 10.6 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 7.8 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 3.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 30.5 | 12.5 | 7.1 | 17.6 | 11.3 | 5.4 | 8.0 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 5.4 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 29.8 | 17.4 | 15.5 | 11.3 | 8.1 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 3.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 26.8 | 19.1 | 24.5 | 8.7 | 5.8 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 2.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 28.5 | 21.4 | 17.4 | 11.7 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 30.4 | 17.0 | 14.2 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 2.8 | 7.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 4.4 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 30.5 | 14.4 | 16.1 | 10.6 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 7.2 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 3.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 32.2 | 13.3 | 6.7 | 16.7 | 12.2 | 5.6 | 7.8 | 1.1 | — | 4.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 25.4 | 10.6 | 18.1 | 12.8 | 10.6 | 1.7 | 8.6 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 8.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 29.2 | 13.0 | 23.2 | 7.6 | 9.9 | — | 4.5 | — | 2.3 | 10.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 30.6 | 15.8 | 14.7 | 13.1 | 7.7 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 7.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 21.3 | 7.8 | 21.8 | 13.1 | 15.9 | 1.8 | 10.0 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 6.5 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 23.1 | 6.5 | 18.5 | 11.1 | 8.3 | 2.8 | 11.1 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 12.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 22.2 | 8.3 | 11.1 | 19.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 11.1 | — | 2.8 | 13.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 32.6 | 11.5 | 3.4 | 9.4 | 11.4 | 8.6 | — | 1.0 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 38.9 | 4.8 | 17.0 | 4.5 | 17.8 | — | 17.0 | — | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 27.7 | 49.6 | 5.7 | 8.5 | 5.7 | — | — | — | — | 2.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.0 | 4.6 | 61.6 | — | 1.5 | 29.3 | — | — | — | — |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | — | 44.4 | 4.5 | — | — | 44.4 | — | — | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.4 | — | 2.4 | 47.5 | — | — | — | 47.6 | — | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 25.8 | 16.3 | 15.7 | 9.5 | 8.1 | 3.7 | 11.7 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 3.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 12.3 | 17.8 | 19.9 | 12.3 | 9.6 | 5.1 | 15.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 18.8 | 18.5 | 17.4 | 10.7 | 10.1 | 2.7 | 12.4 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 3.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 24.4 | 17.4 | 14.8 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 4.7 | 12.6 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 4.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 32.8 | 16.4 | 12.7 | 10.0 | 7.3 | 3.8 | 9.3 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 37.0 | 7.4 | 18.2 | 8.6 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 11.7 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 3.2 |

Table 48. Number and percent distribution of decedents for whom cancer was the main condition leading to death by length of time before death cancer was first noticed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years or more | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 26.1 | 16.5 | 15.8 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 3.8 | 12.0 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 3.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 11.8 | 19.6 | 20.5 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 5.3 | 16.3 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 18.5 | 19.0 | 18.1 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 2.3 | 12.5 | 4.2 | 1.9 | 3.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 24.1 | 17.5 | 14.5 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 5.0 | 13.2 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 4.3 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 33.3 | 16.5 | 12.8 | 9.5 | 7.3 | 4.0 | 9.5 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 37.9 | 7.6 | 18.2 | 9.1 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 12.1 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 2.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 24.2 | 14.7 | 15.5 | 10.7 | 7.9 | 3.7 | 8.8 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 8.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 15.4 | 11.4 | 19.0 | 19.8 | 10.8 | 3.5 | 12.1 | 2.4 | — | 5.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 22.6 | 15.0 | 14.3 | 14.1 | 8.4 | 5.6 | 10.7 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 5.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 24.8 | 16.8 | 17.7 | 4.4 | 7.1 | 2.7 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 3.5 | 9.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 29.3 | 16.3 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 7.6 | 2.2 | 7.6 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 9.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 25.4 | 5.5 | 19.3 | 2.8 | 5.5 | 2.8 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 11.1 | 16.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 18.8 | 9.4 | 3.7 | 22.7 | 13.1 | 1.8 | 15.2 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 11.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | — | — | 36.1 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 17.4 | 20.3 | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 6.0 | 13.4 | 6.5 | 12.7 | 19.9 | 1.0 | 22.1 | — | — | 18.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 92.1 | 4.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.0 | 8.0 | — | 75.9 | — | — | 4.0 | — | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 33.3 | — | — | — | 33.3 | — | — | 33.3 | — | — |

Table 49. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had cancer other than skin cancer, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had cancer (other than skin cancer) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|-----|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,869 | 628,860 | 1,319,036 | 38,973 | 100.0 | 31.7 | 66.4 | 2.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 25,918 | 97,146 | 2,627 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 77.3 | 2.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 160,916 | 222,857 | 6,536 | 100.0 | 41.2 | 57.1 | 1.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 184,395 | 287,259 | 8,371 | 100.0 | 38.4 | 59.9 | 1.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 169,939 | 386,412 | 12,263 | 100.0 | 29.9 | 68.0 | 2.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 87,693 | 325,363 | 9,176 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 77.1 | 2.2 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,773 | 560,130 | 1,148,649 | 30,993 | 100.0 | 32.2 | 66.0 | 1.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 21,110 | 70,460 | 1,555 | 100.0 | 22.7 | 75.7 | 1.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 138,003 | 179,408 | 4,809 | 100.0 | 42.8 | 55.7 | 1.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 164,095 | 250,019 | 6,819 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 59.4 | 1.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 155,279 | 348,178 | 10,165 | 100.0 | 30.2 | 67.8 | 2.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 81,644 | 300,584 | 7,646 | 100.0 | 20.9 | 77.1 | 2.0 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 63,977 | 156,197 | 7,830 | 100.0 | 28.1 | 68.5 | 3.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 4,338 | 24,596 | 1,010 | 100.0 | 14.5 | 82.1 | 3.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 21,457 | 40,597 | 1,704 | 100.0 | 33.7 | 63.7 | 2.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 19,025 | 34,507 | 1,540 | 100.0 | 34.5 | 62.7 | 2.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 13,817 | 34,862 | 2,065 | 100.0 | 27.2 | 68.7 | 4.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 5,339 | 21,635 | 1,510 | 100.0 | 18.7 | 76.0 | 5.3 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 4,753 | 14,191 | 150 | 100.0 | 24.9 | 74.3 | 0.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 470 | 2,089 | 63 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 79.7 | 2.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 1,456 | 2,852 | 23 | 100.0 | 33.6 | 65.9 | 0.5 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 1,275 | 2,733 | 11 | 100.0 | 31.7 | 68.0 | 0.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 843 | 3,372 | 33 | 100.0 | 19.8 | 79.4 | 0.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 709 | 3,144 | 20 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 81.2 | 0.5 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 321,450 | 684,760 | 23,538 | 100.0 | 31.2 | 66.5 | 2.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 12,574 | 72,819 | 1,904 | 100.0 | 14.4 | 83.4 | 2.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 87,058 | 150,597 | 4,579 | 100.0 | 35.9 | 62.2 | 1.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 103,553 | 169,522 | 6,647 | 100.0 | 37.0 | 60.6 | 2.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 85,754 | 186,733 | 6,900 | 100.0 | 30.7 | 66.8 | 2.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 32,510 | 105,090 | 3,508 | 100.0 | 23.0 | 74.5 | 2.5 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 283,588 | 592,187 | 19,408 | 100.0 | 31.7 | 66.2 | 2.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 10,382 | 53,501 | 1,198 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 82.2 | 1.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 74,907 | 123,698 | 3,312 | 100.0 | 37.1 | 61.3 | 1.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 91,068 | 150,438 | 5,567 | 100.0 | 36.9 | 60.9 | 2.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 77,893 | 168,458 | 6,203 | 100.0 | 30.8 | 66.7 | 2.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 29,337 | 96,093 | 3,129 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 74.8 | 2.4 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 35,497 | 83,739 | 4,058 | 100.0 | 28.8 | 67.9 | 3.3 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 1,944 | 17,733 | 654 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 87.2 | 3.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 11,742 | 24,984 | 1,267 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 65.8 | 3.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 11,722 | 17,480 | 1,081 | 100.0 | 38.7 | 57.7 | 3.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 7,337 | 16,290 | 698 | 100.0 | 30.2 | 67.0 | 2.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 2,752 | 7,251 | 359 | 100.0 | 26.6 | 70.0 | 3.5 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 2,365 | 8,834 | 72 | 100.0 | 21.0 | 78.4 | 0.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 248 | 1,585 | 52 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 84.1 | 2.8 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 409 | 1,915 | — | 100.0 | 17.6 | 82.4 | — | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 763 | 1,604 | — | 100.0 | 32.2 | 67.8 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 524 | 1,985 | — | 100.0 | 20.9 | 79.1 | — | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 421 | 1,745 | 20 | 100.0 | 19.3 | 79.8 | 0.9 | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 307,410 | 634,276 | 15,434 | 100.0 | 32.1 | 66.3 | 1.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 13,345 | 24,327 | 724 | 100.0 | 34.8 | 63.4 | 1.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 73,858 | 72,260 | 1,957 | 100.0 | 49.9 | 48.8 | 1.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 80,842 | 117,737 | 1,723 | 100.0 | 40.4 | 58.8 | 0.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 84,185 | 199,679 | 5,363 | 100.0 | 29.1 | 69.0 | 1.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 55,182 | 220,274 | 5,668 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 78.4 | 2.0 | |

Table 49. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had cancer other than skin cancer, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had cancer (other than skin cancer) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---------|---------|------------|----------------------|------|------|------------|--|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | | |
| | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 27,6542 | 556,462 | 11,585 | 100.0 | 32.7 | 65.9 | 1.4 | | |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 10,728 | 16,959 | 357 | 100.0 | 38.3 | 60.5 | 1.3 | | |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 63,095 | 55,711 | 1,497 | 100.0 | 55.5 | 46.3 | 1.2 | | |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 73,027 | 99,581 | 1,253 | 100.0 | 42.0 | 57.3 | 0.7 | | |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 77,386 | 179,721 | 3,962 | 100.0 | 29.6 | 68.8 | 1.5 | | |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 52,307 | 204,490 | 4,516 | 100.0 | 20.0 | 78.3 | 1.7 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 28,480 | 72,458 | 3,772 | 100.0 | 27.2 | 69.2 | 3.6 | | |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 2,395 | 6,863 | 356 | 100.0 | 24.9 | 71.4 | 3.7 | | |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 9,715 | 15,613 | 437 | 100.0 | 37.7 | 60.6 | 1.7 | | |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 7,303 | 17,027 | 460 | 100.0 | 29.5 | 68.7 | 1.9 | | |
| 75–84 years | 26,418 | 6,480 | 18,571 | 1,367 | 100.0 | 24.5 | 70.3 | 5.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 2,587 | 14,384 | 1,151 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 79.4 | 6.4 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 2,388 | 5,356 | 78 | 100.0 | 30.5 | 68.5 | 1.0 | | |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 222 | 504 | 11 | 100.0 | 30.1 | 68.4 | 1.5 | | |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 1,047 | 937 | 23 | 100.0 | 52.2 | 46.7 | 1.1 | | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 512 | 1,129 | 11 | 100.0 | 31.0 | 68.3 | 0.7 | | |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 319 | 1,387 | 33 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 79.7 | 1.9 | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 288 | 1,399 | — | 100.0 | 17.1 | 82.9 | — | | |

**Table 50. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had asthma, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986**

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had asthma | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,868 | 124,848 | 1,795,349 | 66,671 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 90.4 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 8,344 | 113,590 | 3,757 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 90.4 | 3.0 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 27,054 | 351,354 | 11,900 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 90.0 | 3.1 |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 33,205 | 429,491 | 17,328 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 89.5 | 3.6 |
| 75-84 years | 568,613 | 39,888 | 508,936 | 19,789 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 89.5 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 16,357 | 391,978 | 13,897 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 92.8 | 3.3 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,772 | 107,528 | 1,576,619 | 55,625 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 90.6 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 6,180 | 84,525 | 2,420 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 90.8 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 21,697 | 291,450 | 9,073 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 90.5 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 28,829 | 377,060 | 15,044 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 89.6 | 3.6 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 35,922 | 460,673 | 17,027 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 89.7 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 14,901 | 362,911 | 12,061 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 93.1 | 3.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 16,021 | 201,261 | 10,721 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 88.3 | 4.7 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 1,928 | 26,809 | 1,208 | 100.0 | 6.4 | 89.5 | 4.0 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 5,062 | 55,957 | 2,738 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 87.8 | 4.3 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 4,096 | 48,703 | 2,273 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 88.4 | 4.1 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 3,693 | 44,343 | 2,707 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 87.4 | 5.3 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 1,242 | 25,449 | 1,794 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 89.3 | 6.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 1,298 | 17,470 | 325 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 91.5 | 1.7 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 236 | 2,256 | 130 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 86.1 | 5.0 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 295 | 3,947 | 88 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 91.1 | 2.0 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 280 | 3,729 | 11 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 92.8 | 0.3 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 273 | 3,920 | 55 | 100.0 | 6.4 | 92.6 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 215 | 3,618 | 41 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 93.4 | 1.1 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 62,505 | 929,093 | 38,150 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 90.2 | 3.7 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 5,294 | 78,982 | 3,020 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 90.5 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 14,046 | 219,541 | 8,646 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 90.6 | 3.6 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 18,311 | 249,830 | 11,582 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 89.3 | 4.1 |
| 75-84 years | 279,387 | 19,808 | 250,066 | 9,514 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 89.5 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 5,046 | 130,674 | 5,388 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 92.6 | 3.8 |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,183 | 54,022 | 809,237 | 31,924 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 90.4 | 3.6 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 4,095 | 58,993 | 1,993 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 90.7 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 11,320 | 183,870 | 6,726 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 91.1 | 3.3 |
| 65-74 years | 247,072 | 16,023 | 220,994 | 10,056 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 89.5 | 4.1 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 17,837 | 226,457 | 8,260 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 89.7 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 128,559 | 4,747 | 118,923 | 4,890 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 92.5 | 3.8 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 7,532 | 109,743 | 6,019 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 89.0 | 4.9 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 1,008 | 18,404 | 919 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 90.5 | 4.5 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 2,486 | 33,632 | 1,875 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 88.5 | 4.9 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 2,030 | 26,727 | 1,526 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 88.3 | 5.0 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 1,708 | 21,396 | 1,221 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 88.0 | 5.0 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 299 | 9,584 | 479 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 92.5 | 4.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 951 | 10,113 | 206 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 89.7 | 1.8 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 191 | 1,586 | 108 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 84.2 | 5.7 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 240 | 2,038 | 45 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 87.7 | 2.0 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 258 | 2,109 | — | 100.0 | 10.9 | 89.1 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 262 | 2,214 | 33 | 100.0 | 10.4 | 88.2 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | — | 2,166 | 20 | 100.0 | — | 99.1 | 0.9 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,120 | 62,343 | 866,256 | 28,522 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 90.5 | 3.0 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 3,049 | 34,608 | 737 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 90.1 | 1.9 |
| 45-64 years | 148,074 | 13,008 | 131,813 | 3,253 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 89.0 | 2.2 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 14,894 | 179,661 | 5,747 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 89.7 | 2.9 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 20,080 | 258,870 | 10,276 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 89.5 | 3.6 |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 11,311 | 261,304 | 8,509 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 93.0 | 3.0 |

**Table 50. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had asthma, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986—Con.**

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had asthma | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,590 | 53,505 | 767,383 | 23,702 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 90.9 | 2.8 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 2,085 | 25,532 | 427 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 91.0 | 1.5 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 10,376 | 107,580 | 2,347 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 89.4 | 2.0 |
| 65–74 years | 173,861 | 12,806 | 156,066 | 4,989 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 89.8 | 2.9 |
| 75–84 years | 261,069 | 18,084 | 234,217 | 8,767 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 89.7 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 10,154 | 243,988 | 7,172 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 93.4 | 2.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 8,490 | 91,518 | 4,701 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 87.4 | 4.5 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 920 | 8,405 | 288 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 87.4 | 3.0 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 2,576 | 22,325 | 864 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 86.7 | 3.4 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 2,066 | 21,976 | 748 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 88.7 | 3.0 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 1,985 | 22,948 | 1,486 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 86.9 | 5.6 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 943 | 15,864 | 1,316 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 87.5 | 7.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 347 | 7,356 | 119 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 94.0 | 1.5 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 45 | 671 | 22 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 91.0 | 3.0 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 55 | 1,908 | 43 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 95.1 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 22 | 1,620 | 11 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 98.1 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 11 | 1,706 | 22 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 98.1 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 215 | 1,452 | 21 | 100.0 | 12.7 | 86.0 | 1.2 |

Table 51. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had any lung condition other than asthma, such as emphysema or bronchitis lasting 3 months or longer, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had other lung condition | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,869 | 365,206 | 1,549,436 | 72,228 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 78.0 | 3.6 | | |
| 25–44 years | 125,691 | 9,740 | 111,865 | 4,086 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 89.0 | 3.3 | | |
| 45–64 years | 390,308 | 74,914 | 302,269 | 13,125 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 77.4 | 3.4 | | |
| 65–74 years | 480,024 | 115,710 | 345,775 | 18,539 | 100.0 | 24.1 | 72.0 | 3.9 | | |
| 75–84 years | 568,613 | 116,388 | 430,437 | 21,788 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 75.7 | 3.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 48,453 | 359,090 | 14,689 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 85.1 | 3.5 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,773 | 331,338 | 1,347,808 | 60,627 | 100.0 | 19.0 | 77.5 | 3.5 | | |
| 25–44 years | 93,125 | 7,240 | 83,163 | 2,721 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 89.3 | 2.9 | | |
| 45–64 years | 322,220 | 63,589 | 248,541 | 10,090 | 100.0 | 19.7 | 77.1 | 3.1 | | |
| 65–74 years | 420,933 | 105,882 | 298,770 | 16,281 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 71.0 | 3.9 | | |
| 75–84 years | 513,623 | 109,168 | 385,783 | 18,672 | 100.0 | 21.3 | 75.1 | 3.6 | | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 45,459 | 331,551 | 12,864 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 85.0 | 3.3 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 31,735 | 184,988 | 11,280 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 81.1 | 5.0 | | |
| 25–44 years | 29,945 | 2,305 | 26,362 | 1,278 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 88.0 | 4.3 | | |
| 45–64 years | 63,758 | 10,754 | 50,070 | 2,933 | 100.0 | 16.9 | 78.5 | 4.6 | | |
| 65–74 years | 55,072 | 9,664 | 43,205 | 2,204 | 100.0 | 17.6 | 78.5 | 4.0 | | |
| 75–84 years | 50,744 | 6,529 | 41,153 | 3,061 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 81.1 | 6.0 | | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 2,483 | 24,197 | 1,804 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 85.0 | 6.3 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 2,132 | 16,641 | 320 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 87.2 | 1.7 | | |
| 25–44 years | 2,622 | 195 | 2,339 | 87 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 89.2 | 3.3 | | |
| 45–64 years | 4,330 | 571 | 3,658 | 102 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 84.5 | 2.4 | | |
| 65–74 years | 4,019 | 164 | 3,801 | 55 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 94.6 | 1.4 | | |
| 75–84 years | 4,248 | 691 | 3,502 | 55 | 100.0 | 16.3 | 82.4 | 1.3 | | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 512 | 3,341 | 21 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 86.3 | 0.5 | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,749 | 235,397 | 752,897 | 41,454 | 100.0 | 22.9 | 73.1 | 4.0 | | |
| 25–44 years | 87,296 | 6,838 | 77,213 | 3,245 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 88.5 | 3.7 | | |
| 45–64 years | 242,233 | 47,954 | 184,475 | 9,804 | 100.0 | 19.8 | 76.2 | 4.1 | | |
| 65–74 years | 279,723 | 79,551 | 188,907 | 11,265 | 100.0 | 28.4 | 67.5 | 4.0 | | |
| 75–84 years | 279,388 | 76,126 | 192,196 | 11,066 | 100.0 | 27.3 | 68.8 | 4.0 | | |
| 85 years and over | 141,109 | 24,928 | 110,106 | 6,075 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 78.0 | 4.3 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 213,453 | 646,922 | 34,808 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 72.3 | 3.9 | | |
| 25–44 years | 65,081 | 5,145 | 57,710 | 2,226 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 88.7 | 3.4 | | |
| 45–64 years | 201,917 | 41,303 | 153,058 | 7,556 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 75.8 | 3.7 | | |
| 65–74 years | 247,073 | 72,889 | 164,340 | 9,844 | 100.0 | 29.5 | 66.5 | 4.0 | | |
| 75–84 years | 252,553 | 70,604 | 172,243 | 9,707 | 100.0 | 28.0 | 68.2 | 3.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 23,512 | 99,571 | 5,476 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 77.5 | 4.3 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 21,014 | 95,801 | 6,479 | 100.0 | 17.0 | 77.7 | 5.3 | | |
| 25–44 years | 20,331 | 1,594 | 17,784 | 954 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 87.5 | 4.7 | | |
| 45–64 years | 37,993 | 6,321 | 29,480 | 2,192 | 100.0 | 16.6 | 77.6 | 5.8 | | |
| 65–74 years | 30,283 | 6,584 | 22,300 | 1,399 | 100.0 | 21.7 | 73.6 | 4.6 | | |
| 75–84 years | 24,325 | 5,139 | 17,849 | 1,337 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 73.4 | 5.5 | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,362 | 1,376 | 8,388 | 598 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 81.0 | 5.8 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 930 | 10,174 | 166 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 90.3 | 1.5 | | |
| 25–44 years | 1,885 | 99 | 1,720 | 65 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 91.3 | 3.5 | | |
| 45–64 years | 2,324 | 330 | 1,937 | 57 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 83.4 | 2.4 | | |
| 65–74 years | 2,367 | 78 | 2,267 | 22 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 95.8 | 0.9 | | |
| 75–84 years | 2,509 | 383 | 2,104 | 22 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 83.8 | 0.9 | | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 40 | 2,146 | — | 100.0 | 1.8 | 98.2 | — | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,120 | 129,809 | 796,538 | 30,773 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 83.2 | 3.2 | | |
| 25–44 years | 38,395 | 2,902 | 34,651 | 842 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 90.3 | 2.2 | | |
| 45–64 years | 148,074 | 26,961 | 117,793 | 3,321 | 100.0 | 18.2 | 79.6 | 2.2 | | |
| 65–74 years | 200,301 | 36,159 | 156,868 | 7,275 | 100.0 | 18.1 | 78.3 | 3.6 | | |
| 75–84 years | 289,226 | 40,262 | 238,242 | 10,722 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 82.4 | 3.7 | | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 23,525 | 248,984 | 8,614 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 88.6 | 3.1 | | |

Table 51. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had any lung condition other than asthma, such as emphysema or bronchitis lasting 3 months or longer, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had other lung condition | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 117,886 | 700,885 | 25,818 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 83.0 | 3.1 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 2,096 | 25,453 | 495 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 90.8 | 1.8 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 22,286 | 95,483 | 2,534 | 100.0 | 18.5 | 79.4 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 32,993 | 134,430 | 6,437 | 100.0 | 19.0 | 77.3 | 3.7 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 38,564 | 213,539 | 8,965 | 100.0 | 14.8 | 81.8 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 21,947 | 231,980 | 7,387 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 88.8 | 2.8 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 10,721 | 89,187 | 4,801 | 100.0 | 10.2 | 85.2 | 4.6 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 711 | 8,579 | 324 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 89.2 | 3.4 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 4,434 | 20,590 | 742 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 79.9 | 2.9 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 3,080 | 20,905 | 805 | 100.0 | 12.4 | 84.3 | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 1,390 | 23,304 | 1,724 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 88.2 | 6.5 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 1,107 | 15,810 | 1,206 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 87.2 | 6.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 1,202 | 6,467 | 154 | 100.0 | 15.4 | 82.7 | 2.0 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 96 | 620 | 22 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 84.1 | 3.0 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 241 | 1,720 | 45 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 85.7 | 2.3 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 86 | 1,534 | 32 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 92.8 | 2.0 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 308 | 1,398 | 33 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 80.4 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 471 | 1,195 | 21 | 100.0 | 27.9 | 70.8 | 1.2 |

Table 52. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had cirrhosis of the liver, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had cirrhosis of the liver | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|------|------------|-----|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | | | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | Percent distribution | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,868 | 73,959 | 1,845,039 | 67,869 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 92.9 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 8,943 | 111,570 | 5,177 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 88.8 | 4.1 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 27,123 | 347,932 | 15,253 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 89.1 | 3.9 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 24,301 | 438,232 | 17,492 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 91.3 | 3.6 |
| 75-84 years | 568,613 | 11,572 | 538,768 | 18,274 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 94.8 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 422,231 | 2,021 | 408,537 | 11,674 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 96.8 | 2.8 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,772 | 60,362 | 1,625,425 | 53,985 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 93.4 | 3.1 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 5,933 | 84,198 | 2,993 | 100.0 | 6.4 | 90.4 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 20,658 | 289,840 | 11,722 | 100.0 | 6.4 | 90.0 | 3.6 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 21,617 | 384,893 | 14,422 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 91.4 | 3.4 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 10,368 | 488,107 | 15,147 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 95.0 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 1,786 | 378,387 | 9,699 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 97.1 | 2.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 12,792 | 201,874 | 13,338 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 88.5 | 5.9 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 2,834 | 25,131 | 1,980 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 83.9 | 6.6 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 6,152 | 54,308 | 3,298 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 85.2 | 5.2 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 2,401 | 49,636 | 3,036 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 90.1 | 5.5 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 1,171 | 46,513 | 3,060 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 91.7 | 6.0 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 234 | 26,287 | 1,964 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 92.3 | 6.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 806 | 17,740 | 547 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 92.9 | 2.9 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 176 | 2,241 | 204 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 85.5 | 7.8 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 313 | 3,784 | 233 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 87.4 | 5.4 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 283 | 3,703 | 33 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 92.1 | 0.8 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 33 | 4,149 | 66 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 97.7 | 1.6 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | — | 3,863 | 10 | 100.0 | — | 99.7 | 0.3 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,749 | 51,053 | 939,083 | 39,614 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 91.2 | 3.9 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 6,425 | 76,889 | 3,983 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 88.1 | 4.6 |
| 45-64 years | 242,234 | 19,153 | 212,779 | 10,302 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 87.8 | 4.3 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 16,256 | 250,883 | 12,584 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 89.7 | 4.5 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 7,866 | 262,444 | 9,078 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 93.9 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 141,109 | 1,353 | 136,088 | 3,668 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 96.4 | 2.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,183 | 41,204 | 822,504 | 31,476 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 91.9 | 3.5 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 4,312 | 58,363 | 2,406 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 89.7 | 3.7 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 14,118 | 179,780 | 8,019 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 89.0 | 4.0 |
| 65-74 years | 247,072 | 14,570 | 222,230 | 10,272 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 90.0 | 4.2 |
| 75-84 years | 252,553 | 7,030 | 237,874 | 7,650 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 94.2 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 1,173 | 124,257 | 3,129 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 96.7 | 2.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 9,415 | 106,018 | 7,861 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 86.0 | 6.4 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 1,991 | 16,894 | 1,447 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 83.1 | 7.1 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 4,777 | 31,024 | 2,192 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 81.7 | 5.8 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 1,653 | 26,341 | 2,289 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 87.0 | 7.6 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 814 | 22,116 | 1,395 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 90.9 | 5.7 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 179 | 9,644 | 538 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 93.1 | 5.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 434 | 10,560 | 277 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 93.7 | 2.5 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 121 | 1,632 | 131 | 100.0 | 6.4 | 86.6 | 6.9 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 257 | 1,975 | 91 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 85.0 | 3.9 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 33 | 2,311 | 22 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 97.7 | 0.9 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 22 | 2,454 | 33 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 97.8 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | — | 2,186 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 22,907 | 905,959 | 28,255 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 94.7 | 3.0 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 2,519 | 34,682 | 1,194 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 90.3 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 7,969 | 135,154 | 4,952 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 91.3 | 3.3 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 8,045 | 187,349 | 4,908 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 93.5 | 2.5 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 3,706 | 276,324 | 9,195 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 95.5 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 668 | 272,450 | 8,006 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 96.9 | 2.9 |

Table 52. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had cirrhosis of the liver, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever had cirrhosis of the liver | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|---------|------------|-------|------|------|----------------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | | | | Percent distribution |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,588 | 19,158 | 802,922 | 22,508 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 95.1 | 2.7 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 1,620 | 25,836 | 588 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 92.1 | 2.1 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 6,539 | 110,061 | 3,703 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 91.5 | 3.1 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 7,047 | 162,663 | 4,150 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 93.6 | 2.4 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 3,338 | 250,232 | 7,498 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 95.9 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 613 | 254,130 | 6,570 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 97.3 | 2.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 3,377 | 95,856 | 5,477 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 91.5 | 5.2 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 843 | 8,237 | 533 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 85.7 | 5.5 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 1,375 | 23,284 | 1,106 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 90.4 | 4.3 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 748 | 23,294 | 748 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 94.0 | 3.0 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 357 | 24,397 | 1,665 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 92.4 | 6.3 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 55 | 16,642 | 1,425 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 91.8 | 7.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 372 | 7,180 | 270 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 91.8 | 3.5 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 55 | 609 | 73 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 82.6 | 10.0 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 55 | 1,809 | 143 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 90.1 | 7.1 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 250 | 1,391 | 11 | 100.0 | 15.1 | 84.2 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 11 | 1,695 | 33 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 97.5 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | — | 1,677 | 10 | 100.0 | — | 99.4 | 0.6 |

Table 53. Number and percent distribution of decedents by place of death, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Place of death | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | | Hospital emergency room | Other hospital room | On way to hospital | Nursing home | Own home | Other place | Other home | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,870 | 164,616 | 896,552 | 26,958 | 345,839 | 405,243 | 79,513 | 34,878 | 33,269 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 14,271 | 45,450 | 3,401 | 2,063 | 27,620 | 26,447 | 3,208 | 3,231 |
| 45-64 years | 390,307 | 40,712 | 185,438 | 7,203 | 16,934 | 102,013 | 25,692 | 5,863 | 6,451 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 42,725 | 248,090 | 7,467 | 41,621 | 110,718 | 13,832 | 7,401 | 8,171 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 47,557 | 259,586 | 5,484 | 116,740 | 109,347 | 9,315 | 9,842 | 10,743 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 19,351 | 157,988 | 3,403 | 168,481 | 55,545 | 4,226 | 8,564 | 4,674 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,772 | 136,677 | 777,300 | 22,371 | 324,642 | 353,946 | 68,073 | 29,573 | 27,189 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 9,561 | 32,896 | 2,376 | 1,715 | 21,863 | 20,464 | 2,357 | 1,893 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 32,903 | 150,905 | 5,649 | 14,649 | 86,336 | 22,387 | 4,517 | 4,874 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 36,045 | 216,713 | 6,574 | 36,476 | 99,036 | 12,547 | 6,497 | 7,045 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 41,887 | 233,283 | 4,769 | 110,034 | 96,938 | 8,659 | 8,507 | 9,545 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 16,282 | 143,503 | 3,003 | 161,768 | 49,774 | 4,016 | 7,695 | 3,831 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 25,056 | 110,983 | 4,120 | 19,287 | 47,807 | 9,873 | 5,129 | 5,749 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 4,283 | 11,726 | 978 | 348 | 5,381 | 5,184 | 785 | 1,259 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 7,313 | 32,740 | 1,401 | 2,046 | 14,908 | 2,689 | 1,303 | 1,358 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 5,904 | 29,275 | 872 | 4,677 | 11,097 | 1,241 | 893 | 1,114 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 4,949 | 24,648 | 704 | 6,070 | 11,306 | 589 | 1,301 | 1,176 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 2,607 | 12,594 | 164 | 6,146 | 5,114 | 169 | 847 | 842 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 2,883 | 8,268 | 468 | 1,910 | 3,490 | 1,567 | 176 | 332 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 427 | 828 | 47 | ~ | 375 | 799 | 67 | 79 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 496 | 1,793 | 152 | 239 | 770 | 616 | 44 | 220 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 777 | 2,101 | 22 | 468 | 585 | 44 | 11 | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 721 | 1,655 | 11 | 636 | 1,103 | 66 | 33 | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 462 | 1,891 | 236 | 566 | 657 | 41 | 21 | ~ |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 95,698 | 473,791 | 16,774 | 119,543 | 228,334 | 59,845 | 14,565 | 21,198 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 11,027 | 27,767 | 2,550 | 986 | 18,357 | 21,832 | 2,500 | 2,276 |
| 45-64 years | 242,234 | 25,774 | 109,833 | 5,097 | 9,595 | 63,880 | 20,023 | 3,503 | 4,529 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 25,106 | 145,190 | 4,871 | 20,403 | 64,329 | 10,301 | 2,892 | 6,631 |
| 75-84 years | 279,387 | 26,105 | 130,647 | 2,888 | 45,705 | 58,245 | 6,035 | 3,610 | 6,153 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 7,687 | 60,354 | 1,369 | 42,853 | 23,523 | 1,655 | 2,059 | 1,608 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 79,227 | 410,074 | 14,024 | 110,887 | 199,893 | 51,418 | 12,160 | 17,500 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 7,442 | 20,094 | 1,816 | 767 | 14,677 | 17,082 | 1,924 | 1,280 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 20,786 | 89,958 | 4,072 | 8,586 | 54,830 | 17,596 | 2,604 | 3,486 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 21,399 | 128,680 | 4,287 | 17,785 | 57,148 | 9,418 | 2,563 | 5,793 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 23,147 | 116,961 | 2,481 | 43,037 | 52,290 | 5,758 | 3,308 | 5,572 |
| 85 years and over | 128,559 | 6,454 | 54,381 | 1,369 | 40,712 | 20,948 | 1,565 | 1,760 | 1,369 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 14,563 | 58,321 | 2,681 | 8,101 | 26,475 | 7,265 | 2,282 | 3,607 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 3,262 | 7,171 | 687 | 219 | 3,394 | 4,160 | 509 | 928 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 4,593 | 18,804 | 1,003 | 976 | 8,747 | 1,974 | 865 | 1,032 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 3,191 | 15,040 | 584 | 2,607 | 6,879 | 838 | 318 | 827 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 2,500 | 12,628 | 407 | 2,384 | 5,302 | 233 | 291 | 581 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 1,017 | 4,678 | ~ | 1,915 | 2,154 | 60 | 299 | 239 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 1,908 | 5,397 | 69 | 555 | 1,966 | 1,162 | 123 | 90 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 324 | 502 | 47 | ~ | 287 | 590 | 67 | 68 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 395 | 1,071 | 23 | 34 | 302 | 454 | 34 | 11 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 516 | 1,471 | ~ | 11 | 302 | 44 | 11 | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 458 | 1,059 | ~ | 284 | 653 | 44 | 11 | ~ |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 216 | 1,294 | ~ | 226 | 421 | 30 | ~ | ~ |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 68,918 | 422,761 | 10,184 | 226,297 | 176,908 | 19,667 | 20,314 | 12,072 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 3,244 | 17,683 | 851 | 1,077 | 9,263 | 4,615 | 708 | 954 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 14,938 | 75,606 | 2,106 | 7,339 | 38,134 | 5,669 | 2,360 | 1,922 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 17,619 | 102,899 | 2,596 | 21,218 | 46,389 | 3,532 | 4,509 | 1,540 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 21,453 | 128,939 | 2,596 | 71,035 | 51,102 | 3,280 | 6,232 | 4,590 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 11,664 | 97,634 | 2,034 | 125,628 | 32,022 | 2,571 | 6,504 | 3,065 |

Table 53. Number and percent distribution of decedents by place of death, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Place of death | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | | Hospital emergency room | Other hospital room | On way to hospital | Nursing home | Own home | Other place | Other home | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,590 | 57,450 | 367,228 | 8,347 | 213,756 | 154,053 | 16,655 | 17,413 | 9,689 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 2,119 | 12,803 | 560 | 948 | 7,186 | 3,382 | 433 | 613 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 12,117 | 60,947 | 1,578 | 6,064 | 31,505 | 4,791 | 1,912 | 1,388 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 14,646 | 88,034 | 2,287 | 18,691 | 41,887 | 3,129 | 3,934 | 1,253 |
| 75–84 years | 261,069 | 18,740 | 116,322 | 2,288 | 66,997 | 44,648 | 2,901 | 5,199 | 3,973 |
| 85 years and over | 261,314 | 9,828 | 89,121 | 1,634 | 121,056 | 28,826 | 2,451 | 5,935 | 2,462 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 10,493 | 52,662 | 1,439 | 11,186 | 21,332 | 2,608 | 2,847 | 2,142 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 1,022 | 4,555 | 291 | 129 | 1,988 | 1,024 | 275 | 331 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 2,720 | 13,937 | 399 | 1,070 | 6,160 | 715 | 438 | 326 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 2,713 | 14,235 | 288 | 2,070 | 4,219 | 403 | 575 | 288 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 2,449 | 12,020 | 297 | 3,686 | 6,004 | 357 | 1,011 | 595 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 1,590 | 7,915 | 164 | 4,232 | 2,960 | 110 | 548 | 603 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 975 | 2,871 | 398 | 1,355 | 1,524 | 404 | 53 | 241 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 103 | 326 | — | — | 89 | 209 | — | 11 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 101 | 722 | 130 | 206 | 468 | 163 | 10 | 208 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 261 | 631 | 22 | 457 | 282 | — | — | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 263 | 596 | 11 | 352 | 449 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 247 | 597 | 236 | 341 | 236 | 10 | 21 | — |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 8.3 | 45.1 | 1.4 | 17.4 | 20.4 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 11.4 | 36.2 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 22.0 | 21.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.4 | 47.5 | 1.9 | 4.3 | 26.1 | 6.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.9 | 51.7 | 1.6 | 8.7 | 23.1 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 8.4 | 45.7 | 1.0 | 20.5 | 19.2 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.6 | 37.4 | 0.8 | 39.9 | 13.2 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.1 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 7.9 | 44.7 | 1.3 | 18.7 | 20.3 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 10.3 | 35.3 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 23.5 | 22.0 | 2.5 | 2.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.2 | 46.8 | 1.8 | 4.6 | 26.8 | 7.0 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.6 | 51.5 | 1.6 | 8.7 | 23.5 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 8.2 | 45.4 | 0.9 | 21.4 | 18.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.2 | 36.8 | 0.8 | 41.5 | 12.8 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.0 | 48.7 | 1.8 | 8.5 | 21.0 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 14.3 | 39.2 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 18.0 | 17.3 | 2.6 | 4.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 11.5 | 51.4 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 23.4 | 4.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 10.7 | 53.2 | 1.6 | 8.5 | 20.2 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.8 | 48.6 | 1.4 | 12.0 | 22.3 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.2 | 44.2 | 0.6 | 21.6 | 18.0 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 15.1 | 43.3 | 2.5 | 10.0 | 18.3 | 8.2 | 0.9 | 1.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 16.3 | 31.6 | 1.8 | — | 14.3 | 30.5 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 11.5 | 41.4 | 3.5 | 5.5 | 17.8 | 14.2 | 1.0 | 5.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 19.3 | 52.3 | 0.5 | 11.7 | 14.6 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.0 | 39.0 | 0.3 | 15.0 | 26.0 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 11.9 | 48.8 | 6.1 | 14.6 | 17.0 | 1.1 | 0.5 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 9.3 | 46.0 | 1.6 | 11.6 | 22.2 | 5.8 | 1.4 | 2.1 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 12.6 | 31.8 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 21.0 | 25.0 | 2.9 | 2.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.6 | 45.3 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 26.4 | 8.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 9.0 | 51.9 | 1.7 | 7.3 | 23.0 | 3.7 | 1.0 | 2.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.3 | 46.8 | 1.0 | 16.4 | 20.9 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.5 | 42.8 | 1.0 | 30.4 | 16.7 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.1 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 8.9 | 45.8 | 1.6 | 12.4 | 22.3 | 5.7 | 1.4 | 2.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 11.4 | 30.9 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 22.6 | 26.3 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.3 | 44.6 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 27.2 | 8.7 | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.7 | 52.1 | 1.7 | 7.2 | 23.1 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 2.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.2 | 46.3 | 1.0 | 17.0 | 20.7 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 42.3 | 1.1 | 31.7 | 16.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.1 |

Table 53. Number and percent distribution of decedents by place of death, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Place of death | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | | Hospital emergency room | Other hospital room | On way to hospital | Nursing home | Own home | Other place | Other home | Don't know |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 11.8 | 47.3 | 2.2 | 6.6 | 21.5 | 5.9 | 1.9 | 2.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 16.0 | 35.3 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 16.7 | 20.5 | 2.5 | 4.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 12.1 | 49.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 23.0 | 5.2 | 2.3 | 2.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 10.5 | 49.7 | 1.9 | 8.6 | 22.7 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 2.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 10.3 | 51.9 | 1.7 | 9.8 | 21.8 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 2.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.8 | 45.1 | — | 18.5 | 20.8 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 2.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 16.9 | 47.9 | 0.6 | 4.9 | 17.4 | 10.3 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.2 | 26.7 | 2.5 | — | 15.2 | 31.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 17.0 | 46.1 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 13.0 | 19.5 | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 21.8 | 62.1 | — | 0.5 | 12.8 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 18.2 | 42.2 | — | 11.3 | 26.0 | 1.8 | 0.4 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.9 | 59.2 | — | 10.3 | 19.3 | 1.4 | — | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 7.2 | 44.2 | 1.1 | 23.6 | 18.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 8.4 | 46.1 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 24.1 | 12.0 | 1.8 | 2.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.1 | 51.1 | 1.4 | 5.0 | 25.8 | 3.8 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.8 | 51.4 | 1.3 | 10.6 | 23.2 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 0.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.4 | 44.6 | 0.9 | 24.6 | 17.7 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.1 | 34.7 | 0.7 | 44.7 | 11.4 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 1.1 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 6.8 | 43.5 | 1.0 | 25.3 | 18.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 45.7 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 25.6 | 12.1 | 1.5 | 2.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.1 | 50.7 | 1.3 | 5.0 | 26.2 | 4.0 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.4 | 50.6 | 1.3 | 10.8 | 24.1 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.2 | 44.6 | 0.9 | 25.7 | 17.1 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.8 | 34.1 | 0.6 | 46.3 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 0.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 10.0 | 50.3 | 1.4 | 10.7 | 20.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 10.6 | 47.4 | 3.0 | 1.3 | 20.7 | 10.6 | 2.9 | 3.4 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.6 | 54.1 | 1.5 | 4.2 | 23.9 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 10.9 | 57.4 | 1.2 | 8.4 | 17.0 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 1.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 9.3 | 45.5 | 1.1 | 14.0 | 22.7 | 1.4 | 3.8 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.8 | 43.7 | 0.9 | 23.4 | 16.3 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 12.5 | 36.7 | 5.1 | 17.3 | 19.5 | 5.2 | 0.7 | 3.1 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 14.0 | 44.2 | — | — | 12.0 | 28.3 | — | 1.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 36.0 | 6.5 | 10.2 | 23.3 | 8.1 | 0.5 | 10.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 15.8 | 38.2 | 1.3 | 27.7 | 17.1 | — | — | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 34.3 | 0.6 | 20.3 | 25.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 14.6 | 35.4 | 14.0 | 20.2 | 14.0 | 0.6 | 1.2 | — |

Table 54. Number and percent distribution of female decedents by whether decedent ever took birth control pills, according to race and age: United States, 1986

| Race and age | Ever take birth control pills | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 940,299 | 32,021 | 857,570 | 50,707 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 91.2 | 5.4 |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 15,910 | 17,957 | 4,156 | 100.0 | 41.8 | 47.2 | 10.9 |
| 45-64 years | 146,232 | 13,745 | 123,396 | 9,091 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 84.4 | 6.2 |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 1,978 | 184,220 | 11,726 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 93.1 | 5.9 |
| 75-84 years | 284,380 | 279 | 268,823 | 15,278 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 94.5 | 5.4 |
| 85 years and over | 273,740 | 110 | 263,174 | 10,457 | 100.0 | — | 96.1 | 3.8 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 829,848 | 26,625 | 761,337 | 41,886 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 91.7 | 5.0 |
| 25-44 years | 27,837 | 12,348 | 12,722 | 2,767 | 100.0 | 44.4 | 45.7 | 9.9 |
| 45-64 years | 118,788 | 12,207 | 99,753 | 6,829 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 84.0 | 5.7 |
| 65-74 years | 171,769 | 1,863 | 159,755 | 10,152 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 93.0 | 5.9 |
| 75-84 years | 257,106 | 208 | 243,567 | 13,332 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 94.7 | 5.2 |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | — | 245,540 | 8,806 | 100.0 | — | 96.5 | 3.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 102,914 | 4,991 | 89,587 | 8,336 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 87.1 | 8.1 |
| 25-44 years | 9,460 | 3,301 | 4,874 | 1,285 | 100.0 | 34.9 | 51.5 | 13.6 |
| 45-64 years | 25,449 | 1,406 | 21,872 | 2,171 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 85.9 | 8.5 |
| 65-74 years | 24,502 | 115 | 22,834 | 1,553 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 93.2 | 6.3 |
| 75-84 years | 25,765 | 59 | 23,803 | 1,902 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 92.4 | 7.4 |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 110 | 16,204 | 1,425 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 91.3 | 8.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,537 | 405 | 6,647 | 486 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 88.2 | 6.4 |
| 25-44 years | 726 | 261 | 362 | 104 | 100.0 | 35.9 | 49.8 | 14.3 |
| 45-64 years | 1,994 | 133 | 1,771 | 91 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 88.8 | 4.6 |
| 65-74 years | 1,652 | — | 1,631 | 22 | 100.0 | — | 98.7 | 1.3 |
| 75-84 years | 1,509 | 11 | 1,453 | 44 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 96.3 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | — | 1,431 | 225 | 100.0 | — | 86.4 | 13.6 |

Table 55. Number and percent distribution of female decedents by whether decedent ever had a hysterectomy, according to race and age: United States, 1986

| Race and age | Ever have a hysterectomy | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 260,991 | 613,071 | 83,060 | 100.0 | 27.3 | 64.1 | 8.7 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 6,688 | 29,727 | 1,980 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 77.4 | 5.2 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 54,581 | 84,482 | 9,012 | 100.0 | 36.9 | 57.1 | 6.1 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 66,019 | 115,709 | 18,574 | 100.0 | 33.0 | 57.8 | 9.3 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 78,320 | 181,538 | 29,368 | 100.0 | 27.1 | 62.8 | 10.2 |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 55,383 | 201,615 | 24,126 | 100.0 | 19.7 | 71.7 | 8.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 844,588 | 241,968 | 532,478 | 70,142 | 100.0 | 28.6 | 63.0 | 8.3 |
| 25-44 years | 28,044 | 5,407 | 21,304 | 1,332 | 100.0 | 19.3 | 76.0 | 4.8 |
| 45-64 years | 120,303 | 47,888 | 66,069 | 6,346 | 100.0 | 39.8 | 54.9 | 5.3 |
| 65-74 years | 173,860 | 60,621 | 97,892 | 15,347 | 100.0 | 34.9 | 56.3 | 8.8 |
| 75-84 years | 261,068 | 74,486 | 160,948 | 25,634 | 100.0 | 28.5 | 61.6 | 9.8 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 53,566 | 186,265 | 21,483 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 71.3 | 8.2 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 104,709 | 17,594 | 75,149 | 11,966 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 71.8 | 11.4 |
| 25-44 years | 9,614 | 1,189 | 7,848 | 577 | 100.0 | 12.4 | 81.6 | 6.0 |
| 45-64 years | 25,765 | 5,824 | 17,376 | 2,565 | 100.0 | 22.6 | 67.4 | 10.0 |
| 65-74 years | 24,789 | 5,081 | 16,535 | 3,173 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 66.7 | 12.8 |
| 75-84 years | 26,419 | 3,745 | 19,225 | 3,448 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 72.8 | 13.1 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 1,754 | 14,165 | 2,203 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 78.2 | 12.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,822 | 1,429 | 5,442 | 951 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 69.6 | 12.2 |
| 25-44 years | 737 | 92 | 574 | 71 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 77.9 | 9.6 |
| 45-64 years | 2,007 | 869 | 1,037 | 101 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 51.7 | 5.0 |
| 65-74 years | 1,652 | 316 | 1,282 | 54 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 77.6 | 3.3 |
| 75-84 years | 1,739 | 89 | 1,365 | 286 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 78.5 | 16.4 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 63 | 1,185 | 440 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 70.2 | 26.1 |

Table 56. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had an operation to be sterilized, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever been sterilized | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|------|------|------|------------|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,868 | 81,202 | 1,768,131 | 137,535 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 89.0 | 6.9 | | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 13,102 | 104,764 | 7,825 | 100.0 | 10.4 | 83.4 | 6.2 | | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 34,122 | 331,324 | 24,862 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 84.9 | 6.4 | | |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 20,091 | 428,382 | 31,551 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 89.2 | 6.6 | | |
| 75-84 years | 568,613 | 9,977 | 513,378 | 45,259 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 90.3 | 8.0 | | |
| 85 years and over | 422,231 | 3,911 | 390,283 | 28,038 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 92.4 | 6.6 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,772 | 73,730 | 1,551,185 | 114,857 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 89.2 | 6.6 | | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 10,856 | 76,695 | 5,574 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 82.4 | 6.0 | | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 31,052 | 272,416 | 18,753 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 84.5 | 5.8 | | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 18,887 | 375,413 | 26,633 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 89.2 | 6.3 | | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 9,346 | 464,864 | 39,412 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 90.5 | 7.7 | | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 3,590 | 361,797 | 24,486 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 92.8 | 6.3 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 6,747 | 199,668 | 21,589 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 87.6 | 9.5 | | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 2,062 | 25,712 | 2,171 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 85.9 | 7.3 | | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 2,841 | 55,168 | 5,748 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 86.5 | 9.0 | | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 969 | 49,250 | 4,854 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 89.4 | 8.8 | | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 587 | 44,617 | 5,540 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 87.9 | 10.9 | | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 289 | 24,920 | 3,275 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 87.5 | 11.5 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 725 | 17,279 | 1,089 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 90.5 | 5.7 | | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 185 | 2,357 | 80 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 89.9 | 3.0 | | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 229 | 3,740 | 362 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 86.4 | 8.4 | | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 235 | 3,719 | 65 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 92.5 | 1.6 | | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 44 | 3,897 | 306 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 91.7 | 7.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 31 | 3,566 | 277 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 92.0 | 7.1 | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,747 | 46,698 | 915,249 | 67,801 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 88.9 | 6.6 | | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 5,103 | 76,606 | 5,588 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 87.8 | 6.4 | | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 21,358 | 205,750 | 15,125 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 84.9 | 6.2 | | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 13,574 | 248,172 | 17,977 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 88.7 | 6.4 | | |
| 75-84 years | 279,387 | 4,528 | 253,250 | 21,609 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 90.6 | 7.7 | | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 2,135 | 131,471 | 7,502 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 93.2 | 5.3 | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,183 | 44,113 | 794,417 | 56,653 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 88.7 | 6.3 | | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 4,706 | 56,396 | 3,979 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 86.7 | 6.1 | | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 20,443 | 169,895 | 11,579 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 84.1 | 5.7 | | |
| 65-74 years | 247,072 | 12,852 | 218,798 | 15,423 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 88.6 | 6.2 | | |
| 75-84 years | 252,553 | 4,157 | 229,189 | 19,207 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 90.7 | 7.6 | | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 1,956 | 120,139 | 6,465 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 93.5 | 5.0 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 2,171 | 110,404 | 10,718 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 89.5 | 8.7 | | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 330 | 18,450 | 1,551 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 90.7 | 7.6 | | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 805 | 33,732 | 3,456 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 88.8 | 9.1 | | |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 509 | 27,231 | 2,543 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 89.9 | 8.4 | | |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 349 | 21,825 | 2,151 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 89.7 | 8.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 179 | 9,166 | 1,017 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 88.5 | 9.8 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 413 | 10,428 | 430 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 92.5 | 3.8 | | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 67 | 1,760 | 58 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 93.4 | 3.1 | | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 110 | 2,123 | 90 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 91.4 | 3.9 | | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 214 | 2,142 | 11 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 90.5 | 0.5 | | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 22 | 2,236 | 251 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 89.1 | 10.0 | | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | — | 2,166 | 20 | 100.0 | — | 99.1 | 0.9 | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 34,505 | 852,882 | 69,734 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 89.1 | 7.3 | | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 8,000 | 28,158 | 2,237 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 73.3 | 5.8 | | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 12,764 | 125,574 | 9,737 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 84.8 | 6.6 | | |
| 65-74 years | 200,301 | 6,517 | 180,210 | 13,574 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 90.0 | 6.8 | | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 5,449 | 260,128 | 23,649 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 89.9 | 8.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 1,775 | 258,812 | 20,536 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 92.1 | 7.3 | | |

Table 56. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever had an operation to be sterilized, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever been sterilized | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------|---------|------------|----------------------|------|------|------------|--|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | | |
| | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 29,617 | 756,767 | 58,204 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 89.6 | 6.9 | | |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 6,150 | 20,299 | 1,595 | 100.0 | 21.9 | 72.4 | 5.7 | | |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 10,609 | 102,521 | 7,174 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 85.2 | 6.0 | | |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 6,036 | 156,615 | 11,210 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 90.1 | 6.4 | | |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 5,189 | 235,674 | 20,205 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 90.3 | 7.7 | | |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 1,634 | 241,658 | 18,021 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 92.5 | 6.9 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 4,576 | 89,263 | 10,870 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 85.2 | 10.4 | | |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 1,732 | 7,262 | 620 | 100.0 | 18.0 | 75.5 | 6.4 | | |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 2,036 | 21,436 | 2,293 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 83.2 | 8.9 | | |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 460 | 22,019 | 2,311 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 88.8 | 9.3 | | |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 238 | 22,792 | 3,389 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 86.3 | 12.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 110 | 15,755 | 2,258 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 86.9 | 12.5 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 312 | 6,852 | 659 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 87.6 | 8.4 | | |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 118 | 597 | 22 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 81.0 | 3.0 | | |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 119 | 1,617 | 271 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 80.6 | 13.5 | | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 22 | 1,577 | 54 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 95.4 | 3.3 | | |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 22 | 1,661 | 56 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 95.5 | 3.2 | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 31 | 1,399 | 257 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 82.9 | 15.2 | | |

Table 57. Number and percent distribution of decedents by frequency with which decedent ate red meat, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Frequency | | | | | | Don't know |
|--|-----------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------|------------|
| | | Every day | 3-6 times a week | 1 or 2 times a week | 1-3 times a week | Less than once a week | Never | |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,957,228 | 568,639 | 804,835 | 354,193 | 73,767 | 25,467 | 11,334 | 118,993 |
| 25-44 years | 124,866 | 40,717 | 45,615 | 19,573 | 4,562 | 1,305 | 1,062 | 12,033 |
| 45-64 years | 385,839 | 117,819 | 164,517 | 64,599 | 11,498 | 4,332 | 2,528 | 20,546 |
| 65-74 years | 474,465 | 131,209 | 195,931 | 92,726 | 21,757 | 5,139 | 2,668 | 25,034 |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 155,393 | 225,820 | 110,499 | 21,381 | 7,647 | 2,685 | 36,250 |
| 85 years and over | 412,382 | 123,501 | 172,952 | 66,796 | 14,569 | 7,044 | 2,390 | 25,130 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,714,015 | 500,138 | 732,813 | 293,567 | 59,850 | 20,814 | 9,223 | 97,609 |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 30,218 | 36,621 | 12,992 | 2,847 | 838 | 687 | 8,348 |
| 45-64 years | 318,524 | 98,091 | 144,243 | 48,235 | 8,085 | 3,255 | 2,154 | 14,459 |
| 65-74 years | 416,052 | 115,345 | 178,444 | 77,047 | 18,328 | 4,045 | 2,111 | 20,732 |
| 75-84 years | 505,939 | 141,000 | 209,785 | 97,279 | 17,598 | 6,635 | 2,075 | 31,567 |
| 85 years and over | 380,949 | 115,484 | 163,720 | 58,015 | 12,992 | 6,041 | 2,195 | 22,503 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 224,873 | 64,195 | 66,409 | 54,690 | 12,634 | 4,533 | 1,658 | 20,754 |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 9,660 | 8,181 | 6,050 | 1,612 | 456 | 277 | 3,503 |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 18,681 | 19,228 | 15,156 | 2,805 | 1,043 | 319 | 5,779 |
| 65-74 years | 54,404 | 15,025 | 16,164 | 14,467 | 3,160 | 1,061 | 300 | 4,226 |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 13,637 | 14,600 | 11,734 | 3,532 | 1,001 | 588 | 4,649 |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 7,193 | 8,237 | 7,283 | 1,525 | 972 | 174 | 2,597 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 18,339 | 4,306 | 5,611 | 5,935 | 1,283 | 119 | 454 | 630 |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | 839 | 814 | 532 | 103 | 11 | 98 | 182 |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 1,047 | 1,046 | 1,208 | 609 | 34 | 55 | 308 |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 838 | 1,323 | 1,212 | 268 | 33 | 258 | 77 |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 757 | 1,435 | 1,487 | 251 | 11 | 22 | 33 |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 824 | 995 | 1,498 | 52 | 31 | 21 | 31 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,016,929 | 332,517 | 398,239 | 177,224 | 33,090 | 13,452 | 5,709 | 56,698 |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 30,090 | 30,772 | 13,198 | 2,843 | 917 | 671 | 8,350 |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 79,439 | 96,312 | 38,122 | 7,155 | 2,604 | 1,601 | 14,377 |
| 65-74 years | 276,541 | 84,833 | 110,647 | 52,394 | 10,168 | 3,554 | 1,015 | 13,929 |
| 75-84 years | 275,296 | 88,537 | 107,392 | 51,020 | 10,038 | 3,922 | 1,129 | 13,258 |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 49,618 | 53,116 | 22,490 | 2,885 | 2,455 | 1,293 | 6,785 |
| White, 25 years and over | 884,168 | 293,468 | 359,646 | 144,798 | 25,754 | 10,854 | 4,413 | 45,236 |
| 25-44 years | 64,713 | 23,067 | 24,585 | 8,670 | 1,702 | 638 | 351 | 5,700 |
| 45-64 years | 199,735 | 67,139 | 85,285 | 27,874 | 5,325 | 1,976 | 1,420 | 10,717 |
| 65-74 years | 244,283 | 76,024 | 100,855 | 44,056 | 8,141 | 2,780 | 641 | 11,787 |
| 75-84 years | 248,832 | 81,050 | 99,233 | 44,814 | 8,240 | 3,504 | 827 | 11,165 |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 46,189 | 49,688 | 19,384 | 2,347 | 1,956 | 1,173 | 5,867 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 121,959 | 35,621 | 35,964 | 29,219 | 6,544 | 2,545 | 896 | 11,170 |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | 6,444 | 5,652 | 4,103 | 1,076 | 280 | 223 | 2,501 |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 11,460 | 10,492 | 9,696 | 1,579 | 617 | 135 | 3,580 |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 8,046 | 9,243 | 7,844 | 1,780 | 763 | 127 | 2,098 |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 6,919 | 7,395 | 5,302 | 1,570 | 407 | 291 | 2,093 |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 2,752 | 3,183 | 2,274 | 538 | 479 | 120 | 897 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 10,802 | 3,427 | 2,628 | 3,208 | 792 | 54 | 401 | 293 |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 579 | 536 | 425 | 65 | — | 98 | 149 |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | 840 | 534 | 552 | 251 | 11 | 45 | 80 |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 763 | 549 | 494 | 247 | 11 | 247 | 44 |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 568 | 764 | 904 | 229 | 11 | 11 | — |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 677 | 246 | 832 | — | 20 | — | 20 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 940,298 | 236,122 | 406,595 | 176,968 | 40,678 | 12,015 | 5,625 | 62,295 |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 10,627 | 14,843 | 6,374 | 1,719 | 388 | 391 | 3,683 |
| 45-64 years | 146,231 | 38,381 | 68,205 | 26,477 | 4,344 | 1,729 | 927 | 6,169 |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 46,376 | 85,284 | 40,332 | 11,589 | 1,585 | 1,653 | 11,105 |
| 75-84 years | 284,379 | 66,856 | 118,428 | 59,479 | 11,343 | 3,725 | 1,557 | 22,992 |
| 85 years and over | 273,741 | 73,883 | 119,836 | 44,306 | 11,684 | 4,589 | 1,097 | 18,345 |

Table 57. Number and percent distribution of decedents by frequency with which decedent ate red meat, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Frequency | | | | | | Don't know |
|--|---------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| | | Every day | 3-6 times a week | 1 or 2 times a week | 1-3 times a week | Less than once a week | Never | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 829,847 | 206,670 | 373,168 | 148,770 | 34,096 | 9,961 | 4,810 | 52,373 |
| 25-44 years | 27,837 | 7,151 | 12,036 | 4,321 | 1,145 | 201 | 337 | 2,648 |
| 45-64 years | 118,788 | 30,953 | 58,958 | 20,362 | 2,760 | 1,280 | 734 | 3,743 |
| 65-74 years | 171,769 | 39,321 | 77,589 | 32,991 | 10,187 | 1,265 | 1,470 | 8,945 |
| 75-84 years | 257,106 | 59,949 | 110,552 | 52,465 | 9,359 | 3,130 | 1,248 | 20,403 |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 69,295 | 114,033 | 38,631 | 10,645 | 4,086 | 1,021 | 16,635 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 102,914 | 28,574 | 30,445 | 25,471 | 6,090 | 1,988 | 762 | 9,584 |
| 25-44 years | 9,460 | 3,216 | 2,529 | 1,947 | 536 | 176 | 54 | 1,002 |
| 45-64 years | 25,449 | 7,221 | 8,735 | 5,459 | 1,225 | 426 | 184 | 2,199 |
| 65-74 years | 24,502 | 6,979 | 6,921 | 6,623 | 1,380 | 298 | 173 | 2,128 |
| 75-84 years | 25,765 | 6,718 | 7,205 | 6,432 | 1,962 | 595 | 297 | 2,556 |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 4,440 | 5,054 | 5,010 | 987 | 493 | 55 | 1,699 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,537 | 878 | 2,983 | 2,728 | 492 | 66 | 53 | 337 |
| 25-44 years | 726 | 260 | 278 | 107 | 38 | 11 | — | 33 |
| 45-64 years | 1,994 | 207 | 512 | 656 | 358 | 23 | 10 | 228 |
| 65-74 years | 1,652 | 75 | 773 | 718 | 22 | 22 | 11 | 32 |
| 75-84 years | 1,509 | 189 | 671 | 582 | 22 | — | 11 | 33 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 147 | 749 | 665 | 52 | 10 | 21 | 10 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 29.1 | 41.1 | 18.1 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 6.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 32.6 | 36.5 | 15.7 | 3.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 9.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 30.5 | 42.6 | 16.7 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 5.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 27.7 | 41.3 | 19.5 | 4.6 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 5.3 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 27.8 | 40.3 | 19.7 | 3.8 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 6.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 29.9 | 41.9 | 16.2 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 6.1 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 29.2 | 42.8 | 17.1 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 5.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 32.7 | 39.6 | 14.0 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 9.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 30.8 | 45.3 | 15.1 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 27.7 | 42.9 | 18.5 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 5.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 27.9 | 41.5 | 19.2 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 6.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 30.3 | 43.0 | 15.2 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 5.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 28.5 | 29.5 | 24.3 | 5.6 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 9.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 32.5 | 27.5 | 20.3 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 11.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 29.6 | 30.5 | 24.1 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 9.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 27.6 | 29.7 | 26.6 | 5.8 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 7.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 27.4 | 29.4 | 23.6 | 7.1 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 9.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 25.7 | 29.4 | 26.0 | 5.5 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 9.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 23.5 | 30.6 | 32.4 | 7.0 | 0.7 | 2.5 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 32.5 | 31.6 | 20.6 | 4.0 | 0.4 | 3.8 | 7.1 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 28.0 | 14.1 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 7.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 20.9 | 33.0 | 30.2 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 6.4 | 1.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 18.9 | 35.9 | 37.2 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 23.9 | 28.8 | 43.4 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 32.7 | 39.2 | 17.4 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 5.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 34.6 | 35.4 | 15.2 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 9.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 33.2 | 40.2 | 15.9 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 6.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 30.7 | 40.0 | 18.9 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 5.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 32.2 | 39.0 | 18.5 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 4.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 35.8 | 38.3 | 16.2 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 4.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 33.2 | 40.7 | 16.4 | 2.9 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 5.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 35.6 | 38.0 | 13.4 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 8.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 33.6 | 42.7 | 14.0 | 2.7 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 5.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 31.1 | 41.3 | 18.0 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 4.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 32.6 | 39.9 | 18.0 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 4.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 36.5 | 39.2 | 15.3 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 4.6 |

Table 57. Number and percent distribution of decedents by frequency with which decedent ate red meat, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Frequency | | | | | | Don't know |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| | | Every day | 3-6 times a week | 1 or 2 times a week | 1-3 times a week | Less than once a week | Never | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 29.2 | 29.5 | 24.0 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 9.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 31.8 | 27.9 | 20.2 | 5.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 12.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 30.5 | 27.9 | 25.8 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 9.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 26.9 | 30.9 | 26.2 | 6.0 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 7.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 28.9 | 30.8 | 22.1 | 6.5 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 8.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 26.9 | 31.1 | 22.2 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 1.2 | 8.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 31.7 | 24.3 | 29.7 | 7.3 | 0.5 | 3.7 | 2.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 31.3 | 28.9 | 23.0 | 3.5 | — | 5.3 | 8.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 36.3 | 23.1 | 23.9 | 10.8 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 3.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 32.4 | 23.3 | 21.0 | 10.5 | 0.5 | 10.5 | 1.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 22.8 | 30.7 | 36.4 | 9.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 37.7 | 13.7 | 46.4 | — | 1.1 | — | 1.1 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 25.1 | 43.2 | 18.8 | 4.3 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 6.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 27.9 | 39.0 | 16.8 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 9.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 26.2 | 46.6 | 18.1 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 4.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 23.4 | 43.1 | 20.4 | 5.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 5.6 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 23.5 | 41.6 | 20.9 | 4.0 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 8.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 27.0 | 43.8 | 16.2 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 6.7 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 24.9 | 45.0 | 17.9 | 4.1 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 6.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 25.7 | 43.2 | 15.5 | 4.1 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 9.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 26.1 | 49.6 | 17.1 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 3.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 22.9 | 45.2 | 19.2 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 5.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 23.3 | 43.0 | 20.4 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 7.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 27.2 | 44.8 | 15.2 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 6.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 27.8 | 29.6 | 24.7 | 5.9 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 9.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 34.0 | 26.7 | 20.6 | 5.7 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 10.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 28.4 | 34.3 | 21.5 | 4.8 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 8.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 28.5 | 28.2 | 27.0 | 5.6 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 8.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 26.1 | 28.0 | 25.0 | 7.6 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 9.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 25.0 | 28.5 | 28.2 | 5.6 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 9.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 11.7 | 39.6 | 36.2 | 6.5 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 35.8 | 38.3 | 14.7 | 5.2 | 1.5 | — | 4.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 10.4 | 25.7 | 32.9 | 18.0 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 11.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 4.6 | 46.8 | 43.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 2.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.5 | 44.5 | 38.6 | 1.5 | — | 0.7 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.9 | 45.2 | 40.2 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.6 |

Table 58. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent smoked at least 100 cigarettes, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Smoked at least 100 cigarettes | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|----------------------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Percent distribution | | | |
| | | | | | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,957,226 | 1,088,094 | 827,899 | 41,234 | 100.0 | 55.6 | 42.3 | 2.1 |
| 25-44 years | 124,866 | 83,026 | 38,341 | 3,500 | 100.0 | 66.5 | 30.7 | 2.8 |
| 45-64 years | 385,839 | 293,087 | 85,735 | 7,018 | 100.0 | 76.0 | 22.2 | 1.8 |
| 65-74 years | 474,464 | 325,643 | 140,050 | 8,771 | 100.0 | 68.6 | 29.5 | 1.8 |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 279,835 | 268,511 | 11,329 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 48.0 | 2.0 |
| 85 years and over | 412,382 | 106,503 | 295,262 | 10,617 | 100.0 | 25.8 | 71.6 | 2.6 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,714,016 | 953,957 | 725,099 | 34,959 | 100.0 | 55.7 | 42.3 | 2.0 |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 61,138 | 29,021 | 2,392 | 100.0 | 66.1 | 31.4 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 318,524 | 245,716 | 66,874 | 5,935 | 100.0 | 77.1 | 21.0 | 1.9 |
| 65-74 years | 416,053 | 290,041 | 118,620 | 7,392 | 100.0 | 69.7 | 28.5 | 1.8 |
| 75-84 years | 505,939 | 257,628 | 238,534 | 9,777 | 100.0 | 50.9 | 47.1 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 380,949 | 99,434 | 272,051 | 9,464 | 100.0 | 26.1 | 71.4 | 2.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 224,873 | 124,669 | 94,259 | 5,945 | 100.0 | 55.4 | 41.9 | 2.6 |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 20,467 | 8,243 | 1,028 | 100.0 | 68.8 | 27.7 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 44,646 | 17,292 | 1,072 | 100.0 | 70.9 | 27.4 | 1.7 |
| 65-74 years | 54,403 | 33,439 | 19,597 | 1,368 | 100.0 | 61.5 | 36.0 | 2.5 |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 20,250 | 27,961 | 1,530 | 100.0 | 40.7 | 56.2 | 3.1 |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 5,867 | 21,167 | 947 | 100.0 | 21.0 | 75.6 | 3.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 18,339 | 9,468 | 8,541 | 330 | 100.0 | 51.6 | 46.6 | 1.8 |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | 1,420 | 1,078 | 80 | 100.0 | 55.1 | 41.8 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 2,725 | 1,570 | 11 | 100.0 | 63.3 | 36.4 | 0.3 |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 2,163 | 1,834 | 11 | 100.0 | 54.0 | 45.8 | 0.3 |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 1,958 | 2,016 | 22 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 50.5 | 0.6 |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 1,202 | 2,044 | 206 | 100.0 | 34.8 | 59.2 | 6.0 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,016,929 | 728,968 | 264,819 | 23,143 | 100.0 | 71.7 | 26.0 | 2.3 |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 61,446 | 22,636 | 2,762 | 100.0 | 70.8 | 26.1 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 197,198 | 37,398 | 5,012 | 100.0 | 82.3 | 15.6 | 2.1 |
| 65-74 years | 276,541 | 217,397 | 53,362 | 5,782 | 100.0 | 78.6 | 19.3 | 2.1 |
| 75-84 years | 275,295 | 185,488 | 83,930 | 5,877 | 100.0 | 67.4 | 30.5 | 2.1 |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 67,439 | 67,492 | 3,710 | 100.0 | 48.6 | 48.7 | 2.7 |
| White, 25 years and over | 884,168 | 635,904 | 228,905 | 19,359 | 100.0 | 71.9 | 25.9 | 2.2 |
| 25-44 years | 64,713 | 45,575 | 17,241 | 1,898 | 100.0 | 70.4 | 26.6 | 2.9 |
| 45-64 years | 199,735 | 165,112 | 30,368 | 4,256 | 100.0 | 82.7 | 15.2 | 2.1 |
| 65-74 years | 244,284 | 193,110 | 46,473 | 4,701 | 100.0 | 79.1 | 19.0 | 1.9 |
| 75-84 years | 248,832 | 169,284 | 74,369 | 5,180 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 29.9 | 2.1 |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 62,824 | 60,455 | 3,325 | 100.0 | 49.6 | 47.8 | 2.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 121,959 | 86,360 | 32,112 | 3,487 | 100.0 | 70.8 | 26.3 | 2.9 |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | 14,763 | 4,732 | 784 | 100.0 | 72.8 | 23.3 | 3.9 |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 30,425 | 6,390 | 745 | 100.0 | 81.0 | 17.0 | 2.0 |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 22,503 | 6,318 | 1,081 | 100.0 | 75.3 | 21.1 | 3.6 |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 14,721 | 8,558 | 698 | 100.0 | 61.4 | 35.7 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 3,949 | 6,114 | 179 | 100.0 | 38.6 | 59.7 | 1.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 10,802 | 6,703 | 3,802 | 297 | 100.0 | 62.1 | 35.2 | 2.7 |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 1,108 | 664 | 80 | 100.0 | 59.8 | 35.8 | 4.3 |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | 1,660 | 641 | 11 | 100.0 | 71.8 | 27.7 | 0.5 |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 1,784 | 572 | — | 100.0 | 75.7 | 24.3 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 1,483 | 1,004 | — | 100.0 | 59.6 | 40.4 | — |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 667 | 923 | 206 | 100.0 | 37.2 | 51.4 | 11.5 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 940,298 | 359,126 | 563,081 | 18,091 | 100.0 | 38.2 | 59.9 | 1.9 |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 21,580 | 15,705 | 738 | 100.0 | 56.8 | 41.3 | 1.9 |
| 45-64 years | 146,231 | 95,889 | 48,336 | 2,006 | 100.0 | 65.6 | 33.1 | 1.4 |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 108,246 | 86,688 | 2,989 | 100.0 | 54.7 | 43.8 | 1.5 |
| 75-84 years | 284,380 | 94,347 | 184,581 | 5,452 | 100.0 | 33.2 | 64.9 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 273,741 | 39,064 | 227,770 | 6,907 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 83.2 | 2.5 |

Table 58. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent smoked at least 100 cigarettes, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Smoked at least 100 cigarettes | | | | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Percent distribution |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|-------|------|------|------------|----------------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | | | | | |
| | Number | | | | | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 829,847 | 318,053 | 496,194 | 15,600 | 100.0 | 38.3 | 59.8 | 1.9 | |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | 15,564 | 11,780 | 494 | 100.0 | 55.9 | 42.3 | 1.8 | |
| 45–64 years | 118,788 | 80,603 | 36,506 | 1,679 | 100.0 | 67.9 | 30.7 | 1.4 | |
| 65–74 years | 171,769 | 96,932 | 72,147 | 2,690 | 100.0 | 56.4 | 42.0 | 1.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 257,106 | 88,344 | 164,165 | 4,597 | 100.0 | 34.4 | 63.9 | 1.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 36,610 | 211,596 | 6,139 | 100.0 | 14.4 | 83.2 | 2.4 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 102,914 | 38,309 | 62,147 | 2,458 | 100.0 | 37.2 | 60.4 | 2.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 9,460 | 5,704 | 3,511 | 244 | 100.0 | 60.3 | 37.1 | 2.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 14,221 | 10,901 | 327 | 100.0 | 55.9 | 42.8 | 1.3 | |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 10,936 | 13,279 | 288 | 100.0 | 44.6 | 54.2 | 1.2 | |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 5,529 | 19,404 | 832 | 100.0 | 21.5 | 75.3 | 3.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 1,919 | 15,053 | 767 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 84.9 | 4.3 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,537 | 2,765 | 4,739 | 33 | 100.0 | 36.7 | 62.9 | 0.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 726 | 312 | 414 | — | 100.0 | 42.9 | 57.1 | — | |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 1,065 | 929 | — | 100.0 | 53.4 | 46.6 | — | |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 379 | 1,262 | 11 | 100.0 | 22.9 | 76.4 | 0.7 | |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 474 | 1,012 | 22 | 100.0 | 31.4 | 67.1 | 1.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 535 | 1,121 | — | 100.0 | 32.3 | 67.7 | — | |

Table 59. Number and percent distribution of decedents by length of time decedent smoked cigarettes regularly, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Never | Less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years to less than 30 years | 30 years to less than 35 years | 35 years to less than 40 years | 40 years or more | Length of time |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | Number |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,088,094 | 63,925 | 62,148 | 60,306 | 46,614 | 99,334 | 59,855 | 107,654 | 57,975 | 446,542 | 83,740 |
| 25-44 years | 83,026 | 4,345 | 13,643 | 16,632 | 15,502 | 16,232 | 8,255 | 2,125 | 315 | 167 | 5,809 |
| 45-64 years | 293,087 | 11,986 | 15,122 | 12,693 | 10,688 | 27,822 | 21,902 | 48,059 | 33,593 | 91,914 | 19,309 |
| 65-74 years | 325,642 | 14,652 | 10,971 | 13,057 | 9,689 | 24,480 | 14,219 | 28,914 | 11,832 | 172,740 | 25,089 |
| 75-84 years | 279,835 | 19,708 | 15,916 | 11,510 | 6,733 | 22,200 | 11,059 | 21,993 | 8,943 | 138,401 | 23,373 |
| 85 years and over | 106,503 | 13,234 | 6,496 | 6,413 | 4,003 | 8,601 | 4,420 | 6,564 | 3,292 | 43,319 | 10,161 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 953,957 | 55,222 | 52,386 | 51,455 | 38,020 | 85,810 | 50,698 | 94,800 | 52,747 | 406,566 | 66,252 |
| 25-44 years | 61,138 | 2,762 | 9,939 | 12,319 | 11,079 | 12,859 | 6,293 | 1,715 | 163 | 167 | 3,842 |
| 45-64 years | 245,716 | 9,747 | 12,053 | 10,930 | 8,265 | 22,291 | 17,605 | 40,376 | 30,272 | 80,363 | 13,813 |
| 65-74 years | 290,041 | 12,868 | 9,497 | 11,390 | 8,720 | 22,045 | 12,069 | 26,029 | 10,603 | 156,906 | 19,915 |
| 75-84 years | 257,628 | 17,849 | 14,860 | 10,588 | 6,019 | 20,713 | 10,767 | 20,530 | 8,536 | 128,072 | 19,693 |
| 85 years and over | 99,434 | 11,996 | 6,037 | 6,228 | 3,938 | 7,902 | 3,964 | 6,150 | 3,173 | 41,059 | 8,989 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 124,669 | 7,506 | 8,861 | 8,100 | 8,214 | 12,505 | 8,164 | 12,213 | 5,062 | 37,342 | 16,702 |
| 25-44 years | 20,467 | 1,400 | 3,443 | 3,914 | 4,197 | 3,152 | 1,940 | 399 | 141 | — | 1,881 |
| 45-64 years | 44,646 | 2,028 | 2,927 | 1,477 | 2,290 | 5,296 | 3,985 | 7,084 | 3,165 | 11,327 | 5,067 |
| 65-74 years | 33,439 | 1,740 | 1,217 | 1,668 | 969 | 2,358 | 1,707 | 2,864 | 1,229 | 14,535 | 5,152 |
| 75-84 years | 20,249 | 1,530 | 826 | 877 | 703 | 1,225 | 292 | 1,463 | 407 | 9,476 | 3,451 |
| 85 years and over | 5,867 | 808 | 449 | 164 | 55 | 474 | 239 | 404 | 120 | 2,004 | 1,152 |
| All other, 25 years and over..... | 9,468 | 1,197 | 900 | 750 | 380 | 1,019 | 994 | 642 | 166 | 2,634 | 786 |
| 25-44 years | 1,420 | 183 | 260 | 400 | 226 | 221 | 22 | 11 | 11 | — | 86 |
| 45-64 years | 2,725 | 211 | 142 | 286 | 133 | 235 | 312 | 599 | 155 | 225 | 429 |
| 65-74 years | 2,164 | 43 | 258 | — | — | 76 | 443 | 22 | — | 1,300 | 22 |
| 75-84 years | 1,958 | 328 | 230 | 44 | 11 | 262 | — | — | — | 853 | 229 |
| 85 years and over | 1,202 | 431 | 10 | 21 | 10 | 225 | 217 | 10 | — | 257 | 21 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 728,968 | 32,632 | 37,738 | 36,608 | 33,909 | 64,766 | 41,507 | 71,996 | 40,012 | 315,529 | 54,272 |
| 25-44 years | 61,446 | 3,111 | 9,774 | 12,373 | 12,013 | 11,502 | 6,469 | 1,580 | 259 | 167 | 4,199 |
| 45-64 years | 197,198 | 6,504 | 10,875 | 8,761 | 6,800 | 17,734 | 13,972 | 31,960 | 22,765 | 64,928 | 12,899 |
| 65-74 years | 217,397 | 7,410 | 5,658 | 7,515 | 7,366 | 15,172 | 9,597 | 19,199 | 8,314 | 121,260 | 15,905 |
| 75-84 years | 185,488 | 9,056 | 8,747 | 5,602 | 4,404 | 13,867 | 8,296 | 14,910 | 6,403 | 98,677 | 15,526 |
| 85 years and over | 67,439 | 6,552 | 2,683 | 2,357 | 3,325 | 6,492 | 3,173 | 4,347 | 2,271 | 30,497 | 5,743 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 635,904 | 27,643 | 31,975 | 30,815 | 28,441 | 56,320 | 35,130 | 62,821 | 35,713 | 284,654 | 42,392 |
| 25-44 years | 45,575 | 1,926 | 7,269 | 9,398 | 8,608 | 9,161 | 4,863 | 1,321 | 118 | 167 | 2,744 |
| 45-64 years | 165,112 | 5,138 | 8,996 | 7,685 | 5,711 | 14,564 | 11,122 | 26,620 | 19,960 | 56,202 | 9,116 |
| 65-74 years | 193,110 | 6,636 | 4,712 | 6,423 | 6,858 | 13,931 | 8,343 | 16,910 | 7,487 | 109,170 | 12,640 |
| 75-84 years | 169,284 | 8,075 | 8,445 | 4,962 | 3,939 | 12,602 | 8,064 | 13,864 | 5,996 | 90,529 | 12,808 |
| 85 years and over | 62,823 | 5,867 | 2,553 | 2,347 | 3,325 | 6,063 | 2,738 | 4,107 | 2,151 | 28,587 | 5,085 |
| Black 25 years and over..... | 86,360 | 4,281 | 5,331 | 5,200 | 5,253 | 7,797 | 5,649 | 8,712 | 4,133 | 28,507 | 11,497 |
| 25-44 years | 14,763 | 1,045 | 2,365 | 2,667 | 3,213 | 2,143 | 1,584 | 248 | 130 | — | 1,369 |
| 45-64 years | 30,425 | 1,297 | 1,856 | 801 | 1,066 | 2,981 | 2,576 | 4,889 | 2,650 | 8,592 | 3,716 |
| 65-74 years | 22,502 | 763 | 699 | 1,093 | 509 | 1,208 | 1,017 | 2,289 | 827 | 10,844 | 3,254 |
| 75-84 years | 14,721 | 698 | 291 | 640 | 465 | 1,047 | 233 | 1,047 | 407 | 7,395 | 2,500 |
| 85 years and over | 3,949 | 479 | 120 | — | — | 419 | 239 | 239 | 120 | 1,675 | 658 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| All other, 25 years and over | 6,703 | 708 | 430 | 594 | 215 | 649 | 728 | 462 | 166 | 2,368 | 383 |
| 25–44 years | 1,108 | 140 | 140 | 308 | 192 | 198 | 22 | 11 | 11 | — | 86 |
| 45–64 years | 1,660 | 68 | 23 | 276 | 23 | 189 | 274 | 451 | 155 | 134 | 68 |
| 65–74 years | 1,784 | 11 | 247 | — | — | 33 | 236 | — | — | 1,246 | 11 |
| 75–84 years | 1,483 | 284 | 11 | — | — | 218 | — | — | — | 753 | 218 |
| 85 years and over | 667 | 206 | 10 | 10 | — | 10 | 196 | — | — | 236 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 359,126 | 31,293 | 24,411 | 23,699 | 12,705 | 34,568 | 18,348 | 35,659 | 17,963 | 131,012 | 29,469 |
| 25–44 years | 21,580 | 1,235 | 3,869 | 4,260 | 3,488 | 4,730 | 1,786 | 545 | 56 | — | 1,610 |
| 45–64 years | 95,889 | 5,482 | 4,247 | 3,932 | 3,887 | 10,088 | 7,930 | 16,099 | 10,828 | 26,986 | 6,410 |
| 65–74 years | 108,246 | 7,242 | 5,313 | 5,542 | 2,323 | 9,308 | 4,622 | 9,715 | 3,518 | 51,481 | 9,184 |
| 75–84 years | 94,347 | 10,651 | 7,169 | 5,909 | 2,329 | 8,333 | 2,763 | 7,082 | 2,540 | 39,724 | 7,847 |
| 85 years and over | 39,064 | 6,683 | 3,813 | 4,056 | 678 | 2,109 | 1,247 | 2,218 | 1,021 | 12,822 | 4,418 |
| White, 25 years and over | 318,053 | 27,579 | 20,411 | 20,641 | 9,579 | 29,489 | 15,568 | 31,979 | 17,035 | 121,912 | 23,860 |
| 25–44 years | 15,563 | 836 | 2,670 | 2,921 | 2,470 | 3,699 | 1,430 | 394 | 45 | — | 1,098 |
| 45–64 years | 80,603 | 4,609 | 3,057 | 3,246 | 2,554 | 7,727 | 6,483 | 13,757 | 10,313 | 24,161 | 4,698 |
| 65–74 years | 96,932 | 6,232 | 4,785 | 4,967 | 1,863 | 8,114 | 3,725 | 9,119 | 3,115 | 47,736 | 7,276 |
| 75–84 years | 88,344 | 9,775 | 6,415 | 5,626 | 2,080 | 8,110 | 2,703 | 6,666 | 2,540 | 37,543 | 6,885 |
| 85 years and over | 36,610 | 6,128 | 3,484 | 3,881 | 613 | 1,839 | 1,226 | 2,043 | 1,021 | 12,472 | 3,903 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 38,308 | 3,225 | 3,530 | 2,901 | 2,961 | 4,708 | 2,515 | 3,501 | 929 | 8,835 | 5,206 |
| 25–44 years | 5,704 | 355 | 1,078 | 1,247 | 985 | 1,009 | 356 | 151 | 11 | — | 512 |
| 45–64 years | 14,221 | 731 | 1,070 | 676 | 1,224 | 2,315 | 1,409 | 2,194 | 515 | 2,735 | 1,351 |
| 65–74 years | 10,936 | 978 | 518 | 575 | 460 | 1,150 | 690 | 575 | 403 | 3,691 | 1,898 |
| 75–84 years | 5,529 | 832 | 535 | 238 | 238 | 178 | 59 | 416 | — | 2,081 | 951 |
| 85 years and over | 1,919 | 329 | 329 | 164 | 55 | 55 | — | 164 | — | 329 | 493 |
| All other, 25 years and over | 2,765 | 488 | 470 | 157 | 165 | 371 | 266 | 180 | — | 265 | 404 |
| 25–44 years | 312 | 44 | 120 | 92 | 34 | 22 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 45–64 years | 1,065 | 143 | 120 | 10 | 110 | 45 | 38 | 148 | — | 90 | 361 |
| 65–74 years | 379 | 32 | 11 | — | — | 43 | 207 | 22 | — | 54 | 11 |
| 75–84 years | 474 | 44 | 219 | 44 | 11 | 44 | — | — | — | 100 | 11 |
| 85 years and over | 535 | 225 | — | 10 | 10 | 215 | 21 | 10 | — | 21 | 21 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 9.1 | 5.5 | 9.9 | 5.3 | 41.0 | 7.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 5.2 | 16.4 | 20.0 | 18.7 | 19.6 | 9.9 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 7.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 16.4 | 11.5 | 31.4 | 6.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 7.5 | 4.4 | 8.9 | 3.6 | 53.0 | 7.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.0 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 7.9 | 4.0 | 7.9 | 3.2 | 49.5 | 8.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.4 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 3.8 | 8.1 | 4.1 | 6.2 | 3.1 | 40.7 | 9.5 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.0 | 9.0 | 5.3 | 9.9 | 5.5 | 42.6 | 6.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 16.3 | 20.1 | 18.1 | 21.0 | 10.3 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 6.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 9.1 | 7.2 | 16.4 | 12.3 | 32.7 | 5.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 4.2 | 9.0 | 3.7 | 54.1 | 6.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 8.0 | 4.2 | 8.0 | 3.3 | 49.7 | 7.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.1 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 7.9 | 4.0 | 6.2 | 3.2 | 41.3 | 9.0 |

Table 59. Number and percent distribution of decedents by length of time decedent smoked cigarettes regularly, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Never | Length of time | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | | Less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years to less than 30 years | 30 years to less than 35 years | 35 years to less than 40 years | 40 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 10.0 | 6.5 | 9.8 | 4.1 | 30.0 | 13.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 6.8 | 16.8 | 19.1 | 20.5 | 15.4 | 9.5 | 1.9 | 0.7 | — | 9.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 6.6 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 11.9 | 8.9 | 15.9 | 7.1 | 25.4 | 11.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 8.6 | 3.7 | 43.5 | 15.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 1.4 | 7.2 | 2.0 | 46.8 | 17.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 13.8 | 7.6 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 8.1 | 4.1 | 6.9 | 2.0 | 34.2 | 19.6 |
| All other, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 12.6 | 9.5 | 7.9 | 4.0 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 6.8 | 1.8 | 27.8 | 8.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 12.9 | 18.3 | 28.1 | 15.9 | 15.6 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | — | 6.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 7.7 | 5.2 | 10.5 | 4.9 | 8.6 | 11.5 | 22.0 | 5.7 | 8.2 | 15.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 2.0 | 11.9 | — | — | 3.5 | 20.5 | 1.0 | — | 60.1 | 1.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 16.8 | 11.7 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 13.4 | — | — | — | 43.6 | 11.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 35.8 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 18.8 | 18.0 | 0.9 | — | 21.4 | 1.7 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 8.9 | 5.7 | 9.9 | 5.5 | 43.3 | 7.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 15.9 | 20.1 | 19.6 | 18.7 | 10.5 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 6.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 3.3 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 9.0 | 7.1 | 16.2 | 11.5 | 32.9 | 6.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 7.0 | 4.4 | 8.8 | 3.8 | 55.8 | 7.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 8.0 | 3.5 | 53.2 | 8.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.7 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 9.6 | 4.7 | 6.4 | 3.4 | 45.2 | 8.5 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 8.9 | 5.5 | 9.9 | 5.6 | 44.8 | 6.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 4.2 | 15.9 | 20.6 | 18.9 | 20.1 | 10.7 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 6.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 3.1 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 8.8 | 6.7 | 16.1 | 12.1 | 34.0 | 5.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 8.8 | 3.9 | 56.5 | 6.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 7.4 | 4.8 | 8.2 | 3.5 | 53.5 | 7.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 9.7 | 4.4 | 6.5 | 3.4 | 45.5 | 8.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 9.0 | 6.5 | 10.1 | 4.8 | 33.0 | 13.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 7.1 | 16.0 | 18.1 | 21.8 | 14.5 | 10.7 | 1.7 | 0.9 | — | 9.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.3 | 6.1 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 9.8 | 8.5 | 16.1 | 8.7 | 28.2 | 12.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 10.2 | 3.7 | 48.2 | 14.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 7.1 | 1.6 | 7.1 | 2.8 | 50.2 | 17.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.1 | 3.0 | — | — | 10.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 42.4 | 16.7 |
| All other, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 10.6 | 6.4 | 8.9 | 3.2 | 9.7 | 10.9 | 6.9 | 2.5 | 35.3 | 5.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 27.8 | 17.3 | 17.9 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | — | 7.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 16.6 | 1.4 | 11.4 | 16.5 | 27.2 | 9.3 | 8.1 | 4.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 0.6 | 13.8 | — | — | 1.9 | 13.2 | — | — | 69.8 | 0.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 19.1 | 0.7 | — | — | 14.7 | — | — | — | 50.7 | 14.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 30.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | — | 1.5 | 29.4 | — | — | 35.3 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 8.7 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 3.5 | 9.6 | 5.1 | 9.9 | 5.0 | 36.5 | 8.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 5.7 | 17.9 | 19.7 | 16.2 | 21.9 | 8.3 | 2.5 | 0.3 | — | 7.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 10.5 | 8.3 | 16.8 | 11.3 | 28.1 | 6.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 6.7 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 8.6 | 4.3 | 9.0 | 3.2 | 47.6 | 8.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 11.3 | 7.6 | 6.3 | 2.5 | 8.8 | 2.9 | 7.5 | 2.7 | 42.1 | 8.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.1 | 9.8 | 10.4 | 1.7 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 5.7 | 2.6 | 32.8 | 11.3 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 8.7 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 9.3 | 4.9 | 10.1 | 5.4 | 38.3 | 7.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 5.4 | 17.2 | 18.8 | 15.9 | 23.8 | 9.2 | 2.5 | 0.3 | — | 7.1 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 9.6 | 8.0 | 17.1 | 12.8 | 30.0 | 5.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 1.9 | 8.4 | 3.8 | 9.4 | 3.2 | 49.2 | 7.5 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 11.1 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 2.4 | 9.2 | 3.1 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 42.5 | 7.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 16.7 | 9.5 | 10.6 | 1.7 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 2.8 | 34.1 | 10.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 12.3 | 6.6 | 9.1 | 2.4 | 23.1 | 13.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 6.2 | 18.9 | 21.9 | 17.3 | 17.7 | 6.2 | 2.6 | 0.2 | — | 9.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 8.6 | 16.3 | 9.9 | 15.4 | 3.6 | 19.2 | 9.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 8.9 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 10.5 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 33.7 | 17.4 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 9.7 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 7.5 | — | 37.6 | 17.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 8.6 | 2.9 | 2.9 | — | 8.6 | — | 17.1 | 25.7 |
| All other, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 17.7 | 17.0 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 13.4 | 9.6 | 6.5 | — | 9.6 | 14.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 14.1 | 38.5 | 29.5 | 10.8 | 7.2 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 13.4 | 11.3 | 0.9 | 10.3 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 13.9 | — | 8.5 | 33.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 8.5 | 2.9 | — | — | 11.3 | 54.6 | 5.7 | — | 14.2 | 2.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 9.4 | 46.2 | 9.4 | 2.3 | 9.4 | — | — | — | 21.1 | 2.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 42.1 | — | 2.0 | 2.0 | 40.3 | 3.9 | 2.0 | — | 3.9 | 3.9 |

Table 60. Number and percent distribution of decedent smokers by number of cigarettes usually smoked per day during period decedent smoked most, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Number of cigarettes | | | | | | <i>Don't know</i> |
|--|-----------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Less than 5 | 5-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45 or more | |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,024,169 | 68,756 | 224,415 | 349,485 | 145,472 | 107,548 | 64,705 | 63,787 |
| 25-44 years | 78,680 | 3,956 | 16,015 | 27,497 | 12,950 | 8,808 | 4,198 | 5,256 |
| 45-64 years | 281,101 | 10,872 | 50,937 | 92,007 | 47,387 | 39,657 | 25,764 | 14,478 |
| 65-74 years | 310,991 | 17,959 | 62,205 | 108,659 | 47,913 | 36,253 | 21,072 | 16,930 |
| 75-84 years | 260,127 | 22,292 | 66,129 | 92,385 | 29,503 | 19,556 | 10,925 | 19,339 |
| 85 years and over | 93,269 | 13,678 | 29,130 | 28,937 | 7,719 | 3,275 | 2,747 | 7,784 |
| White, 25 years and over | 898,734 | 59,739 | 188,801 | 305,927 | 134,239 | 97,968 | 59,780 | 52,281 |
| 25-44 years | 58,376 | 2,746 | 9,866 | 19,844 | 11,394 | 7,590 | 3,646 | 3,290 |
| 45-64 years | 235,968 | 8,098 | 39,045 | 76,257 | 42,169 | 35,885 | 23,263 | 11,252 |
| 65-74 years | 277,173 | 15,840 | 52,061 | 97,526 | 45,133 | 33,085 | 19,548 | 13,979 |
| 75-84 years | 239,779 | 20,505 | 60,316 | 85,131 | 28,014 | 18,253 | 10,576 | 16,984 |
| 85 years and over | 87,438 | 12,550 | 27,512 | 27,169 | 7,530 | 3,155 | 2,747 | 6,776 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 117,163 | 7,953 | 33,742 | 40,552 | 10,073 | 9,372 | 4,384 | 11,087 |
| 25-44 years | 19,068 | 1,056 | 5,906 | 7,061 | 1,409 | 1,207 | 519 | 1,911 |
| 45-64 years | 42,618 | 2,671 | 11,352 | 14,844 | 4,723 | 3,640 | 2,218 | 3,168 |
| 65-74 years | 31,698 | 1,828 | 9,393 | 10,602 | 2,534 | 3,124 | 1,299 | 2,918 |
| 75-84 years | 18,719 | 1,525 | 5,516 | 6,719 | 1,227 | 1,280 | 349 | 2,104 |
| 85 years and over | 5,060 | 872 | 1,575 | 1,326 | 179 | 120 | — | 987 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 8,271 | 1,065 | 1,872 | 3,007 | 1,160 | 209 | 541 | 419 |
| 25-44 years | 1,236 | 154 | 243 | 592 | 147 | 11 | 33 | 56 |
| 45-64 years | 2,515 | 102 | 539 | 907 | 495 | 131 | 283 | 58 |
| 65-74 years | 2,120 | 290 | 751 | 531 | 247 | 44 | 225 | 33 |
| 75-84 years | 1,629 | 262 | 297 | 535 | 262 | 22 | — | 251 |
| 85 years and over | 771 | 256 | 43 | 442 | 10 | — | — | 21 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 696,335 | 40,333 | 141,706 | 238,545 | 99,838 | 81,938 | 50,848 | 43,128 |
| 25-44 years | 58,335 | 2,538 | 11,222 | 20,523 | 9,888 | 7,029 | 3,209 | 3,927 |
| 45-64 years | 190,694 | 7,083 | 32,839 | 59,312 | 30,862 | 30,347 | 19,489 | 10,763 |
| 65-74 years | 209,986 | 10,762 | 39,695 | 74,356 | 32,164 | 26,826 | 16,357 | 9,826 |
| 75-84 years | 176,431 | 11,890 | 40,559 | 64,770 | 21,248 | 15,074 | 9,250 | 13,642 |
| 85 years and over | 60,888 | 8,061 | 17,391 | 19,584 | 5,676 | 2,662 | 2,543 | 4,971 |
| White, 25 years and over | 608,261 | 34,946 | 118,068 | 207,165 | 91,435 | 74,024 | 47,425 | 35,198 |
| 25-44 years | 43,648 | 1,766 | 6,580 | 15,116 | 8,683 | 6,153 | 2,936 | 2,414 |
| 45-64 years | 159,974 | 5,584 | 25,684 | 48,017 | 26,988 | 27,290 | 17,866 | 8,546 |
| 65-74 years | 186,473 | 9,423 | 32,757 | 66,579 | 30,200 | 24,186 | 15,179 | 8,150 |
| 75-84 years | 161,209 | 10,731 | 36,793 | 59,069 | 20,078 | 13,853 | 8,901 | 11,785 |
| 85 years and over | 56,956 | 7,443 | 16,254 | 18,385 | 5,487 | 2,543 | 2,543 | 4,303 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 82,079 | 4,679 | 22,645 | 28,933 | 7,407 | 7,748 | 3,078 | 7,589 |
| 25-44 years | 13,718 | 651 | 4,492 | 4,924 | 1,069 | 864 | 240 | 1,479 |
| 45-64 years | 29,128 | 1,420 | 7,053 | 10,512 | 3,499 | 2,937 | 1,535 | 2,172 |
| 65-74 years | 21,740 | 1,081 | 6,231 | 7,486 | 1,729 | 2,607 | 954 | 1,653 |
| 75-84 years | 14,023 | 930 | 3,732 | 5,233 | 930 | 1,221 | 349 | 1,628 |
| 85 years and over | 3,470 | 598 | 1,137 | 778 | 179 | 120 | — | 658 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 5,995 | 707 | 993 | 2,447 | 996 | 166 | 345 | 340 |
| 25-44 years | 968 | 121 | 151 | 483 | 136 | 11 | 33 | 34 |
| 45-64 years | 1,592 | 79 | 101 | 783 | 375 | 121 | 87 | 45 |
| 65-74 years | 1,773 | 258 | 707 | 291 | 236 | 33 | 225 | 22 |
| 75-84 years | 1,199 | 229 | 33 | 469 | 240 | — | — | 229 |
| 85 years and over | 461 | 20 | — | 421 | 10 | — | — | 10 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 327,834 | 28,423 | 82,709 | 110,940 | 45,634 | 25,611 | 13,857 | 20,660 |
| 25-44 years | 20,345 | 1,419 | 4,793 | 6,974 | 3,062 | 1,779 | 989 | 1,329 |
| 45-64 years | 90,407 | 3,789 | 18,098 | 32,695 | 16,525 | 9,310 | 6,274 | 3,715 |
| 65-74 years | 101,005 | 7,197 | 22,510 | 34,303 | 15,749 | 9,428 | 4,714 | 7,104 |
| 75-84 years | 83,696 | 10,402 | 25,570 | 27,614 | 8,255 | 4,482 | 1,675 | 5,697 |
| 85 years and over | 32,381 | 5,617 | 11,739 | 9,353 | 2,043 | 613 | 204 | 2,813 |

Table 60. Number and percent distribution of decedent smokers by number of cigarettes usually smoked per day during period decedent smoked most, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Number of cigarettes | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| | | Less than 5 | 5-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45 or more |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 290,473 | 24,793 | 70,733 | 98,762 | 42,804 | 23,944 | 12,355 |
| 25-44 years | 14,728 | 980 | 3,287 | 4,728 | 2,711 | 1,436 | 710 |
| 45-64 years | 75,995 | 2,514 | 13,361 | 28,240 | 15,181 | 8,596 | 5,396 |
| 65-74 years | 90,700 | 6,417 | 19,304 | 30,948 | 14,933 | 8,899 | 4,369 |
| 75-84 years | 78,569 | 9,775 | 23,523 | 26,062 | 7,936 | 4,400 | 1,675 |
| 85 years and over | 30,482 | 5,107 | 11,258 | 8,784 | 2,043 | 613 | 204 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 35,084 | 3,273 | 11,098 | 11,619 | 2,667 | 1,624 | 1,306 |
| 25-44 years | 5,349 | 405 | 1,414 | 2,137 | 340 | 343 | 279 |
| 45-64 years | 13,490 | 1,252 | 4,299 | 4,332 | 1,224 | 704 | 682 |
| 65-74 years | 9,958 | 748 | 3,163 | 3,116 | 805 | 518 | 345 |
| 75-84 years | 4,697 | 595 | 1,784 | 1,486 | 297 | 59 | — |
| 85 years and over | 1,590 | 274 | 439 | 548 | — | — | 329 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 2,277 | 358 | 879 | 560 | 164 | 43 | 196 |
| 25-44 years | 268 | 34 | 92 | 109 | 11 | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 922 | 23 | 438 | 124 | 120 | 10 | 196 |
| 65-74 years | 347 | 32 | 43 | 239 | 11 | 11 | — |
| 75-84 years | 430 | 33 | 263 | 67 | 22 | 22 | — |
| 85 years and over | 310 | 236 | 43 | 21 | — | — | 10 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.7 | 21.9 | 34.1 | 14.2 | 10.5 | 6.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 20.4 | 34.9 | 16.5 | 11.2 | 5.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.9 | 18.1 | 32.7 | 16.9 | 14.1 | 9.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.8 | 20.0 | 34.9 | 15.4 | 11.7 | 6.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 8.6 | 25.4 | 35.5 | 11.3 | 7.5 | 4.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 14.7 | 31.2 | 31.0 | 8.3 | 3.5 | 2.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.6 | 21.0 | 34.0 | 14.9 | 10.9 | 6.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 16.9 | 34.0 | 19.5 | 13.0 | 6.2 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 16.5 | 32.3 | 17.9 | 15.2 | 9.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.7 | 18.8 | 35.2 | 16.3 | 11.9 | 7.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 8.6 | 25.2 | 35.5 | 11.7 | 7.6 | 4.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 14.4 | 31.5 | 31.1 | 8.6 | 3.6 | 3.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.8 | 28.8 | 34.6 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 3.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 5.5 | 31.0 | 37.0 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 2.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 6.3 | 26.6 | 34.8 | 11.1 | 8.5 | 5.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.8 | 29.6 | 33.4 | 8.0 | 9.9 | 4.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 8.1 | 29.5 | 35.9 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.2 | 31.1 | 26.2 | 3.5 | 2.4 | — |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 12.9 | 22.6 | 36.4 | 14.0 | 2.5 | 6.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 12.5 | 19.7 | 47.9 | 11.9 | 0.9 | 2.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 21.4 | 36.1 | 19.7 | 5.2 | 11.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 13.7 | 35.4 | 25.0 | 11.6 | 2.1 | 10.6 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 16.1 | 18.2 | 32.9 | 16.1 | 1.4 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 33.2 | 5.5 | 57.4 | 1.3 | — | 2.7 |
| Male | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.8 | 20.4 | 34.3 | 14.3 | 11.8 | 7.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 4.4 | 19.2 | 35.2 | 16.9 | 12.0 | 5.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.7 | 17.2 | 31.1 | 16.2 | 15.9 | 10.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 18.9 | 35.4 | 15.3 | 12.8 | 7.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 6.7 | 23.0 | 36.7 | 12.0 | 8.5 | 5.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 13.2 | 28.6 | 32.2 | 9.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.7 | 19.4 | 34.1 | 15.0 | 12.2 | 7.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 4.0 | 15.1 | 34.6 | 19.9 | 14.1 | 6.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.5 | 16.1 | 30.0 | 16.9 | 17.1 | 11.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 17.6 | 35.7 | 16.2 | 13.0 | 8.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 6.7 | 22.8 | 36.6 | 12.5 | 8.6 | 5.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 13.1 | 28.5 | 32.3 | 9.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 |

Table 60. Number and percent distribution of decedent smokers by number of cigarettes usually smoked per day during period decedent smoked most, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Number of cigarettes | | | | | | |
|--|-------|----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------------|------|
| | | Less than 5 | 5-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45 or more | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.7 | 27.6 | 35.3 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 3.7 | 9.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 32.7 | 35.9 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 1.7 | 10.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.9 | 24.2 | 36.1 | 12.0 | 10.1 | 5.3 | 7.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 28.7 | 34.4 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 4.4 | 7.6 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 6.6 | 26.6 | 37.3 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 2.5 | 11.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.2 | 32.8 | 22.4 | 5.2 | 3.4 | — | 19.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.8 | 16.6 | 40.8 | 16.6 | 2.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 12.5 | 15.6 | 49.8 | 14.0 | 1.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 49.2 | 23.5 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 14.6 | 39.9 | 16.4 | 13.3 | 1.9 | 12.7 | 1.3 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 19.1 | 2.8 | 39.1 | 20.0 | — | — | 19.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.3 | — | 91.3 | 2.2 | — | — | 2.2 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 8.7 | 25.2 | 33.8 | 13.9 | 7.8 | 4.2 | 6.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 7.0 | 23.6 | 34.3 | 15.0 | 8.7 | 4.9 | 6.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.2 | 20.0 | 36.2 | 18.3 | 10.3 | 6.9 | 4.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 7.1 | 22.3 | 34.0 | 15.6 | 9.3 | 4.7 | 7.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.4 | 30.6 | 33.0 | 9.9 | 5.4 | 2.0 | 6.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.3 | 36.3 | 28.9 | 6.3 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 8.7 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 8.5 | 24.4 | 34.0 | 14.7 | 8.2 | 4.3 | 5.9 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 6.7 | 22.3 | 32.1 | 18.4 | 9.8 | 4.8 | 5.9 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.3 | 17.6 | 37.2 | 20.0 | 11.3 | 7.1 | 3.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 7.1 | 21.3 | 34.1 | 16.5 | 9.8 | 4.8 | 6.4 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.4 | 29.9 | 33.2 | 10.1 | 5.6 | 2.1 | 6.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 16.8 | 36.9 | 28.8 | 6.7 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 8.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 9.3 | 31.6 | 33.1 | 7.6 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 10.0 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 7.6 | 26.4 | 39.9 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 8.1 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 9.3 | 31.9 | 32.1 | 9.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 7.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 7.5 | 31.8 | 31.3 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 12.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 12.7 | 38.0 | 31.6 | 6.3 | 1.3 | — | 10.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.2 | 27.6 | 34.5 | — | — | — | 20.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 15.7 | 38.6 | 24.6 | 7.2 | 1.9 | 8.6 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 12.5 | 34.4 | 40.7 | 4.1 | — | — | 8.2 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 2.5 | 47.5 | 13.4 | 13.0 | 1.1 | 21.2 | 1.4 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 9.3 | 12.4 | 69.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | — | 3.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 7.7 | 61.3 | 15.5 | 5.2 | 5.2 | — | 5.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 76.1 | 13.7 | 6.8 | — | — | — | 3.4 |

Table 61. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent stopped smoking and did not start again, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Stopped smoking | | | | Don't know | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------|---------|------------|----------------------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | Number | | | | Percent distribution | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,088,093 | 618,672 | 452,213 | 17,208 | 100.0 | 56.9 | 41.6 | 1.6 |
| 25-44 years | 83,025 | 19,285 | 61,014 | 2,726 | 100.0 | 23.2 | 73.5 | 3.3 |
| 45-64 years | 293,086 | 133,881 | 154,401 | 4,804 | 100.0 | 45.7 | 52.7 | 1.6 |
| 65-74 years | 325,643 | 189,887 | 130,774 | 4,982 | 100.0 | 58.3 | 40.2 | 1.5 |
| 75-84 years | 279,835 | 194,510 | 81,689 | 3,636 | 100.0 | 69.5 | 29.2 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 106,503 | 81,108 | 24,335 | 1,060 | 100.0 | 76.2 | 22.8 | 1.0 |
| White, 25 years and over | 953,957 | 560,453 | 380,730 | 12,774 | 100.0 | 58.8 | 39.9 | 1.3 |
| 25-44 years | 61,138 | 15,597 | 43,914 | 1,627 | 100.0 | 25.5 | 71.8 | 2.7 |
| 45-64 years | 245,716 | 115,838 | 126,457 | 3,421 | 100.0 | 47.1 | 51.5 | 1.4 |
| 65-74 years | 290,042 | 172,301 | 113,923 | 3,818 | 100.0 | 59.4 | 39.3 | 1.3 |
| 75-84 years | 257,628 | 180,171 | 74,348 | 3,109 | 100.0 | 69.9 | 28.9 | 1.2 |
| 85 years and over | 99,434 | 76,546 | 22,088 | 800 | 100.0 | 77.0 | 22.2 | 0.8 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 124,669 | 53,847 | 66,537 | 4,284 | 100.0 | 43.2 | 53.4 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 20,467 | 3,326 | 16,139 | 1,002 | 100.0 | 16.2 | 78.9 | 4.9 |
| 45-64 years | 44,646 | 16,816 | 26,457 | 1,372 | 100.0 | 37.7 | 59.3 | 3.1 |
| 65-74 years | 33,439 | 16,479 | 15,806 | 1,153 | 100.0 | 49.3 | 47.3 | 3.4 |
| 75-84 years | 20,250 | 13,168 | 6,554 | 527 | 100.0 | 65.0 | 32.4 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 5,867 | 4,058 | 1,580 | 229 | 100.0 | 69.2 | 26.9 | 3.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 9,468 | 4,373 | 4,945 | 150 | 100.0 | 46.2 | 52.2 | 1.6 |
| 25-44 years | 1,420 | 363 | 961 | 96 | 100.0 | 25.5 | 67.7 | 6.8 |
| 45-64 years | 2,725 | 1,227 | 1,487 | 11 | 100.0 | 45.0 | 54.6 | 0.4 |
| 65-74 years | 2,163 | 1,107 | 1,045 | 11 | 100.0 | 51.2 | 48.3 | 0.5 |
| 75-84 years | 1,958 | 1,171 | 786 | — | 100.0 | 59.8 | 40.2 | — |
| 85 years and over | 1,202 | 504 | 666 | 31 | 100.0 | 41.9 | 55.4 | 2.6 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 728,968 | 421,840 | 295,041 | 12,088 | 100.0 | 57.9 | 40.5 | 1.7 |
| 25-44 years | 61,446 | 12,813 | 46,430 | 2,202 | 100.0 | 20.9 | 75.6 | 3.6 |
| 45-64 years | 197,198 | 90,840 | 102,416 | 3,942 | 100.0 | 46.1 | 51.9 | 2.0 |
| 65-74 years | 217,397 | 133,099 | 81,075 | 3,223 | 100.0 | 61.2 | 37.3 | 1.5 |
| 75-84 years | 185,488 | 133,272 | 50,007 | 2,210 | 100.0 | 71.8 | 27.0 | 1.2 |
| 85 years and over | 67,439 | 51,816 | 15,113 | 511 | 100.0 | 76.8 | 22.4 | 0.8 |
| White, 25 years and over | 635,903 | 383,204 | 243,725 | 8,974 | 100.0 | 60.3 | 38.3 | 1.4 |
| 25-44 years | 45,575 | 10,151 | 34,090 | 1,333 | 100.0 | 22.3 | 74.8 | 2.9 |
| 45-64 years | 165,112 | 79,837 | 82,462 | 2,813 | 100.0 | 48.4 | 49.9 | 1.7 |
| 65-74 years | 193,109 | 121,233 | 69,300 | 2,576 | 100.0 | 62.8 | 35.9 | 1.3 |
| 75-84 years | 169,283 | 123,241 | 44,182 | 1,861 | 100.0 | 72.8 | 26.1 | 1.1 |
| 85 years and over | 62,824 | 48,742 | 13,691 | 391 | 100.0 | 77.6 | 21.8 | 0.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 86,360 | 35,255 | 48,089 | 3,017 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 55.7 | 3.5 |
| 25-44 years | 14,763 | 2,412 | 11,556 | 795 | 100.0 | 16.3 | 78.3 | 5.4 |
| 45-64 years | 30,425 | 10,121 | 19,186 | 1,118 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 63.1 | 3.7 |
| 65-74 years | 22,503 | 10,844 | 11,023 | 636 | 100.0 | 48.2 | 49.0 | 2.8 |
| 75-84 years | 14,721 | 9,244 | 5,128 | 349 | 100.0 | 62.8 | 34.8 | 2.4 |
| 85 years and over | 3,949 | 2,633 | 1,197 | 120 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 30.3 | 3.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 6,703 | 3,379 | 3,227 | 96 | 100.0 | 50.4 | 48.1 | 1.4 |
| 25-44 years | 1,108 | 250 | 784 | 74 | 100.0 | 22.5 | 70.8 | 6.7 |
| 45-64 years | 1,660 | 881 | 768 | 11 | 100.0 | 53.1 | 46.2 | 0.7 |
| 65-74 years | 1,784 | 1,021 | 752 | 11 | 100.0 | 57.2 | 42.1 | 0.6 |
| 75-84 years | 1,483 | 786 | 698 | — | 100.0 | 53.0 | 47.0 | — |
| 85 years and over | 667 | 441 | 226 | — | 100.0 | 66.2 | 33.8 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 359,126 | 196,833 | 157,173 | 5,120 | 100.0 | 54.8 | 43.8 | 1.4 |
| 25-44 years | 21,580 | 6,472 | 14,584 | 523 | 100.0 | 30.0 | 67.6 | 2.4 |
| 45-64 years | 95,889 | 43,041 | 51,986 | 862 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 54.2 | 0.9 |
| 65-74 years | 108,246 | 56,788 | 49,699 | 1,759 | 100.0 | 52.5 | 45.9 | 1.6 |
| 75-84 years | 94,347 | 61,239 | 31,682 | 1,426 | 100.0 | 64.9 | 33.6 | 1.5 |
| 85 years and over | 39,064 | 29,292 | 9,222 | 550 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 23.6 | 1.4 |

Table 61. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent stopped smoking and did not start again, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Stopped smoking | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 318,053 | 177,248 | 137,005 | 3,800 | 100.0 | 55.7 | 43.1 | 1.2 |
| 25–44 years | 15,564 | 5,446 | 9,823 | 294 | 100.0 | 35.0 | 63.1 | 1.9 |
| 45–64 years | 80,603 | 36,001 | 43,995 | 607 | 100.0 | 44.7 | 54.6 | 0.8 |
| 65–74 years | 96,931 | 51,067 | 44,622 | 1,242 | 100.0 | 52.7 | 46.0 | 1.3 |
| 75–84 years | 88,344 | 56,930 | 30,167 | 1,248 | 100.0 | 64.4 | 34.1 | 1.4 |
| 85 years and over | 36,610 | 27,804 | 8,398 | 409 | 100.0 | 75.9 | 22.9 | 1.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 38,309 | 18,593 | 18,449 | 1,268 | 100.0 | 48.5 | 48.2 | 3.3 |
| 25–44 years | 5,704 | 914 | 4,584 | 207 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 80.4 | 3.6 |
| 45–64 years | 14,221 | 6,695 | 7,271 | 255 | 100.0 | 47.1 | 51.1 | 1.8 |
| 65–74 years | 10,936 | 5,635 | 4,783 | 518 | 100.0 | 51.5 | 43.7 | 4.7 |
| 75–84 years | 5,529 | 3,924 | 1,427 | 178 | 100.0 | 71.0 | 25.8 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 1,919 | 1,425 | 384 | 110 | 100.0 | 74.3 | 20.0 | 5.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 2,765 | 993 | 1,718 | 53 | 100.0 | 35.9 | 62.1 | 1.9 |
| 25–44 years | 312 | 113 | 177 | 22 | 100.0 | 36.2 | 56.8 | 7.0 |
| 45–64 years | 1,065 | 346 | 719 | — | 100.0 | 32.5 | 67.5 | — |
| 65–74 years | 379 | 86 | 293 | — | 100.0 | 22.7 | 77.3 | — |
| 75–84 years | 474 | 386 | 89 | — | 100.0 | 81.3 | 18.7 | — |
| 85 years and over | 535 | 63 | 441 | 31 | 100.0 | 11.8 | 82.4 | 5.9 |

Table 62. Number and percent distribution of decedents who stopped smoking and did not start again by length of time before death decedent stopped smoking, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 618,672 | 49,818 | 24,497 | 133,109 | 81,901 | 67,904 | 50,423 | 58,514 | 96,862 | 55,644 | |
| 25-44 years | 19,285 | 4,409 | 1,688 | 5,676 | 2,354 | 1,760 | 988 | 300 | 76 | 2,034 | |
| 45-64 years | 133,881 | 17,740 | 8,556 | 37,674 | 19,144 | 13,256 | 9,174 | 9,621 | 9,016 | 9,701 | |
| 65-74 years | 189,887 | 14,890 | 7,550 | 43,052 | 30,069 | 21,483 | 17,135 | 15,875 | 24,101 | 15,732 | |
| 75-84 years | 194,510 | 10,303 | 5,444 | 34,521 | 23,344 | 22,728 | 17,655 | 21,758 | 39,102 | 19,655 | |
| 85 years and over | 81,108 | 2,477 | 1,259 | 12,187 | 6,990 | 8,676 | 5,470 | 10,961 | 24,567 | 8,522 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 560,453 | 40,934 | 21,313 | 116,945 | 74,023 | 62,596 | 47,947 | 55,321 | 92,076 | 49,298 | |
| 25-44 years | 15,597 | 3,132 | 1,448 | 4,687 | 1,946 | 1,609 | 929 | 192 | 76 | 1,578 | |
| 45-64 years | 115,838 | 14,306 | 7,147 | 31,649 | 16,942 | 11,881 | 8,660 | 8,835 | 8,241 | 8,177 | |
| 65-74 years | 172,301 | 12,379 | 6,542 | 38,349 | 27,342 | 19,581 | 16,209 | 15,281 | 22,661 | 13,957 | |
| 75-84 years | 180,171 | 8,939 | 4,976 | 30,493 | 21,408 | 21,338 | 16,800 | 20,711 | 37,281 | 18,226 | |
| 85 years and over | 76,546 | 2,177 | 1,200 | 11,767 | 6,386 | 8,186 | 5,350 | 10,301 | 23,818 | 7,361 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 53,847 | 8,503 | 2,677 | 15,253 | 7,593 | 4,796 | 2,397 | 2,271 | 4,124 | 6,234 | |
| 25-44 years | 3,326 | 1,218 | 187 | 933 | 301 | 109 | 48 | 97 | — | 434 | |
| 45-64 years | 16,816 | 3,155 | 1,224 | 5,772 | 2,135 | 1,352 | 502 | 544 | 666 | 1,467 | |
| 65-74 years | 16,479 | 2,488 | 739 | 4,231 | 2,694 | 1,880 | 905 | 369 | 1,408 | 1,764 | |
| 75-84 years | 13,168 | 1,342 | 468 | 3,918 | 1,870 | 1,172 | 822 | 818 | 1,352 | 1,407 | |
| 85 years and over | 4,058 | 299 | 60 | 399 | 593 | 284 | 120 | 444 | 698 | 1,162 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 4,373 | 382 | 507 | 911 | 285 | 512 | 79 | 922 | 662 | 112 | |
| 25-44 years | 363 | 59 | 53 | 56 | 108 | 43 | 11 | 11 | — | 22 | |
| 45-64 years | 1,227 | 279 | 185 | 253 | 68 | 24 | 13 | 241 | 108 | 57 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,107 | 22 | 269 | 471 | 33 | 22 | 22 | 224 | 33 | 11 | |
| 75-84 years | 1,171 | 22 | — | 111 | 66 | 218 | 33 | 229 | 470 | 22 | |
| 85 years and over | 504 | — | — | 21 | 10 | 206 | — | 217 | 51 | — | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 421,839 | 34,307 | 14,696 | 87,134 | 53,488 | 46,718 | 38,822 | 41,573 | 68,192 | 36,909 | |
| 25-44 years | 12,813 | 3,047 | 968 | 3,523 | 1,617 | 1,159 | 667 | 203 | 22 | 1,608 | |
| 45-64 years | 90,840 | 12,050 | 5,220 | 24,166 | 13,098 | 9,656 | 7,052 | 6,753 | 6,879 | 5,967 | |
| 65-74 years | 133,099 | 11,878 | 4,836 | 28,751 | 20,988 | 15,850 | 13,341 | 11,588 | 16,090 | 9,777 | |
| 75-84 years | 133,272 | 5,468 | 3,026 | 23,845 | 13,109 | 15,230 | 13,927 | 15,537 | 29,045 | 14,085 | |
| 85 years and over | 51,816 | 1,864 | 647 | 6,850 | 4,677 | 4,824 | 3,836 | 7,492 | 16,155 | 5,472 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 383,205 | 27,758 | 12,339 | 75,861 | 48,490 | 43,224 | 37,413 | 39,404 | 65,665 | 33,052 | |
| 25-44 years | 10,151 | 2,197 | 819 | 2,849 | 1,299 | 1,050 | 618 | 96 | 22 | 1,200 | |
| 45-64 years | 79,837 | 9,759 | 4,197 | 20,202 | 12,170 | 8,609 | 6,743 | 6,272 | 6,689 | 5,197 | |
| 65-74 years | 121,233 | 9,885 | 4,059 | 25,266 | 19,260 | 14,811 | 12,885 | 11,120 | 15,189 | 8,760 | |
| 75-84 years | 123,241 | 4,353 | 2,677 | 20,883 | 11,622 | 14,256 | 13,451 | 14,679 | 28,119 | 13,202 | |
| 85 years and over | 48,742 | 1,565 | 587 | 6,660 | 4,139 | 4,498 | 3,716 | 7,236 | 15,646 | 4,694 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 35,255 | 6,350 | 1,861 | 10,483 | 4801 | 3,037 | 1,386 | 1,290 | 2,246 | 3,801 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,412 | 828 | 96 | 628 | 210 | 109 | 48 | 97 | — | 397 | |
| 45-64 years | 10,121 | 2,147 | 847 | 3,744 | 883 | 1,036 | 308 | 240 | 180 | 736 | |
| 65-74 years | 10,844 | 1,971 | 509 | 3,024 | 1717 | 1,017 | 445 | 254 | 890 | 1,017 | |
| 75-84 years | 9,244 | 1,105 | 349 | 2,907 | 1454 | 756 | 465 | 640 | 698 | 872 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,633 | 299 | 60 | 180 | 538 | 120 | 120 | 60 | 479 | 778 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 3,379 | 199 | 497 | 791 | 197 | 457 | 22 | 880 | 281 | 56 | |
| 25-44 years | 250 | 22 | 53 | 45 | 108 | — | — | 11 | — | 11 | |
| 45-64 years | 881 | 144 | 175 | 220 | 45 | 11 | — | 241 | 11 | 34 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,021 | 22 | 269 | 461 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 214 | 11 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 786 | 11 | — | 55 | 33 | 218 | 11 | 218 | 229 | 11 | |
| 85 years and over | 441 | — | — | 10 | — | 206 | — | 196 | 30 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 196,833 | 15,512 | 9,800 | 45,975 | 28,413 | 21,187 | 11,601 | 16,941 | 28,670 | 18,736 | |
| 25-44 years | 6,472 | 1,362 | 720 | 2,153 | 737 | 602 | 322 | 97 | 54 | 426 | |
| 45-64 years | 43,041 | 5,690 | 3,337 | 13,508 | 6,047 | 3,601 | 2,122 | 2,867 | 2,136 | 3,734 | |
| 65-74 years | 56,788 | 3,012 | 2,714 | 14,301 | 9,081 | 5,633 | 3,794 | 4,286 | 8,011 | 5,955 | |
| 75-84 years | 61,239 | 4,835 | 2,417 | 10,676 | 10,235 | 7,498 | 3,728 | 6,221 | 10,057 | 5,570 | |
| 85 years and over | 29,292 | 613 | 613 | 5,337 | 2,312 | 2,853 | 1,634 | 3,469 | 8,411 | 3,050 | |

Table 62. Number and percent distribution of decedents who stopped smoking and did not start again by length of time before death decedent stopped smoking, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know | |
| | | Number | | | | | | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 177,248 | 13,176 | 8,974 | 41,085 | 25,533 | 19,372 | 10,534 | 15,917 | 26,411 | 16,246 | |
| 25–44 years | 5,446 | 935 | 629 | 1,837 | 646 | 559 | 310 | 97 | 54 | 378 | |
| 45–64 years | 36,001 | 4,547 | 2,950 | 11,447 | 4,772 | 3,272 | 1,916 | 2,563 | 1,553 | 2,980 | |
| 65–74 years | 51,067 | 2,494 | 2,484 | 13,083 | 8,082 | 4,771 | 3,324 | 4,161 | 7,472 | 5,197 | |
| 75–84 years | 56,930 | 4,586 | 2,299 | 9,610 | 9,786 | 7,082 | 3,349 | 6,032 | 9,162 | 5,024 | |
| 85 years and over | 27,804 | 613 | 613 | 5,107 | 2,247 | 3,688 | 1,634 | 3,064 | 8,171 | 2,667 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 18,593 | 2,153 | 816 | 4,770 | 2,792 | 1,759 | 1,010 | 981 | 1,877 | 2,434 | |
| 25–44 years | 914 | 390 | 91 | 305 | 91 | — | — | — | — | 37 | |
| 45–64 years | 6,695 | 1,008 | 377 | 2,028 | 1,252 | 316 | 194 | 304 | 487 | 730 | |
| 65–74 years | 5,635 | 518 | 230 | 1,208 | 978 | 863 | — | 115 | 518 | 748 | |
| 75–84 years | 3,924 | 238 | 119 | 1,011 | 416 | 416 | 357 | 178 | 654 | 535 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,425 | — | — | 219 | 55 | 164 | — | 384 | 219 | 384 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 993 | 183 | 10 | 121 | 88 | 55 | 57 | 43 | 381 | 56 | |
| 25–44 years | 113 | 37 | — | 11 | — | 43 | 11 | — | — | 11 | |
| 45–64 years | 346 | 135 | 10 | 33 | 22 | 13 | 13 | — | 97 | 23 | |
| 65–74 years | 86 | — | — | 11 | 22 | — | 11 | 11 | 22 | 11 | |
| 75–84 years | 386 | 11 | — | 56 | 33 | — | 22 | 11 | 241 | 11 | |
| 85 years and over | 63 | — | — | 10 | 10 | — | — | 21 | 21 | — | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 8.1 | 4.0 | 21.5 | 13.2 | 11.0 | 8.2 | 9.5 | 15.7 | 9.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 22.9 | 8.8 | 29.4 | 12.2 | 9.1 | 5.1 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 10.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 13.3 | 6.4 | 28.1 | 14.3 | 9.9 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 7.3 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 7.8 | 4.0 | 22.7 | 15.8 | 11.3 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 12.7 | 8.3 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 17.8 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 9.1 | 11.2 | 20.1 | 10.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 15.0 | 8.6 | 10.7 | 6.7 | 13.5 | 30.3 | 10.5 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 7.3 | 3.8 | 20.9 | 13.2 | 11.2 | 8.6 | 9.9 | 16.4 | 8.8 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.1 | 9.3 | 30.1 | 12.5 | 10.3 | 6.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 10.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 12.4 | 6.2 | 27.3 | 14.6 | 10.3 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.1 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 7.2 | 3.8 | 22.3 | 15.9 | 11.4 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 13.2 | 8.1 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 2.8 | 16.9 | 11.9 | 11.8 | 9.3 | 11.5 | 20.7 | 10.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 15.4 | 8.3 | 10.7 | 7.0 | 13.4 | 31.1 | 9.6 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 15.8 | 5.0 | 28.3 | 14.1 | 8.9 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 7.7 | 11.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 36.6 | 5.6 | 28.1 | 9.1 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 2.9 | — | 13.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 18.8 | 7.3 | 34.3 | 12.7 | 8.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 8.7 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 4.5 | 25.7 | 16.4 | 11.4 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 8.5 | 10.7 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 10.2 | 3.6 | 29.8 | 14.2 | 8.9 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 10.3 | 10.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.4 | 1.5 | 9.8 | 14.6 | 7.0 | 3.0 | 10.9 | 17.2 | 28.6 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 8.7 | 11.6 | 20.8 | 6.5 | 11.7 | 1.8 | 21.1 | 15.1 | 2.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 16.2 | 14.6 | 15.5 | 29.7 | 11.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | — | 6.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 22.7 | 15.1 | 20.6 | 5.5 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 19.7 | 8.8 | 4.6 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 2.0 | 24.3 | 42.6 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 20.2 | 3.0 | 1.0 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.9 | — | 9.5 | 5.7 | 18.6 | 2.8 | 19.5 | 40.1 | 1.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | — | 4.1 | 2.1 | 40.8 | — | 43.0 | 10.0 | — | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 8.1 | 3.5 | 20.7 | 12.7 | 11.1 | 9.2 | 9.9 | 16.2 | 8.8 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 23.8 | 7.6 | 27.5 | 12.6 | 9.0 | 5.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 12.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 13.3 | 5.8 | 26.6 | 14.4 | 10.6 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 6.6 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.9 | 3.6 | 21.6 | 15.8 | 11.9 | 10.0 | 8.7 | 12.1 | 7.4 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 17.9 | 9.8 | 11.4 | 10.5 | 11.7 | 21.8 | 10.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.6 | 1.3 | 13.2 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 7.4 | 14.5 | 31.2 | 10.6 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 19.8 | 12.7 | 11.3 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 17.1 | 8.6 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 21.7 | 8.1 | 28.1 | 12.8 | 10.3 | 6.1 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 11.8 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 12.2 | 5.3 | 25.3 | 15.2 | 10.8 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 6.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 8.2 | 3.4 | 20.8 | 15.9 | 12.2 | 10.6 | 9.2 | 12.5 | 7.2 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 16.9 | 9.4 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 22.8 | 10.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.2 | 1.2 | 13.7 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 7.6 | 14.9 | 32.1 | 9.6 | |

Table 62. Number and percent distribution of decedents who stopped smoking and did not start again by length of time before death decedent stopped smoking, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|--|
| | | Less than 6 months | 6 months to less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know | | |
| Male—Con. | | | | Percent distribution | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 18.0 | 5.3 | 29.7 | 13.6 | 8.6 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 6.4 | 10.8 | | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 34.3 | 4.0 | 26.1 | 8.7 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 4.0 | — | 16.5 | | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 21.2 | 8.4 | 37.0 | 8.7 | 10.2 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 7.3 | | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 18.2 | 4.7 | 27.9 | 15.8 | 9.4 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 8.2 | 9.4 | | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 12.0 | 3.8 | 31.5 | 15.7 | 8.2 | 5.0 | 6.9 | 4.6 | 9.4 | | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 11.4 | 2.3 | 6.8 | 20.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 18.2 | 29.6 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 5.9 | 14.7 | 23.4 | 5.8 | 13.5 | 0.7 | 26.0 | 8.3 | 1.7 | | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 8.9 | 21.2 | 18.0 | 43.1 | — | — | 4.4 | — | 4.4 | | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 16.3 | 19.8 | 25.0 | 5.1 | 1.3 | — | 27.4 | 1.3 | 3.9 | | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 2.2 | 26.4 | 45.1 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 20.9 | 1.1 | — | | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.4 | — | 7.0 | 4.2 | 27.7 | 1.4 | 27.7 | 29.1 | 1.4 | | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | — | 2.3 | — | 46.6 | — | 44.3 | 6.8 | — | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 7.9 | 5.0 | 23.4 | 14.4 | 10.8 | 5.9 | 8.6 | 14.6 | 9.5 | | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 21.0 | 11.1 | 33.3 | 11.4 | 9.3 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 6.6 | | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 13.2 | 7.8 | 31.4 | 14.1 | 8.4 | 4.9 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 8.7 | | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 25.2 | 16.0 | 9.9 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 14.1 | 10.5 | | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.9 | 4.0 | 17.4 | 16.7 | 12.2 | 6.1 | 10.2 | 16.4 | 9.1 | | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 18.2 | 7.9 | 13.2 | 5.6 | 11.8 | 28.7 | 10.4 | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 7.4 | 5.1 | 23.2 | 14.4 | 10.9 | 5.9 | 9.0 | 14.9 | 9.2 | | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.2 | 11.6 | 33.7 | 11.9 | 10.3 | 5.7 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 6.9 | | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 12.6 | 8.2 | 31.8 | 13.3 | 9.1 | 5.3 | 7.1 | 4.3 | 8.3 | | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 25.6 | 15.8 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 8.2 | 14.6 | 10.2 | | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 8.1 | 4.0 | 16.9 | 17.2 | 12.4 | 5.9 | 10.6 | 16.1 | 8.8 | | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 18.4 | 8.1 | 13.3 | 5.9 | 11.0 | 29.4 | 9.6 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 11.6 | 4.4 | 25.7 | 15.0 | 9.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 10.1 | 13.1 | | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 42.7 | 9.9 | 33.4 | 10.0 | — | — | — | — | 4.1 | | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 5.6 | 30.3 | 18.7 | 4.7 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 10.9 | | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 9.2 | 4.1 | 21.4 | 17.4 | 15.3 | 8.2 | 2.0 | 9.2 | 13.3 | | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 25.8 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 4.6 | 16.7 | 13.6 | | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | — | 15.4 | 3.9 | 11.5 | — | 26.9 | 15.4 | 26.9 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 18.4 | 1.0 | 12.2 | 8.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 38.3 | 5.6 | | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 32.5 | — | 9.9 | — | 37.9 | 9.9 | — | — | 9.9 | | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 39.1 | 2.9 | 9.5 | 6.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | — | 28.1 | 6.6 | | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | — | — | 12.5 | 25.0 | — | 12.5 | 12.5 | 25.0 | 12.5 | | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.9 | — | 14.4 | 8.6 | — | 5.8 | 2.9 | 62.6 | 2.9 | | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | — | 16.7 | 16.7 | — | — | 33.3 | 33.3 | — | | |

Table 63. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever regularly used chewing tobacco, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever regularly used chewing tobacco | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|----------------------|------|------|------------|--|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | | |
| | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,957,227 | 116,523 | 1,779,545 | 61,159 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 90.9 | 3.1 | | |
| 25-44 years | 124,867 | 3,970 | 116,854 | 4,043 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 93.6 | 3.2 | | |
| 45-64 years | 385,840 | 17,682 | 358,767 | 9,391 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 93.0 | 2.4 | | |
| 65-74 years | 474,464 | 26,977 | 434,468 | 13,019 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 91.6 | 2.7 | | |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 42,504 | 497,591 | 19,580 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 88.9 | 3.5 | | |
| 85 years and over | 412,382 | 25,391 | 371,865 | 15,127 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 90.2 | 3.7 | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,714,014 | 93,276 | 1,568,318 | 52,420 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 91.5 | 3.1 | | |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 3,094 | 86,755 | 2,702 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 93.7 | 2.9 | | |
| 45-64 years | 318,524 | 13,406 | 297,404 | 7,713 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 93.4 | 2.4 | | |
| 65-74 years | 416,052 | 20,982 | 383,447 | 11,623 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 92.2 | 2.8 | | |
| 75-84 years | 505,938 | 35,578 | 453,335 | 17,025 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 89.6 | 3.4 | | |
| 85 years and over | 380,949 | 20,216 | 347,377 | 13,356 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 91.2 | 3.5 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 224,873 | 22,046 | 194,284 | 8,543 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 86.4 | 3.8 | | |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 774 | 27,745 | 1,219 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 93.3 | 4.1 | | |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 3,918 | 57,445 | 1,646 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 91.2 | 2.6 | | |
| 65-74 years | 54,403 | 5,715 | 47,293 | 1,395 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 86.9 | 2.6 | | |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 6,804 | 40,404 | 2,533 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 81.2 | 5.1 | | |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 4,835 | 21,397 | 1,750 | 100.0 | 17.3 | 76.5 | 6.3 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 18,339 | 1,201 | 16,942 | 196 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 92.4 | 1.1 | | |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | 103 | 2,354 | 121 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 91.3 | 4.7 | | |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 358 | 3,917 | 32 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 91.0 | 0.7 | | |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 280 | 3,728 | — | 100.0 | 7.0 | 93.0 | — | | |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 122 | 3,852 | 22 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 96.4 | 0.6 | | |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 339 | 3,091 | 21 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 89.6 | 0.6 | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,016,928 | 102,316 | 884,718 | 29,894 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 87.0 | 2.9 | | |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 3,756 | 79,942 | 3,145 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 92.1 | 3.6 | | |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 15,991 | 216,690 | 6,927 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 90.4 | 2.9 | | |
| 65-74 years | 276,540 | 23,023 | 245,477 | 8,040 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 88.8 | 2.9 | | |
| 75-84 years | 275,295 | 37,742 | 229,705 | 7,848 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 83.4 | 2.9 | | |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 21,804 | 112,904 | 3,934 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 81.4 | 2.8 | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 884,168 | 87,769 | 770,999 | 25,400 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 87.2 | 2.9 | | |
| 25-44 years | 64,714 | 3,094 | 59,485 | 2,135 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 91.9 | 3.3 | | |
| 45-64 years | 199,736 | 13,284 | 180,601 | 5,851 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 90.4 | 2.9 | | |
| 65-74 years | 244,283 | 19,523 | 217,483 | 7,277 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 89.0 | 3.0 | | |
| 75-84 years | 248,832 | 33,082 | 208,948 | 6,802 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 84.0 | 2.7 | | |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 18,786 | 104,482 | 3,335 | 100.0 | 14.8 | 82.5 | 2.6 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 121,959 | 13,558 | 104,028 | 4,373 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 85.3 | 3.6 | | |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | 559 | 18,819 | 900 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 92.8 | 4.4 | | |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 2,400 | 34,096 | 1,064 | 100.0 | 6.4 | 90.8 | 2.8 | | |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 3,243 | 25,896 | 763 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 86.6 | 2.6 | | |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 4,604 | 18,325 | 1,047 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 76.4 | 4.4 | | |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 2,752 | 6,892 | 598 | 100.0 | 26.9 | 67.3 | 5.8 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 10,802 | 990 | 9,691 | 122 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 89.7 | 1.1 | | |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 103 | 1,638 | 110 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 88.5 | 6.0 | | |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | 308 | 1,993 | 11 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 86.2 | 0.5 | | |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 258 | 2,098 | — | 100.0 | 11.0 | 89.0 | — | | |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 55 | 2,432 | — | 100.0 | 2.2 | 97.8 | — | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 266 | 1,530 | — | 100.0 | 14.8 | 85.2 | — | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 940,298 | 14,206 | 894,827 | 31,266 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 95.2 | 3.3 | | |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 214 | 36,912 | 897 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 97.1 | 2.4 | | |
| 45-64 years | 146,232 | 1,690 | 142,077 | 2,464 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 97.2 | 1.7 | | |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 3,953 | 188,991 | 4,979 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 95.5 | 2.5 | | |
| 75-84 years | 284,380 | 4,762 | 267,886 | 11,732 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 94.2 | 4.1 | | |
| 85 years and over | 273,740 | 3,586 | 258,961 | 11,193 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 94.6 | 4.1 | | |

Table 63. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever regularly used chewing tobacco, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever regularly used chewing tobacco | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 829,847 | 5,507 | 797,320 | 27,021 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 96.1 | 3.3 |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | — | 27,270 | 568 | 100.0 | — | 98.0 | 2.0 |
| 45–64 years | 118,789 | 122 | 116,804 | 1,863 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 98.3 | 1.6 |
| 65–74 years | 171,770 | 1,459 | 165,964 | 4,346 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 96.6 | 2.5 |
| 75–84 years | 257,106 | 2,496 | 244,387 | 10,224 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 95.1 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 1,430 | 242,895 | 10,021 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 95.5 | 3.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 102,914 | 8,487 | 90,256 | 4,171 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 87.7 | 4.1 |
| 25–44 years | 9,460 | 214 | 8,926 | 319 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 94.4 | 3.4 |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 1,518 | 23,349 | 582 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 91.7 | 2.3 |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 2,473 | 21,397 | 633 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 87.3 | 2.6 |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 2,200 | 22,079 | 1,486 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 85.7 | 5.8 |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 2,083 | 14,505 | 1,151 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 81.8 | 6.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,537 | 212 | 7,251 | 74 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 96.2 | 1.0 |
| 25–44 years | 726 | — | 715 | 11 | 100.0 | — | 98.5 | 1.5 |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 50 | 1,924 | 20 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 96.5 | 1.0 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 22 | 1,631 | — | 100.0 | 1.3 | 98.7 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 67 | 1,420 | 22 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 94.1 | 1.5 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 73 | 1,562 | 21 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 94.3 | 1.3 |

**Table 64. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever regularly used snuff, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986**

| Sex, race, and age | Ever regularly used snuff | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|------|------|-----|--|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | Number | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,957,227 | 79,745 | 1,810,169 | 67,313 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 92.5 | 3.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 124,866 | 1,931 | 118,310 | 4,625 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 94.7 | 3.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 385,839 | 8,742 | 366,738 | 10,360 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 95.0 | 2.7 | |
| 65-74 years | 474,464 | 13,245 | 444,003 | 17,216 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 93.6 | 3.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 31,312 | 508,143 | 20,220 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 90.8 | 3.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 412,382 | 24,515 | 372,975 | 14,892 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 90.4 | 3.6 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,714,015 | 57,900 | 1,598,074 | 58,041 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 93.2 | 3.4 | |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 1,402 | 87,997 | 3,152 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 95.1 | 3.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 318,524 | 6,552 | 303,656 | 8,316 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 95.3 | 2.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 416,053 | 8,443 | 391,969 | 15,641 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 94.2 | 3.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 505,938 | 23,616 | 464,676 | 17,646 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 91.8 | 3.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 380,950 | 17,887 | 349,776 | 13,287 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 91.8 | 3.5 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 224,873 | 21,451 | 194,350 | 9,071 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 86.4 | 4.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 461 | 27,882 | 1,395 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 93.8 | 4.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 2,080 | 58,931 | 1,998 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 93.5 | 3.2 | |
| 65-74 years | 54,403 | 4,747 | 48,103 | 1,553 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 88.4 | 2.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 7,618 | 39,593 | 2,530 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 79.6 | 5.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 6,545 | 19,842 | 1,595 | 100.0 | 23.4 | 70.9 | 5.7 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 18,339 | 393 | 17,744 | 201 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 96.8 | 1.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | 68 | 2,431 | 79 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 94.3 | 3.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 110 | 4,151 | 46 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 96.4 | 1.1 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 55 | 3,931 | 22 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 98.1 | 0.6 | |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 78 | 3,874 | 44 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 96.9 | 1.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 83 | 3,358 | 10 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 97.3 | 0.3 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,016,929 | 35,635 | 943,516 | 37,777 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 92.8 | 3.7 | |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 1,528 | 81,826 | 3,489 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 94.2 | 4.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 5,546 | 226,522 | 7,540 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 94.5 | 3.1 | |
| 65-74 years | 276,540 | 5,990 | 259,692 | 10,859 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 93.9 | 3.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 275,295 | 14,260 | 250,764 | 10,271 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 91.1 | 3.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 8,312 | 124,712 | 5,618 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 90.0 | 4.1 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 884,169 | 30,304 | 821,773 | 32,092 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 92.9 | 3.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 64,714 | 1,276 | 61,012 | 2,425 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 94.3 | 3.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 199,736 | 5,061 | 188,634 | 6,041 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 94.4 | 3.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 244,283 | 5,130 | 229,525 | 9,628 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 94.0 | 3.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 248,832 | 11,981 | 227,754 | 9,097 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 91.5 | 3.7 | |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 6,856 | 114,848 | 4,900 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 90.7 | 3.9 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 121,959 | 5,141 | 111,256 | 5,562 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 91.2 | 4.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | 183 | 19,099 | 996 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 94.2 | 4.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 428 | 35,655 | 1,477 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 94.9 | 3.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 827 | 27,867 | 1,208 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 93.2 | 4.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 2,267 | 20,546 | 1,163 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 85.7 | 4.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 1,436 | 8,089 | 718 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 79.0 | 7.0 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 10,802 | 189 | 10,489 | 124 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 97.1 | 1.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 68 | 1,715 | 68 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 92.7 | 3.7 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | 57 | 2,233 | 23 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 96.6 | 1.0 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 33 | 2,300 | 22 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 97.6 | 0.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 11 | 2,465 | 11 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 99.1 | 0.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 20 | 1,775 | - | 100.0 | 1.1 | 98.9 | - | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 940,296 | 44,110 | 866,651 | 29,536 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 92.2 | 3.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 403 | 36,484 | 1,136 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 96.0 | 3.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 146,231 | 3,196 | 140,216 | 2,819 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 95.9 | 1.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 7,255 | 184,310 | 6,358 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 93.1 | 3.2 | |
| 75-84 years | 284,379 | 17,052 | 257,378 | 9,949 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 90.5 | 3.5 | |
| 85 years and over | 273,740 | 16,203 | 248,263 | 9,274 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 90.7 | 3.4 | |

Table 64. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever regularly used snuff, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever regularly used snuff | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|------------|-------------|--------|------|-----|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | | | |
| | | | | | Female—Con. | Number | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 829,847 | 27,596 | 776,302 | 25,949 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 93.5 | 3.1 |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | 126 | 26,985 | 726 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 96.9 | 2.6 |
| 45–64 years | 118,788 | 1,491 | 115,022 | 2,275 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 96.8 | 1.9 |
| 65–74 years | 171,770 | 3,313 | 162,444 | 6,013 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 94.6 | 3.5 |
| 75–84 years | 257,107 | 11,635 | 236,923 | 8,548 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 92.1 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 11,031 | 234,928 | 8,387 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 92.4 | 3.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 102,914 | 16,310 | 83,095 | 3,509 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 80.7 | 3.4 |
| 25–44 years | 9,470 | 278 | 8,783 | 399 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 92.9 | 4.2 |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 1,652 | 23,276 | 521 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 91.5 | 2.0 |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 3,921 | 20,286 | 345 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 82.6 | 1.4 |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 5,351 | 19,047 | 1,367 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 73.9 | 5.3 |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 5,109 | 11,753 | 877 | 100.0 | 28.8 | 66.3 | 4.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,537 | 204 | 7,256 | 77 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 96.3 | 1.0 |
| 25–44 years | 726 | — | 715 | 11 | 100.0 | — | 98.5 | 1.5 |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 53 | 1,918 | 23 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 96.2 | 1.1 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 22 | 1,631 | — | 100.0 | 1.3 | 98.7 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 67 | 1,409 | 33 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 93.4 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 63 | 1,583 | 10 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 95.6 | 0.6 |

Table 65. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent had at least 12 alcoholic drinks during adult life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Had at least 12 alcoholic drinks | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,957,228 | 1,406,636 | 496,908 | 53,683 | 100.0 | 71.9 | 25.4 | 2.7 |
| 25-44 years | 124,867 | 105,532 | 15,359 | 3,975 | 100.0 | 84.5 | 12.3 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 385,840 | 318,885 | 58,554 | 8,400 | 100.0 | 82.6 | 15.2 | 2.2 |
| 65-74 years | 474,464 | 364,186 | 98,372 | 11,906 | 100.0 | 76.8 | 20.7 | 2.5 |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 374,965 | 166,021 | 18,689 | 100.0 | 67.0 | 29.7 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 412,383 | 243,068 | 158,602 | 10,713 | 100.0 | 58.9 | 38.5 | 2.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,714,016 | 1,241,874 | 426,696 | 45,446 | 100.0 | 72.5 | 24.9 | 2.7 |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 78,643 | 11,050 | 2,858 | 100.0 | 85.0 | 11.9 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 318,524 | 267,008 | 44,962 | 6,554 | 100.0 | 83.8 | 14.1 | 2.1 |
| 65-74 years | 416,053 | 323,780 | 82,136 | 10,137 | 100.0 | 77.8 | 19.7 | 2.4 |
| 75-84 years | 505,938 | 344,220 | 145,092 | 16,626 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 28.7 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 380,950 | 228,223 | 143,456 | 9,271 | 100.0 | 59.9 | 37.7 | 2.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 224,873 | 152,995 | 63,991 | 7,888 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 28.5 | 3.5 |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 24,707 | 3,948 | 1,083 | 100.0 | 83.1 | 13.3 | 3.6 |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 48,944 | 12,437 | 1,629 | 100.0 | 77.7 | 19.7 | 2.6 |
| 65-74 years | 54,404 | 37,948 | 14,697 | 1,759 | 100.0 | 69.8 | 27.0 | 3.2 |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 28,274 | 19,460 | 2,007 | 100.0 | 56.8 | 39.1 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 13,122 | 13,449 | 1,411 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 48.1 | 5.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 18,339 | 11,767 | 6,221 | 350 | 100.0 | 64.2 | 33.9 | 1.9 |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | 2,182 | 361 | 35 | 100.0 | 84.6 | 14.0 | 1.4 |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 2,933 | 1,155 | 218 | 100.0 | 68.1 | 26.8 | 5.1 |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 2,458 | 1,539 | 11 | 100.0 | 61.3 | 38.4 | 0.3 |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 2,472 | 1,468 | 56 | 100.0 | 61.9 | 36.7 | 1.4 |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 1,723 | 1,697 | 31 | 100.0 | 49.9 | 49.2 | 0.9 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,016,928 | 842,643 | 146,085 | 28,200 | 100.0 | 82.9 | 14.4 | 2.8 |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 76,275 | 7,708 | 2,860 | 100.0 | 87.8 | 8.9 | 3.3 |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 208,863 | 24,666 | 6,079 | 100.0 | 87.2 | 10.3 | 2.5 |
| 65-74 years | 276,541 | 233,239 | 35,937 | 7,365 | 100.0 | 84.3 | 13.0 | 2.7 |
| 75-84 years | 275,295 | 218,536 | 48,676 | 8,083 | 100.0 | 79.4 | 17.7 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 105,730 | 29,098 | 3,814 | 100.0 | 76.3 | 21.0 | 2.8 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 884,168 | 735,080 | 124,742 | 24,347 | 100.0 | 83.1 | 14.1 | 2.8 |
| 25-44 years | 64,713 | 57,145 | 5,459 | 2,109 | 100.0 | 88.3 | 8.4 | 3.3 |
| 45-64 years | 199,735 | 173,796 | 20,881 | 5,058 | 100.0 | 87.0 | 10.5 | 2.5 |
| 65-74 years | 244,283 | 207,064 | 30,808 | 6,412 | 100.0 | 84.8 | 12.6 | 2.6 |
| 75-84 years | 248,833 | 198,840 | 42,550 | 7,443 | 100.0 | 79.9 | 17.1 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 98,234 | 25,045 | 3,325 | 100.0 | 77.6 | 19.8 | 2.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 121,959 | 99,491 | 18,682 | 3,786 | 100.0 | 81.6 | 15.3 | 3.1 |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | 17,544 | 2,018 | 716 | 100.0 | 86.5 | 9.9 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 33,149 | 3,413 | 998 | 100.0 | 88.3 | 9.1 | 2.7 |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 24,335 | 4,613 | 954 | 100.0 | 81.4 | 15.4 | 3.2 |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 17,930 | 5,407 | 640 | 100.0 | 74.8 | 22.6 | 2.7 |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 6,533 | 3,231 | 479 | 100.0 | 63.8 | 31.5 | 4.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 10,802 | 8,073 | 2,662 | 68 | 100.0 | 74.7 | 24.6 | 0.6 |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 1,585 | 232 | 35 | 100.0 | 85.6 | 12.5 | 1.9 |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | 1,918 | 372 | 23 | 100.0 | 82.9 | 16.1 | 1.0 |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 1,840 | 516 | — | 100.0 | 78.1 | 21.9 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 1,767 | 720 | — | 100.0 | 71.1 | 28.9 | — |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 963 | 822 | 10 | 100.0 | 53.6 | 45.8 | 0.6 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 940,299 | 563,992 | 350,823 | 25,483 | 100.0 | 60.0 | 37.3 | 2.7 |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 29,257 | 7,651 | 1,115 | 100.0 | 76.9 | 20.1 | 2.9 |
| 45-64 years | 146,231 | 110,021 | 33,888 | 2,322 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 23.2 | 1.6 |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 130,947 | 62,435 | 4,541 | 100.0 | 66.2 | 31.5 | 2.3 |
| 75-84 years | 284,380 | 156,429 | 117,345 | 10,606 | 100.0 | 55.0 | 41.3 | 3.7 |
| 85 years and over | 273,741 | 137,338 | 129,504 | 6,899 | 100.0 | 50.2 | 47.3 | 2.5 |

Table 65. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent had at least 12 alcoholic drinks during adult life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Had at least 12 alcoholic drinks | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 829,847 | 506,793 | 301,955 | 21,099 | 100.0 | 61.1 | 36.4 | 2.5 |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | 21,498 | 5,591 | 749 | 100.0 | 77.2 | 20.1 | 2.7 |
| 45–64 years | 118,788 | 93,212 | 24,081 | 1,495 | 100.0 | 78.5 | 20.3 | 1.3 |
| 65–74 years | 171,769 | 116,716 | 51,328 | 3,725 | 100.0 | 67.9 | 29.9 | 2.2 |
| 75–84 years | 257,106 | 145,380 | 102,543 | 9,183 | 100.0 | 56.5 | 39.9 | 3.6 |
| 85 years and over | 254,345 | 129,988 | 118,411 | 5,946 | 100.0 | 51.1 | 46.6 | 2.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 102,914 | 53,504 | 45,309 | 4,102 | 100.0 | 52.0 | 44.0 | 4.0 |
| 25–44 years | 9,460 | 7,163 | 1,930 | 367 | 100.0 | 75.7 | 20.4 | 3.9 |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 15,795 | 9,024 | 631 | 100.0 | 62.1 | 35.5 | 2.5 |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 13,613 | 10,084 | 805 | 100.0 | 55.6 | 41.2 | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 10,344 | 14,053 | 1,367 | 100.0 | 40.1 | 54.5 | 5.3 |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 6,589 | 10,218 | 932 | 100.0 | 37.1 | 57.6 | 5.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,537 | 3,695 | 3,560 | 283 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 47.2 | 3.8 |
| 25–44 years | 726 | 597 | 130 | — | 100.0 | 82.2 | 17.8 | — |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 1,015 | 783 | 196 | 100.0 | 50.9 | 39.3 | 9.8 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 618 | 1,023 | 11 | 100.0 | 37.4 | 61.9 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 705 | 749 | 56 | 100.0 | 46.7 | 49.6 | 3.7 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 760 | 875 | 21 | 100.0 | 45.9 | 52.8 | 1.3 |

Table 66. Number and percent distribution of decedents by frequency with which decedent drank any alcoholic beverage during adult life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Frequency of consumption | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| | | Every day | 3-6 times a week | 1-2 times a week | 1-3 times a month | Once a month | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,406,635 | 263,629 | 197,267 | 249,321 | 218,075 | 422,212 | 56,132 |
| 25-44 years | 105,532 | 21,677 | 18,547 | 24,622 | 15,576 | 19,617 | 5,492 |
| 45-64 years | 318,885 | 73,208 | 54,401 | 56,994 | 45,845 | 74,385 | 14,051 |
| 65-74 years | 364,186 | 76,906 | 52,303 | 64,810 | 53,748 | 103,563 | 12,857 |
| 75-84 years | 374,965 | 61,268 | 49,826 | 64,880 | 61,248 | 122,749 | 14,994 |
| 85 years and over | 243,068 | 30,570 | 22,190 | 38,014 | 41,658 | 101,899 | 8,737 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,241,873 | 232,833 | 172,418 | 209,501 | 193,917 | 387,329 | 45,874 |
| 25-44 years | 78,643 | 16,327 | 13,320 | 17,754 | 11,773 | 16,097 | 3,372 |
| 45-64 years | 267,008 | 59,857 | 46,147 | 43,981 | 38,967 | 66,796 | 11,260 |
| 65-74 years | 323,780 | 70,093 | 46,678 | 54,752 | 48,080 | 93,767 | 10,410 |
| 75-84 years | 344,220 | 57,164 | 45,185 | 58,017 | 55,566 | 115,226 | 13,063 |
| 85 years and over | 228,223 | 29,393 | 21,088 | 34,996 | 39,532 | 95,443 | 7,769 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 152,995 | 28,608 | 23,628 | 37,658 | 22,153 | 30,922 | 10,026 |
| 25-44 years | 24,707 | 4,968 | 4,843 | 6,380 | 3,404 | 3,124 | 1,988 |
| 45-64 years | 48,944 | 12,432 | 7,940 | 12,383 | 6,461 | 6,993 | 2,735 |
| 65-74 years | 37,948 | 6,478 | 5,548 | 9,565 | 5,131 | 8,801 | 2,425 |
| 75-84 years | 28,274 | 3,797 | 4,206 | 6,569 | 5,288 | 6,484 | 1,930 |
| 85 years and over | 13,122 | 932 | 1,092 | 2,762 | 1,869 | 5,520 | 947 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,767 | 2,188 | 1,220 | 2,162 | 2,004 | 3,962 | 232 |
| 25-44 years | 2,182 | 383 | 383 | 488 | 399 | 396 | 132 |
| 45-64 years | 2,933 | 919 | 314 | 630 | 417 | 596 | 56 |
| 65-74 years | 2,458 | 335 | 77 | 492 | 537 | 995 | 22 |
| 75-84 years | 2,472 | 306 | 436 | 295 | 395 | 1,040 | - |
| 85 years and over | 1,723 | 245 | 10 | 256 | 256 | 935 | 21 |
| Male | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 842,643 | 198,047 | 140,576 | 160,079 | 117,326 | 188,109 | 38,506 |
| 25-44 years | 76,275 | 17,678 | 15,754 | 18,375 | 9,466 | 10,406 | 4,596 |
| 45-64 years | 208,863 | 56,748 | 37,849 | 37,854 | 26,094 | 39,371 | 10,948 |
| 65-74 years | 233,239 | 58,187 | 38,060 | 43,501 | 34,005 | 50,056 | 9,430 |
| 75-84 years | 218,536 | 45,363 | 35,591 | 41,357 | 30,565 | 57,660 | 8,001 |
| 85 years and over | 105,730 | 20,072 | 13,321 | 18,993 | 17,197 | 30,616 | 5,532 |
| White, 25 years and over | 735,079 | 173,970 | 121,816 | 132,745 | 103,877 | 172,098 | 30,574 |
| 25-44 years | 57,145 | 13,623 | 11,457 | 13,234 | 7,218 | 8,736 | 2,877 |
| 45-64 years | 173,796 | 45,927 | 32,175 | 28,435 | 22,371 | 35,990 | 8,898 |
| 65-74 years | 207,064 | 52,890 | 33,618 | 37,063 | 30,597 | 45,396 | 7,500 |
| 75-84 years | 198,840 | 42,147 | 31,853 | 36,596 | 27,457 | 54,182 | 6,606 |
| 85 years and over | 98,234 | 19,384 | 12,713 | 17,417 | 16,233 | 27,794 | 4,694 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 99,491 | 22,305 | 17,785 | 25,673 | 11,910 | 14,076 | 7,743 |
| 25-44 years | 17,544 | 3,739 | 3,936 | 4,788 | 2,008 | 1,465 | 1,609 |
| 45-64 years | 33,149 | 9,960 | 5,550 | 8,841 | 3,469 | 3,336 | 1,994 |
| 65-74 years | 24,335 | 4,983 | 4,387 | 6,000 | 2,925 | 4,133 | 1,907 |
| 75-84 years | 17,930 | 2,965 | 3,314 | 4,488 | 2,791 | 2,976 | 1,395 |
| 85 years and over | 6,533 | 658 | 598 | 1,556 | 718 | 2,166 | 838 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 8,073 | 1,772 | 975 | 1,661 | 1,540 | 1,935 | 189 |
| 25-44 years | 1,585 | 316 | 361 | 353 | 240 | 205 | 110 |
| 45-64 years | 1,918 | 861 | 124 | 578 | 254 | 45 | 56 |
| 65-74 years | 1,840 | 314 | 56 | 438 | 483 | 527 | 22 |
| 75-84 years | 1,767 | 251 | 425 | 273 | 317 | 502 | - |
| 85 years and over | 963 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 246 | 657 | - |
| Female | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 563,992 | 65,582 | 56,691 | 89,241 | 100,748 | 234,104 | 17,626 |
| 25-44 years | 29,257 | 3,999 | 2,793 | 6,247 | 6,110 | 9,211 | 897 |
| 45-64 years | 110,021 | 16,460 | 16,552 | 19,141 | 19,751 | 35,014 | 3,104 |
| 65-74 years | 130,947 | 18,719 | 14,242 | 21,309 | 19,743 | 53,507 | 3,427 |
| 75-84 years | 156,429 | 15,905 | 14,235 | 23,524 | 30,683 | 65,089 | 6,993 |
| 85 years and over | 137,338 | 10,499 | 8,869 | 19,021 | 24,461 | 71,283 | 3,206 |

Table 66. Number and percent distribution of decedents by frequency with which decedent drank any alcoholic beverage during adult life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Frequency of consumption | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| | | Every day | 3–6 times a week | 1–2 times a week | 1–3 times a month | Once a month | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 506,794 | 58,863 | 50,602 | 76,756 | 90,041 | 215,231 | 15,300 |
| 25–44 years | 21,498 | 2,704 | 1,863 | 4,520 | 4,555 | 7,361 | 495 |
| 45–64 years | 93,212 | 13,930 | 13,972 | 15,546 | 16,595 | 30,806 | 2,362 |
| 65–74 years | 116,716 | 17,202 | 13,060 | 17,690 | 17,483 | 48,371 | 2,910 |
| 75–84 years | 145,380 | 15,017 | 13,332 | 21,421 | 28,109 | 61,044 | 6,458 |
| 85 years and over | 129,988 | 10,010 | 8,375 | 17,579 | 23,299 | 67,650 | 3,075 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 53,504 | 6,302 | 5,844 | 11,985 | 10,243 | 16,846 | 2,283 |
| 25–44 years | 7,163 | 1,229 | 908 | 1,592 | 1,396 | 1,659 | 379 |
| 45–64 years | 15,795 | 2,472 | 2,390 | 3,542 | 2,993 | 3,657 | 742 |
| 65–74 years | 13,613 | 1,495 | 1,161 | 3,565 | 2,206 | 4,668 | 518 |
| 75–84 years | 10,344 | 832 | 892 | 2,081 | 2,497 | 3,508 | 535 |
| 85 years and over | 6,589 | 274 | 493 | 1,206 | 1,151 | 3,355 | 110 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 3,695 | 416 | 245 | 500 | 464 | 2,027 | 43 |
| 25–44 years | 597 | 66 | 22 | 136 | 159 | 191 | 22 |
| 45–64 years | 1,015 | 58 | 190 | 53 | 163 | 551 | — |
| 65–74 years | 618 | 22 | 22 | 54 | 54 | 468 | — |
| 75–84 years | 705 | 56 | 11 | 22 | 78 | 538 | — |
| 85 years and over | 760 | 215 | — | 236 | 10 | 278 | 21 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 18.7 | 14.0 | 17.7 | 15.5 | 30.0 | 4.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.5 | 17.6 | 23.3 | 14.8 | 18.6 | 5.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 23.0 | 17.1 | 17.9 | 14.4 | 23.3 | 4.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 21.1 | 14.4 | 17.8 | 14.8 | 28.4 | 3.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 16.3 | 13.3 | 17.3 | 16.3 | 32.7 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.6 | 9.1 | 15.6 | 17.1 | 41.9 | 3.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 18.7 | 13.9 | 16.9 | 15.6 | 31.2 | 3.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.8 | 16.9 | 22.6 | 15.0 | 20.5 | 4.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 22.4 | 17.3 | 16.5 | 14.6 | 25.0 | 4.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 21.6 | 14.4 | 16.9 | 14.8 | 29.0 | 3.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 16.6 | 13.1 | 16.9 | 16.1 | 33.5 | 3.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.9 | 9.2 | 15.3 | 17.3 | 41.8 | 3.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 18.7 | 15.4 | 24.6 | 14.5 | 20.2 | 6.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.1 | 19.6 | 25.8 | 13.8 | 12.6 | 8.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 25.4 | 16.2 | 25.3 | 13.2 | 14.3 | 5.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 17.1 | 14.6 | 25.2 | 13.5 | 23.2 | 6.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 13.4 | 14.9 | 23.2 | 18.7 | 22.9 | 6.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 21.0 | 14.2 | 42.1 | 7.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 18.6 | 10.4 | 18.4 | 17.0 | 33.7 | 2.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 17.5 | 17.6 | 22.4 | 18.3 | 18.1 | 6.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 31.3 | 10.7 | 21.5 | 14.2 | 20.3 | 1.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 13.6 | 3.1 | 20.0 | 21.8 | 40.5 | 0.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 12.4 | 17.6 | 11.9 | 16.0 | 42.1 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 14.2 | 0.6 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 54.3 | 1.2 |
| Male | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 23.5 | 16.7 | 19.0 | 13.9 | 22.3 | 4.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 23.2 | 20.7 | 24.1 | 12.4 | 13.6 | 6.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 27.2 | 18.1 | 18.1 | 12.5 | 18.9 | 5.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 24.9 | 16.3 | 18.7 | 14.6 | 21.5 | 4.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 20.8 | 16.3 | 18.9 | 14.0 | 26.4 | 3.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 19.0 | 12.6 | 18.0 | 16.3 | 29.0 | 5.2 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 23.7 | 16.6 | 18.1 | 14.1 | 23.4 | 4.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 23.8 | 20.0 | 23.2 | 12.6 | 15.3 | 5.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 26.4 | 18.5 | 16.4 | 12.9 | 20.7 | 5.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 25.5 | 16.2 | 17.9 | 14.8 | 21.9 | 3.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 21.2 | 16.0 | 18.4 | 13.8 | 27.2 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 19.7 | 12.9 | 17.7 | 16.5 | 28.3 | 4.8 |

Table 66. Number and percent distribution of decedents by frequency with which decedent drank any alcoholic beverage during adult life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Frequency of consumption | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| | | Every day | 3-6 times a week | 1-2 times a week | 1-3 times a month | Once a month | Don't know |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 22.4 | 17.9 | 25.8 | 12.0 | 14.1 | 7.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 21.3 | 22.4 | 27.3 | 11.4 | 8.4 | 9.2 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 30.0 | 16.7 | 26.7 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 6.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 20.5 | 18.0 | 24.7 | 12.0 | 17.0 | 7.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 16.5 | 18.5 | 25.0 | 15.6 | 16.6 | 7.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 10.1 | 9.2 | 23.8 | 11.0 | 33.1 | 12.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 21.9 | 12.1 | 20.6 | 19.1 | 24.0 | 2.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 20.0 | 22.8 | 22.2 | 15.1 | 12.9 | 7.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 44.9 | 6.5 | 30.1 | 13.3 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 17.0 | 3.0 | 23.8 | 26.2 | 28.7 | 1.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 14.2 | 24.0 | 15.4 | 17.9 | 28.4 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 25.5 | 68.2 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.6 | 10.1 | 15.8 | 17.9 | 41.5 | 3.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 13.7 | 9.5 | 21.4 | 20.9 | 31.5 | 3.1 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 17.4 | 18.0 | 31.8 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 14.3 | 10.9 | 16.3 | 15.1 | 40.9 | 2.6 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 10.2 | 9.1 | 15.0 | 19.6 | 41.6 | 4.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.6 | 6.5 | 13.8 | 17.8 | 51.9 | 2.3 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 15.1 | 17.8 | 42.5 | 3.0 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 12.6 | 8.7 | 21.0 | 21.2 | 34.2 | 2.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 16.7 | 17.8 | 33.0 | 2.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 14.7 | 11.2 | 15.2 | 15.0 | 41.4 | 2.5 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 10.3 | 9.2 | 14.7 | 19.3 | 42.0 | 4.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 13.5 | 17.9 | 52.0 | 2.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.8 | 10.9 | 22.4 | 19.1 | 31.5 | 4.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 17.2 | 12.7 | 22.2 | 19.5 | 23.2 | 5.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 15.6 | 15.1 | 22.4 | 18.9 | 23.2 | 4.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 11.0 | 8.5 | 26.2 | 16.2 | 34.3 | 3.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 20.1 | 24.1 | 33.9 | 5.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.2 | 7.5 | 18.3 | 17.5 | 50.9 | 1.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 11.3 | 6.6 | 13.5 | 12.6 | 54.8 | 1.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 11.1 | 3.7 | 22.7 | 26.7 | 32.1 | 3.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.7 | 18.7 | 5.2 | 16.0 | 54.3 | — |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 75.6 | — |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 7.9 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 11.0 | 76.4 | — |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 28.3 | — | 31.0 | 1.4 | 36.6 | 2.8 |

Table 67. Number and percent distribution of decedents by average number of alcoholic drinks consumed on the days he or she drank, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | How many drinks | | | | | | Don't know |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| | | 12 or more | 7-11 | 5-6 | 3-4 | 2 | 1 | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,406,634 | 54,254 | 47,950 | 97,269 | 200,141 | 318,280 | 569,502 | 119,239 |
| 25-44 years | 105,532 | 8,986 | 5,201 | 12,794 | 21,629 | 24,717 | 19,991 | 12,215 |
| 45-64 years | 318,885 | 23,946 | 18,581 | 32,826 | 57,337 | 73,877 | 84,701 | 27,617 |
| 65-74 years | 364,185 | 13,424 | 16,004 | 28,310 | 56,501 | 88,776 | 131,931 | 29,239 |
| 75-84 years | 374,965 | 7,087 | 6,743 | 18,482 | 47,258 | 84,281 | 180,173 | 30,942 |
| 85 years and over | 243,067 | 812 | 1,420 | 4,856 | 17,417 | 46,630 | 152,706 | 19,226 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,241,872 | 42,318 | 40,366 | 80,930 | 169,598 | 283,775 | 528,084 | 96,802 |
| 25-44 years | 78,643 | 6,715 | 4,143 | 9,883 | 15,684 | 18,616 | 15,504 | 8,099 |
| 45-64 years | 267,008 | 17,774 | 15,360 | 26,631 | 46,421 | 64,240 | 75,576 | 21,007 |
| 65-74 years | 323,779 | 10,647 | 14,275 | 24,296 | 49,005 | 79,687 | 121,672 | 24,197 |
| 75-84 years | 344,219 | 6,391 | 5,602 | 15,774 | 42,453 | 77,504 | 170,365 | 26,131 |
| 85 years and over | 228,222 | 791 | 987 | 4,346 | 16,035 | 43,728 | 144,967 | 17,368 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 152,995 | 11,021 | 6,633 | 15,146 | 29,449 | 32,863 | 36,634 | 21,249 |
| 25-44 years | 24,707 | 2,047 | 902 | 2,538 | 5,636 | 5,730 | 4,146 | 3,708 |
| 45-64 years | 48,944 | 5,815 | 2,590 | 5,905 | 10,529 | 9,394 | 8,281 | 6,430 |
| 65-74 years | 37,948 | 2,519 | 1,674 | 3,659 | 7,205 | 8,799 | 9,128 | 4,965 |
| 75-84 years | 28,274 | 641 | 1,053 | 2,575 | 4,738 | 6,090 | 8,836 | 4,341 |
| 85 years and over | 13,122 | — | 414 | 469 | 1,341 | 2,851 | 6,243 | 1,805 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,767 | 916 | 952 | 1,193 | 1,094 | 1,642 | 4,784 | 1,187 |
| 25-44 years | 2,182 | 224 | 156 | 373 | 309 | 371 | 341 | 407 |
| 45-64 years | 2,933 | 357 | 632 | 290 | 386 | 244 | 843 | 180 |
| 65-74 years | 2,458 | 258 | 55 | 356 | 291 | 290 | 1,131 | 77 |
| 75-84 years | 2,472 | 55 | 89 | 133 | 66 | 687 | 972 | 470 |
| 85 years and over | 1,723 | 21 | 20 | 41 | 41 | 51 | 1,496 | 53 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 842,643 | 45,027 | 37,301 | 78,305 | 146,380 | 193,341 | 260,085 | 82,204 |
| 25-44 years | 76,275 | 7,582 | 4,226 | 10,713 | 17,046 | 16,290 | 10,727 | 9,690 |
| 45-64 years | 208,863 | 19,044 | 13,653 | 25,875 | 39,657 | 42,631 | 46,589 | 21,416 |
| 65-74 years | 233,238 | 11,204 | 13,304 | 23,302 | 40,659 | 58,061 | 65,909 | 20,800 |
| 75-84 years | 218,536 | 6,600 | 4,957 | 14,720 | 36,295 | 52,315 | 84,189 | 19,459 |
| 85 years and over | 105,730 | 597 | 1,161 | 3,694 | 12,723 | 24,044 | 52,672 | 10,840 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 735,079 | 35,565 | 31,586 | 66,273 | 123,486 | 172,574 | 240,269 | 65,326 |
| 25-44 years | 57,145 | 6,014 | 3,385 | 8,311 | 12,480 | 12,182 | 8,321 | 6,451 |
| 45-64 years | 173,796 | 14,217 | 11,274 | 21,456 | 31,529 | 37,074 | 42,011 | 16,235 |
| 65-74 years | 207,064 | 8,772 | 11,999 | 20,341 | 34,899 | 53,098 | 61,027 | 16,929 |
| 75-84 years | 198,840 | 5,975 | 4,146 | 12,840 | 32,832 | 47,534 | 79,386 | 16,127 |
| 85 years and over | 98,234 | 587 | 782 | 3,325 | 11,745 | 22,687 | 49,524 | 9,583 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 99,491 | 8,623 | 5,023 | 11,083 | 22,124 | 19,454 | 17,078 | 16,106 |
| 25-44 years | 17,544 | 1,365 | 741 | 2,099 | 4,394 | 3,828 | 2,231 | 2,886 |
| 45-64 years | 33,149 | 4,502 | 1,896 | 4,152 | 7,862 | 5,465 | 4,215 | 5,057 |
| 65-74 years | 24,335 | 2,174 | 1,272 | 2,670 | 5,480 | 4,717 | 4,208 | 3,815 |
| 75-84 years | 17,930 | 581 | 756 | 1,802 | 3,430 | 4,128 | 4,139 | 3,093 |
| 85 years and over | 6,533 | — | 359 | 359 | 957 | 1,316 | 2,285 | 1,256 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 8,073 | 839 | 691 | 949 | 771 | 1,312 | 2,739 | 772 |
| 25-44 years | 1,585 | 202 | 101 | 303 | 172 | 280 | 175 | 352 |
| 45-64 years | 1,918 | 325 | 482 | 267 | 266 | 91 | 363 | 124 |
| 65-74 years | 1,840 | 258 | 33 | 291 | 280 | 247 | 674 | 56 |
| 75-84 years | 1,767 | 44 | 55 | 77 | 33 | 653 | 664 | 240 |
| 85 years and over | 963 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 40 | 863 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 563,993 | 9,227 | 10,650 | 18,964 | 53,761 | 124,940 | 309,418 | 37,034 |
| 25-44 years | 29,257 | 1,404 | 975 | 2,080 | 4,582 | 8,426 | 9,264 | 2,525 |
| 45-64 years | 110,021 | 4,902 | 4,929 | 6,951 | 17,680 | 31,247 | 38,112 | 6,201 |
| 65-74 years | 130,947 | 2,220 | 2,701 | 5,008 | 15,841 | 30,715 | 66,023 | 8,440 |
| 75-84 years | 156,429 | 486 | 1,786 | 3,762 | 10,962 | 31,965 | 95,984 | 11,483 |
| 85 years and over | 137,338 | 215 | 259 | 1,162 | 4,695 | 22,586 | 100,035 | 8,386 |

Table 67. Number and percent distribution of decedents by average number of alcoholic drinks consumed on the days he or she drank, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | How many drinks | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|------------|
| | | 12 or more | 7-11 | 5-6 | 3-4 | 2 | 1 | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 506,793 | 6,752 | 8,780 | 14,657 | 46,112 | 111,201 | 287,816 | 31,476 |
| 25-44 years | 21,498 | 701 | 757 | 1,572 | 3,203 | 6,435 | 7,182 | 1,647 |
| 45-64 years | 93,212 | 3,557 | 4,086 | 5,175 | 14,892 | 27,166 | 33,565 | 4,772 |
| 65-74 years | 116,716 | 1,875 | 2,277 | 3,955 | 14,106 | 26,589 | 60,646 | 7,268 |
| 75-84 years | 145,380 | 416 | 1,456 | 2,933 | 9,621 | 29,970 | 90,980 | 10,004 |
| 85 years and over | 129,988 | 204 | 204 | 1,021 | 4,290 | 21,041 | 95,443 | 7,785 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 53,504 | 2,398 | 1,610 | 4,063 | 7,326 | 13,409 | 19,556 | 5,142 |
| 25-44 years | 7,163 | 681 | 162 | 439 | 1,242 | 1,902 | 1,915 | 822 |
| 45-64 years | 15,795 | 1,313 | 693 | 1,754 | 2,667 | 3,928 | 4,066 | 1,373 |
| 65-74 years | 13,613 | 345 | 403 | 988 | 1,725 | 4,083 | 4,920 | 1,150 |
| 75-84 years | 10,344 | 59 | 297 | 773 | 1,308 | 1,962 | 4,697 | 1,248 |
| 85 years and over | 6,589 | — | 55 | 110 | 384 | 1,535 | 3,958 | 548 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 3,695 | 76 | 260 | 244 | 323 | 330 | 2,046 | 415 |
| 25-44 years | 597 | 22 | 56 | 70 | 137 | 90 | 166 | 55 |
| 45-64 years | 1,015 | 33 | 150 | 23 | 121 | 153 | 481 | 55 |
| 65-74 years | 618 | — | 22 | 65 | 11 | 43 | 457 | 22 |
| 75-84 years | 705 | 11 | 33 | 56 | 33 | 33 | 308 | 230 |
| 85 years and over | 760 | 10 | — | 31 | 21 | 10 | 634 | 53 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 6.9 | 14.2 | 22.6 | 40.5 | 8.5 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 8.5 | 4.9 | 12.1 | 20.5 | 23.4 | 18.9 | 11.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 10.3 | 18.0 | 23.2 | 26.6 | 8.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 7.8 | 15.5 | 24.4 | 36.2 | 8.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4.9 | 12.6 | 22.5 | 48.1 | 8.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 7.2 | 19.2 | 62.8 | 7.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 6.5 | 13.7 | 22.9 | 42.5 | 7.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 8.5 | 5.3 | 12.6 | 19.9 | 23.7 | 19.7 | 10.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 10.0 | 17.4 | 24.1 | 28.3 | 7.9 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 7.5 | 15.1 | 24.6 | 37.6 | 7.5 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 4.6 | 12.3 | 22.5 | 49.5 | 7.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 7.0 | 19.2 | 63.5 | 7.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 9.9 | 19.2 | 21.5 | 23.9 | 13.9 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 8.3 | 3.7 | 10.3 | 22.8 | 23.2 | 16.8 | 15.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 11.9 | 5.3 | 12.1 | 21.5 | 19.2 | 16.9 | 13.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 6.6 | 4.4 | 9.6 | 19.0 | 23.2 | 24.1 | 13.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 9.1 | 16.8 | 21.5 | 31.3 | 15.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 3.2 | 3.6 | 10.2 | 21.7 | 47.6 | 13.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 14.0 | 40.7 | 10.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 10.3 | 7.2 | 17.1 | 14.2 | 17.0 | 15.6 | 18.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 12.2 | 21.6 | 9.9 | 13.2 | 8.3 | 28.8 | 6.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 10.5 | 2.2 | 14.5 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 46.0 | 3.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 27.8 | 39.3 | 19.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 86.8 | 3.1 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 9.3 | 17.4 | 22.9 | 30.9 | 9.8 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 9.9 | 5.5 | 14.0 | 22.3 | 21.4 | 14.1 | 12.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 12.4 | 19.0 | 20.4 | 22.3 | 10.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 10.0 | 17.4 | 24.9 | 28.3 | 8.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 6.7 | 16.6 | 23.9 | 38.5 | 8.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 12.0 | 22.7 | 49.8 | 10.3 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 9.0 | 16.8 | 23.5 | 32.7 | 8.9 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 10.5 | 5.9 | 14.5 | 21.8 | 21.3 | 14.6 | 11.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 8.2 | 6.5 | 12.3 | 18.1 | 21.3 | 24.2 | 9.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 9.8 | 16.9 | 25.6 | 29.5 | 8.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 6.5 | 16.5 | 23.9 | 39.9 | 8.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 12.0 | 23.1 | 50.4 | 9.8 |

Table 67. Number and percent distribution of decedents by average number of alcoholic drinks consumed on the days he or she drank, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | How many drinks | | | | | | Don't know |
|--|-------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| | | 12 or more | 7-11 | 5-6 | 3-4 | 2 | 1 | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 8.7 | 5.0 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 19.6 | 17.2 | 16.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 7.8 | 4.2 | 12.0 | 25.0 | 21.8 | 12.7 | 16.4 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 13.6 | 5.7 | 12.5 | 23.7 | 16.5 | 12.7 | 15.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 8.9 | 5.2 | 11.0 | 22.5 | 19.4 | 17.3 | 15.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 10.1 | 19.1 | 23.0 | 23.1 | 17.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 5.5 | 5.5 | 14.7 | 20.1 | 35.0 | 19.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 10.4 | 8.6 | 11.8 | 9.5 | 16.2 | 33.9 | 9.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 12.8 | 6.3 | 19.1 | 10.8 | 17.7 | 11.0 | 22.2 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 16.9 | 25.1 | 13.9 | 13.8 | 4.7 | 18.9 | 6.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 14.0 | 1.8 | 15.8 | 15.2 | 13.4 | 36.6 | 3.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 1.9 | 37.0 | 37.6 | 13.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 89.6 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 9.5 | 22.2 | 54.9 | 6.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 4.8 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 15.7 | 28.8 | 31.7 | 8.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 16.1 | 28.4 | 34.6 | 5.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 12.1 | 23.5 | 50.4 | 6.4 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 20.4 | 61.4 | 7.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 16.4 | 72.8 | 6.1 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 9.1 | 21.9 | 56.8 | 6.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 7.3 | 14.9 | 29.9 | 33.4 | 7.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 16.0 | 29.1 | 36.0 | 5.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 12.1 | 22.8 | 52.0 | 6.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 6.6 | 20.6 | 62.6 | 6.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 16.2 | 73.4 | 6.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 13.7 | 25.1 | 36.6 | 9.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 9.5 | 2.3 | 6.1 | 17.3 | 26.5 | 26.7 | 11.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 8.3 | 4.4 | 11.1 | 16.9 | 24.9 | 25.7 | 8.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 7.3 | 12.7 | 30.0 | 36.1 | 8.4 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 7.5 | 12.6 | 19.0 | 45.4 | 12.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 0.8 | 1.7 | 5.8 | 23.3 | 60.1 | 8.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 2.1 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 55.4 | 11.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 3.7 | 9.3 | 11.7 | 23.0 | 15.1 | 27.9 | 9.2 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.2 | 14.8 | 2.2 | 11.9 | 15.0 | 47.3 | 5.5 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | — | 3.5 | 10.4 | 1.7 | 7.0 | 73.9 | 3.5 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 1.6 | 4.7 | 7.9 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 43.7 | 32.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.4 | — | 4.1 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 83.4 | 7.0 |

Table 68. Number and percent distribution of decedents by regularity with which decedent exercised vigorously at least 3 times a week for at least 20 minutes over the last 10 years of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Regularity of exercise | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|--|
| | Total | Very regularly | Not very regularly | Hardly at all | Don't know | Total | Very regularly | Not very regularly | Hardly at all | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | | Number | | | | | Percent distribution | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,957,226 | 329,850 | 245,986 | 1,299,062 | 82,328 | 100.0 | 16.9 | 12.6 | 66.4 | 4.2 | |
| 25-44 years | 124,866 | 34,084 | 23,251 | 58,848 | 8,683 | 100.0 | 27.3 | 18.6 | 47.1 | 7.0 | |
| 45-64 years | 385,839 | 66,691 | 56,250 | 247,048 | 15,851 | 100.0 | 17.3 | 14.6 | 64.0 | 4.1 | |
| 65-74 years | 474,463 | 78,380 | 64,743 | 310,142 | 21,198 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 13.6 | 65.4 | 4.5 | |
| 75-84 years | 559,675 | 92,917 | 66,079 | 378,011 | 22,669 | 100.0 | 16.6 | 11.8 | 67.5 | 4.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 412,382 | 57,778 | 35,663 | 305,013 | 13,927 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 8.6 | 74.0 | 3.4 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,714,015 | 282,742 | 215,945 | 1,147,261 | 68,066 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 12.6 | 66.9 | 4.0 | |
| 25-44 years | 92,551 | 24,392 | 17,910 | 44,515 | 5,734 | 100.0 | 26.4 | 19.4 | 48.1 | 6.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 318,524 | 55,056 | 47,303 | 204,125 | 12,040 | 100.0 | 17.3 | 14.9 | 64.1 | 3.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 416,053 | 67,554 | 57,978 | 272,474 | 18,047 | 100.0 | 16.2 | 13.9 | 65.5 | 4.3 | |
| 75-84 years | 505,939 | 83,847 | 59,920 | 342,029 | 20,143 | 100.0 | 16.6 | 11.8 | 67.6 | 4.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 380,949 | 51,895 | 32,834 | 284,118 | 12,102 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 8.6 | 74.6 | 3.2 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 224,873 | 40,909 | 26,810 | 143,460 | 13,695 | 100.0 | 18.2 | 11.9 | 63.8 | 6.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,738 | 8,926 | 4,792 | 13,233 | 2,786 | 100.0 | 30.0 | 16.1 | 44.5 | 9.4 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,009 | 10,191 | 8,385 | 40,906 | 3,527 | 100.0 | 16.2 | 13.3 | 64.9 | 5.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 54,403 | 9,058 | 6,025 | 36,224 | 3,097 | 100.0 | 16.6 | 11.1 | 66.6 | 5.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 49,741 | 7,814 | 5,229 | 34,227 | 2,471 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 10.5 | 68.8 | 5.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 27,981 | 4,920 | 2,378 | 18,870 | 1,814 | 100.0 | 17.6 | 8.5 | 67.4 | 6.5 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 18,339 | 6,198 | 3,231 | 8,342 | 567 | 100.0 | 33.8 | 17.6 | 45.5 | 3.1 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,578 | 766 | 549 | 1,100 | 163 | 100.0 | 29.7 | 21.3 | 42.7 | 6.3 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,306 | 1,444 | 562 | 2,017 | 284 | 100.0 | 33.5 | 13.0 | 46.8 | 6.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,008 | 1,769 | 740 | 1,445 | 55 | 100.0 | 44.1 | 18.5 | 36.1 | 1.4 | |
| 75-84 years | 3,996 | 1,256 | 929 | 1,755 | 55 | 100.0 | 31.4 | 23.3 | 43.9 | 1.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,451 | 964 | 451 | 2,026 | 10 | 100.0 | 27.9 | 13.1 | 58.7 | 0.3 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,016,928 | 211,231 | 141,512 | 614,859 | 49,326 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 13.9 | 60.5 | 4.9 | |
| 25-44 years | 86,843 | 25,702 | 15,514 | 39,020 | 6,608 | 100.0 | 29.6 | 17.9 | 44.9 | 7.6 | |
| 45-64 years | 239,608 | 46,600 | 34,005 | 147,403 | 11,600 | 100.0 | 19.4 | 14.2 | 61.5 | 4.8 | |
| 65-74 years | 276,541 | 51,966 | 39,168 | 171,657 | 13,750 | 100.0 | 18.8 | 14.2 | 62.1 | 5.0 | |
| 75-84 years | 275,295 | 55,659 | 36,457 | 171,243 | 11,936 | 100.0 | 20.2 | 13.2 | 62.2 | 4.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 138,642 | 31,305 | 16,368 | 85,536 | 5,433 | 100.0 | 22.6 | 11.8 | 61.7 | 3.9 | |
| White, 25 years and over | 884,169 | 181,155 | 125,016 | 536,889 | 41,108 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 14.1 | 60.7 | 4.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 64,714 | 18,134 | 12,185 | 29,942 | 4,453 | 100.0 | 28.0 | 18.8 | 46.3 | 6.9 | |
| 45-64 years | 199,735 | 39,119 | 29,208 | 122,242 | 9,167 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 14.6 | 61.2 | 4.6 | |
| 65-74 years | 244,284 | 44,961 | 35,091 | 152,220 | 12,011 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 14.4 | 62.3 | 4.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 248,832 | 50,560 | 33,278 | 154,232 | 10,762 | 100.0 | 20.3 | 13.4 | 62.0 | 4.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 126,604 | 28,380 | 15,255 | 78,253 | 4,715 | 100.0 | 22.4 | 12.0 | 61.8 | 3.7 | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 121,959 | 25,885 | 14,482 | 73,572 | 8,019 | 100.0 | 21.2 | 11.9 | 60.3 | 6.6 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,278 | 6,923 | 3,048 | 8,249 | 2,058 | 100.0 | 34.1 | 15.0 | 40.7 | 10.1 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,560 | 6,612 | 4,434 | 24,151 | 2,364 | 100.0 | 17.6 | 11.8 | 64.3 | 6.3 | |
| 65-74 years | 29,902 | 5,769 | 3,370 | 19,046 | 1,717 | 100.0 | 19.3 | 11.3 | 63.7 | 5.7 | |
| 75-84 years | 23,976 | 4,128 | 2,733 | 15,953 | 1,163 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 11.4 | 66.5 | 4.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,243 | 2,453 | 897 | 6,174 | 718 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 8.8 | 60.3 | 7.0 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 10,802 | 4,191 | 2,014 | 4,399 | 198 | 100.0 | 38.8 | 18.6 | 40.7 | 1.8 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,851 | 644 | 280 | 830 | 97 | 100.0 | 34.8 | 15.1 | 44.8 | 5.2 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,312 | 870 | 364 | 1,010 | 68 | 100.0 | 37.6 | 15.7 | 43.7 | 2.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,356 | 1,235 | 707 | 391 | 22 | 100.0 | 52.4 | 30.0 | 16.6 | 0.9 | |
| 75-84 years | 2,487 | 971 | 447 | 1,059 | 11 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 18.0 | 42.6 | 0.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,795 | 471 | 216 | 1,108 | — | 100.0 | 26.3 | 12.0 | 61.7 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 940,298 | 118,619 | 104,474 | 684,204 | 33,002 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 11.1 | 72.8 | 3.5 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,023 | 8,382 | 7,738 | 19,828 | 2,076 | 100.0 | 22.0 | 20.4 | 52.1 | 5.5 | |
| 45-64 years | 146,231 | 20,091 | 22,245 | 99,645 | 4,251 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 15.2 | 68.1 | 2.9 | |
| 65-74 years | 197,923 | 26,415 | 25,575 | 138,486 | 7,448 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 12.9 | 70.0 | 3.8 | |
| 75-84 years | 284,379 | 37,258 | 29,621 | 206,767 | 10,733 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 10.4 | 72.7 | 3.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 273,741 | 26,474 | 19,295 | 219,478 | 8,494 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 7.0 | 80.2 | 3.1 | |

Table 68. Number and percent distribution of decedents by regularity with which decedent exercised vigorously at least 3 times a week for at least 20 minutes over the last 10 years of life, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Regularity of exercise | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| | Total | Very regularly | Not very regularly | Hardly at all | Don't know | Total | Very regularly | Not very regularly | Hardly at all | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | Number | | | | | Percent distribution | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 829,847 | 101,587 | 90,929 | 610,372 | 26,958 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 11.0 | 73.6 | 3.2 |
| 25–44 years | 27,837 | 6,257 | 5,725 | 14,573 | 1,282 | 100.0 | 22.5 | 20.6 | 52.4 | 4.6 |
| 45–64 years | 118,788 | 15,937 | 18,095 | 81,883 | 2,873 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 15.2 | 68.9 | 2.4 |
| 65–74 years | 171,769 | 22,593 | 22,887 | 120,254 | 6,036 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 13.3 | 70.0 | 3.5 |
| 75–84 years | 257,106 | 33,287 | 26,642 | 187,797 | 9,381 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 10.4 | 73.0 | 3.6 |
| 85 years and over | 254,346 | 23,514 | 17,579 | 205,865 | 7,387 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 6.9 | 80.9 | 2.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 102,914 | 15,024 | 12,328 | 69,887 | 5,675 | 100.0 | 14.6 | 12.0 | 67.9 | 5.5 |
| 25–44 years | 9,460 | 2,003 | 1,744 | 4,985 | 728 | 100.0 | 21.2 | 18.4 | 52.7 | 7.7 |
| 45–64 years | 25,449 | 3,580 | 3,951 | 16,755 | 1,163 | 100.0 | 14.1 | 15.5 | 65.8 | 4.6 |
| 65–74 years | 24,502 | 3,288 | 2,656 | 17,178 | 1,380 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 10.8 | 70.1 | 5.6 |
| 75–84 years | 25,765 | 3,686 | 2,497 | 18,274 | 1,308 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 9.7 | 70.9 | 5.1 |
| 85 years and over | 17,739 | 2,467 | 1,480 | 12,695 | 1,096 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 8.3 | 71.6 | 6.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,537 | 2,008 | 1,217 | 3,944 | 369 | 100.0 | 26.6 | 16.2 | 52.3 | 4.9 |
| 25–44 years | 726 | 122 | 269 | 270 | 66 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 37.0 | 37.2 | 9.1 |
| 45–64 years | 1,994 | 574 | 198 | 1,006 | 216 | 100.0 | 28.8 | 9.9 | 50.5 | 10.8 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 534 | 32 | 1,054 | 32 | 100.0 | 32.3 | 2.0 | 63.8 | 2.0 |
| 75–84 years | 1,509 | 286 | 483 | 696 | 44 | 100.0 | 18.9 | 32.0 | 46.2 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 492 | 236 | 917 | 10 | 100.0 | 29.7 | 14.2 | 55.4 | 0.6 |

Table 69. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever worked at a paying job or business full or part time, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever worked at paying job or business | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|--------|------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,869 | 1,713,132 | 220,329 | 53,408 | 100.0 | 86.2 | 11.1 | 2.7 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 113,177 | 9,077 | 3,436 | 100.0 | 90.0 | 7.2 | 2.7 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 354,988 | 26,416 | 8,905 | 100.0 | 91.0 | 6.8 | 2.3 |
| 65-74 years | 480,024 | 428,931 | 38,213 | 12,881 | 100.0 | 89.4 | 8.0 | 2.7 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 489,066 | 62,550 | 16,999 | 100.0 | 86.0 | 11.0 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 326,970 | 84,074 | 11,187 | 100.0 | 77.4 | 19.9 | 2.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,772 | 1,502,680 | 192,343 | 44,749 | 100.0 | 86.4 | 11.1 | 2.6 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 85,493 | 5,395 | 2,237 | 100.0 | 91.8 | 5.8 | 2.4 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 294,898 | 20,424 | 6,898 | 100.0 | 91.5 | 6.3 | 2.1 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 376,955 | 32,793 | 11,185 | 100.0 | 89.6 | 7.8 | 2.7 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 443,553 | 55,122 | 14,947 | 100.0 | 86.4 | 10.7 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 301,781 | 78,610 | 9,482 | 100.0 | 77.4 | 20.2 | 2.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 196,132 | 23,808 | 8,063 | 100.0 | 86.0 | 10.4 | 3.5 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 25,398 | 3,435 | 1,112 | 100.0 | 84.8 | 11.5 | 3.7 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 57,228 | 4,742 | 1,788 | 100.0 | 89.8 | 7.4 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 49,429 | 4,172 | 1,471 | 100.0 | 89.8 | 7.6 | 2.7 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 42,102 | 6,635 | 2,007 | 100.0 | 83.0 | 13.1 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 21,976 | 4,824 | 1,685 | 100.0 | 77.1 | 16.9 | 5.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 14,319 | 4,178 | 596 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 21.9 | 3.1 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 2,287 | 247 | 88 | 100.0 | 87.2 | 9.4 | 3.3 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 2,862 | 1,250 | 218 | 100.0 | 66.1 | 28.9 | 5.0 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 2,547 | 1,247 | 225 | 100.0 | 63.4 | 31.0 | 5.6 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 3,411 | 793 | 44 | 100.0 | 80.3 | 18.7 | 1.0 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 3,213 | 640 | 21 | 100.0 | 82.9 | 16.5 | 0.5 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 974,875 | 25,868 | 29,005 | 100.0 | 94.7 | 2.5 | 2.8 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 81,026 | 3,700 | 2,570 | 100.0 | 92.8 | 4.2 | 2.9 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 229,071 | 7,066 | 6,097 | 100.0 | 94.6 | 2.9 | 2.5 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 265,270 | 6,438 | 8,016 | 100.0 | 94.8 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| 75-84 years | 279,387 | 265,043 | 5,434 | 8,910 | 100.0 | 94.9 | 1.9 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 134,465 | 3,231 | 3,412 | 100.0 | 95.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,185 | 851,289 | 19,131 | 24,764 | 100.0 | 95.1 | 2.1 | 2.8 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 61,109 | 2,276 | 1,695 | 100.0 | 93.9 | 3.5 | 2.6 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 192,045 | 4,834 | 5,038 | 100.0 | 95.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 234,883 | 5,353 | 6,837 | 100.0 | 95.1 | 2.2 | 2.8 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 239,973 | 4,321 | 8,260 | 100.0 | 95.0 | 1.7 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 123,279 | 2,347 | 2,934 | 100.0 | 95.9 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 113,768 | 5,620 | 3,906 | 100.0 | 92.3 | 4.6 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 18,217 | 1,316 | 798 | 100.0 | 89.6 | 6.5 | 3.9 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 35,185 | 1,772 | 1,036 | 100.0 | 92.6 | 4.7 | 2.7 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 28,503 | 827 | 954 | 100.0 | 94.1 | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 22,639 | 1,047 | 640 | 100.0 | 93.1 | 4.3 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 9,225 | 658 | 479 | 100.0 | 89.0 | 6.4 | 4.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 9,818 | 1,117 | 335 | 100.0 | 87.1 | 9.9 | 3.0 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 1,700 | 108 | 76 | 100.0 | 90.2 | 5.7 | 4.1 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 1,842 | 459 | 23 | 100.0 | 79.3 | 19.8 | 1.0 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 1,884 | 258 | 225 | 100.0 | 79.6 | 10.9 | 9.5 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 2,432 | 66 | 11 | 100.0 | 96.9 | 2.6 | 0.4 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 1,961 | 226 | — | 100.0 | 89.7 | 10.3 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,122 | 738,258 | 194,461 | 24,403 | 100.0 | 77.1 | 20.3 | 2.5 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 32,152 | 5,377 | 866 | 100.0 | 83.7 | 14.0 | 2.3 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 125,917 | 19,350 | 2,808 | 100.0 | 85.0 | 13.1 | 1.9 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 163,662 | 31,775 | 4,865 | 100.0 | 81.7 | 15.9 | 2.4 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 224,022 | 57,116 | 8,088 | 100.0 | 77.5 | 19.7 | 2.8 |
| 85 years and over | 281,124 | 192,505 | 80,844 | 7,775 | 100.0 | 68.5 | 28.8 | 2.8 |

Table 69. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent ever worked at a paying job or business full or part time, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever worked at paying job or business | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|------|------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 651,392 | 173,212 | 19,985 | 100.0 | 77.1 | 20.5 | 2.4 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 24,384 | 3,119 | 542 | 100.0 | 86.9 | 11.1 | 1.9 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 102,853 | 15,590 | 1,860 | 100.0 | 85.5 | 13.0 | 1.5 |
| 65–74 years | 173,861 | 142,073 | 27,440 | 4,348 | 100.0 | 81.7 | 15.8 | 2.5 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 203,580 | 50,801 | 6,688 | 100.0 | 78.0 | 19.5 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 178,502 | 76,263 | 6,548 | 100.0 | 68.3 | 29.2 | 2.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 82,364 | 18,189 | 4,157 | 100.0 | 78.7 | 17.4 | 4.0 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 7,181 | 2,119 | 313 | 100.0 | 74.7 | 22.0 | 3.3 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 22,043 | 2,969 | 753 | 100.0 | 85.6 | 11.5 | 2.9 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 20,926 | 3,346 | 518 | 100.0 | 84.4 | 13.5 | 2.1 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 19,463 | 5,588 | 1,367 | 100.0 | 73.7 | 21.2 | 5.2 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 12,750 | 4,166 | 1,206 | 100.0 | 70.4 | 23.0 | 6.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 4,501 | 3,060 | 261 | 100.0 | 57.5 | 39.1 | 3.3 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 587 | 139 | 11 | 100.0 | 79.6 | 18.9 | 1.5 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 1,020 | 791 | 196 | 100.0 | 50.8 | 39.4 | 9.7 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 663 | 989 | — | 100.0 | 40.1 | 59.9 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 979 | 727 | 33 | 100.0 | 56.3 | 41.8 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 1,252 | 414 | 21 | 100.0 | 74.2 | 24.6 | 1.2 |

Table 70. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was employed at a paying job or business until death, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Employment status | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| | Total | Employed | Not employed | Don't know | Employment status | | | |
| | | | | | Total | Employed | Not employed | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,742,592 | 227,861 | 1,457,969 | 56,762 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 83.7 | 3.3 |
| 25-44 years | 116,095 | 58,161 | 53,287 | 4,648 | 100.0 | 50.1 | 45.9 | 4.0 |
| 45-64 years | 359,927 | 111,557 | 237,502 | 10,868 | 100.0 | 31.0 | 66.0 | 3.0 |
| 65-74 years | 437,211 | 36,079 | 385,889 | 15,243 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 88.3 | 3.5 |
| 75-84 years | 498,727 | 18,607 | 464,410 | 15,710 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 93.1 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 330,631 | 3,458 | 316,880 | 10,293 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 95.8 | 3.1 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,526,733 | 193,443 | 1,286,429 | 46,862 | 100.0 | 12.7 | 84.3 | 3.1 |
| 25-44 years | 87,371 | 45,950 | 38,270 | 3,152 | 100.0 | 52.6 | 43.8 | 3.6 |
| 45-64 years | 298,603 | 95,411 | 194,947 | 8,246 | 100.0 | 32.0 | 65.3 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 384,098 | 31,900 | 339,053 | 13,145 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 88.3 | 3.4 |
| 75-84 years | 452,063 | 17,187 | 421,373 | 13,503 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 93.2 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 304,598 | 2,995 | 292,787 | 8,817 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 96.1 | 2.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 201,676 | 31,759 | 160,552 | 9,365 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 79.6 | 4.6 |
| 25-44 years | 26,383 | 10,962 | 13,969 | 1,451 | 100.0 | 41.6 | 53.0 | 5.5 |
| 45-64 years | 58,268 | 15,024 | 40,829 | 2,415 | 100.0 | 25.8 | 70.1 | 4.2 |
| 65-74 years | 50,352 | 3,911 | 44,343 | 2,098 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 88.1 | 4.2 |
| 75-84 years | 43,461 | 1,408 | 40,108 | 1,945 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 92.3 | 4.5 |
| 85 years and over | 23,212 | 454 | 21,303 | 1,455 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 91.8 | 6.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 14,182 | 2,659 | 10,988 | 535 | 100.0 | 18.8 | 77.5 | 3.8 |
| 25-44 years | 2,341 | 1,248 | 1,048 | 45 | 100.0 | 53.3 | 44.8 | 1.9 |
| 45-64 years | 3,056 | 1,122 | 1,728 | 207 | 100.0 | 36.7 | 56.5 | 6.8 |
| 65-74 years | 2,761 | 268 | 2,493 | — | 100.0 | 9.7 | 90.3 | — |
| 75-84 years | 3,203 | 11 | 2,930 | 262 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 91.5 | 8.2 |
| 85 years and over | 2,822 | 10 | 2,791 | 21 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 98.9 | 0.7 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 991,612 | 175,606 | 780,924 | 35,081 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 78.8 | 3.5 |
| 25-44 years | 83,279 | 46,288 | 33,477 | 3,515 | 100.0 | 55.9 | 40.2 | 4.2 |
| 45-64 years | 232,630 | 86,844 | 138,631 | 7,155 | 100.0 | 37.3 | 59.6 | 3.1 |
| 65-74 years | 270,167 | 27,076 | 232,203 | 10,887 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 86.0 | 4.0 |
| 75-84 years | 270,126 | 13,644 | 247,423 | 9,059 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 91.6 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 135,411 | 1,754 | 129,191 | 4,466 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 95.4 | 3.3 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 865,467 | 150,587 | 685,243 | 29,636 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 79.2 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 62,573 | 37,012 | 23,153 | 2,408 | 100.0 | 59.2 | 37.0 | 3.9 |
| 45-64 years | 194,989 | 74,767 | 114,791 | 5,431 | 100.0 | 38.3 | 58.9 | 2.8 |
| 65-74 years | 238,930 | 24,425 | 204,890 | 9,616 | 100.0 | 10.2 | 85.8 | 4.2 |
| 75-84 years | 244,718 | 12,819 | 223,824 | 8,074 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 91.5 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 124,257 | 1,565 | 118,585 | 4,107 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 95.4 | 3.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 116,461 | 22,872 | 88,418 | 5,171 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 75.9 | 4.4 |
| 25-44 years | 18,962 | 8,324 | 9,565 | 1,072 | 100.0 | 43.9 | 50.4 | 5.9 |
| 45-64 years | 35,788 | 11,138 | 22,937 | 1,712 | 100.0 | 31.1 | 64.1 | 4.8 |
| 65-74 years | 29,139 | 2,416 | 25,451 | 1,272 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 87.3 | 4.4 |
| 75-84 years | 22,988 | 814 | 21,418 | 756 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 93.2 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 9,584 | 179 | 9,046 | 359 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 94.4 | 3.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 9,684 | 2,147 | 7,263 | 274 | 100.0 | 22.2 | 75.0 | 2.9 |
| 25-44 years | 1,743 | 951 | 758 | 34 | 100.0 | 54.6 | 43.5 | 2.0 |
| 45-64 years | 1,853 | 939 | 903 | 11 | 100.0 | 50.7 | 48.7 | 0.6 |
| 65-74 years | 2,098 | 236 | 1,862 | — | 100.0 | 11.2 | 88.8 | — |
| 75-84 years | 2,421 | 11 | 2,181 | 229 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 90.1 | 9.5 |
| 85 years and over | 1,570 | 10 | 1,560 | — | 100.0 | 0.6 | 99.4 | — |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 750,980 | 52,255 | 677,045 | 21,680 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 90.2 | 2.9 |
| 25-44 years | 32,816 | 11,873 | 19,810 | 1,133 | 100.0 | 36.2 | 60.4 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 127,298 | 24,713 | 98,871 | 3,714 | 100.0 | 19.4 | 77.7 | 2.9 |
| 65-74 years | 167,044 | 9,002 | 153,686 | 4,356 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 92.0 | 2.6 |
| 75-84 years | 228,601 | 4,963 | 216,987 | 6,651 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 94.9 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 195,220 | 1,704 | 187,689 | 5,827 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 96.1 | 3.0 |

Table 70. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was employed at a paying job or business until death, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Employment status | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|------------|--------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Employed | Not employed | Don't know | Total | Employed | Not employed | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 661,267 | 42,856 | 601,185 | 17,226 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 90.9 | 2.6 |
| 25–44 years | 24,798 | 8,938 | 15,117 | 743 | 100.0 | 36.0 | 61.0 | 3.0 |
| 45–64 years | 103,615 | 20,644 | 80,156 | 2,815 | 100.0 | 19.9 | 77.4 | 2.7 |
| 65–74 years | 145,168 | 7,475 | 134,163 | 3,529 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 92.4 | 2.4 |
| 75–84 years | 207,345 | 4,368 | 197,548 | 5,429 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 95.3 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 180,341 | 1,430 | 174,203 | 4,710 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 96.6 | 2.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 85,215 | 8,887 | 72,134 | 4,194 | 100.0 | 10.4 | 84.7 | 4.9 |
| 25–44 years | 7,420 | 2,638 | 4,404 | 379 | 100.0 | 35.5 | 59.4 | 5.1 |
| 45–64 years | 22,480 | 3,886 | 17,891 | 703 | 100.0 | 17.3 | 79.6 | 3.1 |
| 65–74 years | 21,214 | 1,495 | 18,892 | 826 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 89.1 | 3.9 |
| 75–84 years | 20,474 | 595 | 18,690 | 1,189 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 91.3 | 5.8 |
| 85 years and over | 13,627 | 274 | 12,257 | 1,096 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 89.9 | 8.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 4,498 | 512 | 3,725 | 261 | 100.0 | 11.4 | 82.8 | 5.8 |
| 25–44 years | 598 | 297 | 290 | 11 | 100.0 | 49.7 | 48.5 | 1.8 |
| 45–64 years | 1,203 | 183 | 825 | 196 | 100.0 | 15.2 | 68.6 | 16.3 |
| 65–74 years | 663 | 32 | 631 | — | 100.0 | 4.9 | 95.1 | — |
| 75–84 years | 782 | — | 749 | 33 | 100.0 | — | 95.7 | 4.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,252 | — | 1,231 | 21 | 100.0 | — | 98.3 | 1.7 |

Table 71. Number and percent distribution of decedents who stopped working by reason for doing so, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Reason decedent stopped working | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------------|---------|------------|
| | | Poor health or disability | Retirement | Loss of job | Marriage | Care of family | Other | Don't know |
| | | Number | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,514,731 | 430,457 | 710,673 | 48,203 | 55,687 | 56,373 | 103,329 | 110,008 |
| 25-44 years | 57,935 | 31,486 | 484 | 7,655 | 639 | 3,105 | 8,015 | 6,553 |
| 45-64 years | 248,370 | 153,337 | 29,279 | 13,477 | 5,152 | 9,999 | 20,309 | 16,818 |
| 65-74 years | 401,132 | 127,202 | 193,890 | 8,406 | 10,131 | 14,104 | 21,720 | 25,679 |
| 75-84 years | 480,121 | 85,824 | 288,693 | 10,631 | 17,719 | 16,907 | 26,987 | 33,360 |
| 85 years and over | 327,173 | 32,609 | 198,327 | 8,034 | 22,047 | 12,257 | 26,300 | 27,599 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,333,291 | 352,043 | 647,369 | 39,003 | 54,749 | 53,640 | 91,908 | 94,579 |
| 25-44 years | 41,421 | 23,002 | 444 | 4,784 | 5,452 | 2,780 | 5,706 | 4,164 |
| 45-64 years | 203,193 | 123,465 | 25,100 | 10,426 | 4,885 | 9,041 | 17,094 | 13,182 |
| 65-74 years | 352,198 | 104,802 | 174,957 | 6,730 | 9,959 | 13,519 | 19,812 | 22,410 |
| 75-84 years | 434,876 | 73,603 | 262,973 | 9,548 | 17,481 | 16,459 | 24,929 | 29,883 |
| 85 years and over | 301,603 | 27,160 | 183,896 | 7,515 | 21,883 | 11,842 | 24,368 | 24,940 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 169,917 | 75,583 | 57,240 | 8,740 | 916 | 2,419 | 10,708 | 14,310 |
| 25-44 years | 15,421 | 7,966 | 41 | 2,576 | 86 | 303 | 2,162 | 2,287 |
| 45-64 years | 43,244 | 29,083 | 3,810 | 2,963 | 255 | 743 | 3,005 | 3,385 |
| 65-74 years | 46,441 | 21,529 | 17,646 | 1,632 | 173 | 575 | 1,854 | 3,033 |
| 75-84 years | 42,053 | 12,011 | 23,144 | 1,061 | 238 | 415 | 2,003 | 3,181 |
| 85 years and over | 22,758 | 4,995 | 12,599 | 508 | 164 | 384 | 1,685 | 2,423 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,523 | 2,831 | 6,065 | 460 | 22 | 313 | 713 | 1,120 |
| 25-44 years | 1,093 | 518 | — | 295 | 11 | 22 | 145 | 102 |
| 45-64 years | 1,934 | 789 | 369 | 88 | 11 | 216 | 210 | 251 |
| 65-74 years | 2,493 | 860 | 1,288 | 44 | — | 11 | 55 | 235 |
| 75-84 years | 3,192 | 210 | 2,575 | 22 | — | 33 | 55 | 295 |
| 85 years and over | 2,812 | 454 | 1,832 | 11 | — | 31 | 248 | 237 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 816,006 | 275,711 | 439,410 | 21,558 | 207 | 1,070 | 29,434 | 48,617 |
| 25-44 years | 36,991 | 20,918 | 314 | 5,868 | — | — | 5,038 | 4,852 |
| 45-64 years | 145,786 | 101,139 | 20,434 | 7,610 | 11 | — | 7,628 | 8,963 |
| 65-74 years | 243,090 | 84,785 | 135,026 | 3,414 | — | — | 5,144 | 14,721 |
| 75-84 years | 256,482 | 51,960 | 178,404 | 3,508 | — | 678 | 7,419 | 14,512 |
| 85 years and over | 133,657 | 16,908 | 105,232 | 1,157 | 196 | 391 | 4,205 | 5,568 |
| White, 25 years and over | 714,880 | 230,007 | 402,174 | 16,129 | 196 | 1,011 | 24,636 | 40,727 |
| 25-44 years | 25,561 | 14,616 | 274 | 3,803 | — | — | 3,668 | 3,201 |
| 45-64 years | 120,222 | 83,233 | 17,967 | 5,682 | — | — | 6,356 | 6,985 |
| 65-74 years | 214,506 | 71,577 | 123,034 | 2,565 | — | — | 4,486 | 12,844 |
| 75-84 years | 231,899 | 46,108 | 162,460 | 3,101 | — | 620 | 6,606 | 13,004 |
| 85 years and over | 122,692 | 14,473 | 98,440 | 978 | 196 | 391 | 3,520 | 4,694 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 93,589 | 43,530 | 33,415 | 5,077 | — | 58 | 4,369 | 7,141 |
| 25-44 years | 10,638 | 5,963 | 41 | 1,781 | — | — | 1,259 | 1,594 |
| 45-64 years | 24,650 | 17,401 | 2,228 | 1,882 | — | — | 1,182 | 1,956 |
| 65-74 years | 26,723 | 12,434 | 11,174 | 827 | — | — | 656 | 1,653 |
| 75-84 years | 22,174 | 5,698 | 13,918 | 407 | — | 58 | 814 | 1,279 |
| 85 years and over | 9,405 | 2,034 | 6,054 | 179 | — | — | 479 | 658 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,537 | 2,174 | 3,822 | 352 | 11 | — | 430 | 749 |
| 25-44 years | 792 | 340 | — | 284 | — | — | 111 | 57 |
| 45-64 years | 914 | 504 | 240 | 45 | 11 | — | 90 | 23 |
| 65-74 years | 1,862 | 774 | 819 | 22 | — | — | 22 | 225 |
| 75-84 years | 2,410 | 155 | 2,026 | — | — | — | — | 229 |
| 85 years and over | 1,560 | 401 | 737 | — | — | — | 206 | 216 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 698,725 | 154,746 | 271,263 | 26,646 | 55,480 | 55,304 | 73,895 | 61,392 |
| 25-44 years | 20,944 | 10,567 | 170 | 1,787 | 639 | 3,105 | 2,974 | 1,701 |
| 45-64 years | 102,585 | 52,198 | 8,845 | 5,868 | 5,140 | 9,999 | 12,681 | 7,854 |
| 65-74 years | 158,042 | 42,417 | 58,864 | 4,992 | 10,131 | 14,104 | 16,576 | 10,957 |
| 75-84 years | 223,639 | 33,864 | 110,289 | 7,123 | 17,719 | 16,229 | 19,568 | 18,847 |
| 85 years and over | 193,516 | 15,700 | 93,095 | 6,876 | 21,851 | 11,866 | 22,096 | 22,032 |

Table 71. Number and percent distribution of decedents who stopped working by reason for doing so, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Reason decedent stopped working | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------------|--------|
| | | Poor health or disability | Retirement | Loss of job | Marriage | Care of family | Other |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 618,411 | 122,036 | 245,195 | 22,874 | 54,554 | 52,629 | 67,272 |
| 25–44 years | 15,860 | 8,386 | 170 | 981 | 542 | 2,780 | 2,038 |
| 45–64 years | 82,971 | 40,232 | 7,133 | 4,744 | 4,885 | 9,041 | 10,738 |
| 65–74 years | 137,693 | 33,235 | 51,923 | 4,165 | 9,959 | 13,519 | 15,326 |
| 75–84 years | 202,977 | 27,496 | 100,514 | 6,447 | 17,481 | 15,838 | 18,323 |
| 85 years and over | 178,911 | 12,688 | 85,456 | 6,537 | 21,687 | 11,451 | 20,848 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 76,328 | 32,054 | 23,825 | 3,664 | 915 | 2,361 | 6,339 |
| 25–44 years | 4,783 | 2,003 | — | 795 | 86 | 303 | 903 |
| 45–64 years | 18,594 | 11,682 | 1,582 | 1,081 | 255 | 743 | 1,823 |
| 65–74 years | 19,719 | 9,096 | 6,472 | 805 | 173 | 575 | 1,218 |
| 75–84 years | 19,879 | 6,313 | 9,226 | 654 | 238 | 357 | 1,189 |
| 85 years and over | 13,353 | 2,960 | 6,545 | 329 | 165 | 384 | 1,206 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 3,986 | 657 | 2,243 | 108 | 11 | 313 | 283 |
| 25–44 years | 301 | 179 | — | 11 | 11 | 22 | 34 |
| 45–64 years | 1,020 | 284 | 130 | 43 | — | 216 | 120 |
| 65–74 years | 631 | 86 | 469 | 22 | — | 11 | 32 |
| 75–84 years | 782 | 56 | 549 | 22 | — | 33 | 56 |
| 85 years and over | 1,252 | 52 | 1,095 | 10 | — | 31 | 42 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 28.4 | 46.9 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 6.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 54.4 | 0.8 | 13.2 | 1.1 | 5.4 | 13.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 61.7 | 11.8 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 8.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 31.7 | 48.3 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 5.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.9 | 60.1 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 5.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 40.0 | 60.6 | 2.5 | 6.7 | 3.8 | 8.0 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 26.4 | 48.6 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 6.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 55.5 | 1.1 | 11.6 | 1.3 | 6.7 | 13.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 16.8 | 12.4 | 5.1 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 8.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 29.8 | 49.7 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 5.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 17.0 | 60.5 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 5.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 9.0 | 61.0 | 2.5 | 7.3 | 3.9 | 8.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 44.5 | 33.7 | 5.1 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 6.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 51.7 | 0.3 | 16.7 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 14.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 67.3 | 8.8 | 6.9 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 7.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 46.4 | 38.0 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 4.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 28.6 | 55.0 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 4.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 22.0 | 55.4 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 7.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 24.6 | 52.6 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 6.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 47.4 | — | 27.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 13.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 40.8 | 19.1 | 4.6 | 0.6 | 11.2 | 10.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 34.5 | 51.7 | 1.8 | — | 0.4 | 2.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.6 | 80.7 | 0.7 | — | 1.0 | 1.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 16.1 | 65.2 | 0.4 | — | 1.1 | 8.8 |
| Male | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 33.8 | 53.9 | 2.6 | — | 0.1 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 56.6 | 0.9 | 15.9 | — | — | 13.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 69.4 | 14.0 | 5.2 | — | — | 5.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 34.9 | 55.6 | 1.4 | — | — | 2.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 20.3 | 69.6 | 1.4 | — | 0.3 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.7 | 78.7 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 3.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 32.2 | 56.3 | 2.3 | — | 0.1 | 3.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 57.2 | 1.1 | 14.9 | — | — | 14.4 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 69.2 | 14.9 | 4.7 | — | — | 5.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 33.4 | 57.4 | 1.2 | — | — | 2.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 19.9 | 70.1 | 1.3 | — | 0.3 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 11.8 | 80.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 2.9 |

Table 71. Number and percent distribution of decedents who stopped working by reason for doing so, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Reason decedent stopped working | | | | | | |
|--|-------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------------|-------|------|
| | | Poor health or disability | Retirement | Loss of job | Marriage | Care of family | Other | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 46.5 | 35.7 | 5.4 | — | 0.1 | 4.7 | 7.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 56.1 | 0.4 | 16.8 | — | — | 11.8 | 15.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 70.6 | 9.0 | 7.6 | — | — | 4.8 | 7.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 46.5 | 41.8 | 3.1 | — | — | 2.4 | 6.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 25.7 | 62.8 | 1.8 | — | 0.3 | 3.7 | 5.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 21.6 | 64.4 | 1.9 | — | — | 5.1 | 7.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 28.9 | 50.7 | 4.7 | 0.2 | — | 5.7 | 9.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 42.9 | — | 35.9 | — | — | 14.0 | 7.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 55.2 | 26.2 | 5.0 | 1.3 | — | 9.9 | 2.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 41.6 | 44.0 | 1.2 | — | — | 1.2 | 12.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.4 | 84.1 | — | — | — | — | 9.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 25.7 | 47.2 | — | — | — | 13.2 | 13.8 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 22.2 | 38.8 | 3.8 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 10.6 | 8.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 50.5 | 0.8 | 8.5 | 3.1 | 14.8 | 14.2 | 8.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 50.9 | 8.6 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 9.8 | 12.4 | 7.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 26.8 | 37.3 | 3.2 | 6.4 | 8.9 | 10.5 | 6.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 15.1 | 49.3 | 3.2 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 8.8 | 8.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.1 | 48.1 | 3.6 | 11.3 | 6.1 | 11.4 | 11.4 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 19.7 | 39.7 | 3.7 | 8.8 | 8.5 | 10.9 | 8.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 52.9 | 1.1 | 6.2 | 3.4 | 17.5 | 12.9 | 6.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 48.5 | 8.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 10.9 | 12.9 | 7.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 24.1 | 37.7 | 3.0 | 7.2 | 9.8 | 11.1 | 7.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 13.6 | 49.5 | 3.2 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 8.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.1 | 47.8 | 3.7 | 12.1 | 6.4 | 11.7 | 11.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 42.0 | 31.2 | 4.8 | 1.2 | 3.1 | 8.3 | 9.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 41.9 | — | 16.6 | 1.8 | 6.3 | 18.9 | 14.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 62.8 | 8.5 | 5.8 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 9.8 | 7.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 46.1 | 32.8 | 4.1 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 6.2 | 7.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 31.8 | 46.4 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 6.0 | 9.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 22.2 | 49.0 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 9.0 | 13.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 16.5 | 56.3 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 9.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 59.4 | — | 3.7 | 3.6 | 7.4 | 11.1 | 14.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 27.9 | 12.7 | 4.2 | — | 21.1 | 11.8 | 22.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 13.7 | 74.4 | 3.4 | — | 1.7 | 5.1 | 1.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 7.1 | 70.2 | 2.8 | — | 4.3 | 7.1 | 8.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.2 | 87.4 | 0.8 | — | 2.5 | 3.4 | 1.7 |

Table 72. Number and percent distribution of decedents by length of time before death decedent last worked, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|--|
| | | Less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know | | |
| Both sexes | | | | Number | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,538,678 | 79,245 | 206,629 | 210,609 | 245,410 | 176,753 | 154,647 | 249,655 | 215,731 | | |
| 25-44 years | 58,454 | 15,855 | 19,267 | 7,368 | 3,446 | 1,308 | 974 | 146 | 10,089 | | |
| 45-64 years | 252,335 | 38,665 | 81,122 | 38,870 | 27,901 | 14,571 | 6,587 | 14,853 | 29,767 | | |
| 65-74 years | 405,733 | 16,569 | 69,723 | 112,192 | 80,771 | 29,417 | 18,555 | 34,330 | 44,177 | | |
| 75-84 years | 487,457 | 6,780 | 28,836 | 40,779 | 111,949 | 100,219 | 60,074 | 67,234 | 71,586 | | |
| 85 years and over | 334,699 | 1,375 | 7,682 | 11,399 | 21,342 | 31,237 | 68,458 | 133,092 | 60,114 | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,353,987 | 67,349 | 174,372 | 184,285 | 217,013 | 158,626 | 139,082 | 234,244 | 179,014 | | |
| 25-44 years | 41,780 | 12,379 | 14,046 | 4,988 | 2,460 | 1,041 | 833 | 93 | 5,939 | | |
| 45-64 years | 206,385 | 32,875 | 67,914 | 31,572 | 21,671 | 12,135 | 5,023 | 13,191 | 22,004 | | |
| 65-74 years | 356,240 | 14,899 | 59,794 | 100,706 | 71,287 | 24,703 | 15,971 | 32,333 | 36,548 | | |
| 75-84 years | 441,313 | 6,005 | 25,710 | 36,479 | 102,417 | 91,517 | 54,573 | 63,234 | 61,378 | | |
| 85 years and over | 308,269 | 1,191 | 6,908 | 10,540 | 19,178 | 29,231 | 62,682 | 125,393 | 53,146 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 172,436 | 11,105 | 30,271 | 25,046 | 26,946 | 16,473 | 13,448 | 14,045 | 35,102 | | |
| 25-44 years | 15,547 | 3,105 | 4,741 | 2,250 | 976 | 256 | 141 | 41 | 4,037 | | |
| 45-64 years | 43,992 | 5,425 | 12,695 | 7,110 | 6,113 | 2,206 | 1,507 | 1,455 | 7,481 | | |
| 65-74 years | 46,989 | 1,638 | 9,391 | 10,775 | 8,749 | 4,671 | 2,518 | 1,964 | 7,284 | | |
| 75-84 years | 42,700 | 764 | 2,875 | 4,278 | 8,975 | 7,774 | 4,595 | 3,604 | 9,835 | | |
| 85 years and over | 23,207 | 174 | 568 | 633 | 2,134 | 1,565 | 4,686 | 6,980 | 6,466 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 12,256 | 791 | 1,986 | 1,277 | 1,451 | 1,653 | 2,117 | 1,366 | 1,615 | | |
| 25-44 years | 1,126 | 371 | 480 | 130 | 11 | 11 | — | 11 | 112 | | |
| 45-64 years | 1,958 | 366 | 512 | 188 | 117 | 230 | 57 | 207 | 283 | | |
| 65-74 years | 2,504 | 33 | 538 | 711 | 735 | 44 | 65 | 33 | 345 | | |
| 75-84 years | 3,444 | 11 | 251 | 22 | 557 | 928 | 906 | 396 | 373 | | |
| 85 years and over | 3,224 | 10 | 206 | 227 | 31 | 441 | 1,089 | 718 | 502 | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 828,274 | 56,617 | 137,608 | 146,502 | 150,747 | 107,202 | 75,107 | 50,642 | 103,850 | | |
| 25-44 years | 37,309 | 11,367 | 12,007 | 4,350 | 1,414 | 401 | 209 | 123 | 7,439 | | |
| 45-64 years | 148,323 | 26,882 | 52,431 | 24,516 | 16,026 | 6,060 | 1,625 | 2,815 | 17,969 | | |
| 65-74 years | 246,209 | 12,696 | 47,923 | 83,031 | 50,107 | 16,078 | 7,298 | 4,879 | 24,197 | | |
| 75-84 years | 260,310 | 4,760 | 19,120 | 27,588 | 71,949 | 65,242 | 29,132 | 10,347 | 32,173 | | |
| 85 years and over | 136,123 | 912 | 6,127 | 7,019 | 11,252 | 19,422 | 36,843 | 32,477 | 22,072 | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 725,465 | 48,943 | 117,311 | 129,566 | 133,799 | 97,002 | 68,235 | 46,047 | 84,564 | | |
| 25-44 years | 25,793 | 8,865 | 8,321 | 2,752 | 983 | 256 | 197 | 82 | 7,336 | | |
| 45-64 years | 122,316 | 23,170 | 44,579 | 19,592 | 12,953 | 4,755 | 1,348 | 2,052 | 13,868 | | |
| 65-74 years | 217,295 | 11,784 | 41,534 | 75,935 | 44,325 | 13,513 | 6,195 | 4,272 | 19,738 | | |
| 75-84 years | 235,413 | 4,342 | 17,194 | 24,833 | 65,553 | 60,289 | 26,640 | 9,315 | 27,249 | | |
| 85 years and over | 124,648 | 782 | 5,682 | 6,454 | 9,985 | 18,189 | 33,857 | 30,326 | 19,373 | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 94,802 | 7,116 | 18,761 | 16,028 | 15,854 | 9,036 | 5,352 | 4,292 | 18,364 | | |
| 25-44 years | 10,691 | 2,211 | 3,326 | 1,524 | 420 | 134 | 13 | 41 | 3,024 | | |
| 45-64 years | 25,082 | 3,489 | 7,637 | 4,789 | 3,017 | 1,087 | 244 | 752 | 4,068 | | |
| 65-74 years | 27,041 | 890 | 5,873 | 6,624 | 5,277 | 2,543 | 1,081 | 584 | 4,168 | | |
| 75-84 years | 22,464 | 407 | 1,686 | 2,733 | 5,883 | 4,255 | 1,860 | 988 | 4,651 | | |
| 85 years and over | 9,525 | 120 | 239 | 359 | 1,256 | 1,017 | 2,154 | 1,926 | 2,453 | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 8,006 | 557 | 1,536 | 908 | 1,095 | 1,164 | 1,520 | 303 | 923 | | |
| 25-44 years | 825 | 290 | 360 | 74 | 11 | 11 | — | — | 79 | | |
| 45-64 years | 925 | 223 | 214 | 135 | 56 | 217 | 34 | 11 | 34 | | |
| 65-74 years | 1,873 | 22 | 516 | 472 | 505 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 291 | | |
| 75-84 years | 2,432 | 11 | 240 | 22 | 513 | 698 | 631 | 44 | 273 | | |
| 85 years and over | 1,951 | 10 | 206 | 206 | 10 | 216 | 932 | 226 | 246 | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 710,405 | 22,629 | 69,022 | 64,106 | 94,663 | 69,551 | 79,541 | 199,013 | 111,881 | | |
| 25-44 years | 21,145 | 4,489 | 7,261 | 3,018 | 2,033 | 908 | 765 | 22 | 2,650 | | |
| 45-64 years | 104,012 | 11,783 | 28,691 | 14,354 | 11,876 | 8,511 | 4,962 | 12,037 | 11,798 | | |
| 65-74 years | 159,524 | 3,873 | 21,800 | 29,161 | 30,663 | 13,339 | 11,257 | 29,452 | 19,979 | | |
| 75-84 years | 227,148 | 2,020 | 9,716 | 13,192 | 40,001 | 34,978 | 30,942 | 56,887 | 39,412 | | |
| 85 years and over | 198,576 | 463 | 1,555 | 4,381 | 10,091 | 11,816 | 31,615 | 100,614 | 38,042 | | |

Table 72. Number and percent distribution of decedents by length of time before death decedent last worked, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 628,521 | 18,406 | 57,062 | 54,719 | 83,214 | 61,625 | 70,847 | 188,198 | 94,451 |
| 25–44 years | 15,987 | 3,513 | 5,725 | 2,236 | 1,476 | 785 | 637 | 11 | 1,603 |
| 45–64 years | 84,069 | 9,705 | 23,335 | 11,980 | 8,719 | 7,380 | 3,676 | 11,139 | 8,137 |
| 65–74 years | 138,945 | 3,115 | 18,260 | 24,771 | 26,962 | 11,190 | 9,776 | 28,061 | 16,810 |
| 75–84 years | 205,900 | 1,664 | 8,516 | 11,646 | 36,865 | 31,228 | 27,933 | 53,919 | 34,129 |
| 85 years and over | 183,621 | 409 | 1,226 | 4,086 | 9,193 | 11,042 | 28,826 | 95,068 | 33,773 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 77,633 | 3,989 | 11,510 | 9,018 | 11,092 | 7,437 | 8,096 | 9,753 | 16,738 |
| 25–44 years | 4,857 | 894 | 1,415 | 727 | 556 | 123 | 129 | — | 1,013 |
| 45–64 years | 18,910 | 1,936 | 5,059 | 2,321 | 3,096 | 1,119 | 1,263 | 703 | 3,413 |
| 65–74 years | 19,949 | 748 | 3,518 | 4,151 | 3,471 | 2,128 | 1,438 | 1,380 | 3,116 |
| 75–84 years | 20,236 | 357 | 1,189 | 1,546 | 3,091 | 3,519 | 2,735 | 2,616 | 5,184 |
| 85 years and over | 13,682 | 55 | 329 | 274 | 877 | 548 | 2,532 | 5,054 | 4,013 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 4,250 | 234 | 450 | 369 | 356 | 490 | 597 | 1,062 | 692 |
| 25–44 years | 301 | 81 | 120 | 56 | — | — | — | 11 | 33 |
| 45–64 years | 1,033 | 143 | 298 | 53 | 61 | 13 | 23 | 196 | 248 |
| 65–74 years | 631 | 11 | 22 | 239 | 230 | 22 | 43 | 11 | 54 |
| 75–84 years | 1,012 | — | 11 | — | 44 | 230 | 275 | 352 | 100 |
| 85 years and over | 1,273 | — | — | 21 | 21 | 225 | 257 | 492 | 257 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.2 | 13.4 | 13.7 | 16.0 | 11.5 | 10.0 | 16.2 | 14.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 27.1 | 33.0 | 12.6 | 5.9 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 17.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 15.3 | 32.2 | 15.4 | 11.1 | 5.8 | 2.6 | 5.9 | 11.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 17.2 | 27.7 | 19.9 | 7.3 | 4.6 | 8.5 | 10.9 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.4 | 5.9 | 8.4 | 23.0 | 20.6 | 12.3 | 13.8 | 14.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 6.4 | 9.3 | 20.5 | 39.8 | 18.0 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 12.9 | 13.6 | 16.0 | 11.7 | 10.3 | 17.3 | 13.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 29.6 | 33.6 | 12.0 | 5.9 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 14.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 15.9 | 32.9 | 15.3 | 10.5 | 5.9 | 2.4 | 6.4 | 10.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.2 | 16.8 | 28.3 | 20.0 | 6.9 | 4.5 | 9.1 | 10.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.4 | 5.8 | 8.3 | 23.2 | 20.7 | 12.4 | 14.3 | 13.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.4 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 6.2 | 9.5 | 20.3 | 40.7 | 17.2 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.4 | 17.6 | 14.5 | 15.6 | 9.6 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 20.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.0 | 30.5 | 14.5 | 6.3 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 26.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 12.3 | 28.9 | 16.2 | 13.9 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 17.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.5 | 20.0 | 22.9 | 18.6 | 9.9 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 15.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.08 | 6.7 | 10.0 | 21.0 | 18.2 | 10.8 | 8.4 | 23.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 20.2 | 30.1 | 27.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.5 | 16.2 | 10.4 | 11.8 | 13.5 | 17.3 | 11.1 | 13.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 33.0 | 42.6 | 11.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | — | 1.0 | 10.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 18.7 | 26.2 | 9.6 | 6.0 | 11.7 | 2.9 | 10.6 | 14.4 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 1.3 | 21.5 | 28.4 | 29.4 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 13.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 0.3 | 7.3 | 0.6 | 16.2 | 26.9 | 26.3 | 11.5 | 10.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 13.7 | 33.8 | 22.2 | 15.6 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.8 | 16.6 | 17.7 | 18.2 | 12.9 | 9.1 | 6.1 | 12.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 30.5 | 32.2 | 11.7 | 3.8 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 19.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 18.1 | 35.4 | 16.5 | 10.8 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 12.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.2 | 19.5 | 33.7 | 20.4 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 9.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.8 | 7.4 | 10.6 | 27.6 | 25.1 | 11.2 | 4.0 | 12.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.7 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 8.3 | 14.3 | 27.1 | 23.9 | 16.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 6.8 | 16.2 | 17.9 | 18.4 | 13.4 | 9.4 | 6.4 | 11.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 34.4 | 32.3 | 10.7 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 16.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 18.9 | 36.5 | 16.0 | 10.6 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 11.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.4 | 19.1 | 35.0 | 20.4 | 6.2 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 9.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.8 | 7.3 | 10.6 | 27.9 | 25.6 | 11.3 | 4.0 | 11.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.6 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 8.0 | 14.6 | 27.1 | 24.3 | 15.5 |

Table 72. Number and percent distribution of decedents by length of time before death decedent last worked, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know |
| Male—Con. | | Percent distribution | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 7.5 | 19.8 | 16.9 | 16.7 | 9.5 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 19.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 20.7 | 31.1 | 14.3 | 3.9 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 28.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 13.9 | 30.5 | 19.1 | 12.0 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 16.2 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.3 | 21.7 | 24.5 | 19.5 | 9.4 | 4.0 | 2.2 | 15.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 12.2 | 26.2 | 18.9 | 8.3 | 4.4 | 20.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 13.2 | 10.7 | 22.6 | 20.2 | 25.8 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 7.0 | 19.2 | 11.4 | 13.7 | 14.5 | 19.0 | 3.8 | 11.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 35.2 | 43.6 | 9.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | — | — | 9.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 24.1 | 23.2 | 14.6 | 6.1 | 23.5 | 3.7 | 1.2 | 3.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 1.2 | 27.6 | 25.2 | 27.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 15.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 0.5 | 9.9 | 0.9 | 21.1 | 28.7 | 26.0 | 1.8 | 11.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 0.5 | 11.1 | 42.7 | 11.6 | 12.6 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 3.2 | 9.7 | 9.0 | 13.3 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 28.0 | 15.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 21.2 | 34.3 | 14.3 | 9.6 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 12.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 11.3 | 27.6 | 13.8 | 11.4 | 8.2 | 4.8 | 11.6 | 11.3 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 2.4 | 13.7 | 18.3 | 19.2 | 8.4 | 7.1 | 18.4 | 12.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 17.6 | 15.4 | 13.6 | 25.0 | 17.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 15.9 | 50.7 | 19.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 2.9 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 13.2 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 29.9 | 15.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 22.0 | 35.8 | 14.0 | 9.2 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 10.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 11.5 | 27.8 | 14.3 | 10.4 | 8.8 | 4.4 | 13.3 | 9.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 2.2 | 13.1 | 17.8 | 19.4 | 8.1 | 7.0 | 20.2 | 12.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 0.8 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 17.9 | 15.2 | 13.6 | 26.2 | 16.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 15.7 | 51.8 | 18.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.1 | 14.8 | 11.6 | 14.3 | 9.6 | 10.4 | 12.6 | 21.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 18.4 | 29.1 | 15.0 | 11.5 | 2.5 | 2.7 | — | 20.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.2 | 26.8 | 12.3 | 16.4 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 3.7 | 18.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 17.6 | 20.8 | 17.4 | 10.7 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 15.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 1.8 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 15.3 | 17.4 | 13.5 | 12.9 | 25.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 6.4 | 4.0 | 18.5 | 36.9 | 29.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 5.5 | 10.6 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 11.5 | 14.1 | 25.0 | 16.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 27.0 | 39.9 | 18.5 | — | — | — | 3.7 | 11.0 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 13.8 | 28.8 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 18.9 | 24.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 37.9 | 36.5 | 3.4 | 6.8 | 1.7 | 8.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | — | 1.1 | — | 4.4 | 22.7 | 27.1 | 34.8 | 9.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | — | 1.7 | 1.7 | 17.7 | 20.2 | 38.7 | 20.2 |

Table 73. Number and percent distribution of decedents by family income in the year before death, according to family size: United States, 1986

| | Total | Family income | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than \$5,000 | \$5,000–6,999 | \$7,000–8,999 | \$9,000–10,999 | \$11,000–12,999 | \$13,000–14,999 | \$15,000–16,999 | \$17,000–18,999 | \$19,000–21,999 | \$22,000–24,999 | \$25,000 or more | Don't know |
| Number | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All sizes | 1,957,226 | 337,435 | 190,278 | 141,963 | 128,544 | 115,977 | 82,504 | 73,044 | 59,946 | 78,753 | 63,970 | 288,991 | 395,821 |
| Institution | 253,661 | 111,938 | 29,837 | 16,376 | 12,601 | 7,226 | 5,934 | 3,916 | 2,231 | 3,883 | 3,715 | 12,621 | 43,384 |
| Lived alone | 461,218 | 121,873 | 69,676 | 39,305 | 26,526 | 19,732 | 14,975 | 12,175 | 8,354 | 10,351 | 6,679 | 31,444 | 100,128 |
| 2 persons | 754,037 | 61,978 | 66,224 | 62,263 | 63,299 | 64,831 | 42,051 | 36,374 | 32,581 | 41,191 | 28,828 | 119,005 | 135,411 |
| 3 persons | 210,402 | 16,848 | 12,628 | 13,433 | 13,486 | 12,011 | 11,052 | 10,432 | 8,191 | 11,622 | 11,290 | 52,468 | 36,941 |
| 4 persons | 104,699 | 9,577 | 5,132 | 4,781 | 6,038 | 5,520 | 3,287 | 4,590 | 4,535 | 5,353 | 6,625 | 34,277 | 14,983 |
| 5 persons | 62,046 | 5,993 | 2,492 | 2,453 | 2,665 | 3,368 | 1,873 | 2,750 | 2,639 | 2,840 | 2,685 | 23,059 | 9,229 |
| 6 persons | 28,826 | 2,854 | 1,370 | 1,223 | 1,654 | 1,843 | 1,356 | 1,113 | 607 | 1,977 | 2,474 | 7,974 | 4,383 |
| 7 persons | 12,876 | 1,145 | 544 | 652 | 512 | 532 | 389 | 862 | 167 | 538 | 633 | 4,469 | 2,434 |
| 8 persons | 6,404 | 589 | 596 | 258 | 208 | 230 | 269 | 207 | 123 | 374 | 279 | 1,587 | 1,684 |
| 9 persons or more | 7,263 | 1,628 | 463 | 414 | 139 | 268 | 630 | 410 | 133 | 139 | 544 | 1,108 | 1,387 |
| Don't know | 55,795 | 3,012 | 1,315 | 807 | 1,416 | 414 | 689 | 217 | 385 | 485 | 219 | 979 | 45,856 |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All sizes | 100.0 | 17.2 | 9.7 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 14.8 | 20.2 |
| Institution | 100.0 | 44.1 | 11.8 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 17.1 |
| Lived alone | 100.0 | 26.4 | 15.1 | 8.5 | 5.8 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 6.8 | 21.7 |
| 2 persons | 100.0 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 15.8 | 18.0 |
| 3 persons | 100.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 24.9 | 17.6 |
| 4 persons | 100.0 | 9.1 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 32.7 | 14.3 |
| 5 persons | 100.0 | 9.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 37.2 | 14.9 |
| 6 persons | 100.0 | 9.9 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 2.1 | 6.9 | 8.6 | 27.7 | 15.2 |
| 7 persons | 100.0 | 8.9 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 6.7 | 1.3 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 34.7 | 18.9 |
| 8 persons | 100.0 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 24.8 | 26.3 |
| 9 persons or more | 100.0 | 22.4 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 8.7 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 7.5 | 15.2 | 19.1 |
| Don't know | 100.0 | 5.4 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 82.2 |

Table 74. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was ever on active duty status in the U.S. armed forces, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Ever on active duty | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------|-----------|------------|----------------------|------|------|------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Percent distribution | | | |
| | | | | | Total | Yes | No | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,986,869 | 399,730 | 1,520,280 | 66,859 | 100.0 | 20.1 | 76.5 | 3.4 |
| 25–44 years | 125,691 | 211,115 | 99,907 | 4,669 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 79.5 | 3.7 |
| 45–64 years | 390,308 | 145,698 | 231,438 | 13,172 | 100.0 | 37.3 | 59.3 | 3.4 |
| 65–74 years | 480,025 | 136,884 | 326,217 | 16,924 | 100.0 | 28.5 | 68.0 | 3.5 |
| 75–84 years | 568,614 | 55,958 | 493,599 | 19,057 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 86.8 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 40,076 | 369,119 | 13,037 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 87.4 | 3.1 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,739,773 | 359,510 | 1,324,694 | 55,569 | 100.0 | 20.7 | 76.1 | 3.2 |
| 25–44 years | 93,125 | 16,026 | 73,836 | 3,263 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 79.3 | 3.5 |
| 45–64 years | 322,220 | 129,208 | 183,109 | 9,903 | 100.0 | 40.1 | 56.8 | 3.1 |
| 65–74 years | 420,933 | 124,758 | 282,206 | 13,970 | 100.0 | 29.6 | 67.0 | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 513,622 | 51,672 | 445,337 | 16,613 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 86.7 | 3.2 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 37,846 | 340,207 | 11,820 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 87.3 | 3.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 228,003 | 37,929 | 179,657 | 10,417 | 100.0 | 16.6 | 78.8 | 4.6 |
| 25–44 years | 29,945 | 4,660 | 23,947 | 1,338 | 100.0 | 15.6 | 80.0 | 4.5 |
| 45–64 years | 63,758 | 15,706 | 45,048 | 3,004 | 100.0 | 24.6 | 70.7 | 4.7 |
| 65–74 years | 55,072 | 11,352 | 41,002 | 2,718 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 74.5 | 4.9 |
| 75–84 years | 50,744 | 4,013 | 44,560 | 2,171 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 87.7 | 4.3 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 2,199 | 25,100 | 1,186 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 88.1 | 4.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 19,093 | 2,291 | 15,929 | 873 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 83.4 | 4.6 |
| 25–44 years | 2,622 | 430 | 2,124 | 68 | 100.0 | 16.4 | 81.0 | 2.6 |
| 45–64 years | 4,330 | 784 | 3,281 | 265 | 100.0 | 18.1 | 75.8 | 6.1 |
| 65–74 years | 4,019 | 774 | 3,009 | 236 | 100.0 | 19.3 | 74.9 | 5.9 |
| 75–84 years | 4,248 | 273 | 3,702 | 273 | 100.0 | 6.4 | 87.1 | 6.4 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 31 | 3,812 | 31 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 98.4 | 0.8 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,029,748 | 389,345 | 597,951 | 42,452 | 100.0 | 37.8 | 58.1 | 4.1 |
| 25–44 years | 87,296 | 20,654 | 63,057 | 3,585 | 100.0 | 23.7 | 72.2 | 4.1 |
| 45–64 years | 242,233 | 142,941 | 89,074 | 10,218 | 100.0 | 59.0 | 36.8 | 4.2 |
| 65–74 years | 279,723 | 134,077 | 134,138 | 11,508 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 48.0 | 4.1 |
| 75–84 years | 279,388 | 53,610 | 214,541 | 11,236 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 76.8 | 4.0 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 38,062 | 97,141 | 5,905 | 100.0 | 27.0 | 68.8 | 4.2 |
| White, 25 years and over | 895,184 | 349,802 | 510,487 | 34,895 | 100.0 | 39.1 | 57.0 | 3.9 |
| 25–44 years | 65,081 | 15,652 | 46,894 | 2,535 | 100.0 | 24.1 | 72.1 | 3.9 |
| 45–64 years | 201,917 | 126,693 | 67,474 | 7,750 | 100.0 | 62.8 | 33.4 | 3.8 |
| 65–74 years | 247,073 | 122,066 | 115,591 | 9,416 | 100.0 | 49.4 | 46.8 | 3.8 |
| 75–84 years | 252,554 | 49,384 | 193,453 | 9,717 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 76.6 | 3.9 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 36,008 | 87,076 | 5,476 | 100.0 | 28.0 | 67.7 | 4.3 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 123,294 | 37,415 | 78,933 | 6,946 | 100.0 | 30.4 | 64.0 | 5.6 |
| 25–44 years | 20,331 | 4,606 | 14,743 | 982 | 100.0 | 22.7 | 72.5 | 4.8 |
| 45–64 years | 37,993 | 15,584 | 19,998 | 2,411 | 100.0 | 41.0 | 52.6 | 6.4 |
| 65–74 years | 30,283 | 11,237 | 17,190 | 1,856 | 100.0 | 37.1 | 56.8 | 6.1 |
| 75–84 years | 24,325 | 3,954 | 19,092 | 1,279 | 100.0 | 16.3 | 78.5 | 5.3 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 2,034 | 7,909 | 418 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 76.3 | 6.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 11,271 | 2,128 | 8,532 | 611 | 100.0 | 18.9 | 75.7 | 5.4 |
| 25–44 years | 1,885 | 397 | 1,420 | 68 | 100.0 | 21.0 | 75.4 | 3.6 |
| 45–64 years | 2,324 | 664 | 1,603 | 57 | 100.0 | 28.6 | 69.0 | 2.5 |
| 65–74 years | 2,367 | 774 | 1,357 | 236 | 100.0 | 32.7 | 57.3 | 10.0 |
| 75–84 years | 2,509 | 273 | 1,996 | 240 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 79.6 | 9.6 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 20 | 2,156 | 10 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 98.6 | 0.5 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 957,121 | 10,385 | 922,329 | 24,407 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 96.4 | 2.6 |
| 25–44 years | 383,985 | 460 | 36,850 | 1,085 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 96.0 | 2.8 |
| 45–64 years | 148,075 | 2,757 | 142,364 | 2,953 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 96.1 | 2.0 |
| 65–74 years | 200,302 | 2,807 | 192,079 | 5,416 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 96.0 | 2.7 |
| 75–84 years | 289,226 | 2,347 | 279,058 | 7,821 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 96.5 | 2.7 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 2,013 | 271,978 | 7,132 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 96.8 | 2.5 |

Table 74. Number and percent distribution of decedents by whether decedent was ever on active duty status in the U.S. armed forces, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Ever on active duty | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------|---------|------------|--------|-----|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Don't know | Total | Yes | No | Don't know |
| | | | | | Number | | Percent distribution | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 9,708 | 814,207 | 20,674 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 96.4 | 2.5 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 374 | 26,942 | 729 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 96.1 | 2.6 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 2,515 | 115,635 | 2,153 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 96.1 | 1.8 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 2,692 | 166,615 | 4,553 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 95.8 | 2.6 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 2,288 | 251,885 | 6,896 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 96.5 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 1,839 | 253,131 | 6,344 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 97.0 | 2.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 514 | 100,725 | 3,470 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 96.2 | 3.3 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 54 | 9,204 | 356 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 95.7 | 3.7 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 122 | 25,051 | 593 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 97.2 | 2.3 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 115 | 23,812 | 863 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 96.1 | 3.5 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 59 | 25,468 | 892 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 96.4 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 164 | 17,191 | 767 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 94.9 | 4.2 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 163 | 7,397 | 262 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 94.6 | 3.4 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 33 | 704 | — | 100.0 | 4.5 | 95.5 | — |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 120 | 1,679 | 208 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 83.7 | 10.4 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | — | 1,652 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | — | 1,705 | 33 | 100.0 | — | 98.1 | 1.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 10 | 1,656 | 21 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 98.1 | 1.2 |

Table 75. Number and percent distribution of decedents by living arrangement at time of death, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Living arrangement | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|----------------------|------------|
| | Total | Alone | Not alone | Don't know | Total | Alone | Not alone | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | Percent distribution | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,869 | 540,094 | 1,381,793 | 64,982 | 100.0 | 27.2 | 69.6 | 3.3 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 23,469 | 97,189 | 5,034 | 100.0 | 18.7 | 77.3 | 4.0 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 65,627 | 314,092 | 10,588 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 80.5 | 2.7 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 101,120 | 364,569 | 14,336 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 76.0 | 3.0 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 182,631 | 367,406 | 18,576 | 100.0 | 32.1 | 64.6 | 3.3 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 167,247 | 238,537 | 16,448 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 56.5 | 3.9 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,773 | 483,083 | 1,202,315 | 54,375 | 100.0 | 27.8 | 69.1 | 3.1 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 17,633 | 72,479 | 3,013 | 100.0 | 18.9 | 77.8 | 3.2 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 51,770 | 262,659 | 7,792 | 100.0 | 16.1 | 81.5 | 2.4 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 86,454 | 321,998 | 12,481 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 76.5 | 3.0 |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 168,319 | 329,310 | 15,993 | 100.0 | 32.8 | 64.1 | 3.1 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 158,907 | 215,869 | 15,097 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 55.4 | 3.9 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 54,377 | 163,437 | 10,190 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 71.7 | 4.5 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 5,522 | 22,513 | 1,910 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 75.2 | 6.4 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 13,654 | 47,352 | 2,752 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 74.3 | 4.3 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 13,816 | 39,434 | 1,822 | 100.0 | 25.1 | 71.6 | 3.3 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 13,415 | 34,974 | 2,354 | 100.0 | 26.4 | 68.9 | 4.6 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 7,970 | 19,164 | 1,351 | 100.0 | 28.0 | 67.3 | 4.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 2,635 | 16,042 | 417 | 100.0 | 13.8 | 84.0 | 2.2 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 315 | 2,196 | 111 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 83.8 | 4.2 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 204 | 4,082 | 44 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 94.3 | 1.0 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 849 | 3,137 | 33 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 78.1 | 0.8 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 897 | 3,122 | 229 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 73.5 | 5.4 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 370 | 3,504 | - | 100.0 | 9.5 | 90.5 | - |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 196,929 | 797,645 | 35,174 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 77.5 | 3.4 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 19,414 | 63,992 | 3,891 | 100.0 | 22.2 | 73.3 | 4.5 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 38,952 | 195,349 | 7,933 | 100.0 | 16.1 | 80.6 | 3.3 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 42,910 | 227,651 | 9,161 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 81.4 | 3.3 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 57,110 | 213,788 | 8,490 | 100.0 | 20.4 | 76.5 | 3.0 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 38,543 | 96,866 | 5,699 | 100.0 | 27.3 | 68.7 | 4.0 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 169,415 | 696,863 | 28,906 | 100.0 | 18.9 | 77.9 | 3.2 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 14,787 | 47,921 | 2,373 | 100.0 | 22.7 | 73.6 | 3.7 |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 30,973 | 165,061 | 5,883 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 81.8 | 2.9 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 35,980 | 202,959 | 8,133 | 100.0 | 14.6 | 82.2 | 3.3 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 51,276 | 194,041 | 7,236 | 100.0 | 20.3 | 76.8 | 2.9 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 36,399 | 86,880 | 5,281 | 100.0 | 28.3 | 67.6 | 4.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 25,950 | 91,416 | 5,928 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 74.1 | 4.8 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 4,395 | 14,530 | 1,407 | 100.0 | 21.6 | 71.5 | 6.9 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 7,821 | 28,134 | 2,038 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 74.1 | 5.4 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 6,561 | 22,705 | 1,017 | 100.0 | 21.7 | 75.0 | 3.4 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 5,081 | 18,198 | 1,047 | 100.0 | 20.9 | 74.8 | 4.3 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 2,094 | 7,849 | 419 | 100.0 | 20.2 | 75.8 | 4.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 1,564 | 9,367 | 340 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 83.1 | 3.0 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 233 | 1,540 | 111 | 100.0 | 12.4 | 81.7 | 5.9 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 159 | 2,154 | 11 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 92.7 | 0.5 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 369 | 1,987 | 11 | 100.0 | 15.6 | 83.9 | 0.5 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 753 | 1,550 | 207 | 100.0 | 30.0 | 61.8 | 8.2 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 50 | 2,136 | - | 100.0 | 2.3 | 97.7 | - |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 343,165 | 584,148 | 29,808 | 100.0 | 35.9 | 61.0 | 3.1 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 4,054 | 33,197 | 1,143 | 100.0 | 10.6 | 86.5 | 3.0 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 26,675 | 118,744 | 2,656 | 100.0 | 18.0 | 80.2 | 1.8 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 58,210 | 136,918 | 5,174 | 100.0 | 29.1 | 68.4 | 2.6 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 125,522 | 153,618 | 10,086 | 100.0 | 43.4 | 53.1 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 128,704 | 141,671 | 10,748 | 100.0 | 45.8 | 50.4 | 3.8 |

**Table 75. Number and percent distribution of decedents by living arrangement at time of death, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986—Con.**

| Sex, race, and age | Living arrangement | | | | Total | Alone | Not alone | Don't know |
|--|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| | Total | Alone | Not alone | Don't know | | | | |
| Female—Con. | Number | | | | Percent distribution | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 313,668 | 505,452 | 25,469 | 100.0 | 37.1 | 59.9 | 3.0 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 2,846 | 24,558 | 640 | 100.0 | 10.2 | 87.6 | 2.3 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 20,797 | 97,597 | 1,909 | 100.0 | 17.3 | 81.1 | 1.6 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 50,474 | 119,038 | 4,348 | 100.0 | 29.0 | 68.5 | 2.5 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 117,043 | 135,269 | 8,756 | 100.0 | 44.8 | 51.8 | 3.4 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 122,508 | 128,989 | 9,817 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 49.4 | 3.8 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 28,427 | 72,021 | 4,262 | 100.0 | 27.2 | 68.8 | 4.1 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 1,127 | 7,983 | 503 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 83.0 | 5.2 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 5,833 | 19,218 | 714 | 100.0 | 22.6 | 74.6 | 2.8 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 7,256 | 16,729 | 805 | 100.0 | 29.3 | 67.5 | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 8,334 | 16,776 | 1,308 | 100.0 | 31.6 | 63.5 | 5.0 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 5,876 | 11,314 | 932 | 100.0 | 32.4 | 62.4 | 5.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 1,071 | 6,675 | 76 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 85.3 | 1.0 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 82 | 656 | — | 100.0 | 11.1 | 88.9 | — |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 45 | 1,928 | 33 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 96.1 | 1.6 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 480 | 1,151 | 22 | 100.0 | 29.1 | 69.6 | 1.3 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 144 | 1,573 | 22 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 90.4 | 1.3 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 320 | 1,368 | — | 100.0 | 18.9 | 81.1 | — |

**Table 76. Number and percent distribution of decedents by highest school grade completed, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986**

| Sex, race, and age | Highest grade completed | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|---------|------|
| | Total | Elementary | High school | College | Don't know | Total | Elementary | High school | College | |
| | | | | | | Both sexes | Number | Percent distribution | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,870 | 645,504 | 837,394 | 352,279 | 151,694 | 100.0 | 32.5 | 42.1 | 17.7 | 7.6 |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 12,064 | 72,450 | 35,240 | 5,937 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 57.6 | 28.0 | 4.7 |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 78,511 | 209,188 | 81,151 | 21,459 | 100.0 | 20.1 | 53.6 | 20.8 | 5.5 |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 132,105 | 233,700 | 81,547 | 32,673 | 100.0 | 27.5 | 48.7 | 17.0 | 6.8 |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 219,260 | 206,024 | 94,292 | 49,037 | 100.0 | 38.6 | 36.2 | 16.6 | 8.6 |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 203,564 | 116,032 | 60,048 | 42,588 | 100.0 | 48.2 | 27.5 | 14.2 | 10.1 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,772 | 541,830 | 748,518 | 326,872 | 122,552 | 100.0 | 31.1 | 43.0 | 18.8 | 7.0 |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 8,492 | 51,862 | 28,922 | 3,849 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 55.7 | 31.1 | 4.1 |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 57,848 | 177,133 | 72,382 | 14,858 | 100.0 | 18.0 | 55.0 | 22.5 | 4.6 |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 103,936 | 213,118 | 77,832 | 26,047 | 100.0 | 24.7 | 50.6 | 18.5 | 6.2 |
| 75-84 years | 513,621 | 188,547 | 194,730 | 89,859 | 40,485 | 100.0 | 36.7 | 37.9 | 17.5 | 7.9 |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 183,008 | 111,675 | 57,877 | 37,313 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 28.6 | 14.8 | 9.6 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 94,690 | 83,784 | 21,986 | 27,544 | 100.0 | 41.5 | 36.7 | 9.6 | 12.1 |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 3,233 | 19,387 | 5,373 | 1,951 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 64.7 | 17.9 | 6.5 |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 19,558 | 30,846 | 7,551 | 5,802 | 100.0 | 30.7 | 48.4 | 11.8 | 9.1 |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 25,654 | 19,434 | 3,435 | 6,549 | 100.0 | 46.6 | 35.3 | 6.2 | 11.9 |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 28,563 | 10,407 | 3,528 | 8,246 | 100.0 | 56.3 | 20.5 | 7.0 | 16.2 |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 17,681 | 3,709 | 2,098 | 4,996 | 100.0 | 62.1 | 13.0 | 7.4 | 17.5 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 8,983 | 5,090 | 3,421 | 1,598 | 100.0 | 47.1 | 26.7 | 17.9 | 8.4 |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 339 | 1,200 | 945 | 138 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 45.8 | 36.0 | 5.3 |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 1,105 | 1,208 | 1,218 | 799 | 100.0 | 25.5 | 27.9 | 28.1 | 18.4 |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 2,515 | 1,148 | 280 | 76 | 100.0 | 62.6 | 28.6 | 7.0 | 1.9 |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 2,150 | 886 | 906 | 306 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 20.9 | 21.3 | 7.2 |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 2,875 | 648 | 73 | 279 | 100.0 | 74.2 | 16.7 | 1.9 | 7.2 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 334,589 | 426,470 | 194,378 | 74,311 | 100.0 | 32.5 | 41.4 | 18.9 | 7.2 |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 8,449 | 50,399 | 24,072 | 4,377 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 57.7 | 27.6 | 5.0 |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 55,250 | 118,312 | 55,299 | 13,372 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 48.8 | 22.8 | 5.5 |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 81,929 | 128,680 | 49,370 | 19,744 | 100.0 | 29.3 | 46.0 | 17.6 | 7.1 |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 113,099 | 96,963 | 46,405 | 22,920 | 100.0 | 40.5 | 34.7 | 16.6 | 8.2 |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 75,863 | 32,116 | 19,232 | 13,898 | 100.0 | 53.8 | 22.8 | 13.6 | 9.8 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 278,409 | 377,224 | 180,019 | 59,531 | 100.0 | 31.1 | 42.1 | 20.1 | 6.7 |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 5,924 | 36,335 | 20,097 | 2,725 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 55.8 | 30.9 | 4.2 |
| 45-64 years | 201,916 | 40,872 | 101,267 | 50,233 | 9,545 | 100.0 | 20.2 | 50.2 | 24.9 | 4.7 |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 65,536 | 117,963 | 47,297 | 16,277 | 100.0 | 26.5 | 47.7 | 19.1 | 6.6 |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 98,191 | 91,127 | 44,008 | 19,228 | 100.0 | 38.9 | 36.1 | 17.4 | 7.6 |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 67,888 | 30,532 | 18,385 | 11,756 | 100.0 | 52.8 | 23.7 | 14.3 | 9.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 51,899 | 45,535 | 11,978 | 13,883 | 100.0 | 42.1 | 36.9 | 9.7 | 11.3 |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 2,208 | 13,167 | 3,405 | 1,551 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 64.8 | 16.7 | 7.6 |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 13,732 | 16,531 | 4,187 | 3,542 | 100.0 | 36.1 | 43.5 | 11.0 | 9.3 |
| 65-74 years | 30,283 | 15,283 | 9,763 | 1,804 | 3,433 | 100.0 | 50.5 | 32.2 | 6.0 | 11.3 |
| 75-84 years | 24,325 | 14,034 | 5,116 | 1,744 | 3,430 | 100.0 | 57.7 | 21.0 | 7.2 | 14.1 |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 6,641 | 957 | 838 | 1,926 | 100.0 | 64.1 | 9.2 | 8.1 | 18.6 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 4,281 | 3,712 | 2,381 | 897 | 100.0 | 38.0 | 32.9 | 21.1 | 8.0 |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 317 | 898 | 569 | 101 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 47.6 | 30.2 | 5.4 |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 646 | 513 | 879 | 285 | 100.0 | 27.8 | 22.1 | 37.8 | 12.3 |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 1,110 | 954 | 269 | 33 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 40.3 | 11.4 | 1.4 |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 874 | 720 | 653 | 262 | 100.0 | 34.8 | 28.7 | 26.0 | 10.4 |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 1,334 | 627 | 10 | 216 | 100.0 | 61.0 | 28.7 | 0.5 | 9.9 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 310,914 | 410,923 | 157,901 | 77,382 | 100.0 | 32.5 | 42.9 | 16.5 | 8.1 |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 3,615 | 22,050 | 11,168 | 1,561 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 57.4 | 29.1 | 4.1 |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 23,261 | 90,876 | 25,852 | 8,086 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 61.4 | 17.5 | 5.5 |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 50,176 | 105,020 | 32,178 | 12,929 | 100.0 | 25.1 | 52.4 | 16.1 | 6.5 |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 106,161 | 109,061 | 47,887 | 26,117 | 100.0 | 36.7 | 37.7 | 16.6 | 9.0 |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 127,701 | 83,916 | 40,816 | 28,690 | 100.0 | 45.4 | 29.9 | 14.5 | 10.2 |

**Table 76. Number and percent distribution of decedents by highest school grade completed, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986—Con.**

| Sex, race, and age | <i>Highest grade completed</i> | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------|---------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|---------|---------------|
| | Total | Elementary | High school | College | Don't know | Total | Elementary | High school | College | Don't know |
| | Number | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,588 | 263,421 | 371,295 | 146,852 | 63,020 | 100.0 | 31.2 | 44.0 | 17.4 | 7.5 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 2,568 | 15,527 | 8,825 | 1,124 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 55.4 | 31.5 | 4.0 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 16,976 | 75,866 | 22,149 | 5,313 | 100.0 | 14.1 | 63.1 | 18.4 | 4.4 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 38,400 | 95,155 | 30,535 | 9,770 | 100.0 | 22.1 | 54.7 | 17.6 | 5.6 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 90,357 | 103,603 | 45,851 | 21,257 | 100.0 | 34.6 | 39.7 | 17.6 | 8.1 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 115,120 | 81,143 | 39,493 | 25,557 | 100.0 | 44.1 | 31.1 | 15.1 | 9.8 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 42,791 | 38,249 | 10,008 | 13,662 | 100.0 | 40.9 | 36.5 | 9.6 | 13.0 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 1,025 | 6,220 | 1,968 | 400 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 64.7 | 20.5 | 4.2 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 5,826 | 14,316 | 3,364 | 2,260 | 100.0 | 22.6 | 55.6 | 13.1 | 8.8 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 10,371 | 9,671 | 1,631 | 3,116 | 100.0 | 41.8 | 39.0 | 6.6 | 12.6 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 14,529 | 5,291 | 1,784 | 4,815 | 100.0 | 55.0 | 20.0 | 6.8 | 18.2 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 11,040 | 2,752 | 1,261 | 3,070 | 100.0 | 60.9 | 15.2 | 7.0 | 16.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 4,703 | 1,379 | 1,041 | 701 | 100.0 | 60.1 | 17.6 | 13.3 | 9.0 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 22 | 303 | 375 | 37 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 41.1 | 50.9 | 5.0 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 459 | 695 | 340 | 514 | 100.0 | 22.9 | 34.6 | 16.9 | 25.6 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 1,405 | 194 | 11 | 43 | 100.0 | 85.0 | 11.7 | 0.7 | 2.6 |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 1,276 | 167 | 252 | 44 | 100.0 | 73.4 | 9.6 | 14.5 | 2.6 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 1,541 | 21 | 63 | 63 | 100.0 | 91.3 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 3.7 |

**Table 77. Number and percent distribution of decedents by marital status at time of death, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986**

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Marital status | | | | | Never married | Don't know |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------|---------------|------------|
| | | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Separated | Number | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,986,869 | 891,150 | 702,550 | 153,646 | 39,560 | 159,973 | 39,990 | |
| 25-44 years | 125,691 | 51,765 | 1,701 | 21,972 | 8,173 | 38,048 | 4,033 | |
| 45-64 years | 390,308 | 242,701 | 42,011 | 55,192 | 14,108 | 28,726 | 7,571 | |
| 65-74 years | 480,025 | 280,857 | 115,084 | 33,534 | 7,791 | 32,604 | 10,156 | |
| 75-84 years | 568,614 | 240,745 | 248,979 | 28,224 | 6,860 | 33,489 | 10,317 | |
| 85 years and over | 422,232 | 75,083 | 294,774 | 14,725 | 2,629 | 27,107 | 7,914 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,739,773 | 799,869 | 626,660 | 129,378 | 23,006 | 129,536 | 31,323 | |
| 25-44 years | 93,125 | 42,312 | 852 | 18,054 | 4,806 | 24,472 | 2,630 | |
| 45-64 years | 322,220 | 211,788 | 32,452 | 44,510 | 7,020 | 21,307 | 5,142 | |
| 65-74 years | 420,933 | 255,202 | 96,726 | 28,587 | 4,210 | 27,956 | 8,252 | |
| 75-84 years | 513,622 | 221,933 | 222,968 | 24,491 | 4,979 | 30,733 | 8,517 | |
| 85 years and over | 389,873 | 68,634 | 273,661 | 13,737 | 1,991 | 25,068 | 6,783 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 228,003 | 81,219 | 70,836 | 23,010 | 16,311 | 28,340 | 8,288 | |
| 25-44 years | 29,945 | 8,209 | 805 | 3,607 | 3,225 | 12,834 | 1,264 | |
| 45-64 years | 63,758 | 27,766 | 9,342 | 10,138 | 7,019 | 7,271 | 2,221 | |
| 65-74 years | 55,072 | 26,187 | 16,993 | 4,837 | 3,559 | 4,592 | 1,904 | |
| 75-84 years | 50,744 | 17,075 | 24,319 | 3,471 | 1,880 | 2,232 | 1,766 | |
| 85 years and over | 28,485 | 4,981 | 19,377 | 957 | 628 | 1,411 | 1,131 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 19,093 | 10,063 | 5,054 | 1,258 | 243 | 2,097 | 379 | |
| 25-44 years | 2,622 | 1,243 | 45 | 311 | 143 | 742 | 138 | |
| 45-64 years | 4,330 | 3,146 | 218 | 544 | 68 | 148 | 207 | |
| 65-74 years | 4,019 | 2,467 | 1,364 | 110 | 22 | 56 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 4,248 | 1,737 | 1,691 | 262 | — | 524 | 33 | |
| 85 years and over | 3,874 | 1,468 | 1,736 | 31 | 10 | 628 | — | |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,029,748 | 629,571 | 172,065 | 87,256 | 21,852 | 93,755 | 25,249 | |
| 25-44 years | 87,296 | 33,240 | 491 | 15,064 | 5,137 | 30,247 | 3,118 | |
| 45-64 years | 242,233 | 158,171 | 13,399 | 35,640 | 8,007 | 21,973 | 5,043 | |
| 65-74 years | 279,723 | 195,991 | 32,238 | 20,135 | 4,170 | 20,574 | 6,615 | |
| 75-84 years | 279,388 | 181,250 | 63,312 | 12,392 | 3,056 | 13,236 | 6,142 | |
| 85 years and over | 141,108 | 60,920 | 62,625 | 4,025 | 1,483 | 7,725 | 4,330 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 895,184 | 566,115 | 150,188 | 73,388 | 12,969 | 72,550 | 19,974 | |
| 25-44 years | 65,081 | 26,620 | 297 | 12,666 | 3,288 | 20,209 | 2,002 | |
| 45-64 years | 201,917 | 138,071 | 10,553 | 28,904 | 4,507 | 16,541 | 3,342 | |
| 65-74 years | 247,073 | 178,076 | 26,548 | 17,578 | 1,934 | 17,594 | 5,343 | |
| 75-84 years | 252,554 | 167,390 | 55,640 | 10,524 | 2,068 | 1,157 | 5,376 | |
| 85 years and over | 128,560 | 55,957 | 57,152 | 3,716 | 1,173 | 6,650 | 3,912 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 123,294 | 56,710 | 20,431 | 12,941 | 8,708 | 19,343 | 5,161 | |
| 25-44 years | 20,331 | 5,840 | 183 | 2,132 | 1,740 | 9,411 | 1,025 | |
| 45-64 years | 37,993 | 18,335 | 2,802 | 6,403 | 3,455 | 5,308 | 1,690 | |
| 55-64 years | 30,283 | 16,208 | 5,174 | 2,480 | 2,225 | 2,925 | 1,272 | |
| 65-74 years | 24,325 | 12,616 | 7,115 | 1,628 | 988 | 1,221 | 756 | |
| 85 years and over | 10,362 | 3,709 | 5,157 | 299 | 299 | 478 | 419 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 11,271 | 6,747 | 1,445 | 927 | 176 | 1,862 | 113 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,885 | 779 | 11 | 267 | 109 | 628 | 91 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,324 | 1,764 | 45 | 333 | 45 | 125 | 11 | |
| 65-74 years | 2,367 | 1,706 | 516 | 78 | 11 | 56 | — | |
| 75-84 years | 2,509 | 1,244 | 557 | 240 | — | 458 | 11 | |
| 85 years and over | 2,186 | 1,254 | 316 | 10 | 10 | 597 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 957,121 | 261,579 | 530,485 | 66,390 | 17,708 | 66,218 | 14,740 | |
| 25-44 years | 38,395 | 18,525 | 1,210 | 6,908 | 3,037 | 7,800 | 915 | |
| 45-64 years | 148,075 | 84,530 | 28,612 | 19,552 | 6,101 | 6,753 | 2,527 | |
| 65-74 years | 200,302 | 84,866 | 82,847 | 13,399 | 3,621 | 12,029 | 3,541 | |
| 75-84 years | 289,226 | 59,495 | 185,667 | 15,832 | 3,804 | 20,254 | 4,174 | |
| 85 years and over | 281,123 | 14,163 | 232,150 | 10,700 | 1,146 | 19,382 | 3,584 | |

Table 77. Number and percent distribution of decedents by marital status at time of death, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Marital status | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------------|--------|
| | | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Separated | Never married | |
| Female—Con. | | Number | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over | 844,589 | 233,754 | 476,471 | 55,991 | 10,037 | 56,986 | 11,349 |
| 25–44 years | 28,044 | 15,692 | 555 | 5,388 | 1,518 | 4,263 | 628 |
| 45–64 years | 120,303 | 73,717 | 21,900 | 15,606 | 2,514 | 4,767 | 1,801 |
| 65–74 years | 173,860 | 77,126 | 70,178 | 11,009 | 2,277 | 10,362 | 2,908 |
| 75–84 years | 261,068 | 54,543 | 167,329 | 13,987 | 2,912 | 19,176 | 3,141 |
| 85 years and over | 261,313 | 12,676 | 216,510 | 10,021 | 817 | 18,418 | 2,871 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 104,709 | 24,509 | 50,405 | 10,069 | 7,603 | 8,997 | 3,126 |
| 25–44 years | 9,614 | 2,369 | 622 | 1,476 | 1,485 | 3,423 | 239 |
| 45–64 years | 25,765 | 9,431 | 6,540 | 3,735 | 3,564 | 1,964 | 531 |
| 65–74 years | 24,789 | 6,978 | 114,820 | 2,358 | 1,333 | 1,668 | 633 |
| 75–84 years | 26,419 | 4,459 | 17,204 | 1,843 | 892 | 1,011 | 1,011 |
| 85 years and over | 18,123 | 1,272 | 14,220 | 658 | 329 | 932 | 713 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,822 | 3,316 | 3,609 | 330 | 67 | 235 | 265 |
| 25–44 years | 737 | 464 | 34 | 44 | 34 | 114 | 48 |
| 45–64 years | 2,007 | 1,382 | 173 | 211 | 23 | 23 | 196 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 761 | 848 | 32 | 11 | — | — |
| 75–84 years | 1,739 | 494 | 1,134 | 22 | — | 67 | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 1,687 | 215 | 1,420 | 21 | — | 31 | — |
| Both sexes | | Percent distribution | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 44.9 | 35.4 | 7.7 | 2.0 | 8.1 | 2.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 41.2 | 1.4 | 17.5 | 6.5 | 30.3 | 3.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 62.2 | 10.8 | 14.1 | 3.6 | 7.4 | 1.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 58.5 | 24.0 | 7.0 | 1.6 | 6.8 | 2.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 42.3 | 43.8 | 5.0 | 1.2 | 5.9 | 1.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.8 | 69.8 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 6.4 | 1.9 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 46.0 | 36.0 | 7.4 | 1.3 | 7.5 | 1.8 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 45.4 | 0.9 | 19.4 | 5.2 | 26.3 | 2.8 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 65.7 | 10.1 | 13.8 | 2.2 | 6.6 | 1.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 60.6 | 23.0 | 6.8 | 1.0 | 6.6 | 2.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 43.2 | 43.4 | 4.8 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 1.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.6 | 70.2 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 6.4 | 1.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 35.6 | 31.1 | 10.1 | 7.2 | 12.4 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 27.4 | 2.7 | 12.1 | 10.8 | 42.9 | 4.2 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 43.6 | 14.7 | 15.9 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 3.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 42.1 | 30.9 | 8.8 | 6.5 | 8.3 | 3.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 33.7 | 47.9 | 6.8 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 17.5 | 68.0 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 52.7 | 26.5 | 6.6 | 1.3 | 11.0 | 2.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 47.4 | 1.7 | 11.9 | 5.4 | 28.3 | 5.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 72.7 | 5.0 | 12.6 | 1.6 | 3.4 | 4.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 61.4 | 34.0 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 1.4 | — |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 40.9 | 39.8 | 6.2 | — | 12.3 | 0.8 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 37.9 | 44.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 16.2 | — |
| Male | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 61.1 | 16.7 | 8.5 | 2.1 | 9.1 | 2.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 38.1 | 0.6 | 17.3 | 5.9 | 34.7 | 3.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 65.3 | 5.5 | 14.7 | 3.3 | 9.1 | 2.1 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 70.1 | 11.5 | 7.2 | 1.5 | 7.4 | 2.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 64.9 | 22.7 | 4.4 | 1.1 | 4.7 | 2.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 43.2 | 44.4 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 3.1 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 63.2 | 16.8 | 8.2 | 1.5 | 8.1 | 2.2 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 40.9 | 0.5 | 19.5 | 5.1 | 31.1 | 3.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 68.4 | 5.2 | 14.3 | 2.2 | 8.2 | 1.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 72.1 | 10.8 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 7.1 | 2.2 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 66.3 | 22.0 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 4.6 | 2.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 43.5 | 44.5 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 5.2 | 3.0 |

**Table 77. Number and percent distribution of decedents by marital status at time of death, according to sex, race, and age:
United States, 1986—Con.**

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Marital status | | | | | Never married | Don't know |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------|---------|----------|-----------|------|---------------|------------|
| | | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Separated | | | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 46.0 | 16.6 | 10.5 | 7.1 | 15.7 | 4.2 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 28.7 | 0.9 | 10.5 | 8.6 | 46.3 | 5.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 48.3 | 7.4 | 16.9 | 9.1 | 14.0 | 4.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 53.5 | 17.1 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 9.7 | 4.2 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 51.9 | 29.3 | 6.7 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 3.1 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 35.8 | 49.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 4.6 | 4.0 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 59.9 | 12.8 | 8.2 | 1.6 | 16.5 | 1.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 41.4 | 0.6 | 14.1 | 5.8 | 33.3 | 4.8 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 75.9 | 1.9 | 14.3 | 2.0 | 5.4 | 0.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 72.1 | 21.8 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 2.4 | — | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 49.6 | 22.2 | 9.6 | — | 18.2 | 0.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 57.3 | 14.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 27.3 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 27.3 | 55.4 | 6.9 | 1.9 | 6.9 | 1.5 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 48.3 | 3.2 | 18.0 | 7.9 | 20.3 | 2.4 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 57.1 | 19.3 | 13.2 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 1.7 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 42.4 | 41.4 | 6.7 | 1.8 | 6.0 | 1.8 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 20.6 | 64.2 | 5.5 | 1.3 | 7.0 | 1.4 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 5.0 | 82.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 6.9 | 1.3 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 27.7 | 56.4 | 6.6 | 1.2 | 6.8 | 1.3 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 56.0 | 2.0 | 19.2 | 5.4 | 15.2 | 2.2 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 61.3 | 18.2 | 13.0 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 1.5 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 44.4 | 40.4 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 6.0 | 1.7 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 20.9 | 64.1 | 5.4 | 1.1 | 7.4 | 1.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 4.9 | 82.9 | 3.8 | 0.3 | 7.1 | 1.1 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 23.4 | 48.1 | 9.6 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 3.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 24.6 | 6.5 | 15.4 | 15.5 | 35.6 | 2.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 36.6 | 25.4 | 14.5 | 13.8 | 7.6 | 2.1 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 28.2 | 47.7 | 9.5 | 5.4 | 6.7 | 2.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 16.9 | 65.1 | 7.0 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.8 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.0 | 78.5 | 3.6 | 1.8 | 5.1 | 3.9 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 42.4 | 46.1 | 4.2 | 0.9 | 3.0 | 3.4 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 63.0 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 15.5 | 6.5 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 69.0 | 8.6 | 10.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 9.7 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 46.1 | 51.4 | 2.0 | 0.7 | — | — | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 28.4 | 65.2 | 1.3 | — | 3.8 | 1.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 12.7 | 84.2 | 1.2 | — | 1.9 | — | |

Table 78. Number and percent distribution of decedents by length of time before death spouse died, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 702,550 | 30,491 | 26,233 | 32,499 | 31,405 | 21,384 | 120,687 | 107,436 | 69,897 | 70,659 | 120,838 | 71,020 | |
| 25-44 years | 1,701 | 224 | 54 | 108 | 201 | 134 | 290 | 228 | 96 | 54 | 11 | 301 | |
| 45-64 years | 42,011 | 4,069 | 3,872 | 3,363 | 2,718 | 2,578 | 7,933 | 7,268 | 3,004 | 1,947 | 1,598 | 3,659 | |
| 65-74 years | 115,084 | 7,063 | 6,655 | 8,775 | 5,206 | 5,280 | 25,853 | 19,258 | 7,818 | 8,451 | 9,675 | 11,050 | |
| 75-84 years | 248,979 | 12,959 | 10,124 | 11,779 | 13,059 | 8,642 | 46,789 | 40,520 | 27,703 | 25,357 | 28,859 | 23,188 | |
| 85 years and over | 294,774 | 6,175 | 5,527 | 8,474 | 10,222 | 4,750 | 39,822 | 40,162 | 31,276 | 34,849 | 80,696 | 32,822 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 626,660 | 27,945 | 24,190 | 29,675 | 28,183 | 19,284 | 108,107 | 96,288 | 63,451 | 62,957 | 108,355 | 58,223 | |
| 25-44 years | 852 | 181 | 11 | 86 | 117 | 54 | 86 | 45 | 42 | 54 | — | 176 | |
| 45-64 years | 32,452 | 3,455 | 3,371 | 2,818 | 2,220 | 2,238 | 6,218 | 5,332 | 2,084 | 1,195 | 1,174 | 2,346 | |
| 65-74 years | 96,726 | 6,567 | 6,092 | 8,188 | 4,384 | 4,410 | 22,037 | 16,292 | 6,457 | 6,702 | 7,889 | 7,710 | |
| 75-84 years | 222,968 | 11,812 | 9,553 | 10,993 | 11,828 | 8,126 | 41,930 | 36,164 | 25,796 | 22,448 | 25,183 | 19,135 | |
| 85 years and over | 273,661 | 5,930 | 5,163 | 7,591 | 9,633 | 4,455 | 37,837 | 38,455 | 29,071 | 32,559 | 74,110 | 28,856 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 70,835 | 2,308 | 1,967 | 2,550 | 2,939 | 2,001 | 11,900 | 10,616 | 5,930 | 7,114 | 11,515 | 11,995 | |
| 25-44 years | 805 | 43 | 43 | 11 | 84 | 80 | 193 | 171 | 43 | — | 11 | 126 | |
| 45-64 years | 9,342 | 604 | 490 | 533 | 485 | 318 | 1,695 | 1,839 | 919 | 741 | 424 | 1,292 | |
| 65-74 years | 16,993 | 496 | 542 | 554 | 790 | 848 | 3,559 | 2,715 | 1,328 | 1,728 | 1,743 | 2,689 | |
| 75-84 years | 24,319 | 941 | 538 | 764 | 1,001 | 472 | 4,551 | 4,256 | 1,885 | 2,427 | 3,510 | 3,975 | |
| 85 years and over | 19,377 | 224 | 354 | 688 | 578 | 284 | 1,901 | 1,635 | 1,755 | 2,218 | 5,826 | 3,913 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 5,054 | 238 | 76 | 274 | 284 | 99 | 679 | 531 | 516 | 588 | 969 | 801 | |
| 25-44 years | 44 | — | — | 11 | — | — | 11 | 11 | 11 | — | — | — | |
| 45-64 years | 218 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 23 | 20 | 97 | — | 11 | — | 20 | |
| 65-74 years | 1,364 | — | 22 | 33 | 32 | 22 | 257 | 250 | 33 | 22 | 43 | 651 | |
| 75-84 years | 1,691 | 207 | 33 | 22 | 229 | 44 | 308 | 100 | 22 | 482 | 166 | 78 | |
| 85 years and over | 1,736 | 21 | 10 | 196 | 10 | 10 | 83 | 72 | 450 | 72 | 759 | 52 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 172,065 | 18,704 | 12,079 | 14,940 | 12,111 | 7,368 | 39,162 | 23,381 | 11,603 | 8,814 | 11,025 | 12,877 | |
| 25-44 years | 491 | 82 | 11 | 11 | 41 | 11 | 54 | — | 42 | 11 | — | 228 | |
| 45-64 years | 13,399 | 2,253 | 1,308 | 1,585 | 1,317 | 592 | 2,170 | 1,521 | 517 | 288 | 554 | 1,296 | |
| 65-74 years | 32,238 | 3,686 | 2,402 | 3,303 | 1,300 | 2,165 | 9,081 | 3,735 | 1,356 | 2,131 | 618 | 2,462 | |
| 75-84 years | 63,312 | 7,919 | 4,724 | 5,369 | 4,967 | 3,102 | 13,482 | 8,766 | 5,109 | 2,740 | 2,932 | 4,202 | |
| 85 years and over | 62,625 | 4,764 | 3,634 | 4,672 | 4,487 | 1,499 | 14,375 | 9,360 | 4,580 | 3,644 | 6,921 | 4,689 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 150,188 | 17,406 | 11,009 | 13,484 | 10,511 | 6,439 | 34,729 | 20,577 | 9,805 | 7,312 | 9,405 | 9,510 | |
| 25-44 years | 297 | 82 | 11 | — | — | 11 | — | — | 42 | 11 | — | 139 | |
| 45-64 years | 10,553 | 1,953 | 1,173 | 1,390 | 1,197 | 445 | 1,737 | 921 | 217 | 217 | 434 | 868 | |
| 65-74 years | 26,548 | 3,419 | 2,147 | 3,014 | 854 | 1,709 | 7,701 | 3,215 | 1,282 | 1,495 | 427 | 1,283 | |
| 75-84 years | 55,640 | 7,247 | 4,353 | 4,962 | 4,342 | 2,905 | 11,785 | 7,639 | 4,353 | 2,264 | 2,481 | 3,308 | |
| 85 years and over | 57,152 | 4,705 | 3,325 | 4,118 | 4,118 | 1,369 | 13,506 | 8,801 | 3,912 | 3,325 | 6,063 | 3,912 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 20,431 | 1,091 | 1,038 | 1,227 | 1,372 | 863 | 4,165 | 2,751 | 1,777 | 1,460 | 1,566 | 3,120 | |
| 25-44 years | 183 | — | — | — | 41 | — | 53 | — | — | — | — | 89 | |
| 45-64 years | 2,802 | 300 | 124 | 195 | 120 | 124 | 432 | 599 | 300 | 60 | 120 | 428 | |
| 65-74 years | 5,174 | 266 | 254 | 266 | 445 | 445 | 1,144 | 509 | 64 | 636 | 191 | 954 | |
| 75-84 years | 7,115 | 465 | 360 | 407 | 407 | 174 | 1,686 | 1,105 | 756 | 465 | 418 | 872 | |
| 85 years and over | 5,157 | 60 | 299 | 359 | 359 | 120 | 849 | 538 | 658 | 299 | 838 | 778 | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 1,445 | 207 | 32 | 229 | 228 | 66 | 267 | 53 | 21 | 43 | 53 | 247 |
| 25-44 years | 11 | - | - | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45-64 years | 45 | - | 11 | - | - | 23 | - | - | - | 11 | - | - |
| 65-74 years | 516 | - | - | 22 | - | 11 | 236 | 11 | 11 | - | - | 225 |
| 75-84 years | 557 | 207 | 11 | - | 218 | 22 | 11 | 22 | - | 11 | 33 | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 316 | - | 10 | 196 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 20 | - |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 530,485 | 11,787 | 14,154 | 17,559 | 19,295 | 14,015 | 81,526 | 84,054 | 58,293 | 61,845 | 109,814 | 58,143 |
| 25-44 years | 1,210 | 142 | 43 | 97 | 160 | 123 | 237 | 228 | 54 | 43 | 11 | 73 |
| 45-64 years | 28,612 | 1,816 | 2,564 | 1,779 | 1,401 | 1,987 | 5,764 | 5,748 | 2,487 | 1,659 | 1,044 | 2,363 |
| 65-74 years | 82,846 | 3,377 | 4,254 | 5,472 | 3,906 | 3,114 | 16,772 | 15,523 | 6,462 | 6,320 | 9,057 | 8,588 |
| 75-84 years | 185,667 | 5,040 | 5,400 | 6,410 | 8,092 | 5,540 | 33,307 | 31,754 | 22,595 | 22,617 | 25,926 | 18,986 |
| 85 years and over | 232,150 | 1,411 | 1,893 | 3,802 | 5,735 | 3,251 | 25,447 | 30,803 | 26,696 | 31,205 | 73,775 | 28,132 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 476,471 | 10,539 | 13,181 | 16,192 | 17,672 | 12,845 | 73,378 | 75,711 | 53,645 | 55,645 | 98,950 | 48,713 |
| 25-44 years | 555 | 99 | - | 86 | 117 | 43 | 86 | 45 | - | 43 | - | 37 |
| 45-64 years | 21,899 | 1,502 | 2,199 | 1,428 | 1,023 | 1,793 | 4,481 | 4,410 | 1,867 | 978 | 740 | 1,478 |
| 65-74 years | 70,178 | 3,147 | 3,945 | 5,174 | 3,529 | 2,701 | 14,336 | 13,077 | 5,176 | 5,206 | 7,461 | 6,427 |
| 75-84 years | 167,329 | 4,565 | 5,199 | 6,031 | 7,487 | 5,221 | 30,145 | 28,525 | 21,443 | 20,184 | 22,702 | 15,827 |
| 85 years and over | 216,510 | 1,226 | 1,839 | 3,473 | 5,516 | 3,086 | 24,332 | 29,654 | 25,160 | 29,234 | 68,047 | 24,944 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 50,405 | 1,217 | 929 | 1,322 | 1,567 | 1,138 | 7,735 | 7,866 | 4,153 | 5,654 | 9,948 | 8,875 |
| 25-44 years | 622 | 43 | 43 | 11 | 43 | 80 | 140 | 171 | 43 | - | 11 | 37 |
| 45-64 years | 6,540 | 304 | 365 | 338 | 365 | 194 | 1,263 | 1,240 | 620 | 681 | 305 | 864 |
| 65-74 years | 11,820 | 230 | 288 | 288 | 345 | 403 | 2,415 | 2,206 | 1,265 | 1,093 | 1,553 | 1,736 |
| 75-84 years | 17,204 | 476 | 178 | 357 | 595 | 297 | 2,865 | 3,151 | 1,130 | 1,962 | 3,091 | 3,103 |
| 85 years and over | 14,220 | 164 | 55 | 329 | 219 | 164 | 1,052 | 1,096 | 1,096 | 1,919 | 4,989 | 3,135 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 3,609 | 31 | 44 | 45 | 56 | 33 | 412 | 478 | 495 | 545 | 915 | 554 |
| 25-44 years | 34 | - | - | - | - | - | 11 | 11 | - | - | - | - |
| 45-64 years | 173 | 10 | - | 13 | 13 | - | 20 | 97 | - | - | - | 20 |
| 65-74 years | 848 | - | 22 | 11 | 32 | 11 | 22 | 239 | 22 | 22 | 43 | 426 |
| 75-84 years | 1,134 | - | 22 | 22 | 11 | 22 | 297 | 78 | 22 | 471 | 133 | 56 |
| 85 years and over | 1,420 | 21 | - | - | - | - | 63 | 52 | 440 | 52 | 739 | 52 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percent distribution | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 17.2 | 15.3 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 17.2 | 10.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 13.2 | 3.2 | 6.3 | 11.8 | 7.9 | 17.1 | 13.4 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 17.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 9.7 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 18.9 | 17.3 | 7.1 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 8.7 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 7.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 22.5 | 16.7 | 6.8 | 7.3 | 8.4 | 9.6 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 18.8 | 16.3 | 11.1 | 10.2 | 11.6 | 9.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 13.5 | 13.6 | 10.6 | 11.8 | 27.4 | 11.1 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 17.3 | 15.4 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 17.3 | 9.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 21.3 | 1.3 | 10.0 | 13.7 | 6.3 | 10.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 6.3 | - | 20.7 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 8.7 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 19.2 | 16.4 | 6.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 7.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 22.8 | 16.8 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 8.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 18.8 | 16.2 | 11.6 | 10.1 | 11.3 | 8.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 10.6 | 11.9 | 27.1 | 10.5 |

Table 78. Number and percent distribution of decedents by length of time before death spouse died, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| | | Less than 1 year | 1 year to less than 2 years | 2 years to less than 3 years | 3 years to less than 4 years | 4 years to less than 5 years | 5 years to less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 15 years | 15 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 25 years | 25 years or more | Don't know | |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 16.8 | 15.0 | 8.4 | 10.0 | 16.3 | 16.9 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 1.4 | 10.4 | 9.9 | 24.0 | 21.3 | 5.3 | — | 1.4 | 15.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 18.1 | 19.7 | 9.8 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 13.8 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 20.9 | 16.0 | 7.8 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 15.8 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 1.9 | 18.7 | 17.5 | 7.8 | 10.0 | 14.4 | 16.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 9.8 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 11.4 | 30.1 | 20.2 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.7 | 1.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 2.0 | 13.4 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 11.6 | 19.2 | 15.9 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | — | — | 24.8 | — | — | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | — | — | — | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 10.4 | 9.2 | 44.6 | — | 5.2 | — | 9.2 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | — | 1.6 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 18.9 | 18.3 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 47.7 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 12.2 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 13.5 | 2.6 | 18.2 | 5.9 | 1.3 | 28.5 | 9.8 | 4.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 11.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 25.9 | 4.2 | 43.7 | 3.0 | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 10.9 | 7.0 | 8.7 | 7.0 | 4.3 | 22.8 | 13.6 | 6.7 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 7.5 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 16.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 8.4 | 2.2 | 11.0 | — | 8.6 | 2.2 | — | 46.4 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 16.8 | 9.8 | 11.8 | 9.8 | 4.4 | 16.2 | 11.3 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 9.7 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 11.4 | 7.4 | 10.2 | 4.0 | 6.7 | 28.2 | 11.6 | 4.2 | 6.6 | 1.9 | 7.6 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 4.9 | 21.3 | 13.8 | 8.1 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 6.6 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 7.6 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 2.4 | 23.0 | 14.9 | 7.3 | 5.8 | 11.1 | 7.5 | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 11.6 | 7.3 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 4.3 | 23.1 | 13.7 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 6.3 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 27.6 | 3.7 | — | — | 3.7 | — | — | 14.3 | 3.7 | — | 46.9 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 18.5 | 11.1 | 13.2 | 11.3 | 4.2 | 16.5 | 8.7 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 4.1 | 8.2 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 12.9 | 8.1 | 11.4 | 3.2 | 6.4 | 29.0 | 12.1 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 1.6 | 4.8 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 13.0 | 7.8 | 8.9 | 7.8 | 5.2 | 21.2 | 13.7 | 7.8 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 5.9 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 2.4 | 23.6 | 15.4 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 10.6 | 6.8 | |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 4.2 | 20.4 | 13.5 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 15.3 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | — | — | — | 22.4 | — | 29.0 | — | — | — | — | 48.6 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.7 | 4.4 | 7.0 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 15.4 | 21.4 | 10.7 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 15.3 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 22.1 | 9.8 | 1.2 | 12.3 | 3.7 | 18.4 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 2.5 | 23.7 | 15.5 | 10.6 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 12.3 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.2 | 5.8 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 2.3 | 16.5 | 10.4 | 12.8 | 5.8 | 16.2 | 15.1 | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 14.3 | 2.2 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 4.6 | 18.5 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 17.1 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | — | — | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | — | 24.7 | — | — | 50.0 | — | — | — | 25.3 | — | — | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | — | — | 4.3 | — | 2.2 | 45.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 | — | — | 43.5 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 37.1 | 2.0 | — | 39.1 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | — | 2.0 | 5.9 | 4.0 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 3.2 | 61.9 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 3.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 | — | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 15.4 | 15.8 | 11.0 | 11.7 | 20.7 | 11.0 | |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 11.8 | 3.5 | 8.0 | 13.2 | 10.1 | 19.6 | 18.8 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 6.1 | |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 6.3 | 9.0 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 6.9 | 20.1 | 20.1 | 8.7 | 5.8 | 3.6 | 8.3 | |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 20.2 | 18.7 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 10.9 | 10.4 | |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 17.9 | 17.1 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 14.0 | 10.2 | |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 11.0 | 13.3 | 11.5 | 13.4 | 31.8 | 12.1 | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 20.8 | 10.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 17.9 | — | 15.4 | 21.1 | 7.7 | 15.4 | 8.2 | — | 7.7 | — | 6.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 6.9 | 10.0 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 8.2 | 20.5 | 20.1 | 8.5 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 6.8 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 20.4 | 18.6 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 10.6 | 9.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 18.0 | 17.0 | 12.8 | 12.1 | 13.6 | 9.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 11.2 | 13.7 | 11.6 | 13.5 | 31.4 | 11.5 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 15.3 | 15.6 | 8.2 | 11.2 | 19.7 | 17.6 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 1.8 | 6.9 | 12.9 | 22.5 | 27.6 | 6.9 | — | 1.8 | 5.9 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 3.0 | 19.3 | 19.0 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 4.7 | 13.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 20.4 | 18.7 | 10.7 | 9.2 | 13.1 | 14.7 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 16.7 | 18.3 | 6.6 | 11.4 | 18.0 | 18.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 13.5 | 35.1 | 22.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 11.4 | 13.2 | 13.7 | 15.1 | 25.4 | 15.4 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | — | 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.3 | — | — | — |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.8 | — | 7.3 | 7.3 | — | 11.6 | 56.3 | — | — | — | 11.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | — | 2.5 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 28.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.1 | 50.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | — | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 26.2 | 6.8 | 1.9 | 41.6 | 11.7 | 4.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.5 | — | — | — | — | 4.4 | 3.7 | 31.0 | 3.7 | 52.0 | 3.7 |

Table 79. Number and percent distribution of decedents by length of time decedent was married, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 30 years | 30 years to less than 35 years | 35 years to less than 40 years | 40 years to less than 45 years | 45 years to less than 50 years | 50 years to less than 55 years | 55 years to less than 64 years | 65 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | Number | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 826,895 | 89,495 | 118,650 | 181,821 | 147,677 | 174,510 | 224,502 | 214,515 | 209,815 | 223,773 | 55,033 | 187,104 |
| 25-44 years | 87,643 | 32,886 | 32,500 | 12,928 | 90 | 82 | — | 42 | 11 | 11 | — | 9,093 |
| 45-64 years | 361,582 | 21,356 | 35,865 | 75,659 | 64,637 | 75,268 | 50,220 | 7,395 | 544 | — | — | 30,637 |
| 65-74 years | 447,421 | 11,067 | 17,042 | 36,002 | 35,212 | 49,260 | 85,863 | 108,558 | 54,305 | 6,894 | 121 | 43,097 |
| 75-84 years | 535,124 | 13,407 | 18,520 | 30,533 | 28,938 | 30,433 | 56,691 | 67,146 | 108,746 | 123,575 | 6,285 | 50,850 |
| 85 years and over | 395,125 | 10,779 | 14,722 | 26,700 | 18,800 | 19,466 | 31,728 | 31,374 | 46,209 | 93,292 | 48,627 | 53,428 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,610,236 | 70,033 | 95,699 | 153,776 | 130,664 | 160,136 | 202,978 | 199,666 | 193,554 | 209,163 | 51,470 | 143,097 |
| 25-44 years | 68,653 | 24,939 | 26,314 | 11,096 | 90 | 82 | — | 42 | — | 11 | — | 6,078 |
| 45-64 years | 300,913 | 15,104 | 26,469 | 61,478 | 57,051 | 69,102 | 45,387 | 6,234 | 413 | — | — | 19,676 |
| 65-74 years | 392,977 | 8,421 | 12,903 | 30,295 | 30,773 | 44,863 | 77,360 | 100,537 | 48,602 | 6,035 | — | 33,187 |
| 75-84 years | 482,889 | 11,638 | 16,224 | 25,998 | 25,293 | 27,806 | 51,278 | 62,542 | 100,730 | 115,890 | 5,610 | 39,880 |
| 85 years and over | 364,805 | 9,931 | 13,789 | 24,909 | 17,457 | 18,283 | 28,953 | 30,311 | 43,809 | 87,227 | 45,860 | 44,275 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 199,664 | 18,322 | 21,347 | 25,590 | 15,646 | 13,581 | 19,345 | 13,569 | 14,420 | 12,083 | 3,067 | 42,692 |
| 25-44 years | 17,110 | 7,239 | 5,495 | 1,546 | — | — | — | — | 11 | — | — | 2,821 |
| 45-64 years | 56,487 | 6,126 | 8,603 | 12,262 | 7,240 | 5,930 | 4,533 | 1,151 | 122 | — | — | 10,519 |
| 65-74 years | 50,480 | 2,351 | 4,116 | 5,620 | 4,156 | 4,144 | 7,382 | 7,292 | 4,963 | 587 | 121 | 9,747 |
| 75-84 years | 48,512 | 1,769 | 2,241 | 4,413 | 3,348 | 2,366 | 4,932 | 4,113 | 6,997 | 7,073 | 653 | 10,608 |
| 85 years and over | 27,074 | 837 | 892 | 1,750 | 902 | 1,141 | 2,498 | 1,012 | 2,328 | 4,423 | 2,294 | 8,997 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 16,996 | 1,140 | 1,604 | 2,455 | 1,367 | 793 | 2,179 | 1,280 | 1,841 | 2,527 | 495 | 1,316 |
| 25-44 years | 1,880 | 708 | 692 | 286 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 194 |
| 45-64 years | 4,183 | 126 | 793 | 1,918 | 347 | 237 | 299 | 10 | 10 | — | — | 442 |
| 65-74 years | 3,964 | 295 | 22 | 87 | 284 | 252 | 1,121 | 728 | 739 | 272 | — | 163 |
| 75-84 years | 3,724 | — | 55 | 122 | 297 | 262 | 481 | 491 | 1,019 | 613 | 22 | 362 |
| 85 years and over | 3,246 | 10 | 41 | 41 | 440 | 41 | 277 | 51 | 72 | 1,642 | 473 | 155 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 935,993 | 46,890 | 63,717 | 84,127 | 72,388 | 94,072 | 114,056 | 119,570 | 115,374 | 114,963 | 23,406 | 87,431 |
| 25-44 years | 57,049 | 23,566 | 20,662 | 6,697 | 53 | 82 | — | 42 | — | 11 | — | 5,934 |
| 45-64 years | 220,260 | 13,562 | 23,316 | 46,125 | 40,341 | 46,285 | 28,856 | 1,613 | 217 | — | — | 19,947 |
| 65-74 years | 259,149 | 3,885 | 9,142 | 16,677 | 18,905 | 30,704 | 54,147 | 69,358 | 30,430 | 1,206 | 64 | 24,630 |
| 75-84 years | 266,152 | 3,937 | 7,855 | 9,120 | 10,052 | 13,910 | 24,062 | 40,796 | 66,724 | 66,631 | 896 | 22,170 |
| 85 years and over | 133,383 | 1,940 | 2,742 | 5,508 | 3,037 | 3,091 | 6,991 | 7,761 | 18,003 | 47,114 | 22,446 | 14,749 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 822,634 | 35,933 | 51,097 | 69,573 | 63,949 | 85,312 | 103,066 | 110,954 | 106,662 | 107,330 | 21,776 | 66,984 |
| 25-44 years | 44,872 | 18,322 | 16,824 | 5,742 | 53 | 82 | — | 42 | — | 11 | — | 3,795 |
| 45-64 years | 185,377 | 9,752 | 17,628 | 37,991 | 36,019 | 42,434 | 26,453 | 1,314 | 217 | — | — | 13,571 |
| 65-74 years | 229,479 | 2,801 | 7,073 | 13,910 | 16,890 | 27,630 | 49,461 | 63,968 | 26,988 | 1,068 | — | 19,690 |
| 75-84 years | 240,997 | 3,298 | 7,030 | 7,040 | 8,250 | 12,623 | 21,079 | 38,198 | 62,431 | 62,419 | 838 | 17,791 |
| 85 years and over | 121,910 | 1,760 | 2,543 | 4,890 | 2,738 | 2,543 | 6,074 | 7,432 | 17,026 | 43,831 | 20,938 | 12,137 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 103,951 | 10,202 | 11,742 | 13,108 | 8,293 | 8,342 | 9,989 | 7,455 | 7,668 | 6,133 | 1,199 | 19,821 |
| 25-44 years | 10,920 | 4,635 | 3,457 | 802 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2,026 |
| 45-64 years | 32,685 | 3,719 | 5,245 | 6,939 | 4,221 | 3,694 | 2,370 | 300 | — | — | — | 6,198 |
| 65-74 years | 27,358 | 1,029 | 2,046 | 2,734 | 1,971 | 3,052 | 3,989 | 4,705 | 2,746 | 127 | 64 | 4,896 |
| 75-84 years | 23,104 | 640 | 814 | 2,035 | 1,802 | 1,058 | 2,733 | 2,151 | 3,965 | 3,721 | 58 | 4,128 |
| 85 years and over | 9,884 | 179 | 179 | 598 | 299 | 538 | 897 | 299 | 957 | 2,285 | 1,077 | 2,573 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| Other races, 25 years and over | 9,408 | 756 | 878 | 1,446 | 145 | 418 | 1,001 | 1,162 | 1,045 | 1,500 | 431 | 627 |
| 25–44 years | 1,257 | 609 | 381 | 154 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 113 |
| 45–64 years | 2,199 | 91 | 443 | 1,195 | 101 | 156 | 33 | — | — | — | — | 178 |
| 65–74 years | 2,311 | 56 | 22 | 33 | 44 | 22 | 696 | 685 | 696 | 11 | — | 44 |
| 75–84 years | 2,051 | — | 11 | 44 | — | 229 | 251 | 447 | 328 | 491 | — | 251 |
| 85 years and over | 1,590 | — | 20 | 20 | — | 10 | 20 | 30 | 20 | 998 | 431 | 40 |

Female

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| All races, 25 years and over | 890,901 | 42,605 | 54,933 | 97,694 | 75,288 | 80,438 | 110,446 | 94,945 | 94,441 | 108,810 | 31,628 | 99,673 |
| 25–44 years | 30,594 | 9,319 | 11,838 | 6,231 | 37 | — | — | — | 11 | — | — | 3,158 |
| 45–64 years | 141,321 | 7,794 | 12,549 | 29,534 | 24,296 | 28,984 | 21,364 | 5,782 | 327 | — | — | 10,690 |
| 65–74 years | 188,272 | 7,182 | 7,900 | 19,325 | 16,308 | 18,556 | 31,716 | 39,200 | 23,875 | 5,688 | 58 | 18,467 |
| 75–84 years | 268,973 | 9,470 | 10,666 | 21,413 | 18,886 | 16,524 | 32,629 | 26,350 | 42,022 | 56,944 | 5,389 | 28,680 |
| 85 years and over | 261,742 | 8,840 | 11,980 | 21,192 | 15,762 | 16,375 | 24,737 | 23,613 | 28,206 | 46,178 | 26,181 | 38,678 |
| White, 25 years and over | 787,602 | 34,101 | 44,602 | 84,204 | 66,714 | 74,824 | 99,912 | 88,713 | 86,892 | 101,833 | 29,695 | 76,112 |
| 25–44 years | 23,781 | 6,617 | 9,490 | 5,355 | 37 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2,283 |
| 45–64 years | 115,536 | 5,352 | 8,841 | 23,487 | 21,032 | 26,668 | 18,935 | 4,920 | 196 | — | — | 6,105 |
| 65–74 years | 163,498 | 5,620 | 5,830 | 16,385 | 13,883 | 17,233 | 27,899 | 36,569 | 21,615 | 4,967 | — | 13,497 |
| 75–84 years | 241,892 | 8,340 | 9,194 | 18,957 | 17,044 | 15,183 | 30,199 | 24,344 | 38,300 | 53,470 | 4,773 | 22,089 |
| 85 years and over | 242,895 | 8,171 | 11,247 | 20,019 | 14,719 | 15,741 | 22,879 | 22,879 | 26,783 | 43,396 | 24,922 | 32,138 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 95,712 | 8,120 | 9,605 | 12,482 | 7,353 | 5,239 | 9,356 | 6,114 | 6,752 | 5,950 | 1,869 | 22,872 |
| 25–44 years | 6,190 | 2,604 | 2,037 | 744 | — | — | — | — | 11 | — | — | 795 |
| 45–64 years | 23,801 | 2,407 | 3,359 | 5,324 | 3,019 | 2,236 | 2,163 | 852 | 122 | — | — | 4,321 |
| 65–74 years | 23,122 | 1,323 | 2,070 | 2,886 | 2,185 | 1,093 | 3,393 | 2,588 | 2,217 | 460 | 58 | 4,851 |
| 75–84 years | 25,408 | 1,130 | 1,427 | 2,378 | 1,546 | 1,308 | 2,200 | 1,962 | 3,032 | 3,352 | 595 | 6,480 |
| 85 years and over | 17,191 | 658 | 713 | 1,151 | 603 | 603 | 1,600 | 713 | 1,371 | 2,138 | 1,217 | 6,425 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 7,588 | 384 | 726 | 1,008 | 1,222 | 375 | 1,178 | 118 | 796 | 1,027 | 64 | 689 |
| 25–44 years | 623 | 99 | 311 | 133 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 81 |
| 45–64 years | 1,984 | 35 | 350 | 723 | 246 | 80 | 266 | 10 | 10 | — | — | 264 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 239 | — | 54 | 239 | 230 | 425 | 43 | 43 | 261 | — | 118 |
| 75–84 years | 1,672 | — | 44 | 77 | 297 | 33 | 230 | 44 | 690 | 122 | 22 | 111 |
| 85 years and over | 1,656 | 10 | 21 | 21 | 440 | 31 | 257 | 21 | 52 | 644 | 42 | 115 |

Both sexes

| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 10.0 | 8.1 | 9.6 | 12.3 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 12.2 | 3.0 | 10.2 |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 37.5 | 37.1 | 14.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | 10.4 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 5.9 | 9.9 | 20.9 | 17.9 | 20.8 | 13.9 | 2.0 | 0.2 | — | — | 8.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 11.0 | 19.2 | 24.3 | 12.1 | 1.5 | — | 9.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 10.6 | 12.5 | 20.3 | 23.1 | 1.2 | 9.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 11.7 | 23.6 | 12.3 | 13.5 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 9.5 | 8.1 | 9.9 | 12.6 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 3.2 | 8.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 36.3 | 38.3 | 16.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | 8.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 5.0 | 8.8 | 20.4 | 19.0 | 23.0 | 15.1 | 2.1 | 0.1 | — | — | 6.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 11.4 | 19.7 | 25.6 | 12.4 | 1.5 | — | 8.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 10.6 | 13.0 | 20.9 | 24.0 | 1.2 | 8.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 12.0 | 23.9 | 12.6 | 12.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 9.2 | 10.7 | 12.8 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 9.7 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 1.5 | 21.4 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 42.3 | 32.1 | 9.0 | — | — | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | 16.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 10.8 | 15.2 | 21.7 | 12.8 | 10.5 | 8.0 | 2.0 | 0.2 | — | — | 18.6 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 4.7 | 8.2 | 11.1 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 14.6 | 14.4 | 9.8 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 19.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 9.1 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 10.2 | 8.5 | 14.4 | 14.6 | 1.3 | 21.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 6.5 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 9.2 | 3.7 | 8.6 | 16.3 | 8.5 | 33.2 |

Table 79. Number and percent distribution of decedents by length of time decedent was married, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Length of time | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Less than 10 years | 10 years to less than 20 years | 20 years to less than 30 years | 30 years to less than 35 years | 35 years to less than 40 years | 40 years to less than 45 years | 45 years to less than 50 years | 50 years to less than 55 years | 55 years to less than 64 years | 65 years or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes—Con. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 6.7 | 9.4 | 14.4 | 8.0 | 4.7 | 12.8 | 7.5 | 10.8 | 14.9 | 2.9 | 7.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 37.7 | 36.8 | 15.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 3.0 | 19.0 | 45.9 | 8.3 | 5.7 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | — | — | 10.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 28.3 | 18.4 | 18.7 | 6.9 | — | 4.1 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | — | 1.5 | 3.3 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 27.4 | 16.5 | 0.6 | 9.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 13.6 | 1.3 | 8.5 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 50.6 | 14.6 | 4.8 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 5.0 | 6.8 | 9.0 | 7.7 | 10.1 | 12.2 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 2.5 | 9.3 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 41.3 | 36.2 | 11.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | 10.4 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 6.2 | 10.6 | 20.9 | 18.3 | 21.0 | 13.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | — | — | 9.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 11.8 | 20.9 | 26.8 | 11.7 | 0.5 | — | 9.5 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 5.2 | 9.0 | 15.3 | 25.1 | 25.0 | 0.3 | 8.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 13.5 | 35.3 | 16.8 | 11.1 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.4 | 6.2 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 10.4 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 2.6 | 8.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 40.8 | 37.5 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | 8.5 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.3 | 9.5 | 20.5 | 19.4 | 22.9 | 14.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | — | — | 7.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 1.2 | 3.1 | 6.1 | 7.4 | 12.0 | 21.6 | 27.9 | 11.8 | 0.5 | — | 8.6 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 8.7 | 15.8 | 25.9 | 25.9 | 0.3 | 7.4 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 14.0 | 36.0 | 17.2 | 10.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 12.6 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 5.9 | 1.2 | 19.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 42.4 | 31.7 | 7.3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 18.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 11.4 | 16.0 | 21.2 | 12.9 | 11.3 | 7.3 | 0.9 | — | — | — | 19.0 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 7.5 | 10.0 | 7.2 | 11.2 | 14.6 | 17.2 | 10.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 17.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 8.8 | 7.8 | 4.6 | 11.8 | 9.3 | 17.2 | 16.1 | 0.3 | 17.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 5.4 | 9.1 | 3.0 | 9.7 | 23.1 | 10.9 | 26.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 8.0 | 9.3 | 15.4 | 1.5 | 4.4 | 10.6 | 12.4 | 11.1 | 15.9 | 4.6 | 6.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 48.5 | 30.3 | 12.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.1 | 20.2 | 54.4 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 1.5 | — | — | — | — | 8.1 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 30.1 | 29.6 | 30.1 | 0.5 | — | 1.9 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | — | 0.5 | 2.2 | — | 11.2 | 12.2 | 21.8 | 16.0 | 23.9 | — | 12.2 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | — | 1.3 | 1.3 | — | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 62.8 | 27.1 | 2.5 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.8 | 6.2 | 11.0 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 12.4 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 3.6 | 11.2 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 30.5 | 38.7 | 20.4 | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10.3 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 5.5 | 8.9 | 20.9 | 17.2 | 20.5 | 15.1 | 4.1 | 0.2 | — | — | 7.6 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 10.3 | 8.7 | 9.9 | 16.8 | 20.8 | 12.7 | 3.0 | — | 9.8 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 6.1 | 12.1 | 9.8 | 15.6 | 21.2 | 2.0 | 10.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 8.1 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 10.8 | 17.6 | 10.0 | 14.8 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 10.7 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 12.7 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 12.9 | 3.8 | 9.7 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 27.8 | 39.9 | 22.5 | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9.6 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 4.6 | 7.7 | 20.3 | 18.2 | 23.1 | 16.4 | 4.3 | 0.2 | — | — | 5.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 10.0 | 8.5 | 10.5 | 17.1 | 22.4 | 13.2 | 3.0 | — | 8.3 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 12.5 | 10.1 | 15.8 | 22.1 | 2.0 | 9.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 8.2 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 11.0 | 17.9 | 10.3 | 13.2 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 8.5 | 10.0 | 13.0 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 2.0 | 23.9 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 42.1 | 32.9 | 12.0 | — | — | — | — | 0.2 | — | — | 12.8 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 10.1 | 14.1 | 22.4 | 12.7 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 3.6 | 0.5 | — | — | 18.2 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 5.7 | 9.0 | 12.5 | 9.4 | 4.7 | 14.7 | 11.2 | 9.6 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 21.0 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 9.4 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 8.7 | 7.7 | 11.9 | 13.2 | 2.3 | 25.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 6.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 9.3 | 4.1 | 8.0 | 12.4 | 7.1 | 37.4 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 5.1 | 9.6 | 13.3 | 16.1 | 4.9 | 15.5 | 1.6 | 10.5 | 13.5 | 0.9 | 9.1 |
| 25-44 years | 100.0 | 15.9 | 49.9 | 21.3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 13.0 |
| 45-64 years | 100.0 | 1.8 | 17.6 | 36.5 | 12.4 | 4.1 | 13.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | — | — | 13.3 |
| 65-74 years | 100.0 | 14.5 | — | 3.3 | 14.5 | 13.9 | 25.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 15.8 | — | 7.2 |
| 75-84 years | 100.0 | — | 2.7 | 4.7 | 17.7 | 2.0 | 13.8 | 3.7 | 41.3 | 7.3 | 1.3 | 6.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 26.6 | 1.9 | 15.5 | 1.3 | 3.2 | 38.9 | 2.5 | 7.0 |

Table 80. Number and percent distribution of decedents by number of persons decedent was ever married to, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Persons married to | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------|---------|--------|-----------|------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 or more | Don't know |
| Both sexes | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 1,802,139 | 1,294,049 | 335,789 | 68,590 | 20,004 | 83,706 |
| 25-44 years | 87,224 | 60,251 | 17,111 | 4,073 | 658 | 5,131 |
| 45-64 years | 358,171 | 244,327 | 71,828 | 19,302 | 6,632 | 16,083 |
| 65-74 years | 442,362 | 318,608 | 80,817 | 17,430 | 5,272 | 20,234 |
| 75-84 years | 527,252 | 380,605 | 100,014 | 17,819 | 4,997 | 24,317 |
| 85 years and over | 387,129 | 290,258 | 66,019 | 10,466 | 2,445 | 17,941 |
| White, 25 years and over | 1,588,622 | 1,152,540 | 289,926 | 59,661 | 18,450 | 68,046 |
| 25-44 years | 68,382 | 46,120 | 14,483 | 3,771 | 647 | 3,361 |
| 45-64 years | 298,140 | 203,379 | 59,536 | 17,197 | 6,344 | 11,685 |
| 65-74 years | 388,534 | 282,899 | 69,019 | 14,775 | 4,859 | 16,982 |
| 75-84 years | 476,036 | 349,135 | 87,101 | 14,915 | 4,574 | 20,311 |
| 85 years and over | 357,529 | 271,007 | 59,787 | 9,004 | 2,025 | 15,706 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 197,059 | 127,523 | 44,414 | 8,525 | 1,423 | 15,175 |
| 25-44 years | 16,995 | 12,604 | 2,493 | 267 | — | 1,632 |
| 45-64 years | 55,873 | 37,493 | 11,757 | 2,026 | 242 | 4,355 |
| 65-74 years | 49,875 | 32,253 | 11,602 | 2,420 | 369 | 3,230 |
| 75-84 years | 47,744 | 28,733 | 12,474 | 2,360 | 412 | 3,766 |
| 85 years and over | 26,571 | 16,439 | 6,088 | 1,452 | 399 | 2,193 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 16,459 | 13,987 | 1,449 | 405 | 132 | 485 |
| 25-44 years | 1,847 | 1,527 | 135 | 35 | 11 | 139 |
| 45-64 years | 4,159 | 3,456 | 535 | 80 | 45 | 43 |
| 65-74 years | 3,952 | 3,455 | 196 | 235 | 44 | 22 |
| 75-84 years | 3,472 | 2,737 | 439 | 44 | 11 | 240 |
| 85 years and over | 3,029 | 2,812 | 144 | 10 | 21 | 42 |
| Male | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 925,612 | 653,067 | 177,034 | 36,282 | 9,852 | 49,378 |
| 25-44 years | 56,868 | 39,182 | 11,153 | 2,286 | 414 | 3,834 |
| 45-64 years | 218,586 | 147,389 | 44,209 | 11,830 | 4,181 | 10,977 |
| 65-74 years | 256,468 | 182,781 | 47,441 | 9,714 | 2,424 | 14,109 |
| 75-84 years | 262,382 | 188,675 | 50,287 | 7,235 | 2,253 | 13,933 |
| 85 years and over | 131,308 | 95,040 | 23,945 | 5,216 | 581 | 6,526 |
| White, 25 years and over | 813,546 | 578,165 | 153,454 | 31,915 | 9,129 | 40,883 |
| 25-44 years | 44,765 | 30,414 | 9,282 | 2,161 | 414 | 2,495 |
| 45-64 years | 184,021 | 123,595 | 37,457 | 10,512 | 4,098 | 8,359 |
| 65-74 years | 227,128 | 163,337 | 41,108 | 8,345 | 2,147 | 12,190 |
| 75-84 years | 237,482 | 172,787 | 44,247 | 6,399 | 2,078 | 11,971 |
| 85 years and over | 120,150 | 88,032 | 21,361 | 4,498 | 391 | 5,867 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 102,932 | 67,282 | 22,756 | 4,062 | 668 | 8,163 |
| 25-44 years | 10,879 | 7,727 | 1,792 | 102 | — | 1,258 |
| 45-64 years | 32,377 | 22,008 | 6,429 | 1,284 | 60 | 2,595 |
| 65-74 years | 27,041 | 17,480 | 6,255 | 1,144 | 254 | 1,907 |
| 75-84 years | 22,871 | 14,383 | 5,756 | 814 | 174 | 1,744 |
| 85 years and over | 9,764 | 5,684 | 2,524 | 718 | 179 | 658 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 9,135 | 7,620 | 823 | 305 | 55 | 332 |
| 25-44 years | 1,224 | 1,041 | 79 | 24 | — | 80 |
| 45-64 years | 2,187 | 1,786 | 322 | 34 | 23 | 23 |
| 65-74 years | 2,300 | 1,964 | 78 | 225 | 22 | 11 |
| 75-84 years | 2,029 | 1,505 | 284 | 22 | — | 218 |
| 85 years and over | 1,394 | 1,324 | 60 | — | 10 | — |
| Female | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 876,526 | 640,982 | 158,755 | 32,309 | 10,152 | 34,328 |
| 25-44 years | 30,356 | 21,069 | 5,958 | 1,787 | 245 | 1,298 |
| 45-64 years | 139,586 | 96,939 | 27,619 | 7,472 | 2,451 | 5,105 |
| 65-74 years | 185,894 | 135,827 | 33,377 | 7,716 | 2,849 | 6,126 |
| 75-84 years | 264,868 | 191,929 | 49,727 | 10,084 | 2,744 | 10,384 |
| 85 years and over | 255,821 | 195,218 | 42,074 | 5,250 | 1,864 | 11,416 |

Table 80. Number and percent distribution of decedents by number of persons decedent was ever married to, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Persons married to | | | | Don't know |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------|-----------|------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 or more | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 775,076 | 574,375 | 136,471 | 27,746 | 9,321 | 27,163 |
| 25–44 years | 23,617 | 15,706 | 5,201 | 1,611 | 233 | 866 |
| 45–64 years | 114,119 | 79,784 | 22,079 | 6,685 | 2,246 | 3,325 |
| 65–74 years | 161,407 | 119,562 | 27,911 | 6,430 | 2,712 | 4,792 |
| 75–84 years | 238,554 | 176,348 | 42,854 | 8,516 | 2,496 | 8,340 |
| 85 years and over | 237,380 | 182,975 | 38,427 | 4,505 | 1,634 | 9,839 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 94,127 | 60,240 | 21,657 | 4,463 | 755 | 7,012 |
| 25–44 years | 6,116 | 4,877 | 701 | 165 | — | 373 |
| 45–64 years | 23,496 | 15,484 | 5,328 | 742 | 183 | 1,760 |
| 65–74 years | 22,834 | 14,774 | 5,348 | 1,276 | 115 | 1,323 |
| 75–84 years | 24,873 | 14,350 | 6,718 | 1,546 | 238 | 2,021 |
| 85 years and over | 16,807 | 10,755 | 3,563 | 734 | 219 | 1,535 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,324 | 6,367 | 626 | 100 | 77 | 154 |
| 25–44 years | 623 | 486 | 56 | 11 | 11 | 59 |
| 45–64 years | 1,971 | 1,670 | 213 | 45 | 23 | 20 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 1,491 | 118 | 11 | 22 | 11 |
| 75–84 years | 1,442 | 1,231 | 155 | 22 | 11 | 22 |
| 85 years and over | 1,635 | 1,488 | 84 | 10 | 10 | 42 |
| Both sexes | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 71.8 | 18.6 | 3.8 | 1.1 | 4.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 69.1 | 19.6 | 4.7 | 0.8 | 5.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 68.2 | 20.1 | 5.4 | 1.9 | 4.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 72.0 | 18.3 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 4.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 72.2 | 19.0 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 4.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 75.0 | 17.1 | 2.7 | 0.6 | 4.6 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 72.6 | 18.3 | 3.8 | 1.2 | 4.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 67.4 | 21.2 | 5.5 | 1.0 | 4.9 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 68.2 | 20.0 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 3.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 72.8 | 17.8 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 4.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 73.3 | 18.3 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 4.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 75.8 | 16.7 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 4.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 64.7 | 22.5 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 7.7 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 74.2 | 14.7 | 1.6 | — | 9.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 67.1 | 21.0 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 7.8 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 64.7 | 23.3 | 4.9 | 0.7 | 6.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 60.2 | 26.1 | 4.9 | 0.9 | 7.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 61.9 | 22.9 | 5.5 | 1.5 | 8.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 85.0 | 8.8 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 3.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 82.7 | 7.3 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 7.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 83.1 | 12.9 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 87.4 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 78.8 | 12.7 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 6.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 92.8 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.4 |
| Male | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 70.6 | 19.1 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 5.3 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 68.9 | 19.6 | 4.0 | 0.7 | 6.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 67.4 | 20.2 | 5.4 | 1.9 | 5.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 71.3 | 18.5 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 5.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 71.9 | 19.2 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 5.3 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 72.4 | 18.2 | 4.0 | 0.4 | 5.0 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 100.0 | 71.1 | 18.9 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 5.0 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 67.9 | 20.7 | 4.8 | 0.9 | 5.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 67.2 | 20.4 | 5.7 | 2.2 | 4.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 71.9 | 18.1 | 3.7 | 1.0 | 5.4 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 72.8 | 18.6 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 5.0 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 73.3 | 17.8 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 4.9 |

Table 80. Number and percent distribution of decedents by number of persons decedent was ever married to, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Total | Persons married to | | | | Don't know |
|--|-------|--------------------|------|-----|-----------|------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 or more | |
| Male—Con. | | | | | | |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 65.4 | 22.1 | 4.0 | 0.7 | 7.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 71.0 | 16.5 | 0.9 | — | 11.6 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 68.0 | 19.9 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 8.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 64.6 | 23.1 | 4.2 | 0.9 | 7.1 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 62.9 | 25.2 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 7.6 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 58.2 | 25.9 | 7.4 | 1.8 | 6.7 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 83.4 | 9.0 | 3.3 | 0.6 | 3.6 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 85.1 | 6.5 | 2.0 | — | 6.5 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 81.6 | 14.7 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 85.4 | 3.4 | 9.8 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 74.2 | 14.0 | 1.1 | — | 10.7 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 95.0 | 4.3 | — | 0.7 | — |
| Female | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 73.1 | 18.1 | 3.7 | 1.2 | 3.9 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 69.4 | 19.6 | 5.9 | 0.8 | 4.3 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 69.5 | 19.8 | 5.4 | 1.8 | 3.7 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 73.1 | 18.0 | 4.2 | 1.5 | 3.3 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 72.5 | 18.8 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 3.9 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 76.3 | 16.5 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| White, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 74.1 | 17.6 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 3.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 66.5 | 22.0 | 6.8 | 1.0 | 3.7 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 69.9 | 19.4 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 2.9 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 74.1 | 17.3 | 4.0 | 1.7 | 3.0 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 73.9 | 18.0 | 3.6 | 1.1 | 3.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 77.1 | 16.2 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 4.1 |
| Black, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 64.0 | 23.0 | 4.7 | 0.8 | 7.5 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 79.7 | 11.5 | 2.7 | — | 6.1 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 65.9 | 22.7 | 3.2 | 0.8 | 7.5 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 64.7 | 23.4 | 5.6 | 0.5 | 5.8 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 57.7 | 27.0 | 6.2 | 1.0 | 8.1 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 64.0 | 21.2 | 4.4 | 1.3 | 9.1 |
| Other races, 25 years and over | 100.0 | 86.9 | 8.6 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 2.1 |
| 25–44 years | 100.0 | 78.0 | 9.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 9.4 |
| 45–64 years | 100.0 | 84.7 | 10.8 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| 65–74 years | 100.0 | 90.2 | 7.2 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.7 |
| 75–84 years | 100.0 | 85.4 | 10.8 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1.5 |
| 85 years and over | 100.0 | 91.0 | 5.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.6 |

Table 81. Number and percent distribution of decedents by highest school grade decedent's spouse completed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986

| Sex, race, and age | Spouse highest grade completed | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| | Total | Elementary | High school | College | Don't know | Total | Elementary | High school | College | Don't know |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 1,802,139 | 478,301 | 759,830 | 298,182 | 265,827 | 100.0 | 26.5 | 42.2 | 16.5 | 14.8 |
| 25-44 years | 87,225 | 6,019 | 44,057 | 21,490 | 15,659 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 50.5 | 24.6 | 18.0 |
| 45-64 years | 358,172 | 54,925 | 186,902 | 71,448 | 44,897 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 52.2 | 19.9 | 12.5 |
| 65-74 years | 442,363 | 95,083 | 219,494 | 69,962 | 57,824 | 100.0 | 21.5 | 49.6 | 15.8 | 13.1 |
| 75-84 years | 527,251 | 171,729 | 197,320 | 79,405 | 78,797 | 100.0 | 32.6 | 37.4 | 15.1 | 14.9 |
| 85 years and over | 387,129 | 150,545 | 112,057 | 55,877 | 68,650 | 100.0 | 38.9 | 28.9 | 14.4 | 17.7 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 1,588,621 | 408,783 | 693,277 | 278,436 | 208,125 | 100.0 | 25.7 | 43.6 | 17.5 | 13.1 |
| 25-44 years | 68,382 | 4,516 | 35,595 | 18,104 | 10,167 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 52.1 | 26.5 | 14.9 |
| 45-64 years | 298,139 | 42,028 | 161,683 | 64,945 | 29,483 | 100.0 | 14.1 | 54.2 | 21.8 | 9.9 |
| 65-74 years | 388,535 | 76,413 | 202,062 | 65,793 | 44,267 | 100.0 | 19.7 | 52.0 | 16.9 | 11.4 |
| 75-84 years | 476,036 | 150,068 | 186,037 | 75,583 | 64,348 | 100.0 | 31.5 | 39.1 | 15.9 | 13.5 |
| 85 years and over | 357,529 | 135,758 | 107,900 | 54,010 | 59,861 | 100.0 | 38.0 | 30.2 | 15.1 | 16.7 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 197,059 | 62,992 | 61,624 | 17,367 | 55,076 | 100.0 | 32.0 | 31.3 | 8.8 | 27.9 |
| 25-44 years | 16,996 | 1,260 | 7,713 | 2,888 | 5,134 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 45.4 | 17.0 | 30.2 |
| 45-64 years | 55,873 | 12,011 | 23,909 | 5,351 | 14,603 | 100.0 | 21.5 | 42.8 | 9.6 | 26.1 |
| 65-74 years | 49,875 | 16,627 | 16,287 | 4,147 | 12,815 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 32.7 | 8.3 | 25.7 |
| 75-84 years | 47,744 | 20,289 | 10,256 | 3,157 | 14,043 | 100.0 | 42.5 | 21.5 | 6.6 | 29.4 |
| 85 years and over | 26,571 | 12,806 | 3,460 | 1,824 | 8,481 | 100.0 | 48.2 | 13.0 | 6.9 | 31.9 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 16,459 | 6,526 | 4,928 | 2,380 | 2,625 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 29.9 | 14.5 | 16.0 |
| 25-44 years | 1,847 | 244 | 749 | 497 | 357 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 40.5 | 26.9 | 19.4 |
| 45-64 years | 4,159 | 886 | 1,310 | 1,152 | 811 | 100.0 | 21.3 | 31.5 | 27.7 | 19.5 |
| 65-74 years | 3,952 | 2,043 | 1,145 | 22 | 743 | 100.0 | 51.7 | 29.0 | 0.6 | 18.8 |
| 75-84 years | 3,472 | 1,372 | 1,028 | 666 | 406 | 100.0 | 39.5 | 29.6 | 19.2 | 11.7 |
| 85 years and over | 3,029 | 1,981 | 698 | 43 | 308 | 100.0 | 65.4 | 23.0 | 1.4 | 10.2 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 925,612 | 207,803 | 451,673 | 155,812 | 110,324 | 100.0 | 22.5 | 48.8 | 16.8 | 11.9 |
| 25-44 years | 56,868 | 3,131 | 31,309 | 12,509 | 9,920 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 55.1 | 22.0 | 17.4 |
| 45-64 years | 218,586 | 29,582 | 121,733 | 40,000 | 27,270 | 100.0 | 13.5 | 55.7 | 18.3 | 12.5 |
| 65-74 years | 256,469 | 48,311 | 138,964 | 41,085 | 28,109 | 100.0 | 18.8 | 54.2 | 16.0 | 11.0 |
| 75-84 years | 262,382 | 75,212 | 115,512 | 43,572 | 28,086 | 100.0 | 28.7 | 44.0 | 16.6 | 10.7 |
| 85 years and over | 131,308 | 51,567 | 44,155 | 18,646 | 16,940 | 100.0 | 39.3 | 33.6 | 14.2 | 12.9 |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 813,545 | 175,329 | 409,862 | 142,860 | 85,494 | 100.0 | 21.6 | 50.4 | 17.6 | 10.5 |
| 25-44 years | 44,765 | 2,190 | 25,703 | 10,290 | 6,581 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 57.4 | 23.0 | 14.7 |
| 45-64 years | 184,021 | 22,961 | 106,498 | 35,680 | 18,882 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 57.9 | 19.4 | 10.3 |
| 65-74 years | 227,128 | 38,990 | 127,757 | 38,328 | 22,053 | 100.0 | 17.2 | 56.2 | 16.9 | 9.7 |
| 75-84 years | 237,482 | 65,380 | 108,234 | 40,753 | 23,115 | 100.0 | 27.5 | 45.6 | 17.2 | 9.7 |
| 85 years and over | 120,150 | 45,808 | 41,669 | 17,808 | 14,864 | 100.0 | 38.1 | 34.7 | 14.8 | 12.4 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 102,931 | 29,129 | 38,529 | 11,719 | 23,554 | 100.0 | 28.3 | 37.4 | 11.4 | 22.9 |
| 25-44 years | 10,879 | 778 | 5,013 | 2,015 | 3,074 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 46.1 | 18.5 | 28.3 |
| 45-64 years | 32,377 | 6,007 | 14,502 | 3,737 | 8,131 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 44.8 | 11.5 | 25.1 |
| 65-74 years | 27,040 | 8,289 | 10,410 | 2,746 | 5,595 | 100.0 | 30.7 | 38.5 | 10.2 | 20.7 |
| 75-84 years | 22,871 | 9,209 | 6,570 | 2,384 | 4,709 | 100.0 | 40.3 | 28.7 | 10.4 | 20.6 |
| 85 years and over | 9,764 | 4,846 | 2,034 | 838 | 2,046 | 100.0 | 49.6 | 20.8 | 8.6 | 21.0 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 9,135 | 3,345 | 3,281 | 1,233 | 1,276 | 100.0 | 36.6 | 35.9 | 13.5 | 14.0 |
| 25-44 years | 1,224 | 162 | 593 | 203 | 266 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 48.4 | 16.6 | 21.7 |
| 45-64 years | 2,187 | 615 | 732 | 583 | 257 | 100.0 | 28.1 | 33.5 | 26.7 | 11.8 |
| 65-74 years | 2,300 | 1,032 | 796 | 11 | 461 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 34.6 | 0.5 | 20.0 |
| 75-84 years | 2,029 | 623 | 709 | 436 | 262 | 100.0 | 30.7 | 34.9 | 21.5 | 12.9 |
| 85 years and over | 1,394 | 913 | 451 | — | 30 | 100.0 | 65.5 | 32.4 | — | 2.2 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| All races, 25 years and over..... | 876,527 | 270,498 | 308,157 | 142,370 | 155,502 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 35.2 | 16.2 | 17.7 |
| 25-44 years | 30,356 | 2,889 | 12,748 | 8,981 | 5,739 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 42.0 | 29.6 | 18.9 |
| 45-64 years | 139,586 | 25,343 | 65,169 | 31,448 | 17,627 | 100.0 | 18.2 | 46.7 | 22.5 | 12.6 |
| 65-74 years | 185,894 | 46,772 | 80,530 | 28,877 | 29,716 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 43.3 | 15.5 | 16.0 |
| 75-84 years | 264,869 | 96,517 | 81,808 | 35,833 | 50,711 | 100.0 | 36.4 | 30.9 | 13.5 | 19.1 |
| 85 years and over | 255,821 | 98,978 | 67,903 | 37,231 | 51,710 | 100.0 | 38.7 | 26.5 | 14.6 | 20.2 |

Table 81. Number and percent distribution of decedents by highest school grade decedent's spouse completed, according to sex, race, and age: United States, 1986—Con.

| Sex, race, and age | Spouse highest grade completed | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| | Total | Elementary | High school | College | Don't know | Total | Elementary | High school | College | Don't know |
| | Number | | | | | Percent distribution | | | | |
| Female—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| White, 25 years and over..... | 775,076 | 233,454 | 283,415 | 135,576 | 122,631 | 100.0 | 30.1 | 36.6 | 17.5 | 15.8 |
| 25–44 years | 23,617 | 2,325 | 9,891 | 7,814 | 3,586 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 41.9 | 33.1 | 15.2 |
| 45–64 years | 114,119 | 19,068 | 55,185 | 29,265 | 10,601 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 48.4 | 25.6 | 9.3 |
| 65–74 years | 161,407 | 37,423 | 74,305 | 27,465 | 22,214 | 100.0 | 23.2 | 46.0 | 17.0 | 13.8 |
| 75–84 years | 238,554 | 84,688 | 77,803 | 34,830 | 41,233 | 100.0 | 35.5 | 32.6 | 14.6 | 17.3 |
| 85 years and over | 237,379 | 89,950 | 66,231 | 36,202 | 44,997 | 100.0 | 37.9 | 27.9 | 15.3 | 19.0 |
| Black, 25 years and over..... | 94,127 | 33,864 | 23,094 | 5,647 | 31,522 | 100.0 | 36.0 | 24.5 | 6.0 | 33.5 |
| 25–44 years | 6,116 | 482 | 2,701 | 873 | 2,061 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 44.2 | 14.3 | 33.7 |
| 45–64 years | 23,496 | 6,004 | 9,407 | 1,614 | 6,472 | 100.0 | 25.6 | 40.0 | 6.9 | 27.5 |
| 65–74 years | 22,834 | 8,338 | 5,876 | 1,401 | 7,220 | 100.0 | 36.5 | 25.7 | 6.1 | 31.6 |
| 75–84 years | 24,873 | 11,081 | 3,686 | 773 | 9,334 | 100.0 | 44.5 | 14.8 | 3.1 | 37.5 |
| 85 years and over | 16,807 | 7,960 | 1,425 | 987 | 6,435 | 100.0 | 47.4 | 8.5 | 5.9 | 38.3 |
| Other races, 25 years and over..... | 7,324 | 3,181 | 1,647 | 1,147 | 1,350 | 100.0 | 43.4 | 22.5 | 15.7 | 18.4 |
| 25–44 years | 623 | 81 | 156 | 294 | 92 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 25.0 | 47.2 | 14.7 |
| 45–64 years | 1,971 | 271 | 577 | 569 | 554 | 100.0 | 13.8 | 29.3 | 28.9 | 28.1 |
| 65–74 years | 1,652 | 1,011 | 348 | 11 | 282 | 100.0 | 61.2 | 21.1 | 0.7 | 17.1 |
| 75–84 years | 1,442 | 749 | 319 | 230 | 144 | 100.0 | 51.9 | 22.1 | 16.0 | 10.0 |
| 85 years and over | 1,635 | 1,069 | 246 | 43 | 278 | 100.0 | 65.4 | 15.1 | 2.6 | 17.0 |

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Appendix I

Technical notes on methods and interpretation

Background

The 1986 National Mortality Followback Survey (NMFS) was a national probability sample of all adult deaths in 1986 in the United States excluding Oregon. The survey focused on four subject areas: socioeconomic differentials in mortality, prevention of premature death by inquiring into the association between risk factors and cause of death, health care services provided in the last year of life, and the correspondence between certain items reported on the death certificate and those items as reported on the informant questionnaire.

The 1986 survey was a collaborative effort of NCHS and cosponsoring agencies in the Public Health Service (PHS), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Department of Veterans Affairs, including:

- The Health Care Financing Administration.
- The Indian Health Service.
- The National Cancer Institute.
- The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.
- The National Institute on Aging.
- The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.
- The National Institute of Mental Health.
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS.

Sources of information

The chief source of information in the 1986 survey was the questionnaire completed by the informant, who was in most cases the next of kin or another close relative of the decedent. The death certificate contains the name of the informant who provided the personal information about the decedent to the funeral director who filed the certificate. The questionnaire was addressed to this informant.

A second source of information was the hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities in which the decedent spent at least one night during the last year of life. Identification of these facilities was obtained from the death certificate, the informant, and the facilities identified by these two sources.

In addition, information was obtained from the death certificates in the Current Mortality Sample (CMS), a

monthly 10-percent sample of all deaths in the United States, and from the final complete file of death certificates compiled by NCHS after the close of the year known as the multiple cause-of-death file.

In those instances in which the decedent had no known next of kin and had lived in a nursing home in the last year of life, a staff person from the nursing home was requested to provide information about the decedent.

Sampling frame

The universe for the 1986 NMFS was all persons 25 years of age and older who died in the United States in 1986 as reported to the State registrars of vital statistics and compiled nationally by NCHS. The sampling frame was the CMS.

Sample design

The NMFS is based on a stratified sample of 1986 CMS death certificates for adult decedents who were residents of the United States. Approximately 1 percent of U.S. adult deaths were included in the sample. Oregon was excluded because of its respondent consent requirement. Oregon accounts for about 1 percent of adult deaths in the United States.

To assure adequate analytic capability for population groups of special concern in the survey, oversampling of these groups was built into the sample design. The survey sample included all deaths in the 10-percent CMS for men ages 25–44 and women ages 25–54 who died of ischemic heart disease; all deaths due to asthma; all deaths from cancer at specified sites according to selected age and sex classes; and all deaths of American Indians, Aleutians, and Eskimos. In addition, deaths of black persons were oversampled 2.9 times and deaths of decedents under age 55, 3.1 times. Information was sought on 18,733 decedents in 1986.

Survey procedures

The pretest

To assess the proposed survey procedures and the questionnaire, a pretest was conducted in 1985. Data

collection was carried out by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for both the pretest and the main survey.

A sample of 1,363 death certificates from four States, representing decedents who died in September and October 1984, was selected. The States selected were Illinois, New Mexico, Vermont, and Virginia, providing diversity in geographic and in racial and ethnic characteristics.

The general procedures used in the pretest were similar to those followed in the main survey, as described below. The pretest response rate after all attempts to contact the informant was 87.3 percent. Refusals were received from 2.9 percent of the informants.

Data collection

Informant survey—Data collection from the informants was carried out as follows:

- A 24-page questionnaire was mailed to the informants identified from the death certificate approximately 6 months after the death. (See Appendix III for the questionnaire.) A cover letter from the Director, NCHS, and brief instructions were included on the form. A postage-paid reply envelope was included, and a reply within 5 days was requested. The questionnaire included a form for the respondent to fill out to authorize contact with the hospitals and other health care facilities used by the decedent in the last year of life.
- Ten days after the first mailing, a letter was mailed to all informants thanking them if they had completed the questionnaire and requesting a response if they had not.
- The post office was requested to furnish a forwarding address if the informant had moved, and a questionnaire was mailed to the new address. The Census Bureau attempted to locate nonrespondents using telephone directories, city directories, and other means.
- About 4 weeks after the initial mailing, an identical questionnaire was mailed to nonrespondents with a cover letter urging response.
- About 1 month after the second mailing, field interviews were attempted for those not responding by mail. The initial field effort was by telephone, followed by a personal visit when needed. Personal visits were limited to informants who lived within 50 miles of the Census Bureau interviewer's residence.
- When questionnaire replies were received, 21 key items identified by the survey staff were checked for completeness on each reply. If three or more of these items failed this edit, a telephone call was made to the informant and an attempt was made to complete all items on the questionnaire.
- If a spouse or other person residing at the decedent's last address refused to respond, no further effort was made to secure the information. However, if some other person refused, an inquiry was made as to whether there was another individual who might be asked to complete the questionnaire.

- As a measure of response reliability, a reinterview was conducted by telephone at least 2 weeks after the original response for a sample of the completed questionnaires. The same person was asked to provide information on a selected number of the same items.

Permission was sought from all State registrars to contact the informants in their States. Oregon is excluded from the NMFS due to the State's respondent consent requirements. Pennsylvania required the inclusion of a form permitting the respondent to refuse. This form produced such a high rate of refusals in the second quarter of mailings that it was revised for the third and fourth quarters. In the second quarter, no personal visits were permitted in Pennsylvania. In the third and fourth quarters, personal visits were permitted if the informant stated that it was acceptable. In Idaho, a cover letter from the State Registrar was included.

Facility survey—The following procedures were used in the facility survey:

- A letter was mailed to the administrator of each facility reported, and a letter and questionnaire were sent to the facility's director of medical records. (See Appendix III for the questionnaire.) If the informant had completed an authorization to contact the health facilities, a copy of this authorization was included. However, the mailing occurred even if no authorization had been received, except in Pennsylvania and Vermont where no facility mailing was made unless a consent form had been received. Included in the mailing was a copy of an endorsement of the survey by the American Medical Records Association. The Indian Health Service sent a letter to its hospitals encouraging their cooperation, as did the Department of the Army.
- If no response was received or the form failed the edit check, up to three telephone calls were made to the facility urging response.
- For those facilities requesting reimbursement for the completion of the questionnaire, a fee of \$5.00 per record was sent, but very few such requests were made.
- An abstract of the medical record was acceptable; these were edited by NCHS.

When no next of kin could be identified and the decedent had spent some time in a nursing home during the last year of life, a telephone interview using a shortened form of the questionnaire was conducted with a staff member of the nursing home who had known the decedent. A total of 245 such staff interviews were completed.

Data processing

Following the 21-item edit described above, a computer was used to assign weights, recode items, and complete related procedures necessary to produce national estimates from the sample data. No imputation was made for missing data.

Estimation procedure

To produce national estimates, the data reported must be weighted. The weighting procedure takes into account the design of the survey. The weight for each sample is the product of three component weights: the probability of selection; adjustment for nonresponse; and poststratification by age, sex, and race to ratio-adjust the sample to the counts for the number of deaths reported in the National Vital Registration System, excluding Oregon.

A detailed description of the estimation procedure and the method of calculation of standard errors will be found in the forthcoming NCHS Series 2 report Development, Methods and Response Characteristics, 1986 National Mortality Followback Survey.

Interpretation, appropriate use, and limitations of data

The data provided in the 1986 National Mortality Followback Survey offer insight into characteristics of decedents that is not routinely available from other sources. Information is provided on personal characteristics of decedents; on their socioeconomic circumstances, including income, assets, education, occupation, and industry; on health habits and lifestyle that are known to influence the state of health and longevity; on selected diseases they had that can be affected by lifestyle; on disabilities; and on health care received during the last year of life.

The data obtained in the 1986 NMFS, supplemented by information about these decedents on the death certificates, are of value in analyzing many issues relating to the mortality and health care experience of the U.S. adult population. Among the aspects of mortality that can be examined are the relationship between lifestyle and longevity, the influence of socioeconomic differences on length of life, the incidence of diseases that can be influenced by lifestyle, the relationship between selected medical procedures and mortality outcome, and similar issues.

The data also offer opportunities to throw new light on health care utilization and experiences in the last year of life. Issues that can be examined include the extent and duration of disabilities, the nature of care received, who provides care at home, the extent of hospital and nursing home care, out-of-pocket expenditures for health care, difficulties in securing care, and termination of employment. Of particular value is the opportunity to relate health care experiences and outcomes to the characteristics of the decedents reported in the survey.

A limited number of items were reported by more than one source. When the information from these sources was inconsistent, the data were not changed because it was impossible to determine which source was correct. This procedure allows each analyst a choice of data items. Missing data were not imputed, again leaving to each analyst the decision as to imputation.

A number of limitations in the use of the data must be kept in mind.

- All of the information about the decedent was obtained by proxy. The informant was generally a close relative of the decedent (see table A in the Introduction), who in many cases had lived with the decedent for many years (see table B). Nevertheless, the reports on such items as health habits and other experiences of the decedent are proxy reports.
- The questionnaires were mailed between 4 and 12 months after the death, with most mailed 6 or 7 months after. This raises the issue of recall. Moreover, although many questions concerned the last year of life, some questions involved lifetime practices, increasing the likelihood of faulty recall.
- The telephone reinterview with the person who provided the initial response reveals the extent of agreement between the two reports on selected items. Those items that show high levels of disagreement must be interpreted with greater caution. Disagreement levels for the relevant questionnaire items will be listed in the NCHS Series 2 report Development, Methods and Response Characteristics, 1986 National Mortality Followback Survey.
- The number of "don't know" responses on each table should be noted in determining the degree to which the substantive responses can be considered useful.
- The data are estimates obtained from a sample of all adult deaths in the year and are therefore subject to the limitations of all sample studies. Weights were prepared to take into account sampling errors due to variations in the probability of selection resulting from the oversampling design and errors due to nonresponse. Adjustment was also made using poststratification weighting by age, sex, and race to count for the number of deaths in the final NCHS file. NMFS data must be weighted to provide nationally representative estimates. All of the tables in this report contain weighted data.
- Account must also be taken of nonsampling errors that occur in study data. Such errors may be attributed to missing data, inaccurate reporting by the informant, ambiguity in the wording of questions, and errors in editing and keying of the responses. Care was taken to verify data processing procedures, but errors can occur.
- The data are representative of deaths of persons 25 years of age and over who died in 1986 in the United States, excluding Oregon.
- For some analyses, it is necessary to calculate probability of death using an appropriate population base; that is, denominator data. A denominator file is not provided by NCHS. Sources of such data are the Current Population Survey, conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, and the National Health Interview Survey, conducted by NCHS.

To protect the confidentiality guaranteed to respondents, no geographic information below the State level is

included in the NMFS data tape. In any case, the sampling error for geographic areas below the State level would be unacceptably high.

Sampling errors and rounding of percents

Because the statistics presented in this report are based on a sample, they may differ from figures that would have been obtained had a complete census of all death certificates for decedents aged 25 years or over been taken using the same questionnaire, instructions, and procedures. The standard error of an estimate is primarily a measure of the variability that occurs by chance because only a sample of the population, rather than the total population, is surveyed. The standard error also reflects part of the measurement error, but it does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 95 in 100 that an estimate from the sample differs from the value that would be obtained from a complete census by less than twice the standard error.

Preliminary estimates of standard errors for the percents of the estimated number of decedents are presented in table I. The parameters shown in table I were estimated by a balanced-repeated-replication procedure using 20 replicate half samples. This method estimates the standard errors for survey estimates through observation of

variability of estimates based on replicate half samples of the total sample. A description of the development and evaluation of the replication technique for error estimation has been published.

The approximate standard error of an estimated number of decedents with a particular characteristic, x , is calculated by

$$RSE(x) = \sqrt{A + (B/x)}$$

and

$$SE(x) = x \cdot RSE(x)$$

where x = estimated number of decedents

A, B = parameters from table I

$RSE(x)$ = relative standard error of x

$SE(x)$ = standard error of x

Numbers and percents within the tables and text were rounded to the nearest whole number or tenth of a percent. Therefore, the estimates may not add to the totals. In addition, the total estimated number of decedents varies from one table to another because of the exclusion of decedents with "no answer" responses.

Notes on the tables

- The sum of a given column or row may not agree with the total because of rounding.
- Several codes used consistently in the tape documentation require explanation. The code DK means that the respondent followed the instructions when he or she did not know the answer and entered "don't know" or a question mark. The code NA means "not ascertainable." It describes responses that were blank, illegible, or clearly not responsive to the question. The code out-of-universe applies to circumstances in which a skip pattern was appropriate, the question was sex specific, or the item was not included in one of the questionnaire forms, particularly the forms used by staff of nursing homes.
- In this report, most estimates of 3,000 or fewer deaths for white and other races and 1,000 or fewer deaths for black decedents are based on 30 or fewer sample cases and may therefore be seen as unreliable. They may however be combined with other estimates to make comparisons of greater precision. Similarly, percents based on these small estimates may be unreliable.

Table I. Parameters used to approximate the relative standard errors for estimates based on the 1986 National Mortality Followback Survey by decedent age and race

| <i>Age and race</i> | <i>Parameters</i> | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | <i>A</i> | <i>B</i> |
| All races | -0.000088 | 173.472799 |
| 25-34 years. | -0.00725 | 40.250787 |
| 35-54 years. | -0.00306 | 57.187500 |
| 55-69 years. | -0.00325 | 189.139047 |
| 70-84 years. | -0.00219 | 200.749692 |
| 85 years and over | -0.00430 | 181.208646 |
| Black | -0.00250 | 57.315899 |
| 25-34 years. | -0.02721 | 36.923295 |
| 35-54 years. | -0.01278 | 48.883512 |
| 55-69 years. | -0.00863 | 64.860422 |
| 70-84 years. | -0.00688 | 59.820841 |
| 85 years and over | -0.01911 | 54.630073 |
| Other races | -0.00106 | 184.663690 |
| 25-34 years. | -0.00948 | 39.640859 |
| 35-54 years. | -0.00419 | 62.024668 |
| 55-69 years. | -0.00411 | 214.015461 |
| 70-84 years. | -0.00253 | 211.433987 |
| 85 years and over | -0.00484 | 190.261795 |

Appendix II

Definitions of certain terms used in this report

Age—The age of the decedent at the time of death as recorded on the death certificate or as reported by the informant on the questionnaire.

Current Mortality Sample—A systematic 10-percent sample of death certificates filed with the State vital statistics registrars, and forwarded to the National Center for Health Statistics each month. This file is the universe from which the survey sample was drawn.

Decedent—An individual for whom a death certificate was filed in the office of the vital statistics registrar of the State in which the death occurred.

Don't know—This classification indicates that the informant failed to provide a usable response to an item. Such responses were coded into three categories: "Multiple answers," "Refused," and "Don't know."

Facility Abstract Record (FAR)—The questionnaire form mailed to hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities used by the decedent in the last year of life.

Health care facility—Acute care and chronic disease hospitals, mental hospitals, drug and alcohol treatment centers, nursing homes, hospices, and other health service institutions providing overnight care. Excluded are personal care homes, homes for the aged, board and care homes, and other facilities not providing nursing care or other health services.

Hispanic—This is not a racial classification, but a category of origin or descent. The questionnaire included this question about the decedent: "Was of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent?"

Hospice—This term applies to both at-home and institutional care. It represents health and personal care services provided to dying persons.

Informant—In this report, this is the individual who responded to the survey questionnaire. This individual may or may not have been the informant listed on the death certificate who provided the personal information about the decedent to the funeral director who filed the

death certificate. The questionnaires were mailed to the informants listed on the death certificates, but sometimes another person completed the questionnaire.

Interview—The completion of a questionnaire by a representative of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, either by telephone or by in-person contact with the informant.

Last year of life—The full calendar year prior to the date on which the death occurred.

Living will—A document executed by an individual to express his or her preferences with regard to care and treatment, such as life-sustaining equipment or procedures, to be provided or to be withheld or withdrawn in the event that the individual has a terminal illness or other condition from which recovery is not expected.

Medicare—The medical assistance provided in Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Medicare is a health insurance program administered by the Health Care Financing Administration for persons 65 years old and over and for disabled persons who are eligible for benefits.

Multiple cause-of-death file—The final file of death certificates compiled by NCHS after the close of the year, including records on which additional information or corrections have been entered after the Current Mortality Sample (CMS) certificate was filed.

Out-of-universe—This code was entered when the item did not apply to the decedent. It reflects primarily skip patterns. This code would be entered, for example, in the item on duration of angina if the informant responded that the decedent did not have angina, and it would apply to males in a female-specific question such as use of birth control pills.

Race—The race of the decedent as recorded on the death certificate or as reported by the informant on the questionnaire. The classifications used are the four race classifications defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. These are: white; black; American Indian, Aleut, and Eskimo; and other races.

Appendix III

Survey instruments used in the 1986 National Mortality Followback Survey

TYPE
OR PRINT
IN
PERMANENT
INK
FOR
INSTRUCTIONS
SEE
HANDBOOK

DECEDENT

IF DEATH
OCCURRED IN
INSTITUTION,
SEE HANDBOOK
REGARDING
COMPLETION OF
RESIDENCE ITEMS

PARENTS

DISPOSITION

CERTIFIER

CONDITIONS
IF ANY
WHICH GAVE
RISE TO
IMMEDIATE
CAUSE
STATING THE
UNDERLYING
CAUSE LAST

CAUSE OF DEATH

| CERTIFICATE OF DEATH | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| LOCAL FILE NUMBER | | | STATE FILE NUMBER | | |
| DECEDENT-NAME | FIRST | MIDDLE | LAST | SEX | DATE OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr.) |
| 1. RACE—(e.g., White, Black, American Indian, etc.) (Specify) | AGE—Last Birthday (Yrs.) | UNDER 1 YEAR MOS. | UNDER 1 DAY DAYS | DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.) HOURS | COUNTY OF DEATH MINS. |
| 4 | 5a. | 5b. | 5c. | 6. | 7a. |
| CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH | | | HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—Name (If not in either, give street and number) | | |
| 7b. STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A., name country) | | | 7c. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) | | |
| 8. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | | | SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) | | |
| 9. | | | 10. 11 USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) | | |
| 13. RESIDENCE—STATE | | | 14a. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION 14b. STREET AND NUMBER | | |
| 15a. FATHER—NAME | | | 15b. MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST | | |
| 16. INFORMANT—NAME (Type or Print) | | | 17. MAILING ADDRESS STREET OR R.F.O. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP | | |
| 18a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, OTHER (Specify) | | | 18b. CEMETERY OR CREMATORIAL NAME LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE | | |
| 19a. FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSEE Or Person Acting As Such (Signature) | | | 19b. NAME OF FACILITY 19c. ADDRESS OF FACILITY 20c. | | |
| 20a. ► | | | 21a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated. (Signature and Title) ► DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) 21c. M NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print) 21d. | | |
| 21a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated. (Signature and Title) ► DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) 21c. M NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print) 21d. | | | 22a. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated. (Signature and Title) ► DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) 22c. M PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Yr.) 22d. ON 22e. AT M NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN, MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER) (Type or Print) | | |
| 23. REGISTRAR 24a. (Signature) ► | | | DATE RECEIVED BY REGISTRAR (Mo., Day, Yr.) 24b. | | |
| 25. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c).) | | | Interval between onset and death | | |
| PART I (a) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF | | | Interval between onset and death | | |
| (b) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF | | | Interval between onset and death | | |
| (c) | | | | | |
| PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS—Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in PART I (a) | | | AUTOPSY (Specify Yes or No) 26. WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER (Specify Yes or No) 27. | | |
| ACC., SUICIDE, HOM., UNDET., OR PENDING INVEST. (Specify) 28a. | | | DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.) 28b. HOUR OF INJURY 28c. M 28d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED | | |
| INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No) 28e. | | | PLACE OF INJURY—At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify) 28f. LOCATION STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE 28g. | | |



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

You can help the U.S. Public Health Service to learn more about ways to prevent illness and to improve care for sick and dying persons. You or a relative provided some of the information that was included on the death certificate for the person named above. This information is helpful in understanding about deaths from various causes. Still, we need to learn more so that we can assure the best health care for ill persons and prevent early death when possible. We are therefore having the Bureau of the Census conduct a survey for us, and have randomly selected a sample of deaths in the United States in 1985 and 1986. We ask you to complete this questionnaire about the life and death of the person named above, even if the person died from old age or an accident.

We know that this reminder of the person who died recently may be painful, but we believe that you will want to help others, and your answers will do that. Some of the questions may be difficult to answer, and you may not know the answers to all of them. Many questions may not apply to the person because we are using the same form for all persons in the study. We ask you to recall, to the best of your ability, and answer all that you can. A few general instructions appear on page 2.

All of your answers are strictly confidential. The identity of individuals will not be disclosed by either the Bureau of the Census or the Public Health Service without your written approval. We will not include any information that could identify an individual in the statistics we release. This survey is voluntary and is authorized by the Public Health Service Act (Title 42, United States Code, Section 242k). To add to our knowledge, we are requesting your authorization to secure medical information from hospitals or other health care facilities used by the person in the last year of life.

Although there are no penalties for failing to reply, each unanswered question substantially lessens the accuracy of the final data. The success of this study depends on receiving information on every questionnaire we send out. Your reply is extremely important. Please mail the completed form to the Bureau of the Census within 5 DAYS in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Manning Feinleib, M.D.

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 (5-2-86)

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
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1986 NATIONAL MORTALITY FOLLOWBACK SURVEY

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(Please correct any error in name and address including ZIP Code.)

NOTICE — Information contained on this form which would permit identification of any individual or establishment has been collected with a guarantee that it will be held in strict confidence, will be used only for purposes stated for this study, and will not be disclosed or released to others without the consent of the individual or the establishment in accordance with Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242m).

**PLEASE RETURN
 WITHIN 5 DAYS
 TO —**

**Bureau of the Census
 1201 East Tenth Street
 Jeffersonville, Indiana 47132**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Several items on this form refer to the person's last year of life. This means the time starting one year before the date of death and ending on the day of death. **Example:** If the date of death was January 5, 1986, the period referred to as the "last year of life" is January 5, 1985, to January 5, 1986.
2. Please answer each question to the best of your ability. In some cases you may wish to refer to records or ask other persons. Some questions ask for the amount of time before death that an event occurred, for example, the amount of time before death that the person last worked. If you do not know the exact amount of time, please give your best estimate or a range. Example: 12 to 14 years; or 2 to 3 months.
3. Since some questions will not apply in all cases, instructions for which question to answer next are printed after some of the answer categories. If there is no instruction after the answer, go to the very next question.
4. If the answer does not fit one of the printed answer categories, mark the "other" box and write in the answer. If there is no "other" category, write in the answer without marking a box.
5. If you still don't know the answer to a question, put a question mark (?) or write "Don't know" in the answer space.
6. Ignore the numbers which appear in rectangles (for example **007**) and any areas marked "OFFICE USE ONLY." These are for processing purposes only.
7. We welcome any additional information you wish to provide. Use the space on the last page of the questionnaire.

PLEASE BEGIN WITH PART A BELOW.

PART A — BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PGM 3

1. How old was the person at the time of death?**005**

Age in years _____

2. How was the person who died related to you?**006**

The person was —

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 My husband or wife
- 2 My father or mother
- 3 My son or daughter
- 4 My brother or sister
- 5 My neighbor or friend
- 6 Someone else — *Specify ↗*

3. Did you ever live in the same home with the person since the person became 25 years old?**007**

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
- 2 No — Skip to question 1 in Part B on page 3

Do not count visits at the person's home while you had a home somewhere else.

4. Since the person became 25 years old, how many years ALTOGETHER did you live with him or her?**008**

- 1 Less than one year
- 2 1 year to less than 5 years
- 3 5 years to less than 10 years
- 4 10 years to less than 20 years
- 5 20 years or more

Mark (X) only one box.

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE

1. During his or her entire life, was the person ever admitted to a nursing home?

009

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 3

2. What was the total amount of time the person spent in a nursing home over his or her entire lifetime?

010

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 Less than 3 months
2 3 months to less than 1 year
3 1 year to less than 5 years
4 5 years or more

3. AT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE, was the person an overnight patient in a hospital or a resident in a nursing home?

011

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 6 on page 4

4. What were the names and addresses of all hospitals and nursing homes in which the person stayed at least one night DURING THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE? (Please give as much of the address as you can.)

012

Hospital or nursing home name

(1)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

012

Hospital or nursing home name

(2)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Hospital or nursing home name

(3)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Hospital or nursing home name

(4)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Hospital or nursing home name

(5)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Hospital or nursing home name

(6)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

NOTE: If more room is needed to list more hospitals or nursing homes, please continue on the last page of this questionnaire.

5. DURING THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE, how many total nights did the person spend in hospitals and nursing homes?

Number of nights during year before death

013

Nights in hospital(s)

NOTE: If you are unsure, please give your best estimate.

014

Nights in nursing home(s)

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE — Continued

6. During the last year of life, did the person stay overnight in any other type of facility providing health care?

015

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 9 on page 5

Include places known as hospices, mental hospitals, drug and alcohol treatment centers, and so forth. A hospice gives care to dying persons.

7. What were the names and addresses of all these other facilities in which the person stayed during the last year of life? (Please give as much of the address as you can.)

016

Name of place

①

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Name of place

③

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Name of place

⑤

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

②

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Name of place

④

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Name of place

⑥

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

NOTE: If more room is needed to list additional facilities, please continue on the last page of this questionnaire.

8. How many nights during the last year of life did the person spend in each of the places listed above?

NOTE: If you are unsure, please give your best estimate.

Number of nights during year before death

017

Nights in first place

018

Nights in second place

019

Nights in third place

020

Nights in fourth place

021

Nights in fifth place

022

Nights in sixth place

If more than 6 places, continue on last page of this questionnaire.

PART B – CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE — Continued

9. During the last year of life, did the person receive hospice care at home?

023

Include only care provided by an organized hospice agency, one that gives special attention to dying persons.

- 1 Yes
2 No

10. During the last year of life, about how many times did the person see a medical doctor?

024

Include all types of doctors such as dermatologists, psychiatrists, and ophthalmologists, as well as general practitioners and osteopaths.

Do NOT count doctors seen while an overnight patient in a hospital, nursing home, or other institution.

Mark (X) only one box.

- 0 None
1 1
2 2–4
3 5–9
4 10–14
5 15–24
6 25–49
7 50 or more

11. During the last year of life, did the person see a psychiatrist, psychologist, or any other mental health professional about any personal, emotional, behavioral, or mental problem?

025

Do NOT count visits while an overnight patient in a hospital, nursing home, or other institution.

- 1 Yes
2 No

12. At any time during the last year of life, was the person on a waiting list to go into a nursing home?

026

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 14

13. After being on the waiting list, did the person get into a nursing home before he or she died?

027

- 1 Yes
2 No

14. During the last year of life was the person on a waiting list to get hospice care either at home or in a facility?

028

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 16

15. After being on the waiting list, did the person get hospice care before he or she died?

029

- 1 Yes
2 No

16. During the last year of life, was the person on a waiting list to get homemaker service?

030

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 18

17. After being on the waiting list, did the person get homemaker service before he or she died?

031

- 1 Yes
2 No

18. During the last year of life was the person on a waiting list to get visiting nurse service?

032

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 20 on page 6

19. After being on the waiting list, did the person get visiting nurse service before he or she died?

033

- 1 Yes
2 No

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE — Continued

**As part of this survey we would like to learn about
how much Medicare helps pay for health care.**

034

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 22

20. Was the person covered by Medicare?

21. What was the person's Medicare claim number?

035

036

Provision of this number is voluntary and failure to provide the number will not have any effect on the receipt of any benefits. The information we receive will be used only for statistical purposes. Data from this survey will be linked with data supplied by the Health Care Financing Administration. This information is collected under the authority of Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act.

Medicare claim number

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This number may be found on the person's Medicare card which is white with a red and blue stripe. The number may also be found on the Explanation of Medicare Benefits Forms that are sent after each service used.

22. During the last year of life, what sources were used to help pay for health care in hospitals, nursing homes, physician services, or care in the home?

037

- * 1 The person or other family members living with the person
2 Family members not living with the person
3 Medicare
4 Medicaid
5 A prepaid health maintenance organization
6 Private health insurance
038 1 Veterans Administration
* 2 Indian Health Service
3 Other government program — *Specify* ↗

4 Other — *Specify* _____

0 Didn't have any payments — *Skip to question 24*

23. Which source marked in question 22 paid MOST of the costs of health care during the last year of life?

039

Name of source

24. What was the total amount of the person's own money that was paid for the person's medical care during the last year of life? Also include payments made by related persons living in the same household.

040

Person's OWN money. NOT total bill.

- 1 Less than \$200
2 \$200— \$499
3 \$500— \$999
4 \$1,000— \$1,999
5 \$2,000— \$2,999
6 \$3,000— \$4,999
7 \$5,000— \$9,999
8 \$10,000— \$14,999
9 \$15,000— \$19,999
10 \$20,000— \$24,999
11 \$25,000 or more

Include expenses for doctors, hospitals, nursing homes, dental, optical, medicines, and other health expenses.

Also include payments made TO Medicare and any other health insurance.

Do not include any amounts paid by or received from insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.

If you are unsure, please make your best estimate.

Mark (X) only one box.

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE — Continued

- 25. At any time during the last year of life did the person receive help from others in WALKING OR use special equipment in WALKING?**

041

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 27

Mark "Yes" if the person couldn't walk.

(Special equipment includes canes, walkers, wheelchairs, handlebars, etc.)

- 26. How long was the person unable to walk or did the person receive help in WALKING or use equipment in WALKING during his or her entire life?**

042

Length of time

(For example, 5 years or 1 week)

- 27. At any time during the last year of life did the person receive help from others in EATING OR use special equipment in EATING?**

043

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 29

- 28. How long did the person receive help in EATING or use special equipment in EATING during his or her entire life?**

044

Length of time

(For example, 5 years or 1 week)

- 29. At any time during the last year of life did the person receive help from others in BATHING OR use special equipment for BATHING?**

045

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 31

- 30. How long did the person receive help in BATHING or use equipment in BATHING during his or her entire life?**

046

Length of time

(For example, 5 years or 1 week)

- 31. At any time during the last year of life did the person receive help from others in DRESSING OR use special equipment in DRESSING?**

047

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 33

- 32. How long did the person receive help in DRESSING or use equipment in DRESSING during his or her entire life?**

048

Length of time

(For example, 5 years or 1 week)

- 33. At any time during the last year of life did the person receive help from others in using the TOILET OR use special equipment in using the TOILET?**

049

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 35 on page 8

- 34. How long did the person receive help in using the TOILET or use equipment in using the TOILET during his or her entire life?**

050

Length of time

(For example, 5 years or 1 week)

PART B – CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE – Continued

- 35. For how much of the last year of life was the person in a nursing home or other health facility or any other type of institution?** 051
- Mark (X) only one box.
- 0 None — Go to next question
 1 At least one night but less than half of the last year — Go to next question
 2 At least half but not all of the last year — Go to next question
 3 All of the last year — Skip to question 39
- 36. During the last year of life, did the person receive help AT HOME from other persons in walking, eating, bathing, dressing, or using the toilet?** 052
- 1 Yes
 2 No
- 37. During the last year of life, did anyone help the person AT HOME in giving medicines, pills, shots, injections, in changing bandages, or by providing nursing care?** 053
- 1 Yes
 2 No
- If you marked No in both questions 36 AND 37, skip to question 39.
- 38. Who helped the person AT HOME during the last year of life?** 055
- Mark (X) all that apply.
- * 1 Husband or wife
 2 Son
 3 Daughter
 4 Other relative — What relation?
- 39. During the last year of life, how often did the person have trouble understanding where he or she was?** 057
- Mark (X) only one box.
- 1 All or most of the time
 2 Some of the time
 3 Only in last few hours or days before death
 4 Never or hardly ever
- 40. During the last year of life, how often did the person have trouble remembering what year it was?** 058
- Mark (X) only one box.
- 1 All or most of the time
 2 Some of the time
 3 Only in last few hours or days before death
 4 Never or hardly ever
- 41. During the last year of life, how often did the person have trouble recognizing family members or good friends?** 059
- Mark (X) only one box.
- 1 All or most of the time
 2 Some of the time
 3 Only in last few hours or days before death
 4 Never or hardly ever
- 42. Did the person ever sign a paper stating NOT to use life-sustaining equipment or procedures if the person was definitely dying?** 060
- This paper is sometimes called a "living will."
- 1 Yes
 2 No

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE — Continued

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| 43. During the LAST THREE YEARS OF LIFE, did anyone have any problems in finding a nursing home for the person or getting the person into a nursing home? | 061 | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Very serious problem 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Somewhat serious problem 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No — Not a problem or not applicable</p> |
| 44. During the LAST YEAR OF LIFE, did anyone have any problems in getting help to care for the person at home? | 062 | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Very serious problem 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Somewhat serious problem 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No — Not a problem or not applicable</p> |
| 45. During the last year of life, did anyone have any problems in paying the medical bills for the person? | 063 | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Very serious problem 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Somewhat serious problem 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No — Not a problem or not applicable</p> |
| 46. During the last year of life, did anyone have any problems in finding and getting treatment from a doctor for the person? | 064 | <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Very serious problem 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Somewhat serious problem 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No — Not a problem or not applicable</p> |

Continue with Part C on the next page.

PART C — LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH

**1. AT ANY TIME IN THE PERSON'S LIFE,
did he or she ever have high blood
pressure (hypertension)?**

065

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 5

**2. How long before death was the high blood
pressure (hypertension) first noticed?**

066

(For example, 3 years or 2 weeks)

Time before death

**3. Did a doctor prescribe medicine for the
high blood pressure?**

067

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 5

**4. On the average over the time prescribed,
did the person take the medicine
regularly?**

068

(If more than one medicine was prescribed, did
the person take all or most of them regularly?)

- 1 Very regularly
2 Not very regularly
3 Hardly at all or never

**5. At any time in the person's life, did he or
she ever have a heart attack?**

069

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 7

**6. How long before death did the person
have the FIRST heart attack?**

070

(For example, 3 years or 2 weeks)

Time before death

**7. At any time in the person's life, did he
or she ever have angina pectoris?**

071

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 9

**8. How long before death was the angina
pectoris first noticed?**

072

(For example, 3 years or 2 weeks)

Time before death

**9. At any time in his or her life, did the person
have a stroke in which any resulting
conditions (such as paralysis, loss of
vision or speech) lasted AT LEAST ONE
DAY OR LONGER?**

073

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 11

**10. How old was the person when he or she had
the first stroke in which there were resulting
conditions lasting at least one day?**

074

Age in years

If not sure, give approximate age.

**11. AT ANY TIME IN THE PERSON'S LIFE, did
a doctor say that the person had
Alzheimer's disease, chronic brain
syndrome, dementia, senility, or any other
serious memory impairment?**

075

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 13 on page 11

**12. How long before death was this diagnosis
first made?**

076

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

Time before death

PART C — LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH — Continued

13. At any time in the person's life, did he or she have any OTHER mental, nervous, or emotional health problem?

077

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 15

14. How long before death was the other mental, nervous, or emotional health problem first noticed?

078

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

15. At any time during the person's life, did he or she have diabetes?

079

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 17

16. How long before death was the diabetes first noticed?

080

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

17. Was cancer the main condition leading to death?

081

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 19

18. How long before death was this cancer first noticed?

082

— Skip to question 21

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

Time before death

19. At any time during the person's life, did he or she have cancer of any kind, except skin cancer?

083

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 21

20. How long before death was cancer, except skin cancer, first noticed?

084

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

21. At any time during the person's life, did he or she have asthma?

085

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 23

22. How long before death was the asthma first noticed?

086

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

23. At any time during the person's life, did he or she have any other lung condition such as emphysema or bronchitis lasting 3 months or longer?

087

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 25 on page 12

24. How long before death was the first lung condition first noticed?

088

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

PART C — LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH — Continued

25. At any time in the person's life, did he or she have cirrhosis of the liver?

089

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
- 2 No — Skip to question 27

26. How long before death was the cirrhosis first noticed?

090

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

Time before death

27. Was there ever a time in the person's life that he or she was thought to be extremely near to death but lived on?

091

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
- 2 No — Skip to question 29

28. When was this time in the person's life when he or she was thought to be extremely near to death but lived on?

092

(If there was more than one time, please answer for the first time.)

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 Less than 3 months before actual death
- 2 3 months to less than a year before death
- 3 1 year to less than 5 years before death
- 4 5 years or more before death

29. Where did the person die?

093

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 In a hospital emergency room
- 2 In a hospital, not in emergency room
- 3 On the way to a hospital
- 4 In a nursing home or personal care home
- 5 In his or her own home
- 6 In some other place — Specify ↗

30. At any time during the hour before death were you with the person?

094

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

31. What was the person doing an hour before death?

095

Mark (X) all that apply.

- * 1 Confined to bed or chair because of illness or injury
- 2 Working
- 3 Quiet recreation such as watching TV or playing cards
- 4 Active recreation such as yard work, exercise or sports
- 5 Sleeping
- 6 Other — Specify ↗

32. Within the hour before death, did the person start having a new or sharply increased problem such as chest pain, difficulty breathing, or fainting?

096

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

PART C – LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH – Continued

IF THE PERSON WAS A MALE, SKIP TO
QUESTION 42.

33. Did she EVER regularly take birth control pills?

098

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 36

**34. Altogether, about how long did she take
birth control pills?**

099

- 1 Less than one year
2 1 year but less than 5 years
3 5 years but less than 10 years
4 10 years or longer

35. At what age did she start taking birth control pills?

100

If not sure, give approximate age. _____ Age in years

36. How many LIVE BIRTHS did she ever have?

101

Please include children who died very young. _____ Number of live births

37. Did she ever have a hysterectomy?

102

(An operation to remove the uterus.)
1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 40

**38. How old was she when she had the
hysterectomy?**

103

If unsure, give approximate age. _____ Age in years

**39. Before the hysterectomy, had her menstrual
periods already ended due to menopause or
the "change of life"?**

104

- 1 Yes — Skip to question 41
2 No — Skip to question 42

**40. Had her menstrual periods ever ended due to
menopause or the "change of life"?**

105

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 42

**41. How old was she when her menstrual periods
ended?**

106

If unsure, give approximate age. _____ Age in years

ANSWER FOR BOTH MALE AND FEMALE

107

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 44 on page 14

(For males, a vasectomy. For females, "tubes tied"
or tubal ligation.)

**43. How old was the person when he or she had an
operation to be sterilized?**

108

If unsure, give approximate age. _____ Age in years

PART C – LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH – Continued

In these next questions, we are interested in the person's usual practice, not in any possible recent change because of a health problem.

**DURING MOST OF HIS OR HER ADULT LIFE,
on the average, how often did the person
usually eat the following foods —**

- 44. Red meat, such as beef, pork, lamb, or hamburger?**

109

- Every day
 - 3 to 6 times a week
 - 1 or 2 times a week
 - 1 to 3 times a month
 - Less than once a month
 - Never

- 45. Eggs or dairy products, such as milk, cheese, or butter?**

110

- Every day
 - 3 to 6 times a week
 - 1 or 2 times a week
 - 1 to 3 times a month
 - Less than once a month
 - Never

- 46 Fruit?

111

- Every day
 - 3 to 6 times a week
 - 1 or 2 times a week
 - 1 to 3 times a month
 - Less than once a month
 - Never

- #### **47 Vegetables?**

112

- Every day
 - 3 to 6 times a week
 - 1 or 2 times a week
 - 1 to 3 times a month
 - Less than once a month
 - Never

- 48. Foods prepared by salt-curing or smoking, such as bacon, hot dogs, or smoked fish?**

113

- Every day
 - 3 to 6 times a week
 - 1 or 2 times a week
 - 1 to 3 times a month
 - Less than once a month
 - Never

- 49. During MOST of his or her adult life, was the person overweight, underweight, or just about right?**

114

- Very overweight
 - Somewhat overweight
 - Only a little overweight
 - Underweight
 - About right

- 50. On the average, approximately what was the person's usual adult weight?**

115

Pounds

- 51** What was the person's adult height?

116

What was the person's adult height?
Enter both feet and inches, such as "5 feet and
6 inches." If no inches, enter "0."

— 1 —

117

Inches

PART C – LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH – Continued

52. Did the person smoke at least 100 cigarettes in his or her entire life?

(There are usually 20 or 25 cigarettes in a pack.)

118

1 Yes — Go to next question

2 No — Skip to question 57

53. How long did he or she smoke cigarettes regularly?

Enter years or mark (X) a box.

119

_____ Years } Go to next question

x Less than 1 year

0 Never smoked regularly — Skip to question 55

54. During the period he or she smoked most, on the average, about how many cigarettes a day did the person usually smoke?

Mark (X) only one box.

120

1 Less than 5 cigarettes a day

2 5–14 a day

3 15–24 a day

4 25–34 a day

5 35–44 a day

6 45 or more a day

55. Did the person stop smoking and not start again?

121

1 Yes — Go to next question

2 No — Skip to question 57

56. How long before death did the person stop smoking?

(For example: 3 years or 2 months)

122

Time before death

57. Did the person ever regularly use chewing tobacco?

123

1 Yes — Go to next question

2 No — Skip to question 60

58. How long did he or she regularly use chewing tobacco?

Enter years or mark (X) the box.

124

_____ Years

x Less than 1 year

59. When he or she was regularly using chewing tobacco, on the average, how often did the person use it?

Mark (X) only one box.

125

1 5 or more times a day

2 3–4 times a day

3 1–2 times a day

4 3–6 times a week

5 1 or 2 times a week

6 1 to 3 times a month

7 Less than once a month

60. Did the person ever regularly use snuff?

126

1 Yes — Go to next question

2 No — Skip to question 63 on page 16

61. How long did he or she regularly use snuff?

127

_____ Years

x Less than 1 year

62. When he or she was regularly using snuff, on the average, how often did the person use it?

Mark (X) only one box.

128

1 5 or more times a day

2 3–4 times a day

3 1–2 times a day

4 3–6 times a week

5 1 or 2 times a week

6 1 to 3 times a month

7 Less than once a month

PART C — LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH — Continued

63. In the person's entire adult life, did he or she have at least 12 drinks of any kind of alcoholic beverage, such as beer, wine, or liquor?

129

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 66

64. On the average, during adult life, how often did he or she drink any alcoholic beverages, such as beer, wine, or liquor?

130

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 Every day
2 3 to 6 times a week
3 1 or 2 times a week
4 1 to 3 times a month
5 Less than once a month

65. On the days that the person drank, how many drinks did he or she have on the average, per day?

131

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 Twelve or more
2 Seven to eleven
3 Five or six
4 Three or four
5 Two
6 One

66. Over the last 10 years (and not counting the last illness), did the person exercise vigorously at least three times a week, for at least 20 minutes each time?

132

(For example: running, swimming, bicycling, walking briskly, aerobic exercise, etc.)

- 1 Very regularly
2 Not very regularly
3 Hardly at all or never

Mark (X) only one box.

PART D — CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON

1. Did the person EVER work at a paying job or a business full or part time?

133

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 8

2. Of all the PAID jobs or businesses the person ever had, what KIND OF WORK did he or she do the longest? (For example, electrical engineer, stock clerk, typist, farmer, in Armed Forces, etc.)

134

3. For how many years did the person do this kind of work?

135

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 Less than one year
2 1 to less than 5 years
3 5 to less than 10 years
4 10 to less than 20 years
5 20 to less than 30 years
6 30 to less than 40 years
7 40 years or more

4. In this occupation, what KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY did he or she work in the longest?

136

Describe the activity at the location where employed. (For example: TV and radio manufacturing, retail shoe store, State Labor Department, farm, Armed Forces, etc.)

5. Was the person employed at a paying job or business up until the time he or she died?

137

- 1 Yes — Skip to question 8
2 No — Go to next question

6. Why did the person stop working?

138

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 Because of a health problem or disability
2 Because of loss of job
3 Normal retirement
4 Other reason — Specify

7. How long before death was the last time the person worked at a paying job or business (full or part time)?

139

(For example: 3 years or 2 months)

Time before death

8. Did the person's husband or wife ever work at a paying job or business full or part time?

140

- 1 Yes — Go to next question

- 2 No

- 3 Never married } Skip to question 11 on page 18

9. Of all the PAID jobs or businesses the person's husband or wife ever had, what KIND OF WORK did the husband or wife do the longest? (For example, electrical engineer, stock clerk, typist, farmer, in Armed Forces, etc.)

141

10. In this occupation, what KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY did the husband or wife work in the longest? Describe the activity at the location where employed. (For example, TV and radio manufacturing, retail shoe store, State Labor Department, farm, Armed Forces, etc.)

142

PART D – CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON – Continued

11. What was the size of the family during most of 1985? (Include the person and all of his or her relatives living in the same household.)

Mark (X) only one box.

143

- 0 Person lived in nursing home, other health facility, or other institution during most of 1985
- 1 One (Person either lived alone or with unrelated persons)
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven
- 8 Eight
- 9 Nine or more

12. What was the family's income in 1985?

(Please include the person's income and the income of all other related persons living in the same household as the person. Include money from jobs, social security, retirement income, unemployment payments, public assistance, etc. Also include income from interest, dividends, net income from business, farm, or rent, and any other money income received.)

Mark (X) only one box.

144

- 1 Less than \$5,000
- 2 \$5,000 – \$6,999
- 3 \$7,000 – \$8,999
- 4 \$9,000 – \$10,999
- 5 \$11,000 – \$12,999
- 6 \$13,000 – \$14,999
- 7 \$15,000 – \$16,999
- 8 \$17,000 – \$18,999
- 9 \$19,000 – \$21,999
- 10 \$22,000 – \$24,999
- 11 \$25,000 and over

13. Was the person ever on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

145

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
- 2 No — Skip to question 15

NOTE — Mark "No" if all of the active duty service was related to training in the National Guard or military reserve.

14. At the time of death, was the person on full-time active duty with the Armed Forces?

146

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

15. Which category BEST represents the person's race?

147

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 American Indian, Aleut, or Eskimo
- 2 Asian or Pacific Islander
- 3 Black
- 4 White

16. Was this person of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent?

150

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

PART D – CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON – Continued

17. Who did the person live with at the time of death?

(If the person was living in an institution at the time of death, who did he or she live with BEFORE entering the institution?)

If more room is needed to list additional persons, continue on the last page of this questionnaire.

151

- 1 Lived alone — Go to next question
 2 Lived with other persons (List relationship for each **other** person below, for example, husband/wife, son, friend, etc.) ↗

Person | Relationship

| | | |
|-----|---|--|
| 152 | 1 | |
| 153 | 2 | |
| 154 | 3 | |
| 155 | 4 | |
| 156 | 5 | |
| 157 | 6 | |
| 158 | 7 | |
| 159 | 8 | |

18. What was the highest grade or year of regular school the person ever completed?

Mark (X) only one box.

160

- 1 Less than 5 years
 2 5–7 years
 3 8 years
 4 9–11 years
 5 High school graduate
 6 1–3 years of college
 7 4 years of college or more

19. At the time of his or her death, what was the marital status of the person?

161

- 1 Married — Skip to question 21
 2 Widowed — Go to next question
 3 Divorced }
 4 Separated } Skip to question 21
 5 Never married — Skip to question 26 on page 20

20. About how long before the person's death did the person's husband or wife die?

162

(For example: 3 years or 2 months)

Time before person's death

21. Counting all marriages which the person may have had, for how many years ALTOGETHER was he or she married?

163

Enter number or mark (X) the box.

Years

x Less than 1 year

22. How many different persons was he or she ever married to during his or her entire life?

164

Number of different husbands or wives

23. What was the highest grade or year of regular school completed by the person's husband or wife?

165

If the person was married more than once, answer for the most recent husband or wife.

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 Less than 5 years
 2 5–7 years
 3 8 years
 4 9–11 years
 5 High school graduate
 6 1–3 years of college
 7 4 years of college or more

PART D — CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON — Continued

24. While the person was married, did his or her husband or wife smoke at least 100 cigarettes?

166

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 26

If the person was married more than once and any of the husbands or wives smoked at least 100 cigarettes, mark "Yes".

25. On the average, how many cigarettes a day did the person's husband or wife smoke?

167

If the person was married more than once, answer for the most recent husband or wife who smoked.

- 1 Less than 5 cigarettes a day
2 5—14 a day
3 15—24 a day
4 25—34 a day
5 35—44 a day
6 45 or more a day

26. In what year was the person's natural father born?

168

If unsure, please give approximate year.

| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|

Year of father's birth

27. If the person's natural father has died, how old was the father when the father died?

169

Give age or mark (X) the box.

_____ Father's age at death

Still living

28. In what year was the person's natural mother born?

170

If unsure, please give approximate year.

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|--|--|--|--|
| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|

Year of mother's birth

29. If the person's natural mother has died, how old was the mother when the mother died?

171

Give age or mark (X) the box.

_____ Mother's age at death

Still living

30. Did the person's natural father ever have a heart attack?

172

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 32

31. About how old was the person's natural father when he had his first heart attack?

173

If unsure, please give approximate age.

_____ Age of father

32. Did the person's natural mother ever have a heart attack?

174

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 34 on page 21

33. About how old was the person's natural mother when she had her first heart attack?

175

If unsure, please give approximate age.

_____ Age of mother

PART D – CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON – Continued

34. How many brothers who lived to be 25 years old or older did the person have?

176

(Do not include half, step, or adoptive brothers.)

Enter number or mark (X) the box.

Number of brothers — Go to next question

None — Skip to question 37

35. How many of the person's brothers ever had a heart attack?

177

(Count only brothers who lived to be at least 25 years old.)

Enter number or mark (X) the box.

36. How old were these brothers when they had a heart attack?

For each brother who had a heart attack, enter that brother's age when he had the first heart attack.

If unsure, give approximate ages.

178 _____ Brother's age at time of heart attack

179 _____ Brother's age at time of heart attack

180 _____ Brother's age at time of heart attack

181 _____ Brother's age at time of heart attack

182 _____ Brother's age at time of heart attack

183 _____ Brother's age at time of heart attack

37. How many sisters who lived to be 25 years old or older did the person have?

184

(Do not include half, step, or adoptive sisters.)

Enter number or mark (X) the box.

Number of sisters — Go to next question

None — Skip to question 40 on page 22

38. How many of the person's sisters ever had a heart attack?

185

(Count only sisters who lived to be at least 25 years old.)

Enter number or mark (X) the box.

39. How old were these sisters when they had a heart attack?

For each sister who had a heart attack, enter that sister's age when she had the first heart attack.

If unsure, give approximate ages.

186 _____ Sister's age at time of heart attack

187 _____ Sister's age at time of heart attack

188 _____ Sister's age at time of heart attack

189 _____ Sister's age at time of heart attack

190 _____ Sister's age at time of heart attack

191 _____ Sister's age at time of heart attack

PART D — CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON — Continued

- 40. At the time of death, what was the total value of things (including a home if any) owned by the person (and husband or wife)?**

Subtract any debts and mortgages. Include cash in bank accounts, stocks, bonds, cars, jewelry, business interests, etc.

If unsure, please make your best estimate.

Mark (X) only one box.

192

- 0 Zero net worth (or loss)
- 1 \$1— \$4,999
- 2 \$5,000— \$24,999
- 3 \$25,000— \$49,999
- 4 \$50,000— \$99,999
- 5 \$100,000— \$249,999
- 6 \$250,000— \$499,999
- 7 \$500,000 or more

- 41. Is there anyone else who might be able to add to the information you gave on this questionnaire?**

Yes — **What is his or her name, address, and telephone number?**

No — *Go to next question*

Name

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State

ZIP Code

Area code

Telephone number

No telephone

- 42. Sometimes particular questions are not clear to the person answering them. Would you please give us your name and telephone number so that we can call you in case we have some questions?**

Your name

Area code

Telephone number

No telephone

Please go to the next page, read and complete the authorization. →

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**AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION
FROM MEDICAL RECORDS**

I hereby give my consent for hospitals, nursing homes, and other medical sources that maintain records on the person named below to provide the required information to the National Center for Health Statistics through the U.S. Bureau of the Census. I understand that the National Center for Health Statistics will use this information only for statistical purposes and no information which identifies me, the person named below, or the medical source will ever be released or published.

(Today's date)

(Your signature)

(Relationship to the deceased)

(Name of the deceased. Please print)

This authorization expires one year from date of signature.

**Please return this entire questionnaire to the
Bureau of the Census in the envelope provided.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

ADDITIONAL ANSWERS OR COMMENTS

(Continued from earlier questions. PLEASE SHOW THE PAGE AND QUESTION NUMBER TO WHICH EACH OF YOUR ENTRIES APPLIES.)

Please add any comments or suggestions that you think can help in this study.

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| STAFF PERSON QUESTIONNAIRE 1986 NATIONAL MORTALITY FOLLOWBACK SURVEY | | | | | | | |
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| Section I — RECORD OF CALLS | | | | | | | |
| Month | Day | Beginning time | Ending time | Comments | | | |
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| 3 | | a.m. p.m. | a.m. p.m. | | | | |
| 4 | | a.m. p.m. | a.m. p.m. | | | | |
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| 6 | | a.m. p.m. | a.m. p.m. | | | | |
| 7 | | a.m. p.m. | a.m. p.m. | | | | |
| 8 | | a.m. p.m. | a.m. p.m. | | | | |
| Section II — NEW INFORMANT | | | | | | | |
| A. Name | | B. Telephone number Area code Number | | | | | |
| C. Address — Number and street | | | | | | | |
| City | | State | | ZIP Code | | | |
| Section III — ADMINISTRATIVE | | | | | | | |
| RO | Interviewer | | | Code | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Facility name | 2. Telephone number of facility Area code Number <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"><tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 15px;"></td><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 15px;"></td><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 15px;"></td></tr><tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 15px;"></td><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 15px;"></td></tr></table> | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3. Name of decedent — Transcribe from cover page | 4. Sex of decedent <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCRIPT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>► READ TO ADMINISTRATOR —</p> <p>Hello, I'm (Name) from the United States Bureau of the Census. We are conducting a national study for the United States Public Health Service to learn more about ways to prevent illness and improve health care for sick and dying persons. A patient who was in your facility at some time during the last year of life, (<u>Name of decedent</u>), is in the study and we would like to ask a short set of questions about (<u>Name of decedent</u>). Who in your facility is most knowledgeable about (<u>Name of decedent</u>)?</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Name of staff person _____</p> <p>This survey is authorized by Title 42, U.S. Code, section 242k. Participation is voluntary and the information will be treated with strict confidentiality in accordance with section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S. Code 242m). Although there are no penalties for failing to reply, each unanswered question substantially lessens the accuracy of the final data. No information reported in this study that would identify an individual, a family, or a facility will be included in the statistics released by either agency.</p> <p>If name of staff person is different from administrator ask: May I speak to (<u>Name of staff person</u>)?</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>New telephone number, if given _____</p> <p>► READ TO STAFF PERSON (IF DIFFERENT FROM ADMINISTRATOR) —</p> <p>Hello, I'm (Name) from the United States Bureau of the Census. We are conducting a national study for the United States Public Health Service to learn more about ways to prevent illness and improve health care for sick and dying persons.</p> <p>This survey is authorized by Title 42, U.S. Code, section 242k. Participation is voluntary and the information will be treated with strict confidentiality in accordance with section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S. Code, 242m). Although there are no penalties for failing to reply, each unanswered question substantially lessens the accuracy of the final data. No information reported in this study that would identify an individual, a family, or a facility will be included in the statistics released by either agency.</p> <p>A patient who was in your facility at sometime during the last year of life, (<u>Name of decedent</u>), is in the study. Your administrator said that you would be the most knowledgeable person to answer a short set of questions about (<u>Name of decedent</u>).</p> <p>► Please refer to (<u>Name of decedent</u>)'s records if possible. — Go to part A below.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PGM 3 | PART A — BACKGROUND INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. How old was -- at the time of death? | | 005 | _____ Age in years — Go to part B on page 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE

- 1.** If respondent is employee of nursing home, mark "Yes" in question 1; then ask question 2.
During —— entire life, was —— ever admitted to a nursing home?

009

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
 2 No — Skip to question 3

- 2.** What was the total amount of time —— spent in a nursing home over —— entire lifetime?

010

- 1 Less than 3 months
 2 3 months to less than 1 year
 3 1 year to less than 5 years
 4 5 years or more

Skip to question 3

Probe if necessary.

- a. Was it less than 1 year or more than 1 year?**

- Less than 1 year — Ask 2b
 1 year or more — Ask 2c

- b. Was it less than 3 months or more than 3 months?**

- Less than 3 months — Mark box 1 above
 3 months or more — Mark box 2 above

- c. Was it less than 5 years or more than 5 years?**

- Less than 5 years — Mark box 3 above
 5 years or more — Mark box 4 above

- 3.** AT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE, that is, from (1 year prior to date of death) to (date of death), was —— an overnight patient in a hospital or a resident in a nursing home?

011

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
 2 No — Skip to question 6 on page 4

- 4.** What were the names and addresses of all hospitals and nursing homes in which —— stayed at least one night DURING THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE? If necessary, read: Since —— died on (Date of death), the last year of life was (1 year prior to date of death) to (Date of death). (Probe for as complete an address as possible). Include hospital or nursing home of employee being interviewed, if appropriate.

012

Hospital or nursing home name

(1) _____

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Hospital or nursing home name

(2) _____

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Hospital or nursing home name

(3) _____

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Hospital or nursing home name

(4) _____

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Hospital or nursing home name

(5) _____

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Hospital or nursing home name

(6) _____

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State ZIP Code

Enter additional hospitals or nursing homes on the last page of this questionnaire.

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE — Continued

5. DURING THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE, how many total nights did —— spend in —

- a. hospitals?
- b. nursing homes?

NOTE: If not sure, probe for best estimate.

Number of nights during year before death

013

Nights in hospital(s)

014

Nights in nursing home(s)

6. During the last year of life, that is, from (1 year prior to date of death) to (date of death), did —— stay overnight in any other type of facility providing health care? Include places known as hospices, mental hospitals, drug and alcohol treatment centers, and so forth. A hospice gives care to dying persons.

015

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 9 on page 5

7. What were the names and addresses of all these other facilities in which —— stayed during the last year of life? (Probe for as complete an address as possible). Include facility of employee being interviewed, if appropriate.

Name of place

(1)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State

ZIP Code

Name of place

(2)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State

ZIP Code

Name of place

(3)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State

ZIP Code

Name of place

(4)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State

ZIP Code

Name of place

(5)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State

ZIP Code

Name of place

(6)

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State

ZIP Code

Enter additional facilities on the last page of this questionnaire.

8. How many nights during the last year of life did —— spend in (Read the name of each place listed above)?

NOTE: If not sure, probe for best estimate.

Number of nights during year before death

017

Nights in first place

018

Nights in second place

019

Nights in third place

020

Nights in fourth place

021

Nights in fifth place

022

Nights in sixth place

If more than 6 places, continue on last page of this questionnaire.

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE — Continued

- 9. During the last year of life, about how many times did —— see a medical doctor?**

Include all types of doctors such as dermatologists, psychiatrists, and ophthalmologists, as well as general practitioners and osteopaths.

Do not count doctors seen while —— was an overnight patient in a hospital, nursing home, or other institution.

Mark (X) only one box.

024

- None
- 1
- 2—4
- 5—9
- 10—14
- 15—24
- 25—49
- 50 or more

- 10. During the last year of life, did —— see a psychiatrist, psychologist, or any other mental health professional about any personal, emotional, behavioral, or mental problem?**

025

- Yes
- No

Do NOT count visits while —— was an overnight patient in a hospital, nursing home, or other institution.

- 11. As part of this survey we would like to learn about how much Medicare helps pay for health care.**

034

- Yes — Go to next question
- No — Skip to question 13

Was —— covered by Medicare?

- 12. What was —— Medicare claim number?**

035

036

Medicare claim number

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | - | | | - | | | | - | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|

- 13. During —— last year of life, what sources were used to help pay for health care in hospitals, nursing homes, physician services, or care in the home —**

Read each source and mark (X) all that apply.

037

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- or other family members living with ——?
- Family members not living with ——?
- Medicare?
- Medicaid?
- A prepaid health maintenance organization?
- Private health insurance?
- Veterans Administration?
- Indian Health Service?
- Another government program? — If "Yes", ask:
What was the program? — Specify ↗

038

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- Any other source? — If "Yes", ask:
What was the source? — Specify ↗

- Didn't have any payments — Skip to question 15 on page 6

If only one source in 13, enter without asking.

039

- 14. Which source paid MOST of the costs of health care during —— last year of life?**

Enter name of the source on the line.

Name of source

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE — Continued

- 15. At any time during the last year of life, did
— receive help from others in WALKING
OR use special equipment in WALKING?
Special equipment includes canes, walkers,
wheelchairs, handlebars, and so forth.**
- 041
- Mark "Yes" if the person couldn't walk.**
- 16. How long was — unable to walk or did
— receive help in WALKING or use
equipment in WALKING during —
entire life?**
- 042
- (For example, 5 years or 1 week)**
- 17. At any time during the last year of life, did
— receive help from others in EATING OR
use special equipment in EATING?**
- 043
- 18. How long did — receive help in EATING or
use special equipment in EATING during
— entire life?**
- 044
- (For example, 5 years or 1 week)**
- 19. At any time during the last year of life, did
— receive help from others in BATHING
OR use special equipment for BATHING?**
- 045
- 20. How long did — receive help in BATHING
or use equipment in BATHING during —
entire life?**
- 046
- (For example, 5 years or 1 week)**
- 21. At any time during the last year of life, did
— receive help from others in DRESSING
OR use special equipment in DRESSING?**
- 047
- 22. How long did — receive help in DRESSING
or use equipment in DRESSING during —
entire life?**
- 048
- (For example, 5 years or 1 week)**
- 23. At any time during the last year of life, did
— receive help from others in using the
TOILET OR use special equipment in using
the TOILET?**
- 049
- 24. How long did — receive help in using the
TOILET or use equipment in using the TOILET
during — entire life?**
- 050
- (For example, 5 years or 1 week)**

1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 17

1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 19

Length of time

Length of time

Length of time

Length of time

1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 23

Length of time

1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 25 on page 7

Length of time

PART B — CARE IN THE LAST YEAR OF LIFE — Continued

25. For how much of the last year of life was — in a nursing home or other health facility or any other type of institution? Was it all of the last year, at least half but not all of the last year, less than half of the year, or none of the year?

051

- 0 None of the year
- 1 At least one night but less than half of the last year
- 2 At least half but not all of the last year
- 3 All of the last year

Mark (X) only one box.

26. During the last year of life, how often did — have trouble understanding where — was?

057

- 1 All or most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Only in the last few hours or days before death
- 4 Never or hardly ever

27. During the last year of life, how often did — have trouble remembering what year it was?

058

- 1 All or most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Only in the last few hours or days before death
- 4 Never or hardly ever

28. During the last year of life, how often did — have trouble recognizing family members or good friends?

059

- 1 All or most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Only in the last few hours or days before death
- 4 Never or hardly ever

**29. Did — ever sign a paper stating NOT to use life-sustaining equipment or procedures if — was definitely dying?
This paper is sometimes called a "living will."**

060

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Notes

PART C — LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH

1. AT ANY TIME IN -- LIFE, did -- ever have high blood pressure or hypertension?

065

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 5

2. How long before death was the high blood pressure or hypertension first noticed?

066

(For example, 3 years or 2 weeks)

Time before death

3. Did a doctor prescribe medicine for the high blood pressure?

067

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 5

4. On the average over the time prescribed, did -- take the medicine very regularly, not very regularly, hardly at all or never?

068

- 1 Very regularly
2 Not very regularly
3 Hardly at all or never

If more than one medicine was prescribed, did -- take all or most of them regularly?

5. At any time in -- life, did -- ever have a heart attack?

069

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 7

6. How long before death did -- have the FIRST heart attack?

070

(For example, 3 years or 2 weeks)

Time before death

7. At any time in -- life, did -- ever have angina pectoris?

071

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 9

8. How long before death was the angina pectoris first noticed?

072

(For example, 3 years or 2 weeks)

Time before death

9. At any time in -- life, did -- have a stroke in which any resulting conditions, such as paralysis, loss of vision or speech, lasted AT LEAST ONE DAY OR LONGER?

073

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 11

10. How old was -- when -- had the first stroke in which there were resulting conditions lasting at least one day?

074

Age in years

If not sure, probe for approximate age.

11. AT ANY TIME IN -- LIFE, did a doctor say that -- had Alzheimer's disease, chronic brain syndrome, dementia, senility, or any other serious memory impairment?

075

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 13 on page 9

12. How long before death was this diagnosis first made?

076

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

PART C — LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH — Continued

13. At any time in -- life, did -- have any OTHER mental, nervous, or emotional health problem?

077

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 15

14. How long before death was the other mental, nervous, or emotional health problem first noticed?

078

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

15. At any time during -- life, did -- have diabetes?

079

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 17

16. How long before death was the diabetes first noticed?

080

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

17. Was cancer the main condition leading to death?

081

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 19

18. How long before death was this cancer first noticed?

082

— Skip to question 21

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

Time before death

19. At any time during -- life, did -- have cancer of any kind, except skin cancer?

083

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 21

20. How long before death was cancer, except skin cancer, first noticed?

084

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

21. At any time during -- life, did -- have asthma?

085

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 23

22. How long before death was the asthma first noticed?

086

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

23. At any time during -- life, did -- have any other lung condition, such as emphysema or bronchitis, lasting 3 months or longer?

087

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 25 on page 10

24. How long before death was the first lung condition first noticed?

088

Time before death

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

PART C — LIFE STYLE AND HEALTH — Continued

25. At any time in -- life, did -- have cirrhosis of the liver?

089

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 27

26. How long before death was the cirrhosis first noticed?

090

(For example, 3 years or 2 months)

Time before death

27. Was there ever a time in -- life that -- was thought to be extremely near to death but lived on?

091

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to question 29

28. When was this time in -- life when -- was thought to be extremely near to death but lived on? If there was more than one time, please answer for the first time.

092

- 1 Less than 3 months
2 3 months to less than 1 year
3 1 year to less than 5 years
4 5 years or more

} Skip to question 29

Probe if necessary:

a. Was it less than 1 year or more than 1 year?

- Less than 1 year — Ask 28b
 1 year or more — Ask 28c

b. Was it less than 3 months or more than 3 months?

- Less than 3 months — Mark box 1 above
 3 months or more — Mark box 2 above

c. Was it less than 5 years or more than 5 years?

- Less than 5 years — Mark box 3 above
 5 years or more — Mark box 4 above

29. Where did -- die?

093

Mark (X) only one box.

- 1 In a hospital emergency room
2 In a hospital, not in emergency room
3 On the way to a hospital
4 In a nursing home or personal care home
5 In his or her own home
6 In some other place — Specify ↗

CHECK ITEM B

Sex of DECEDENT

097

- 1 Male — Skip to question 32
2 Female — Go to question 30

30. Did she ever have a hysterectomy, that is, an operation to remove the uterus?

102

- 1 Yes
2 No

31. Had her menstrual periods ever ended due to menopause or the "change of life"?

105

- 1 Yes
2 No

ASK FOR BOTH MALE AND FEMALE USING APPROPRIATE WORDING.

107

- 1 Yes — Go to next question
2 No — Skip to part D, question 1 on page 11

32. Did -- ever have an operation to be sterilized, that is, [a vasectomy/have her "tubes tied" or tubal ligation]?

33. How old was -- when -- had an operation to be sterilized?

108

If not sure, probe for the approximate age.

Age in years

PART D – CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON

| | | |
|--|-----|--|
| 1. Did —— EVER work at a paying job or a business full or part time? | 133 | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Go to next question 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — Skip to question 5 |
| 2. Of all the PAID jobs or businesses —— ever had, what KIND OF WORK did —— do the longest? <i>(For example, electrical engineer, stock clerk, typist, farmer, in Armed Forces, etc.)</i> | 134 | _____ |
| 3. In this occupation, what KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY did —— work in the longest? Describe the activity at the location where —— was employed. (For example: TV and radio manufacturing, retail shoe store, State Labor Department, farm, Armed Forces, etc.) | 136 | _____ |
| 4. How long before death was the last time —— worked at a paying job or business full or part time? <i>(For example: 3 years or 2 months)</i> | 139 | Time before death |
| 5a. Was —— ever on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? | 145 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Ask 5b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — Skip to 7 |
| b. Was all of the active duty service related to training in the National Guard or Military Reserves? | | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Skip to 7 1 <input type="checkbox"/> No — Go to next question |
| 6. At the time of death, was —— on full-time active duty with the Armed Forces? | 146 | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7a. Please tell me which of the following groups describes —— RACIAL BACKGROUND. Was —— racial background — | 148 | * 1 <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian, Aleut, or Eskimo 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Black 4 <input type="checkbox"/> White 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Some other group — Specify <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| After each "Yes," mark (X) box and ask: Besides (Group marked), was —— racial background any other group, such as (Remainder of list)? | | _____ |
| Mark (X) all that apply. | | |
| If "No" to all ask: What was —— racial background? | | |
| If more than one box marked in 7a, ask: | 149 | |
| b. Which of these groups, that is (Entries in 7a), would you say BEST describes —— racial background? | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian, Aleut, or Eskimo 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Black 4 <input type="checkbox"/> White 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Some other group — Specify <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mark (X) only one box. | | |
| 8. Was —— of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent? | 150 | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No |

PART D — CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON — Continued

Ask or verify:

- 9a. Was -- living in a nursing home, another health care facility or any kind of institution at the time of death?**

Yes — Ask 9b
 No — Ask 9c

- b. Who did -- live with BEFORE entering the institution? Please give me just the relationship of each other person. For example, [husband/wife], son, friend, and so forth.**

Mark (X) box and enter relationship(s), if appropriate.

If more room is needed to list additional persons, continue on the last page of this questionnaire.

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- 1 Lived alone — Go to question 10
 2 Lived with others — Enter relationship of all other persons ↗

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| Person | Relationship |
|--------|--------------|
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| 5 | |
| 6 | |
| 7 | |
| 8 | |

- c. Who did -- live with at the time of death? Please give me just the relationship of each other person. For example, [husband/wife], son, friend, and so forth.**

Mark (X) box and enter relationship(s), if appropriate.

If more room is needed to list additional persons, continue on the last page of this questionnaire.

160

- 1 Less than 5 years
 2 5–7 years
 3 8 years
 4 9–11 years
 5 High school graduate
 6 1–3 years of college
 7 4 years of college or more

Ask or verify:

- 11. At the time of -- death, was -- married, widowed, divorced, separated, or NEVER married?**

Mark (X) only one box.

161

- 1 Married — Skip to question 13
 2 Widowed — Go to next question
 3 Divorced } Skip to question 13
 4 Separated }
 5 Never married — Skip to question 14 on page 13

- 12. About how long before -- death did -- [husband/wife] die?**

(For example: 3 years or 2 months)

162

Time before person's death

- 13. Counting all marriages which -- may have had, for how many years ALTOGETHER was -- married?**

Enter number or mark (X) the box.

163

Years
 x Less than 1 year

Notes

PART D – CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON – Continued

14. Is there anyone else who might be able to add to the information you gave in this interview?

Yes – What is his or her name, address, and telephone number?

No – End interview and thank respondent

Name

Address (Number and street)

City or Post Office

State

ZIP Code

Area code

Telephone number

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <input type="text"/> |
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No telephone

END INTERVIEW – Thank the respondent

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ADDITIONAL ANSWERS OR COMMENTS

(Continued from earlier questions. SHOW THE PAGE AND QUESTION NUMBER TO WHICH EACH OF YOUR ENTRIES APPLIES.)

Add any comments or suggestions that the respondent made regarding this study.

Facility abstract record

| | | | |
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| PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS A–F, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR THE DECEDENT IDENTIFIED IN I–IV. | | | |
| I. Name of decedent | | II. Date of death | III. Date of birth |
| IV. Address of decedent Number and street | | City | State |
| V. Name of hospital or institution | | VI. Decedent's control number | VII. Facility control number |
| <p>► A. Was the person named above discharged (either dead or alive) from this hospital or institution since January 1, 1985?</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes — Go to item B 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No — Skip to item D on page 4</p> | | | |
| <p>► B. For each discharge, what were the admission and discharge dates, diagnoses established at the time of discharge, and surgical and diagnostic procedures? (The principal diagnosis is the condition after study, chiefly responsible for the stay; if unknown, enter first listed diagnosis. The principal procedure is the procedure most related to the principal diagnosis; if unknown, enter first listed procedure.) Continue on pages 2 and 3, if appropriate. Then go to item C on page 4.</p> | | | |
| a. Admission date (Month, day, year) | | b. Discharge date (Month, day, year) | |
| c. Diagnoses | | ICD-9-CM codes <i>(If available)</i> | |
| Principal—(1) _____ | | | |
| Others—(2) _____ | | | |
| (3) _____ | | | |
| (4) _____ | | | |
| (5) _____ | | | |
| (6) _____ | | | |
| (7) _____ | | | |
| d. Surgical and Diagnostic Procedures <i>(Mark "None" if there were no procedures for this stay.)</i> → <input type="checkbox"/> None | | ICD-9-CM codes <i>(If available)</i> | |
| Principal—(1) _____ | | | |
| Others—(2) _____ | | | |
| (3) _____ | | | |
| (4) _____ | | | |
| (5) _____ | | | |

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|---|--|--|--|---|
| (2) | a. Admission date (<i>Month, day, year</i>) | b. Discharge date (<i>Month, day, year</i>) | | |
| c. Diagnoses | | | ICD-9-CM codes (<i>If available</i>) | |
| Principal-(1) _____ | | | _____ | |
| Others-(2) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (3) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (4) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (5) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (6) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (7) _____ | | | _____ | |
| d. Surgical and Diagnostic Procedures <i>(Mark "None" if there were no procedures for this stay.)</i> → <input type="checkbox"/> None | | | ICD-9-CM codes (<i>If available</i>) | |
| Principal-(1) _____ | | | _____ | |
| Others-(2) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (3) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (4) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (5) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (3) a. Admission date (<i>Month, day, year</i>) | | | b. Discharge date (<i>Month, day, year</i>) | ICD-9-CM codes (<i>If available</i>) |
| Principal-(1) _____ | | | _____ | |
| Others-(2) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (3) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (4) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (5) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (6) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (7) _____ | | | _____ | |
| d. Surgical and Diagnostic Procedures <i>(Mark "None" if there were no procedures for this stay.)</i> → <input type="checkbox"/> None | | | ICD-9-CM codes (<i>If available</i>) | |
| Principal-(1) _____ | | | _____ | |
| Others-(2) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (3) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (4) _____ | | | _____ | |
| (5) _____ | | | _____ | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| ④ | a. Admission date (Month, day, year) | b. Discharge date (Month, day, year) | |
| c. Diagnoses | | | ICD-9-CM codes (If available) |
| Principal-(1) _____ | | | |
| Others-(2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____ (6) _____ (7) _____ | | | |
| d. Surgical and Diagnostic Procedures <i>(Mark "None" if there were no procedures for this stay.)</i> → <input type="checkbox"/> None | | | ICD-9-CM codes (If available) |
| Principal-(1) _____ | | | |
| Others-(2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____ | | | |
| ⑤ | a. Admission date (Month, day, year) | b. Discharge date (Month, day, year) | |
| c. Diagnoses | | | ICD-9-CM codes (If available) |
| Principal-(1) _____ | | | |
| Others-(2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____ (6) _____ (7) _____ | | | |
| d. Surgical and Diagnostic Procedures <i>(Mark "None" if there were no procedures for this stay.)</i> → <input type="checkbox"/> None | | | ICD-9-CM codes (If available) |
| Principal-(1) _____ | | | |
| Others-(2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____ | | | |

Please record additional stays in the "Remarks" section on page 4.

► C. Which of these categories best describes the facility or a unit of the facility in which the decedent was a patient?

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> General medical/surgical hospital | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Other type of nursing or personal care home |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol or drug treatment hospital | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric facility | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other type of facility — <i>Specify</i> ↴ |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other speciality, long stay hospital | |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), certified under either Medicare or Medicaid | |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Care Facility (ICF), certified under Medicaid | |

► D. According to your records or your personal knowledge, was the decedent a patient since January 1, 1985 in any other hospital, nursing home, or institution providing medical care?

- 1 Yes — *Go to item E* 2 No — *Skip to item F*

► E. What were the names and addresses of all other hospitals or institutions in which the decedent was a patient since January 1, 1985?

Name of hospital or institution

(1)

Address (Number and street)

City or post office

State

ZIP code

Name of hospital or institution

(2)

Address (Number and street)

City or post office

State

ZIP code

Name of hospital or institution

(3)

Address (Number and street)

City or post office

State

ZIP code

Please record additional hospital/institution stays in the "Remarks" section below.

► F. In case we need to ask a question about this form, please enter the name and telephone number of the person to contact for additional information.

Name

Telephone number
Area code | Number

Remarks

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