

**Income support programs.**—The two major programs which base benefits on current need are public assistance and veterans pensions.

Table M-7. INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMS: BENEFIT OUTLAYS, RECIPIENTS, AND AVERAGE PAYMENTS, BY PROGRAM AND RECIPIENT GROUP

| Program and recipient group                                 | Benefit outlays (millions) |           |           | Recipients (thousands) |           |           | Average monthly payments <sup>1</sup> |           |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                             | 1968 actual                | 1969 est. | 1970 est. | 1968 actual            | 1969 est. | 1970 est. | 1968 actual                           | 1969 est. | 1970 est. |
| Income support programs:                                    |                            |           |           |                        |           |           |                                       |           |           |
| Public assistance (Federal share):                          |                            |           |           |                        |           |           |                                       |           |           |
| Old age assistance...                                       | \$1,137                    | \$1,204   | \$1,308   | 2,055                  | 2,099     | 2,084     | \$69                                  | \$71      | \$76      |
| Aid to the blind...                                         | 52                         | 54        | 59        | 82                     | 83        | 84        | 90                                    | 91        | 96        |
| Aid to the permanently and totally disabled...              | 367                        | 434       | 499       | 646                    | 715       | 785       | 80                                    | 83        | 87        |
| Aid to families with dependent children.....                | 1,395                      | 1,731     | 1,847     | 5,349                  | 6,146     | 6,965     | 40                                    | 44        | 48        |
| Total, public assistance (Federal share) <sup>2</sup> ..... | 3,052                      | 3,320     | 3,719     | 8,132                  | 9,058     | 9,955     | -----                                 | -----     | -----     |
| Total (State and local share).....                          | (1,996)                    | (2,467)   | (3,286)   | -----                  | -----     | -----     | -----                                 | -----     | -----     |
| VA pensions:                                                |                            |           |           |                        |           |           |                                       |           |           |
| Veterans.....                                               | 1,272                      | 1,286     | 1,293     | 1,170                  | 1,146     | 1,143     | 91                                    | 94        | 94        |
| Survivors.....                                              | 779                        | 850       | 905       | 1,049                  | 1,106     | 1,170     | 62                                    | 64        | 64        |
| Total, VA pensions.....                                     | 2,051                      | 2,135     | 2,198     | 2,219                  | 2,252     | 2,313     | -----                                 | -----     | -----     |
| Assistance to refugees.....                                 | 25                         | 37        | 49        | 36                     | 47        | 62        | -----                                 | -----     | -----     |
| General assistance to Indians.....                          | 9                          | 7         | 9         | 21                     | 22        | 22        | -----                                 | -----     | -----     |
| Proposed legislation.....                                   | -----                      | -----     | -87       | -----                  | -----     | -----     | -----                                 | -----     | -----     |
| Total, income support programs.....                         | 5,137                      | 5,499     | 5,888     | 10,408                 | 11,379    | 12,352    | -----                                 | -----     | -----     |

<sup>1</sup> Total payments, including State and local contributions where applicable.

<sup>2</sup> Categorical financial data are obligations and do not add to total because of collections and adjustments.

<sup>3</sup> Includes recipients of emergency assistance not itemized above.