

Characteristics of Caregivers Based on the Survey of Income and Program Participation

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The following analysis examined caregivers providing regular assistance to individuals with a disability or long-term health problem of all ages in 1998. It is intended to provide the Aging Network with general socio-demographic information about its potential target populations as a background for designing and implementing caregiver support services around the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

BACKGROUND

The data are based on the 1996 panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The SIPP is sponsored by the Census Bureau and is a nationally representative sample of non-institutionalized households. The survey includes detailed questions about an individual's income, employment status, and participation in various programs. The households for this panel were interviewed every four months during the period of April 1996 through March 2000. In addition to the core data collected every four months, most interviews included additional sets of questions asked on a less frequent basis, called topical modules. In our analysis, we used two different topical modules to identify unpaid caregivers (included in Wave 7 in Year 1998) and children and adults with disabilities (included in Wave 5 in Year 1997). For a portion of the analysis, we were able to identify the care recipient that lived with a reported caregiver and could examine both the caregiver and the care recipient's characteristics.

CAREGIVER ESTIMATES

The population sample included in the SIPP differs somewhat from other analyses of caregivers due to different sampling methods. Whereas the National Long Term Care Survey (NLTC) identified caregivers based on those reported by a sample of individuals with disabilities, caregivers for the SIPP were identified among a representative sample of households. Therefore, those identified as caregivers in SIPP provided care to individuals of all ages, some of whom are parents caring for minor children. The SIPP caregiver population sample is actually more similar to that reported by the National Survey of Families and Households in which a representative sample of households were called to identify individuals providing any help or assistance because of a health problem or disability in the last 12 months. SIPP provides lower estimates than those of the NSFH because it a more restrictive criteria for designating individuals as care providers (regular care unpaid care or assistance to someone with a long-term illness or a disability during the past month).

Given the differences in design, two issues of interest emerge: 1) how well does an estimate of the number of self-identified caregivers compare to the number estimated based on the care recipient's report of his or her helpers; and 2) how well does the SIPP estimate of enumerated caregivers compare to the NLTC estimate.

Self-Reported Versus Care Recipient Reported Caregivers

Based on the caregiver self-identified process, the SIPP estimates that there are 9.4 million caregivers providing regular assistance to individuals of all ages. However, when using the SIPP disability topical module to estimate the number of unpaid caregivers reported by individuals with disabilities, 8.7 million individuals reported having an estimated 13 million unpaid caregivers. We found that among the 9.4 million self-identified caregivers, 15 percent

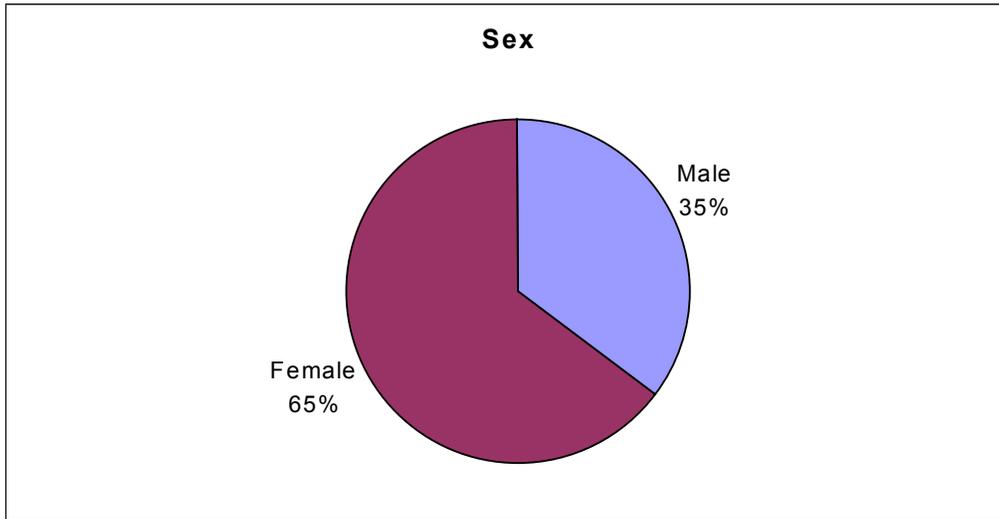
provided care to more than one individual. Taking this into consideration, we calculated that if the same sample of care recipients were asked about their caregivers, they would have reported an estimated 11.1 million total caregivers. Therefore, it appears that using a self-identified caregiver sample provides somewhat smaller estimates of caregivers than using enumerated caregivers by the care recipient (self-reported estimates are 85 percent of care recipient enumerated estimates). The discrepancy could be attributed to the differences in caregiver perception of providing care (e.g., some spouses may not self-identify as a caregiver) and/or to the criteria used in defining assistance (e.g., more narrow criteria of providing regular assistance for the self-identified sample than the care recipient enumerated sample).

Comparison of SIPP and NLTCS Estimates

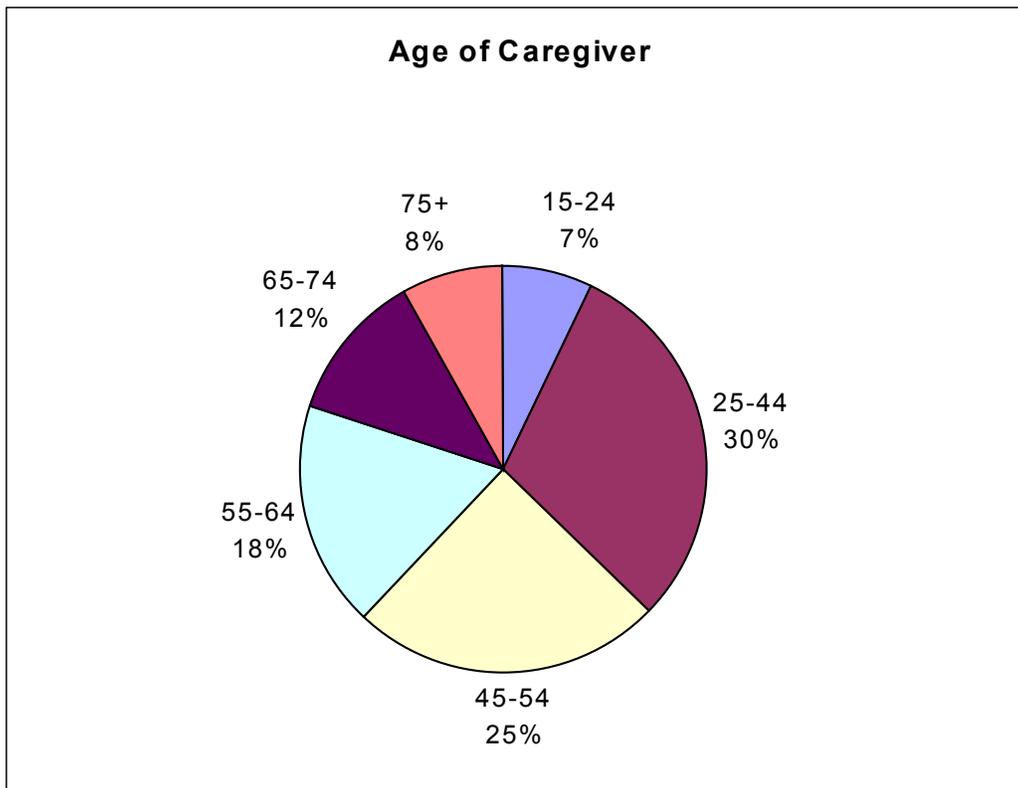
In order to assess whether the SIPP provides estimates similar to the NLTCS, we restricted the disabled sample to individuals aged 65 and older. This resulted in 6.7 million caregivers (for the 4.5 million older adults with disabilities who reported having caregivers). This estimate is slightly less than the 7.1 million estimated from the NLTCS (SIPP estimates are 95 percent of NLTCS estimates). This difference could be attributed to the sample characteristics (e.g., the NLTCS has a much larger sample of individuals with disabilities who are aged 65 and older compared to the SIPP) and/or the nature of the questions asked about “disability” and about “helpers.”

These data are preliminary and will serve as the basis for a more extensive paper.

Both men and women and individuals of all ages serve as caregivers

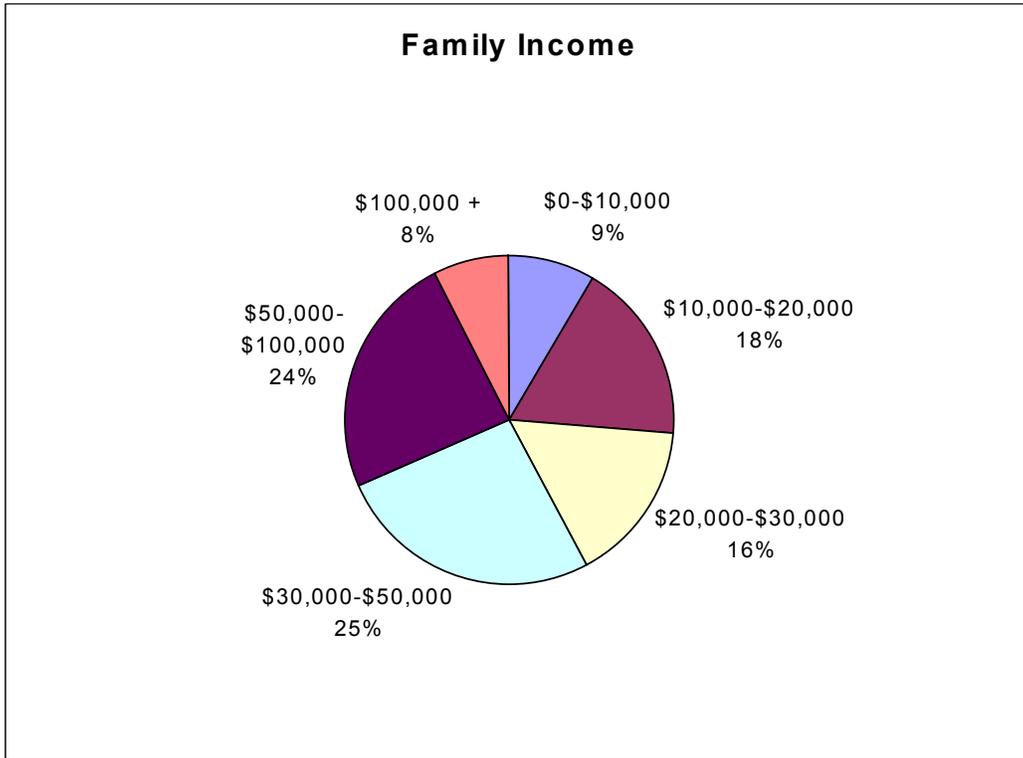


- Of the 9.4 million caregivers, nearly two-thirds of caregivers are women and women are 1.8 times more likely to be caregivers relative to men.



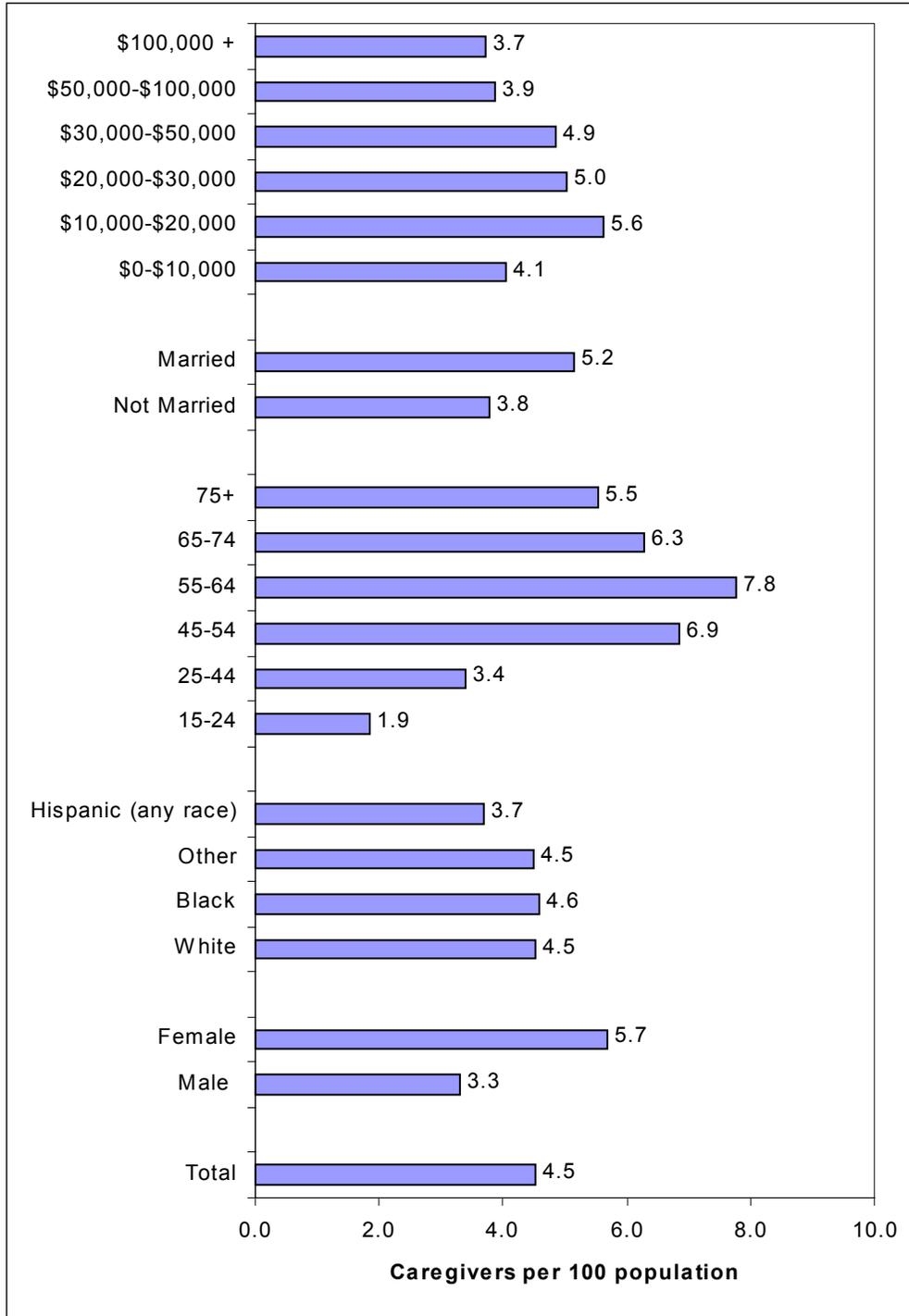
- Over one-third (38 percent) of caregivers are age 55 and over.

Caregivers cross the entire income distribution



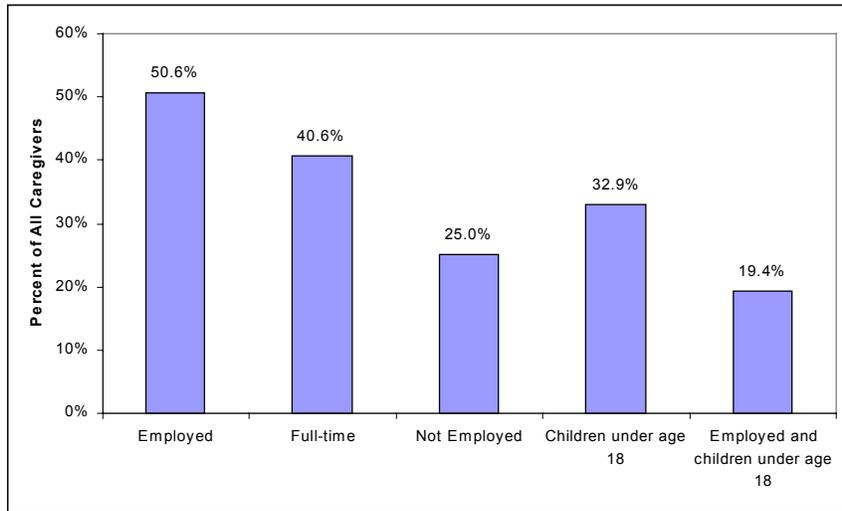
- Approximately one-quarter of caregivers have low family income (less than \$20,000), two out of five have moderate income (\$20,000 to \$50,000) while almost one in three have high income (\$50,000 or more).

The likelihood of being a caregiver is greatest among individuals age 55 to 64



- Individuals with low to moderate family income are more likely to be caregivers.

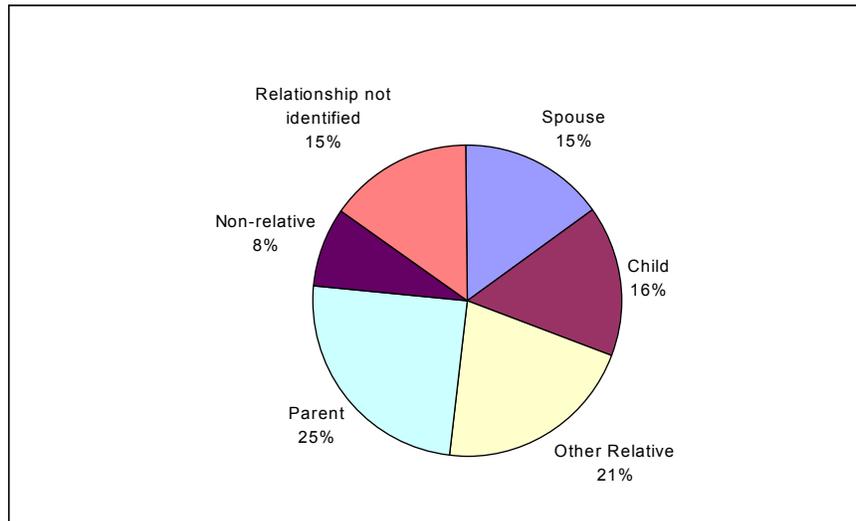
Caregivers include individuals with competing demands



Note: Full-time employment is based on 35 or more hours a week on average.

- Half of caregivers are employed and two out of five are employed full-time.
- About one-third of caregivers have children under age 18 in their home (these children may include the person to whom care is provided).
- About one in five caregivers are both employed and have children under age 18 in their home.

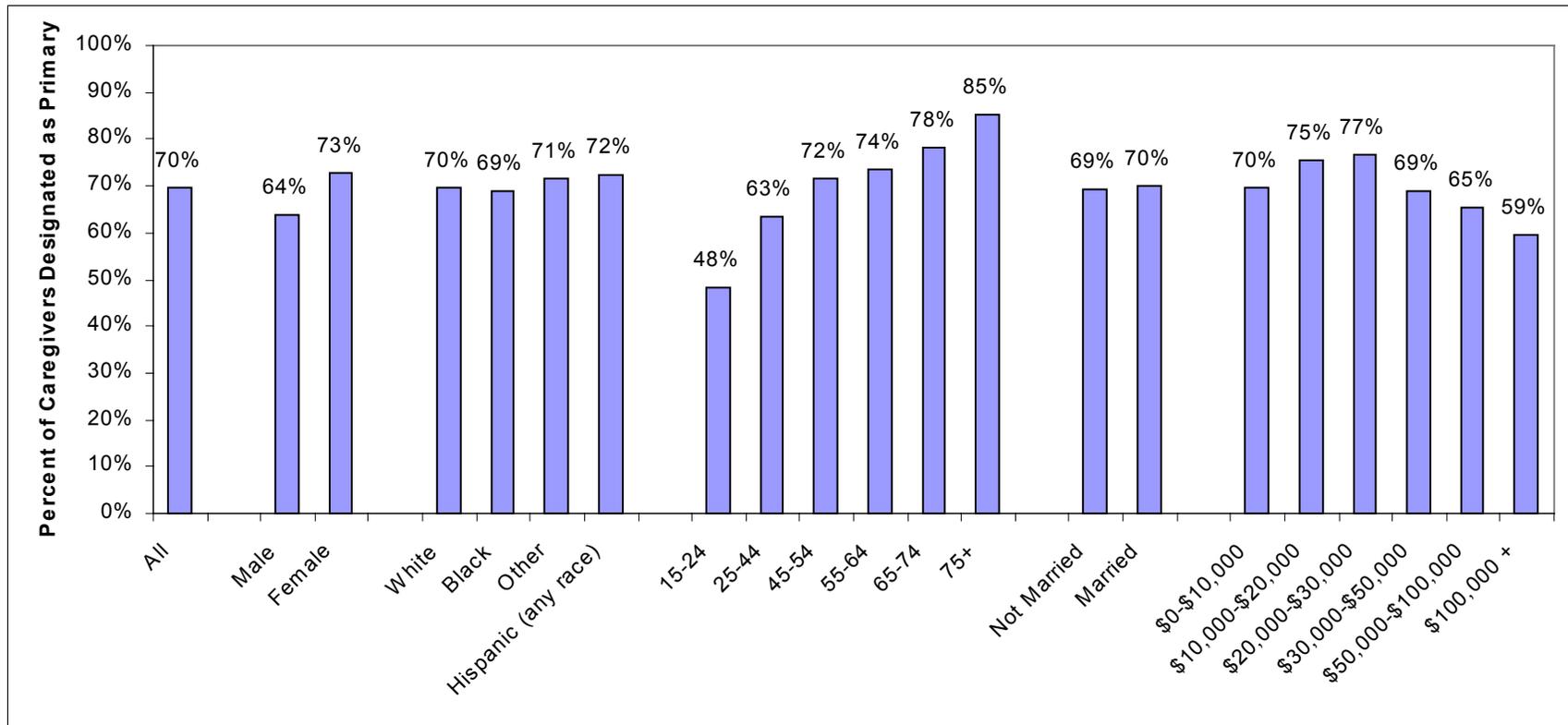
Spouses and children represent equal numbers of caregivers



Note: 15 percent of caregivers did not specify their relationship to the individual to whom they provided regular assistance.

- The one-quarter of caregivers who are parents are likely providing assistance to individuals under age 65.

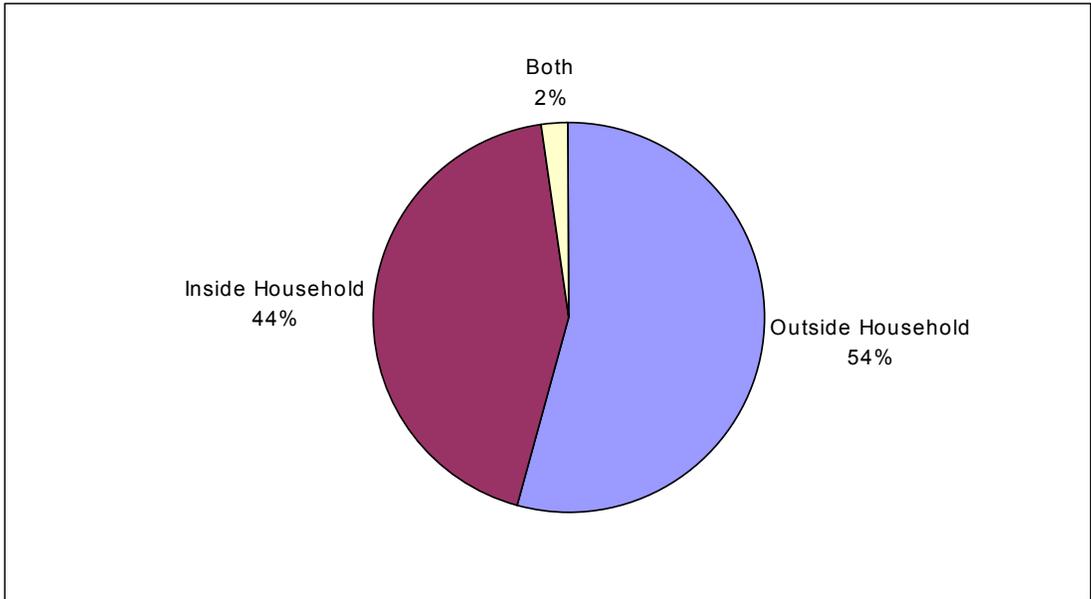
70 percent of identified caregivers consider themselves the primary caregiver



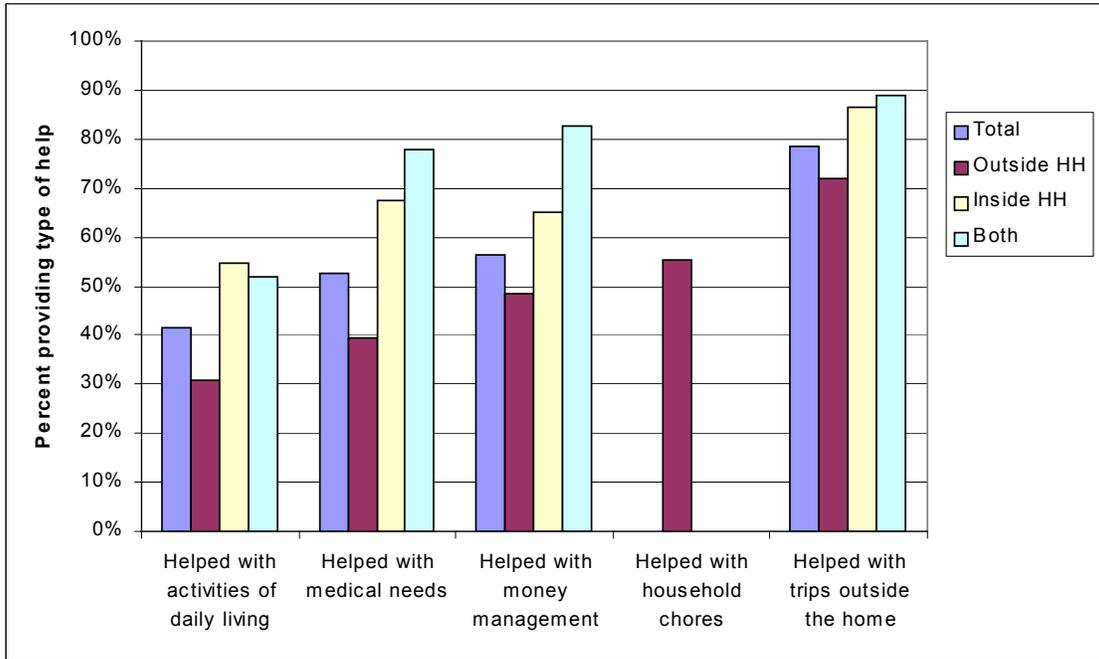
Note: Primary caregivers are defined as the sole provider of care or the individual who provides the most care.

- A higher percentage of women caregivers assume the role of primary caregiver.
- Primary caregiver responsibility also increases with age and decreases at higher income levels.

More caregivers provide assistance to someone outside of their household

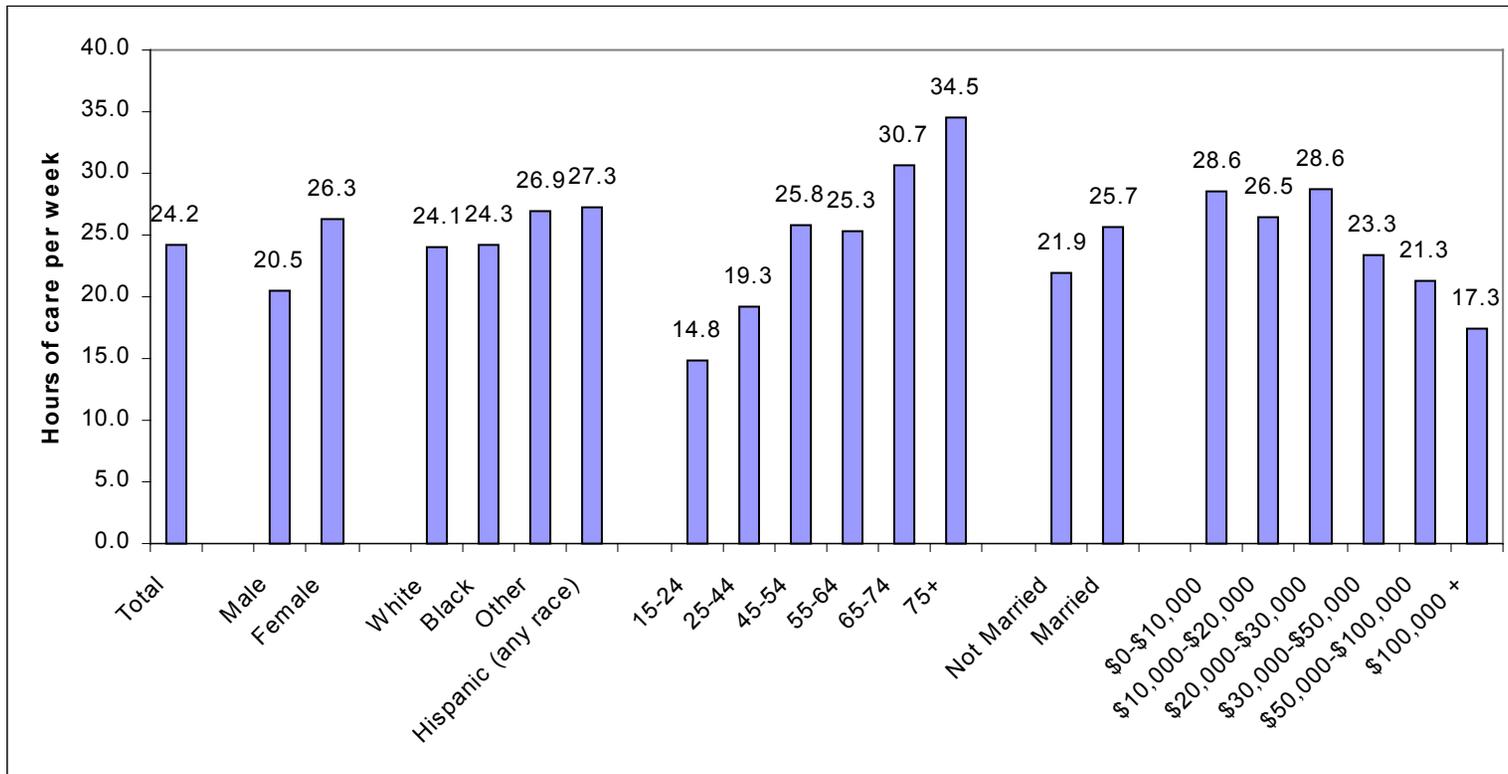


Caregivers that live with the care recipient provide more types of assistance



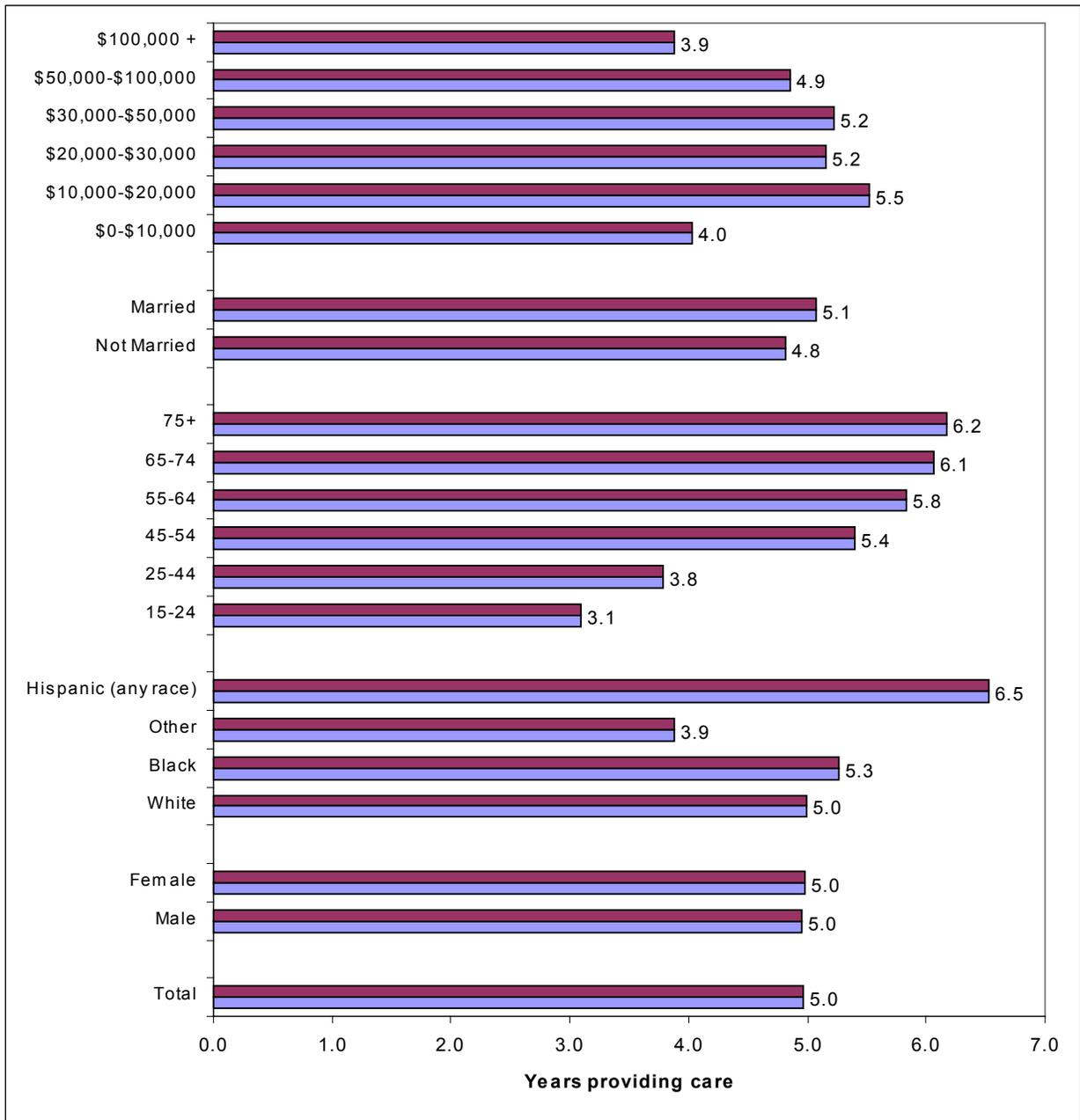
Note: Individuals living in the household were not asked about helping with household chores.

On average, caregivers spend 24 hours per week providing assistance



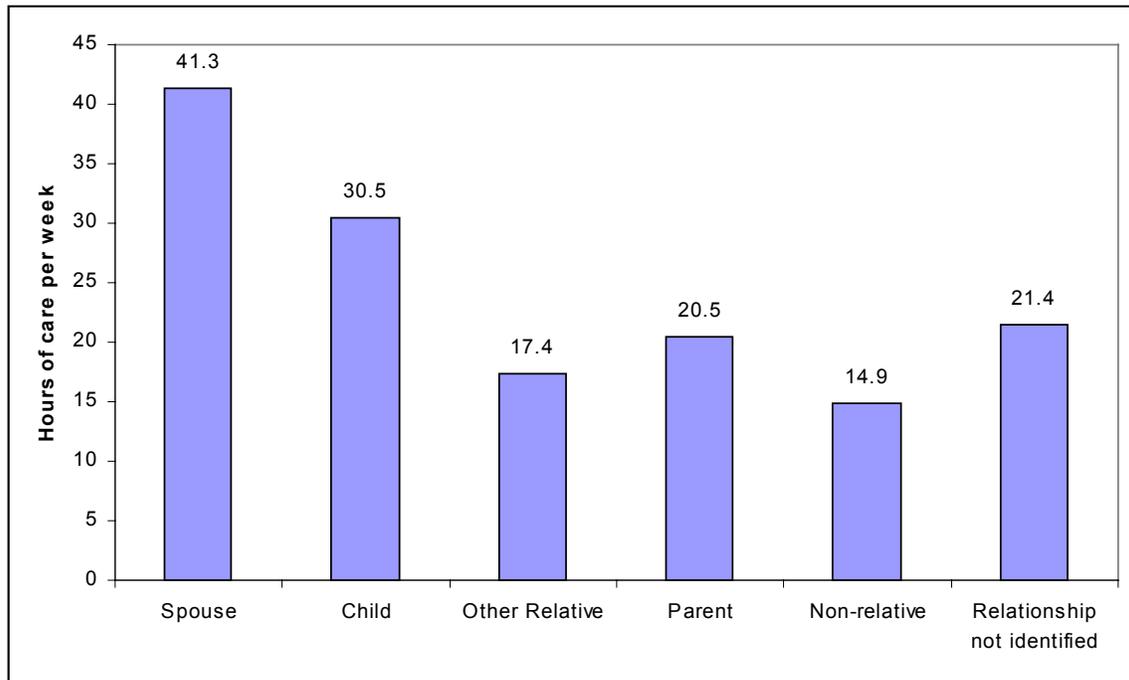
- Women provide more hours of care on average compared to men.
- Hispanic caregivers provide more hours per week, especially women.

Caregivers have provided assistance for five years on average

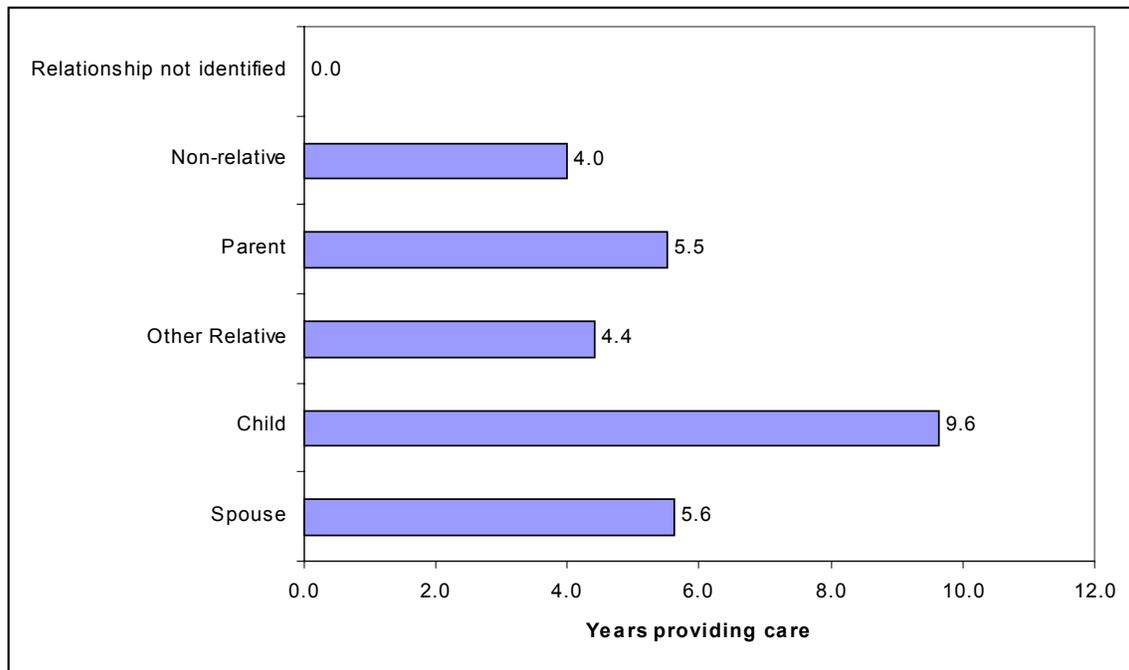


- Men and women spend about equal numbers of years providing care.
- Older caregivers and Hispanics tend to provide care for long periods of time.

Spouses provide the most hours of care per week

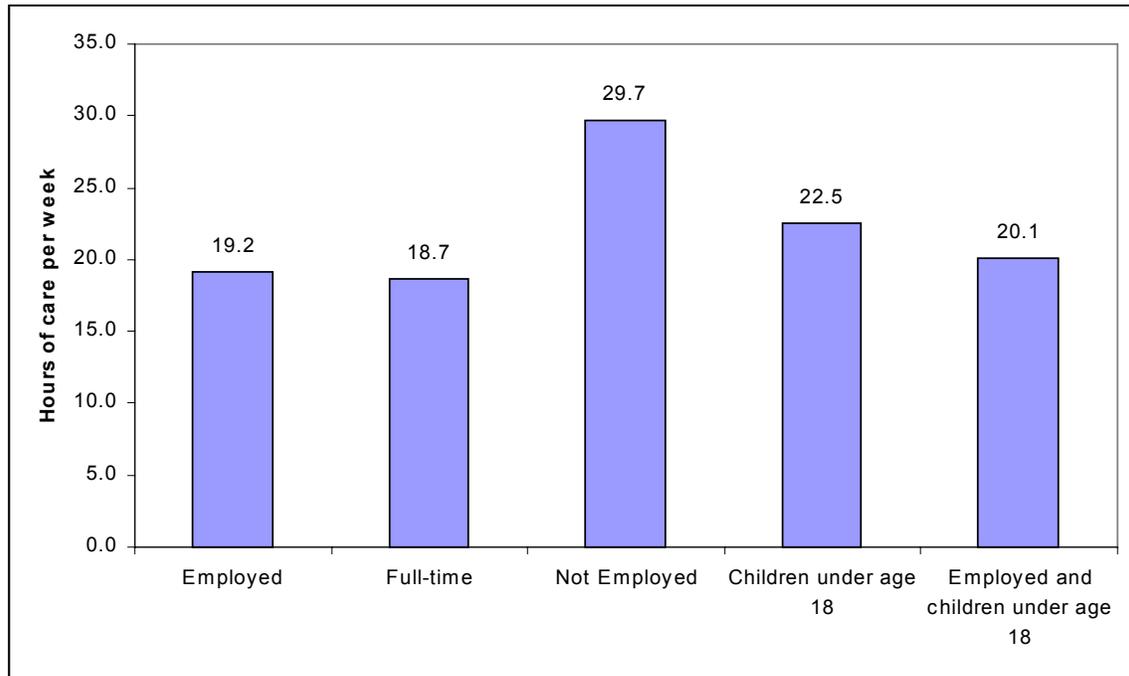


Children provide care for the longest periods of time



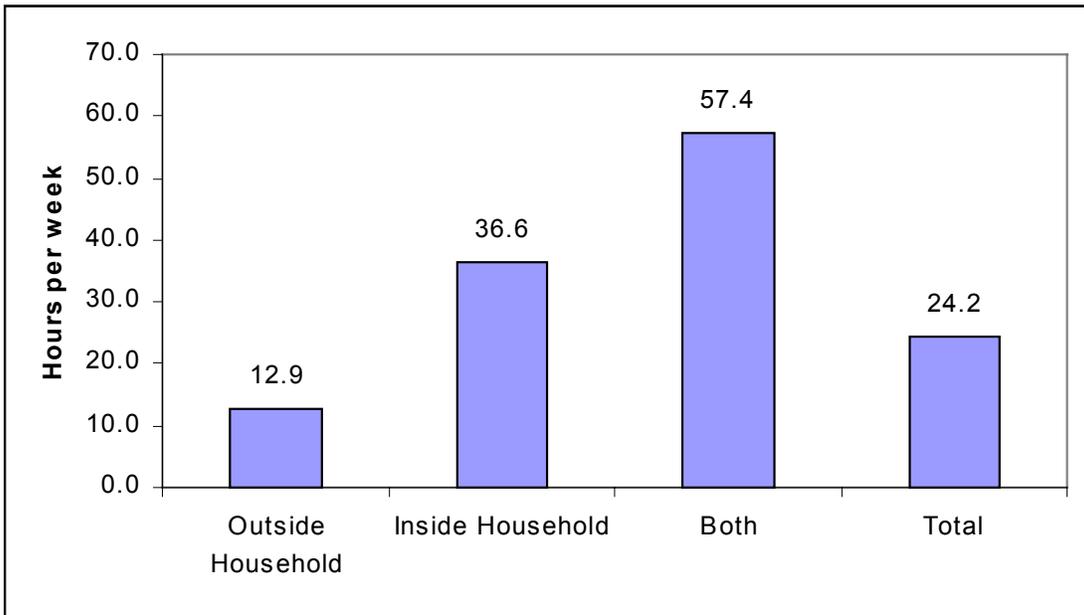
Note: The 15 percent of caregivers that did not identify a relationship had less than one year of providing assistance on average.

Caregivers with competing demands provide nearly as much care as others



- Among working-age individuals, caregivers who are not employed provide the most hours of care per week.
- However, caregivers who are employed full-time also provide almost 19 hours of care per week.

Caregivers living with the care recipient provide more hours of care



Caregivers living with the care recipient also provide care longer

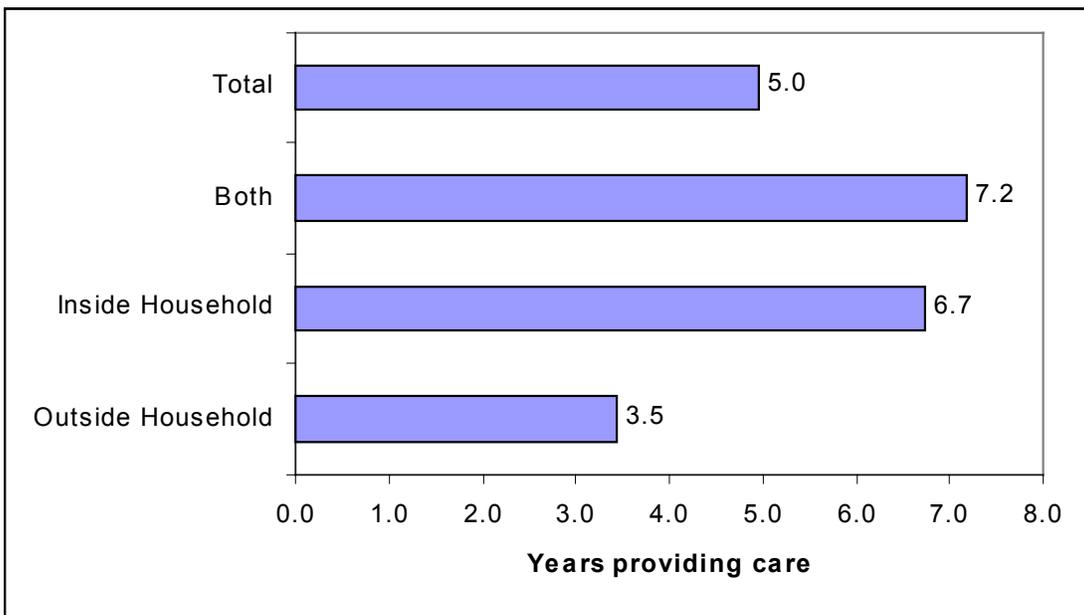


Table 1
Socio-Demographic Characteristics of Caregivers, 1998

Characteristics of Caregiver	Population Age 15+	Total		Male		Female	
		Number of Caregivers	Percent Caregivers	Number of Caregivers	Percent Male	Number of Caregivers	Percent Female
All	208,385,264	9,439,373	4.5	3,325,113	3.3	6,114,260	5.7
Race/Ethnicity							
White	174,049,413	7,874,795	4.5	2,803,641	3.3	5,071,154	5.7
Black	24,883,399	1,139,410	4.6	367,281	3.3	772,129	5.6
Other	9,452,452	303,815	3.2	112,813	3.4	191,002	5.5
Hispanic (any race)	21,329,247	786,327	3.7	282,388	2.6	503,939	4.8
Age							
15-24	36,904,078	684,774	1.9	247,986	1.3	436,788	2.4
25-44	83,869,249	2,834,546	3.4	956,599	2.3	1,877,947	4.4
45-54	33,964,262	2,326,840	6.9	755,042	4.6	1,571,798	9.0
55-64	21,995,216	1,709,213	7.8	590,812	5.6	1,118,401	9.8
65-74	17,785,297	1,116,097	6.3	433,786	5.5	682,311	6.9
75+	13,867,162	767,903	5.5	340,888	6.4	427,015	5.0
Marital Status							
Not Married	95,652,678	3,620,427	3.8	1,179,926	2.7	2,440,501	4.7
Married	112,732,586	5,818,946	5.2	2,145,187	3.8	3,673,759	6.5
Family Income							
\$0-\$10,000	20,287,336	824,017	4.1	238,825	3.1	585,192	4.6
\$10,000-\$20,000	29,805,985	1,676,410	5.6	586,275	4.5	1,090,135	6.5
\$20,000-\$30,000	29,598,272	1,489,191	5.0	536,469	3.8	952,722	6.2
\$30,000-\$50,000	50,752,315	2,464,145	4.9	868,266	3.4	1,595,879	6.3
\$50,000-\$100,000	58,874,528	2,275,012	3.9	831,088	2.8	1,443,924	5.0
\$100,000 +	19,066,828	710,598	3.7	264,190	2.6	446,408	5.0

Source: The Lewin Group analysis of the 1996 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Wave 7 Home Health Topical Module.

Table 2
Socio-Demographic Characteristics of Primary Caregivers, 1998

Characteristics of Caregiver	Population Age 15+	Total		Male		Female	
		Number of Caregivers	Percent Caregivers	Number of Caregivers	Percent Male	Number of Caregivers	Percent Female
All	208,385,264	6,579,000	3.2	2,120,061	2.1	4,458,939	4.1
Race/Ethnicity							
White	174,049,413	5,490,976	3.2	1,776,697	2.1	3,714,279	4.2
Black	24,883,399	784,209	3.2	230,551	2.1	553,658	4.0
Other	9,452,452	425,168	4.5	154,191	2.5	270,977	3.9
Hispanic (any race)	21,329,247	567,838	2.7	169,957	1.6	397,881	3.8
Age							
15-24	36,904,078	331,044	0.9	100,475	0.5	230,569	1.3
25-44	83,869,249	1,793,007	2.1	541,943	1.3	1,251,064	3.0
45-54	33,964,262	1,666,857	4.9	492,756	3.0	1,174,101	6.7
55-64	21,995,216	1,259,561	5.7	410,006	3.9	849,555	7.4
65-74	17,785,297	873,714	4.9	295,493	3.7	578,221	5.9
75+	13,867,162	654,817	4.7	279,388	5.2	375,429	4.4
Marital Status							
Not Married	95,652,678	2,507,804	2.6	758,997	1.7	1,748,807	3.4
Married	112,732,586	4,071,196	3.6	1,361,064	2.4	2,710,132	4.8
Family Income							
\$0-\$10,000	20,287,336	575,525	2.8	166,148	2.2	409,377	3.2
\$10,000-\$20,000	29,805,985	1,263,568	4.2	402,559	3.1	861,009	5.1
\$20,000-\$30,000	29,598,272	1,140,417	3.9	397,922	2.8	742,495	4.8
\$30,000-\$50,000	50,752,315	1,693,885	3.3	527,064	2.1	1,166,821	4.6
\$50,000-\$100,000	58,874,528	1,483,582	2.5	498,754	1.7	984,828	3.4
\$100,000 +	19,066,828	422,023	2.2	127,614	1.3	294,409	3.3

Note: Primary caregiver is defined as either the sole caregiver or the individual that provides the most care to an individual.

Source: The Lewin Group analysis of the 1996 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Wave 7 Home Health Topical Module.

Table 3
Average Time Spent Providing Care, 1998

Characteristics of Caregiver	Total Caregivers	Average Hours of Caregiving Per Week	Average Years Providing Care ^a
All	9,439,373	24.2	5.0
Race/Ethnicity			
White	7,874,795	24.1	5.0
Black	1,139,410	24.3	5.3
Other	425,168	26.9	3.9
Hispanic (any race)	786,327	27.3	6.5
Age			
15-24	684,774	14.8	3.1
25-44	2,834,546	19.3	3.8
45-54	2,326,840	25.8	5.4
55-64	1,709,213	25.3	5.8
65-74	1,116,097	30.7	6.1
75+	767,903	34.5	6.2
Marital Status			
Not Married	3,620,427	21.9	4.8
Married	5,818,946	25.7	5.1
Family Income			
\$0-\$10,000	824,017	28.6	4.0
\$10,000-\$20,000	1,676,410	26.5	5.5
\$20,000-\$30,000	1,489,191	28.6	5.2
\$30,000-\$50,000	2,464,145	23.3	5.2
\$50,000-\$100,000	2,275,012	21.3	4.9
\$100,000 +	710,598	17.3	3.9

^a Average years providing care is reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the average years is reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

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Table 3a
Average Time Spent Providing Care, by Sex of Caregiver, 1998

Characteristics of Caregiver	Total Caregivers	Average Hours of Caregiving Per Week	Average Years Providing Care ^a
Male	3,325,113	20.5	5.0
Race/Ethnicity			
White	2,803,641	20.8	5.1
Black	367,281	20.0	4.9
Other	154,191	15.4	3.1
Hispanic (any race)	282,388	16.9	6.7
Age			
15-24	247,986	9.4	2.9
25-44	956,599	15.9	3.8
45-54	755,042	19.6	6.0
55-64	590,812	21.8	5.8
65-74	433,786	24.9	5.6
75+	340,888	35.3	5.1
Marital Status			
Not Married	1,179,926	17.0	4.6
Married	2,145,187	22.4	5.1
Family Income			
\$0-\$10,000	238,825	22.3	5.0
\$10,000-\$20,000	586,275	21.0	4.6
\$20,000-\$30,000	536,469	28.1	5.4
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Table 3a, continued
Average Time Spent Providing Care, by Sex of Caregiver, 1998

Characteristics of Caregiver	Total Caregivers	Average Hours of Caregiving Per Week	Average Years Providing Care ^a
Female	6,114,260	26.3	5.0
Race/Ethnicity			
White	5,071,154	25.9	5.0
Black	772,129	26.3	5.5
Other	270,977	33.5	4.3
Hispanic (any race)	503,939	33.1	6.4
Age			
15-24	436,788	17.9	3.2
25-44	1,877,947	20.9	3.8
45-54	1,571,798	28.8	5.1
55-64	1,118,401	27.1	5.9
65-74	682,311	34.4	6.4
75+	427,015	33.8	7.0
Marital Status			
Not Married	2,440,501	24.2	4.9
Married	3,673,759	27.6	5.0
Family Income			
\$0-\$10,000	585,192	31.1	3.6
\$10,000-\$20,000	1,090,135	29.5	6.0
\$20,000-\$30,000	952,722	28.9	5.1
\$30,000-\$50,000	1,595,879	25.2	5.2
\$50,000-\$100,000	1,443,924	23.8	4.8
\$100,000 +	446,408	18.1	4.0

^a Average years providing care is reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the average years is reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

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Table 4
Caregiver Place of Residence,
by Average Time Spent Providing Care and Type of Help Provided, 1998

	All	Provides care to someone outside household	Provides care to someone inside household	Provides care to someone inside household and someone outside household
All	9,439,373	5,099,920	4,128,430	211,023
Amount of time provide care				
Average hours per week	24.2	12.9	36.6	57.4
Average years providing care ^a	5.0	3.5	6.7	7.2
Type of help provided^b				
Helped with activities of daily living	3,931,008	1,568,095	2,253,397	109,516
Percent providing assistance	41.6%	30.7%	54.6%	51.9%
Helped with medical needs	4,955,414	2,007,109	2,783,937	164,368
Percent providing assistance	52.5%	39.4%	67.4%	77.9%
Helped with money management	5,332,243	2,468,703	2,688,950	174,590
Percent providing assistance	56.5%	48.4%	65.1%	82.7%
Helped with household chores	N/A	2,829,986	N/A	N/A
Percent providing assistance	N/A	55.5%	N/A	N/A
Helped with trips outside the home	7,424,219	3,668,209	3,568,169	187,841
Percent providing assistance	78.7%	71.9%	86.4%	89.0%

^a Average years providing care is reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the average years is reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

^b Type of help provided is reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the type of help is reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

Note: Individuals living in the household with the care recipient were not asked about assistance with household chores.

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Table 4a
Caregiver Place of Residence, by Sex and
by Average Time Spent Providing Care and Type of Help Provided, 1998

	All	Provides care to someone outside household	Provides care to someone inside household	Provides care to someone inside household and someone outside household
Male	3,325,113	1,675,829	1,578,741	70,543
Amount of time provide care				
Average hours per week	20.5	10.2	30.4	42.3
Average years providing care ^a	5.0	3.6	6.2	9.0
Type of help provided^b				
Helped with activities of daily living	1,158,154	356,571	771,146	30,437
Percent providing assistance	34.8%	21.3%	48.8%	43.1%
Helped with medical needs	1,469,465	505,523	908,003	55,939
Percent providing assistance	44.2%	30.2%	57.5%	79.3%
Helped with money management	1,792,498	799,246	939,531	53,721
Percent providing assistance	53.9%	47.7%	59.5%	76.2%
Helped with household chores	N/A	690,679	N/A	N/A
Percent providing assistance	N/A	41.2%	N/A	N/A
Helped with trips outside the home	2,516,332	1,104,172	1,349,295	62,865
Percent providing assistance	75.7%	65.9%	85.5%	89.1%
Female	6,114,260	3,424,091	2,549,689	140,480
Amount of time provide care				
Average hours per week	26.3	14.2	40.4	65.0
Average years provided care ^a	5.0	3.4	7.1	6.3
Type of help provided^b				
Helped with activities of daily living	2,772,854	1,211,524	1,482,251	79,079
Percent providing assistance	45.4%	35.4%	58.1%	56.3%
Helped with medical needs	3,485,949	1,501,586	1,875,934	108,429
Percent providing assistance	57.0%	43.9%	73.6%	77.2%
Helped with money management	3,539,745	1,669,457	1,749,419	120,869
Percent providing assistance	57.9%	48.8%	68.6%	86.0%
Helped with household chores	N/A	2,139,307	N/A	N/A
Percent providing assistance	N/A	62.5%	N/A	N/A
Helped with trips outside the home	4,907,887	2,564,037	2,218,874	124,976
Percent providing assistance	80.3%	74.9%	87.0%	89.0%

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Table 5
Average Time Spent Providing Care, by Relationship of Caregiver to Care Receiver, 1998

	Total			Male			Female		
	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a
All	9,439,373	24.2	5.0	3,325,113	20.5	5.0	6,114,260	26.3	5.0
Relationship of caregiver to care receiver^b									
Spouse	1,438,803	41.3	5.6	580,029	37.7	5.1	858,774	43.7	6.0
Child	1,467,238	30.5	9.6	480,163	25.0	10.4	987,075	33.2	9.3
Other Relative	1,963,862	17.4	4.4	628,980	14.1	4.5	1,334,882	18.9	4.4
Parent	2,351,754	20.5	5.5	807,855	15.5	5.4	1,543,899	23.0	5.5
Non-relative	775,198	14.9	4.0	269,589	11.2	4.9	505,609	16.9	3.5
Relationship not identified	1,442,518	21.4	0.0	558,497	17.6	0.0	884,021	23.8	0.0

^a Average years providing care is reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the average years is reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

^b Relationship of caregiver to care receiver provided are reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the relationship is reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

Source: The Lewin Group analysis of the 1996 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Wave 7 Home Health Topical Module.

Table 6
Type of Help Provided, by Relationship of Caregiver to Care Receiver, 1998

	All	Helped with activities of daily living	Helped with medical needs	Helped with money management	Helped with household chores	Helped with trips outside the home
All	9,439,373	3,931,008	4,955,414	5,332,243	2,829,986	7,424,219
Relationship of caregiver to care receiver^a						
Spouse	1,438,803	788,778	965,428	1,041,812	40,353	1,220,118
Percent providing particular help		54.8%	67.1%	72.4%	2.8%	84.8%
Child	1,467,238	654,347	896,117	882,206	358,595	1,215,501
Percent providing particular help		44.6%	61.1%	60.1%	24.4%	82.8%
Other Relative	1,963,862	763,173	888,838	906,100	793,145	1,402,163
Percent providing particular help		38.9%	45.3%	46.1%	40.4%	71.4%
Parent	2,351,754	975,370	1,260,313	1,517,986	852,062	1,916,913
Percent providing particular help		41.5%	53.6%	64.5%	36.2%	81.5%
Non-relative	775,198	206,701	230,385	227,850	287,138	527,037
Percent providing particular help		26.7%	29.7%	29.4%	37.0%	68.0%
Relationship not identified	1,442,518	542,639	714,333	756,289	498,693	1,142,487
Percent providing particular help		37.6%	49.5%	52.4%	34.6%	79.2%

^a Relationship of caregiver to care receiver and type of help provided are reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the relationship and type of help are reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

Source: The Lewin Group analysis of the 1996 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Wave 7 Home Health Topical Module.

Table 7
Relationship of Caregiver to Care Recipient,
By Socio-Demographic Characteristics of Care Recipient, 1998

Characteristics of Care Receiver	All	Spouse	Child	Other Relative	Parent	Non-relative
All	3,534,529	1,288,824	871,376	543,407	741,063	89,859
Sex						
Male	1,746,253	771,132	239,054	222,121	468,531	45,415
Female	1,788,276	517,692	632,322	321,286	272,532	44,444
Disability Status of Care Receiver^a						
IADL only	845,556	295,283	214,477	154,802	157,216	23,778
1 ADL	269,385	104,704	95,339	42,326	14,140	12,876
2 ADLs	196,878	69,817	79,670	31,572	15,819	
3+ ADLs	768,166	319,909	205,339	115,118	111,715	16,085
Age						
0-17	382,654			69,394	305,655	7,605
18-44	689,069	167,391	47,382	82,466	377,587	14,243
45-54	348,466	169,612	84,503	34,031	46,116	14,204
55-64	463,128	285,668	112,611	48,397	11,705	4,747
65-74	541,823	304,155	139,014	88,443		10,211
75 +	1,109,389	361,998	487,866	220,676		38,849
Care Receiver Single or Couple Income^b						
\$0-\$5,000	374,636	47,638	109,355	85,639	125,825	6,179
\$5,000-\$10,000	946,305	96,739	359,710	234,249	227,137	28,470
\$10,000-\$15,000	442,900	178,835	154,530	60,967	31,609	16,959
\$15,000-\$20,000	365,958	195,673	111,341	42,059	16,885	
\$20,000-\$30,000	454,302	326,703	64,537	29,354	23,943	9,765
\$30,000-\$40,000	223,625	171,837	19,696	8,234	6,522	17,336
\$40,000 +	344,149	271,399	52,207	13,511	3,487	3,545

^a For this analysis, IADLs include needing help going outside the home, keeping track of money and bills, preparing meals, doing light housework, using the telephone, and taking prescription medications. ADLs include needing help walking, getting in or out of bed or a chair, bathing, dressing, eating, and toileting.

^b Individuals under the age of 18 were excluded from the income category. If the care recipient was married, the couple income was reported.

Note: Only caregivers who matched to the first care recipient inside the household are included in this table.

Source: The Lewin Group analysis of the 1996 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Wave 7 Home Health Topical Module.

Table 8
Average Time Spent Providing Care for Caregivers with Competing Demands, 1998

Characteristics of Caregiver	Total				Male			Female		
	Population Age 15+	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a
All	208,385,264	9,439,373	24.2	5.0	3,325,113	20.5	5.0	6,114,260	26.3	5.0
Children under age 18^b	90,961,902	3,108,863	22.5	4.5	896,457	16.1	4.8	2,212,406	25.1	4.4
Employed and children under age 18	56,402,246	1,830,600	20.1	4.6	611,123	15.8	5.2	1,219,477	22.2	4.2
Employment Status (age 21 to age 64)										
Employed	119,585,835	4,778,231	19.2	4.6	1,796,557	16.2	4.8	2,981,674	21.0	4.4
Full-time	100,436,884	3,835,495	18.7	4.4	1,616,011	15.9	4.7	2,219,484	20.7	4.3
Not Employed	34,109,202	2,362,813	29.7	5.2	595,242	24.7	5.3	1,767,571	31.4	5.1

^a Average years providing care is reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the average years is reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

^b Households with children under age 18 can include those where parents are caring for minor children.

Source: The Lewin Group analysis of the 1996 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Wave 7 Home Health Topical Module.

Table 9
Average Time Spent Providing Care by Care Recipient Disability Level and
Characteristics of Caregivers Living with the Care Recipient, 1998

	Total			Male			Female		
	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a
2+ ADLs^b									
All	965,044	50.5	8.6	353,789	42.2	8.2	611,255	55.3	8.8
Race/Ethnicity									
White	769,759	52.5	8.7	305,845	43.4	8.3	463,914	58.5	9.0
Black	171,808	40.5	8.3	45,377	35.1	7.9	126,431	42.4	8.4
Other	23,477	57.6	5.4	2,567	20.0	4.0	20,910	62.2	5.6
Hispanic (any race)	110,021	43.1	7.7	33,589	20.9	5.5	76,432	52.8	8.7
Age									
15-24	83,819	14.7	5.2	24,045	9.2	5.7	59,774	16.9	5.0
25-44	160,298	37.5	7.0	51,791	29.5	4.8	108,507	41.3	8.0
45-54	242,414	61.7	10.7	71,870	45.3	12.8	170,544	68.6	9.8
55-64	170,019	49.7	7.6	59,578	32.0	6.0	110,441	59.2	8.5
65-74	145,649	59.1	8.5	60,625	49.1	8.7	85,024	66.1	8.3
75+	162,845	58.3	9.7	85,880	58.7	8.3	76,965	58.0	11.3
Married									
Not Married	347,816	42.3	8.0	99,703	32.1	6.0	248,113	46.4	8.8
Married	617,228	55.1	8.9	254,086	46.2	9.1	363,142	61.4	8.7
Family Income									
\$0-\$10,000	69,151	56.7	4.4	16,519	37.5	3.9	52,632	62.8	4.5
\$10,000-\$20,000	233,002	47.1	9.5	105,940	42.1	8.0	127,062	51.3	10.7
\$20,000-\$30,000	190,460	58.9	7.6	69,295	60.1	7.9	121,165	58.2	7.5
\$30,000-\$50,000	227,366	46.0	9.1	78,251	39.1	8.5	149,115	49.6	9.4
\$50,000-\$100,000	213,274	49.1	9.4	70,149	31.8	10.0	143,125	57.5	9.1
\$100,000 +	31,791	54.2	7.0	13,635	28.5	5.7	18,156	73.4	7.9
+ ADLs^b									
All	768,166	53.6	8.7	268,194	44.9	8.1	499,972	58.2	9.0
Race/Ethnicity									
White	614,831	56.4	8.8	237,757	46.0	8.2	377,074	62.9	9.3
Black	130,912	40.1	8.6	27,870	37.7	7.8	103,042	40.8	8.8
Other	22,423	55.1	4.7	2,567	20.0	4.0	19,856	59.6	4.8
Hispanic (any race)	106,913	41.4	7.9	33,589	20.9	5.5	73,324	50.8	9.0
Age									
15-24	66,318	17.3	5.4	24,045	9.2	5.7	42,273	21.9	5.2
25-44	131,422	36.0	7.2	42,032	32.2	5.2	89,390	37.8	8.1
45-54	208,589	64.6	10.9	62,259	47.2	12.7	146,330	71.9	10.1
55-64	123,398	53.3	7.7	35,938	42.7	5.4	87,460	57.7	8.7
65-74	98,152	68.2	7.9	39,035	48.7	8.2	59,117	81.1	7.8
75+	140,287	60.8	9.8	64,885	63.1	7.9	75,402	58.9	11.3

Table 9, continued
Average Time Spent Providing Care by Care Recipient Disability Level and
Characteristics of Caregivers Living with the Care Recipient, 1998

	Total			Male			Female		
	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a
Marital Status									
Not Married	266,323	45.6	7.9	76,136	35.8	5.5	190,187	49.5	8.9
Married	501,843	57.8	9.1	192,058	48.5	9.1	309,785	63.6	9.0
Family Income									
\$0-\$10,000	50,904	52.4	3.5	11,346	34.2	2.4	39,558	57.6	3.8
\$10,000-\$20,000	194,041	48.0	9.6	79,582	40.9	7.2	114,459	52.9	11.3
\$20,000-\$30,000	138,364	67.9	8.4	45,861	73.7	9.2	92,503	65.1	8.0
\$30,000-\$50,000	203,227	47.5	9.0	68,460	40.6	9.1	134,767	51.0	8.9
\$50,000-\$100,000	157,381	53.7	9.1	49,310	37.6	9.0	108,071	61.1	9.2
\$100,000 +	24,249	68.7	7.9	13,635	28.5	5.7	10,614	120.3	10.7
5+ ADLs^b									
All	448,271	58.1	9.7	153,088	46.7	8.7	295,183	64.0	10.2
Race/Ethnicity									
White	339,293	60.4	9.8	124,667	49.0	8.9	214,626	67.0	10.3
Black	97,068	48.8	9.8	25,854	38.7	8.1	71,214	52.5	10.4
Other	11,910	71.1	6.2	2,567	20.0	4.0	9,343	85.1	6.9
Hispanic (any race)	73,884	41.2	8.8	19,891	11.0	7.4	53,993	52.3	9.3
Age									
15-24	56,467	18.9	5.8	21,797	8.1	6.1	34,670	25.8	5.6
25-44	54,006	46.5	10.3	8,198	50.7	4.8	45,808	45.7	11.2
45-54	112,747	69.0	11.1	34,983	50.7	11.8	77,764	77.2	10.7
55-64	76,221	65.7	7.9	24,785	47.3	6.6	51,436	74.6	8.5
65-74	52,326	75.5	9.5	10,084	35.4	13.3	42,242	85.1	8.5
75+	96,504	59.5	11.5	53,241	61.3	8.3	43,263	57.3	15.4
Married									
Not Married	175,292	49.4	8.9	44,521	31.3	6.1	130,771	55.6	9.8
Married	272,979	63.7	10.2	108,567	53.1	9.7	164,412	70.8	10.5
Family Income									
\$0-\$10,000	34,168	52.3	3.6	11,346	34.2	2.4	22,822	61.3	4.2
\$10,000-\$20,000	91,435	53.7	11.3	26,998	58.4	7.6	64,437	51.8	12.9
\$20,000-\$30,000	85,532	70.6	8.4	31,362	70.1	9.6	54,170	70.9	7.7
\$30,000-\$50,000	126,324	56.8	10.8	49,950	40.2	9.9	76,374	67.6	11.3
\$50,000-\$100,000	86,563	51.8	10.5	19,797	30.2	11.1	66,766	58.3	10.3
\$100,000 +	24,249	68.7	7.9	13,635	28.5	5.7	10,614	120.3	10.7

Table 9, continued
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Characteristics of Caregivers Living with the Care Recipient, 1998

	Total			Male			Female		
	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a
Alzheimer's Disease									
All	472,908	47.8	7.0	175,705	38.4	6.9	297,203	53.4	7.0
Race/Ethnicity									
White	383,314	49.6	6.8	147,720	39.7	6.6	235,594	55.8	7.0
Black	77,434	39.3	8.3	27,985	31.2	8.7	49,449	43.8	8.0
Other	12,160	45.7	3.5	0	0.0	0.0	12,160	45.7	3.5
Hispanic (any race)	36,222	49.2	7.6	17,526	32.1	11.0	18,696	65.1	4.3
Age									
15-24	34,053	19.7	5.4	10,780	7.0	6.6	23,273	25.5	4.9
25-44	94,088	26.6	4.9	43,639	23.5	5.2	50,449	29.2	4.6
45-54	113,592	54.7	9.7	38,323	42.2	12.4	75,269	61.0	8.3
55-64	96,875	57.8	6.4	39,846	34.8	5.7	57,029	73.8	6.9
65-74	58,917	66.2	6.8	10,630	79.0	4.6	48,287	63.4	7.3
75+	75,383	49.6	7.1	32,487	55.3	5.1	42,896	45.3	8.6
Married									
Not Married	175,208	39.3	6.8	70,207	34.3	6.1	105,001	42.6	7.3
Married	297,700	52.9	7.1	105,498	41.1	7.5	192,202	59.3	6.9
Family Income									
\$0-\$10,000	37,200	63.8	7.5	18,155	49.8	12.2	19,045	77.1	3.1
\$10,000-\$20,000	112,659	44.6	7.0	40,900	35.0	7.5	71,759	50.1	6.7
\$20,000-\$30,000	90,906	67.2	8.3	35,955	74.9	6.6	54,951	62.1	9.3
\$30,000-\$50,000	119,864	32.7	5.9	43,417	25.7	3.4	76,447	36.6	7.3
\$50,000-\$100,000	95,522	42.4	7.0	27,582	11.9	8.5	67,940	54.8	6.4
\$100,000 +	16,757	68.6	6.7	9,696	27.9	7.2	7,061	124.5	6.0

^a Average years providing care reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the average years is reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

^b For this analysis, ADLs refer to walking, getting in or out of bed/chair, bathing, dressing, eating, and toileting.

Note: Only caregivers who matched to the first care recipient inside the household are included in this table.

Source: The Lewin Group analysis of the 1996 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Wave 7 Home Health Topical Module.

Table 10
NFCSP Target Populations: Caregivers of Individuals Age 65+ and Grandparents and Non-parent Relatives Caring for Individuals Under Age 18 Living with the Care Recipient, Average Amount of Time Providing Care, 1998

Characteristics of Caregiver	Total			Male			Female		
	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a	Number of Caregivers	Average hours of caregiving per week	Average years providing care ^a
All	1,655,866	40.9	6.4	642,146	37.0	6.2	1,013,720	43.4	6.5
Race/Ethnicity									
White	1,327,532	41.6	6.1	534,575	37.3	6.0	792,957	44.4	6.1
Black	246,324	38.5	8.1	90,259	40.0	6.8	156,065	37.7	8.9
Other	82,010	37.9	6.5	17,312	10.2	9.7	64,698	45.3	5.6
Hispanic (any race)	125,120	35.5	6.0	40,986	17.5	6.2	84,134	44.2	5.9
Age									
15-24	62,184	17.0	5.1	23,087	6.6	5.8	39,097	23.2	4.7
25-44	293,331	25.7	5.5	120,982	18.7	5.1	172,349	30.7	5.8
45-54	310,241	44.9	7.8	102,807	37.3	8.7	207,434	48.6	7.3
55-64	289,952	39.8	5.8	101,391	29.9	5.7	188,561	45.2	5.9
65-74	358,765	49.3	6.7	126,380	42.7	6.5	232,385	52.9	6.8
75+	341,393	46.9	6.3	167,499	54.1	5.7	173,894	39.9	6.8
Marital Status									
Not Married	595,869	35.04	6.48	242,706	29.22	6.83	353,163	39.04	6.25
Married	1,059,997	44.23	6.35	399,440	41.66	5.87	660,557	45.79	6.65
Relationship to care receiver									
Spouse	666,153	49.5	6.1	274,416	50.6	5.3	391,737	48.8	6.6
Child	626,880	36.2	7.1	241,210	29.6	7.2	385,670	40.3	7.0
Other Relative	313,773	30.5	5.6	108,365	18.1	5.4	205,408	37.1	5.8
Non-relative	49,060	51.4	6.9	18,155	41.8	2.7	30,905	57.1	3.5
Family Income									
\$0-\$10,000	87,950	57.9	6.3	35,931	39.4	9.4	52,019	70.7	4.1
\$10,000-\$20,000	382,202	42.3	7.2	141,209	39.4	6.8	240,993	44.0	7.4
\$20,000-\$30,000	387,318	40.1	6.2	168,191	40.9	6.3	219,127	39.6	6.2
\$30,000-\$50,000	384,139	36.7	6.3	146,145	34.5	5.2	237,994	38.0	6.9
\$50,000-\$100,000	367,724	40.4	6.0	131,823	32.0	6.2	235,901	45.1	6.0
\$100,000 +	46,533	43.3	5.9	18,847	33.1	4.6	27,686	50.2	6.7
Employment Status									
Employed	476,243	30.2	6.5	189,670	22.3	6.8	286,573	35.5	6.4
Full-time	388,295	29.4	6.1	168,262	22.5	6.4	220,033	34.6	6.0
Not Employed	441,112	43.6	6.2	142,263	34.8	6.0	298,849	47.7	6.3

^a Average years providing care reported for the first inside the household care recipient. If the caregiver only provides care to individuals outside the household, the average years is reported for the first outside the household care recipient.

Note: Only caregivers who matched to the first care recipient inside the household are included in this table.

Source: The Lewin Group analysis of the 1996 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), Wave 7 Home Health Topical Module.