

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN SPECIFIED PROGRAMS

Program	New York State	New York City	Upstate
Total.....	1, 292, 260	784, 831	507, 429
Medical assistance for the needy.....	460, 102	147, 863	312, 239
Also received money payments.....	200, 393	95, 846	104, 547
Medical only.....	259, 709	52, 017	207, 692
Old-age assistance.....	69, 657	44, 909	24, 748
Aid to the disabled.....	36, 960	24, 682	12, 278
Assistance to the blind.....	3, 126	2, 118	1, 008
Aid to dependent children.....	721, 580	525, 871	195, 709
Home relief.....	153, 238	109, 959	43, 279
Children in foster care.....	47, 990	25, 275	22, 715

1967 AND 1966

In 1967 the social services system in the State gave assistance and care to a monthly average of 1,292,260 persons at a total cost in local, State, and federal funds of \$1,867,844,000, \$606,668,000 of which was spent for medical care for those persons, who included a monthly average of 259,709 individuals who received medical care (Medicaid) only, not public assistance grants.

In 1966 a monthly average of 969,540 persons received assistance and care at a cost of \$1,200,531,000, \$356,019,000 of which was spent for medical care for those persons, who included a monthly average of 80,114 individuals who received Medicaid only (for the eight months that program was in operation) and a monthly average of 35,878 individuals who received Medical Assistance for the Aged (for the four months that program was in operation before Medicaid succeeded it). In addition, several thousand men, women, and children received hospital care as medical indigents during the first quarter of 1966 before Medicaid legislation was enacted in New York State.

The monthly average number of persons given assistance and care in 1967 was 322,720 more than in 1966. Over half of the increase, 179,003, were welfare recipients, almost all of whom were in the programs of aid to families with dependent children and home relief. The other 143,717 were Medicaid recipients who did not receive public assistance grants.

The 1967 expenditure was \$667,313,000 more than the 1966 expenditure. Almost two-thirds of that increase, or \$416,664,000, was for public assistance and care. The remainder, \$250,649,000, represented increased medical assistance expenditures due to 12 months of Medicaid instead of 8 months, rising medical costs, and other factors.

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