

TABLE 4.—CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS OF UNADJUSTED TAXES OR CONTRIBUTIONS, BY PROGRAM, WELFARE RATIO INTERVAL, AND AGE OF HEAD

[In percent]

Welfare ratio interval and age of head	Public assistance	Veterans and military programs	Social security	Government civilian, and railroad pensions	Private pensions	Combined programs
All families:						
Under 0.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0.1
Under 0.50.....	3.4	1.7	2.3	.1	2.1	2.0
Under 0.75.....	5.6	3.0	5.0	.6	3.7	3.9
Under 1.00.....	8.9	5.1	10.4	2.6	6.6	7.6
Under 1.50.....	19.7	13.6	26.2	13.2	16.9	19.9
Under 2.00.....	34.8	27.2	46.8	30.3	33.8	37.6
Under 2.50.....	48.8	40.9	63.8	46.9	49.3	53.4
Under 3.50.....	67.7	60.7	84.5	71.3	71.7	74.7
Total.....	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.9	100.1	100.0
Head under age 65:						
Under 0.....	.1	.1	.1	0	0	0
Under 0.50.....	1.7	.9	1.4	.1	1.0	1.0
Under 0.75.....	3.3	1.8	3.8	.6	2.3	2.6
Under 1.00.....	6.6	3.9	9.1	2.6	5.2	6.2
Under 1.50.....	17.7	12.6	25.1	13.3	15.5	18.7
Under 2.00.....	34.0	27.1	46.3	30.7	33.2	37.2
Under 2.50.....	49.0	41.7	63.6	47.8	49.5	53.7
Under 3.50.....	69.2	62.9	84.6	72.0	72.5	75.5
Total.....	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8
Head aged 65 or over:						
Under 0.....	0	.1	.4	0	.3	.2
Under 0.50.....	14.3	6.6	15.2	.4	15.0	11.2
Under 0.75.....	20.1	10.3	21.7	.8	19.6	15.9
Under 1.00.....	23.8	12.8	27.7	1.9	22.6	19.6
Under 1.50.....	32.2	20.3	41.3	10.8	32.5	29.6
Under 2.00.....	40.4	28.4	54.0	24.0	39.6	39.5
Under 2.50.....	48.0	36.4	66.4	33.6	46.0	48.7
Under 3.50.....	58.8	48.1	83.0	61.8	60.2	63.9
Total.....	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.9

After adjustment, the government-railroad tax is progressive except at the very top of the welfare scale; the social security tax is roughly proportional over the lower part of the scale and regressive over the upper part; the private pension contribution is regressive over the lower fourth of the scale, progressive over the next fourth, proportional over most of the upper half, and regressive at the very top.