

**Table 8.**  
**Percentage of Leavers Reporting Material Hardship (Survey Data)**

	Illinois Dec 98**		Washington Oct 98		Arizona 98.1 ( )	
	Since exit (leavers)	6 mos pre-exit (leavers recall)	Last 6 mos (leaver sample)	Last 6 mos (TANF sample)	Since exit (leavers)	6 mos pre-exit (leavers recall)
<b>Food Shortages</b>						
Not enough to eat					24	30
Cut meal size some time or often	25	24	30	23*		
Skipped meal some time or often			23	18*		
Went w/o food all day at least once			14	9*		
Receive food from shelter or food bank			35	44	21	29
Received meals/food from shelter	12	15				
<b>Housing Problems</b>						
Utilities cut off b/c could not pay	14	27	12	12	12	18
Had to move b/c could not pay	13	15			17	21
Evicted			7	3*		
Without a place to live at least once			13	10		
Without a place to live sometime/often			4.5	2.3*		
Went to homeless shelter	3.0	3.5	1.3	1.5	4	3
Lived on street/car	1.0	2.1				
Children forced to live elsewhere	8	9			8	9
Children in foster care at least once			3	2		
<b>Medical hardship</b>						
Unable to get needed medical attention	31	26			24	14

Notes: "Pre-exit" and "post-exit" experiences were based on samples of former and current recipients in Washington, and on "pre-exit" and "post-exit" questions of leaver samples in Illinois and Arizona.

\* Statistically significant difference between leavers and ongoing recipients. Note that Washington also asked whether both adults *and children* in the household... cut meal size, skipped meals, went day without food... and the percentages were much lower (13, 4, and 1 percent for leavers, and 16, 5, and 2 percent for ongoing recipients).

( ) Arizona data include leavers off one month or longer.

\*\* Illinois data are for all leavers, including a small percentage of two-parent leavers.