

**Table A-15 Trends in Food Stamp Expenditures, Selected Years 1962 – 1999**

| Fiscal Year             | Total Federal Cost  |                           | Benefits <sup>2</sup><br>(Federal) | Administration <sup>1</sup> |                  | Total<br>Cost | Average Monthly<br>Benefit per Person |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                         | Current Dollars     | 1999 Dollars <sup>3</sup> |                                    | Federal                     | State &<br>Local |               | Current Dollars                       | 1999 Dollars <sup>3</sup> |
|                         | [In millions]       | [In millions]             | [In millions]                      | [In millions]               | [In millions]    | [In millions] |                                       |                           |
| 1962.....               | 241 <sup>4</sup>    | 1,220                     | 240 <sup>4</sup>                   | 1                           | NA               | 241           | 7.70                                  | 39.00                     |
| 1965.....               | 261 <sup>4</sup>    | 1,274                     | 259 <sup>4</sup>                   | 2                           | NA               | 261           | 6.40                                  | 31.20                     |
| 1970.....               | 866 <sup>4</sup>    | 3,549                     | 839 <sup>4</sup>                   | 27                          | 20               | 886           | 10.60                                 | 43.40                     |
| 1971.....               | 1,897 <sup>4</sup>  | 7,440                     | 1,844 <sup>4</sup>                 | 53                          | 40               | 1,937         | 13.50                                 | 52.90                     |
| 1972 <sup>5</sup> ..... | 2,182 <sup>4</sup>  | 8,264                     | 2,109 <sup>4</sup>                 | 73                          | 55               | 2,237         | 13.50                                 | 51.10                     |
| 1973.....               | 2,466 <sup>4</sup>  | 8,970                     | 2,386 <sup>4</sup>                 | 80                          | 60               | 2,526         | 14.60                                 | 53.10                     |
| 1974.....               | 3,378 <sup>4</sup>  | 11,317                    | 3,254 <sup>4</sup>                 | 124                         | 95               | 3,473         | 17.00                                 | 57.00                     |
| 1975 <sup>6</sup> ..... | 5,074 <sup>4</sup>  | 15,494                    | 4,836 <sup>4</sup>                 | 238                         | 180              | 5,254         | 19.60                                 | 59.80                     |
| 1976.....               | 5,659 <sup>4</sup>  | 16,176                    | 5,294 <sup>4</sup>                 | 365                         | 275              | 5,934         | 23.90                                 | 68.30                     |
| 1977.....               | 5,475 <sup>4</sup>  | 14,566                    | 5,073 <sup>4</sup>                 | 402                         | 300              | 5,775         | 24.00                                 | 63.90                     |
| 1978.....               | 5,558 <sup>4</sup>  | 13,875                    | 5,124 <sup>4</sup>                 | 434                         | 325              | 5,883         | 25.70                                 | 64.20                     |
| 1979 <sup>7</sup> ..... | 7,000 <sup>4</sup>  | 16,067                    | 6,485 <sup>4</sup>                 | 515                         | 388              | 7,388         | 30.10                                 | 69.10                     |
| 1980.....               | 9,258 <sup>4</sup>  | 19,105                    | 8,755 <sup>4</sup>                 | 503                         | 375              | 9,633         | 34.30                                 | 70.80                     |
| 1981.....               | 11,402 <sup>4</sup> | 21,394                    | 10,724 <sup>4</sup>                | 678                         | 504              | 11,906        | 39.50                                 | 74.10                     |
| 1982 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 11,140 <sup>4</sup> | 19,530                    | 10,431 <sup>4</sup>                | 709                         | 557              | 11,697        | 39.00                                 | 68.40                     |
| 1983 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 12,731 <sup>4</sup> | 21,348                    | 11,953 <sup>4</sup>                | 778                         | 612              | 13,343        | 43.10                                 | 72.30                     |
| 1984 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 12,446              | 20,018                    | 11,475                             | 971 <sup>8</sup>            | 805              | 13,251        | 42.90                                 | 69.00                     |
| 1985 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 12,573              | 19,520                    | 11,530                             | 1,043                       | 871              | 13,444        | 45.10                                 | 70.00                     |
| 1986 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 12,510              | 18,943                    | 11,397                             | 1,113                       | 935              | 13,445        | 45.60                                 | 69.00                     |
| 1987 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 12,512              | 18,423                    | 11,317                             | 1,195                       | 996              | 13,508        | 45.90                                 | 67.60                     |
| 1988 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 13,281              | 18,787                    | 11,991                             | 1,290                       | 1,080            | 14,361        | 49.90                                 | 70.60                     |
| 1989 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 13,904              | 18,769                    | 12,572                             | 1,332                       | 1,101            | 15,005        | 51.90                                 | 70.10                     |
| 1990 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 16,503              | 21,221                    | 15,081                             | 1,422                       | 1,174            | 17,677        | 59.00                                 | 75.90                     |
| 1991 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 19,790              | 24,225                    | 18,274                             | 1,516                       | 1,247            | 21,037        | 63.90                                 | 78.20                     |
| 1992 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 23,535              | 27,961                    | 21,879                             | 1,656                       | 1,375            | 24,910        | 68.70                                 | 81.60                     |
| 1993 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 24,733              | 28,525                    | 23,017                             | 1,716                       | 1,572            | 26,305        | 68.00                                 | 78.40                     |
| 1994 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 25,587              | 28,748                    | 23,798                             | 1,789                       | 1,643            | 27,230        | 69.00                                 | 77.50                     |
| 1995 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 25,776              | 28,177                    | 23,859                             | 1,917                       | 1,748            | 27,524        | 71.40                                 | 78.00                     |
| 1996 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 25,527              | 27,152                    | 23,543                             | 1,984                       | 1,842            | 27,369        | 73.50                                 | 78.20                     |
| 1997 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 22,661              | 23,469                    | 20,692                             | 1,969                       | 1,904            | 24,565        | 71.30                                 | 73.80                     |
| 1998 <sup>9</sup> ..... | 20,097              | 20,481                    | 18,055                             | 2,042                       | 1,989            | 22,086        | 71.30                                 | 72.50                     |
| 1999 <sup>9</sup> ..... | NA                  | NA                        | 16,959                             | 1,923                       | NA               | NA            | 72.20                                 | 72.20                     |

<sup>1</sup> Amounts include the Federal share of state administrative and employment and training costs (including administrative costs of Puerto Rico's block grant) and certain direct Federal administrative costs. They do not generally include approximately \$60 million in food-stamp related federal administrative costs budgeted under a separate appropriation account (although estimates prior to 1989 do include estimates of food stamp related Federal administrative expenses paid out of other Agriculture Department accounts). State and local costs are estimated based on the known Federal shares and represent an estimate of all administrative expenses of participating states (including Puerto Rico).

<sup>2</sup> Benefit costs include the Food Stamp Program and Puerto Rico's nutritional assistance program and are based on unpublished data from the USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, National Data Bank (see Table A-17).

<sup>3</sup> Constant dollar adjustments to 1999 level were made using a CPI-U-X1 fiscal year average price index.

<sup>4</sup> From 1962 to 1983 total Federal cost includes the cost of the family food assistance program (FFAP) which was largely replaced by the Food Stamp program in 1975. The FFAP amounts for the seven years shown from 1962 to 1974 were: \$227, \$227, \$289, \$321, \$312, \$255, and \$205 (in millions). The average amount for the period for 1975 to 1983 was \$32 million with the highest year being 1981 at \$94 million.

<sup>5</sup> The first fiscal year in which benefit and eligibility rules were, by law, nationally uniform and indexed for inflation.

<sup>6</sup> The first fiscal year in which food stamps were available nationwide.

<sup>7</sup> The fiscal year in which the food stamp purchase requirement was eliminated, on a phased in basis.

<sup>8</sup> Beginning 1984 USDA took over from DHHS the administrative cost of certifying public assistance households for food stamps.

<sup>9</sup> Includes funding for Puerto Rico's nutrition assistance grant; earlier years beginning in 1975 include funding for Puerto Rico under the regular food stamp program. Average benefit figures do not reflect the lower benefits in Puerto Rico under its nutrition assistance program.

Source: USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, unpublished data from the National Data Bank; and the 1998 Green Book.