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FOOD COSTS AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF U.S. HOUSEHOLDS BY FOOD
STAMP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION STATUS, SPRING 1977 1/

Preliminary data from the Nationwide Food Consumption Survey, 1977-78 for about 3,500 housekeeping households 2/ in the 48 States surveyed in spring 1977 have been used to study location, household size, income, money value of food used, nutritive value of diets, percent of meals from home food supplies, and satisfaction with the diet. Data are shown for three groups of households: (1) eligible, and participating in the Food Stamp Program (FSP) during the month of interview, (2) eligible, but not participating in FSP, and (3) not eligible for FSP.

Findings presented should be viewed with caution. Data used have not been completely screened for errors, and the sample was not designed to accurately reflect FSP participation. In addition, not all of the information necessary to determine FSP eligibility was obtained. Therefore, a method for estimating eligibility was devised in consultation with the Food and Nutrition Service. (See page 5 for definitions and explanation of terms.)

The scope of the 1977-78 survey and data collection procedures are summarized and additional findings presented in "Money Value of Food Used By Households in the United States, Spring 1977," Nationwide Food Consumption Survey 1977-78, Preliminary Report No. 1 (PR #1).

More information about FSP participation and variables presented will be forthcoming from tabulations and multivariate analysis of data for the year and the special low-income population phase of the survey.

Distribution of households by region and urbanization 3/

Households classified by FSP participation were distributed across regions and urbanizations differently than were all households in the survey (table 1). Disproportionately high numbers of FSP participant households were in the Northeast and of eligible nonparticipants were in the South. Almost 35 percent of FSP participants were located in the Northeast (fig. 1), but only 25 percent of survey households that were eligible for FSP were located in the Northeast. Only 16 percent of households participating in FSP were in the North Central region compared with about 27 percent of all survey households. The South contained 42 percent of the households eligible for FSP and 45 percent of the eligible nonparticipants, but only 31 percent of survey households.

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2/ Housekeeping households are those with at least 1 person having 10 or more meals from the household food supply during the 7 days preceding the interview. About 93 percent of reporting households met this criterion.

3/ Regions and urbanizations are described on page 5 of PR #1.

About 7 percent of all survey households participated in FSP during the month of interview. Of the households which provided information necessary to estimate eligibility, about 27 percent were eligible to participate in the program. Of the eligible households, one-third participated. This figure varied by region, however. Almost half (46 percent) of the eligible households in the Northeast participated in FSP, 35 percent in the West, and less than 30 percent in the North Central and South (fig. 2).

There were also differences by urbanization. Although only 30 percent of survey households were located in central cities, 45 percent of the households participating in FSP were in central cities (fig. 3). There were more suburban households than central city or nonmetropolitan households in the survey, but the suburbs contained fewer households eligible for FSP. Of households eligible for FSP, participation was highest in the central city and lowest in nonmetropolitan areas (fig. 4).

Household size

Households which participated in FSP had slightly more household members ^{4/}, on the average, than did other households (table 2). Of households surveyed, 2-member households were the most frequent; but among households receiving food stamps there were more 1-, 3-, and 4-member households.

When household size was measured in "equivalent persons," the average size of FSP participant households was also slightly larger than the average for any other group presented (table 3). The equivalent person (based on three meals a day at home for a week) is used to attempt to adjust for variation among households in the number of meals eaten from household food supplies.

Income

The average income for the calendar month preceding the interview, as would be expected, was much higher for households not eligible for FSP (\$1,435) than for eligibles (\$433) (table 4). Average incomes of FSP participants and eligible nonparticipants were similar. However, 26 percent of households participating in FSP had incomes below \$200, but only 15 percent of the eligible nonparticipants had such low incomes (fig. 5).

Average income (1976 income before taxes) as a percent of the poverty threshold was lower for survey households participating in FSP (97 percent) than for eligible nonparticipants (135 percent) or noneligible households (344 percent) (table 5). Fifty-one percent of the households participating in FSP reported 1976 income below the poverty threshold, compared to 35 percent of the eligible nonparticipants and 3 percent of the households that were not eligible for FSP (fig. 6) ^{5/}.

^{4/} Persons regularly living in household excluding roomers, boarders, and employees.

^{5/} FSP eligibility was determined based on income for the calendar month preceding the interview. See page 5.

Money value of food

Survey households which were eligible for FSP used food valued at an average of \$15.13 per member per week (table 6). An average of \$13.16 went for food used at home and \$1.98 for food bought and eaten away from home. Among FSP eligibles there were only small differences between participants and non-participants. Households participating in FSP averaged about 10 cents more per member per week for food used at home and about 60 cents less per member for food away from home (fig. 7). Households not eligible for FSP used food valued at \$21.44 per member per week--\$16.01 at home and \$5.43 away from home. Purchased food, rather than home produced or food received as gift or payment for work, accounted for the greatest portion of money value of food used at home for all groups presented (fig. 8). FSP households used relatively more purchased food than other groups.

The value of food used per week by survey households varied from less than \$4 to more than \$40 per "equivalent person" (table 7). Households not eligible for FSP averaged \$17.41 and eligible households averaged somewhat less--\$14.38 by FSP participants and \$13.72 by eligible nonparticipants. 6/

The value of food used per week by survey households varied from less than \$4 to more than \$40 per nutrition unit for food energy (table 8). The nutrition unit for food energy is the allowance (Recommended Dietary Allowance, 1974) for the male, 23-50 years old. Food costs per nutrition unit attempt to adjust for different food needs of persons of the sex and age of those who used food from the household food supply. (See page 6.) Households not eligible for FSP averaged \$20.98 per nutrition unit for food energy and eligible households averaged somewhat less--\$18.41 by FSP participants and \$17.10 by eligible nonparticipants. 7/

Nutritive value of household diets

The average nutritive value of food used from household food supplies per nutrition unit was higher in FSP participant households than in eligible, nonparticipant households surveyed for food energy and each of 12 nutrients studied (table 9). 8/ Also, FSP households averaged more food energy and seven nutrients--protein, vitamin A, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B6, and B12--per nutrition unit than did households not eligible for FSP.

6/ Average money value of food used per equivalent person was calculated using a population ratio procedure. Aggregate money value of food used by all households was divided by aggregate number of equivalent persons in all households.

7/ Average money value of food used per nutrition unit was calculated using a population ratio procedure. Aggregate money value of food used by all households was divided by the sum of household size in equivalent nutrition units for all households.

8/ Average nutritive value of food used per nutrition unit was calculated using a population ratio procedure. Aggregate nutritive value of food used by all households was divided by the sum of household size in equivalent nutrition units for all households.

The nutritive value of food used is calculated for the edible portion of food as brought into the household. Only the vitamin values are adjusted for cooking loss. Thus the nutritive value of household food includes values not only of food eaten by people in the household but also of some food that is not eaten. This would include edible food discarded in the kitchen and at the table and leftovers fed to animals. Some households customarily do not eat all edible parts of certain foods, such as fat that can be trimmed from meat. Therefore, while this report shows the nutritive value of food available from household food, it overestimates the food energy and nutrient levels of foods eaten in many households.

Meals from household food supplies

Most households, regardless of FSP participation or eligibility, had a majority of meals from home food supplies (table 10). Large proportions of home meals were more prevalent among FSP households than eligible nonparticipant households; and more prevalent among FSP eligible than noneligible households. For example, 80 percent of households in FSP had 90 percent or more of meals from home food supplies as did 77 percent of eligible nonparticipants. Only 53 percent of noneligible households had 90 percent or more of their meals from home.

Self evaluation food eaten

Households not eligible for FSP were more frequently satisfied with their diets than were eligible households (table 11, fig. 9). Almost 80 percent of the noneligible households said they had enough, and the kinds of food they wanted, but only about 50 percent of the households eligible for FSP felt this way. However, FSP participants less frequently evaluated their food favorably than did eligible nonparticipating households: 35 percent of the program participants said they had enough, and the kinds of food wanted, but 59 percent of the non-participants did.

Definitions and Explanation of Terms

FSP participation

If the household received food stamps during the month of the interview it was classified as eligible, in FSP. If the household did not receive food stamps during the month of the interview, sources and amounts of income the previous month were used to estimate eligibility. It is recognized that some households may be classified incorrectly due to the lack of information provided by the survey needed for FSP certification.

Households were counted as eligible for FSP if they received any income from Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). If no income was received from either of these sources, total income the previous month was compared to the FSP eligibility cutoff for the appropriate household size. If income was greater than the cutoff the household was considered not eligible for FSP. If income was less than the appropriate cutoff, the household had to meet an assets test. Because the survey did not provide assets information required in FSP certification regulations, a proxy for the test was used: last month's income from estates, trusts, dividends and interest, assuming a 6 percent annual rate of return. If the household's estimated assets were greater than the amount allowed, the household was classified as not eligible for FSP. If estimated assets were less, the household was classified as eligible, not in FSP. If the household failed to provide the information necessary to estimate eligibility as described above, it was classified as eligibility unknown.

Household size in equivalent persons.

The total number of meals eaten from household food supplies divided by 21 (based on 3 meals a day for 7 days for 1 person). When meals reported as eaten at home and away from home by household members except roomers, boarders, and employees did not add to 21 for each person, skipped meals and snacks that might substitute for or supplement meals were distributed as bought, received as guest or payment for work, and from household food supplies in the same proportion as the reported meals. Meals eaten from the household food supply by roomers, boarders, employees, and guests were also included.

Refreshments served to guests were included but not given the same value as a full meal. Servings of a single food or two, for example, a cup of coffee and a doughnut, were considered a light refreshment and counted as one-fourth meal for each guest. More than two refreshment items served at one time, such as ice cream, cake, and coffee, were counted as one-half meal for each guest served.

Income last month

Income received by household members except roomers, boarders, and employees during the calendar month preceding the interview. Net income from own business or professional practice; net income from own farm; estates, trusts, dividends, interest, rentals, and any other source of income received during the previous 12 months was divided by 12 to approximate monthly income.

Income as percent of poverty threshold

Income before taxes received by household members except roomers, boarders, and employees during the calendar year before the interview divided by the Community Services Administration/Office of Management and Budget 1977 poverty guideline for the appropriate household size.

Money value of food used at home

Value of all food used from home food supplies during the 7 days before the interview, regardless of the time of purchase. Value of bought food was based on prices paid for the food, and sales tax was excluded. Bought food with unreported prices, food produced at home, and food received as a gift or payment for work were valued at prices paid for similar items by other households in the same region and season.

Money value of food away from home

Expense for any food and beverages (alcoholic or nonalcoholic) in meals and snacks purchased and eaten by household members, excluding roomers, boarders, and employees, away from home during the 7 days before the interview. Sales tax and tips were included. Food eaten away from home by household members as guests or employees for which no household expense was involved was not included.

Household size in equivalent nutrition units

The number of adult male-equivalent persons using food from the household food supply during the 7 days before the interview, calculated separately for food energy and each of 12 nutrients. The need of a man, 23-50 years old, as indicated by the Recommended Dietary Allowance (1974) was assumed to be 1.0 nutrition units. Needs of other persons in equivalent nutrition units were calculated by dividing their allowances by the allowance for the man. The size of the household in equivalent nutrition units was then determined, taking into account the number of meals each person had from the household food supply. If standards other than the 1974 RDA are used, all results on a nutrition unit basis should be recomputed.

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TABLE 1.--HOUSEHOLDS BY LOCATION

FSP PARTICIPATION	U.S.				NORTHEAST				NORTH CENTRAL			
	TOTAL	METROPOLITAN CENTRAL SUBURBAN	NON- METRO- POLITAN		TOTAL	METROPOLITAN CENTRAL SUBURBAN	NON- METRO- POLITAN		TOTAL	METROPOLITAN CENTRAL SUBURBAN	NON- METRO- POLITAN	
	NUMBER											
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	3474	1054	1255	1164	867	301	376	190	929	261	328	340
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	725	270	180	274	182	99	54	30	140	49	31	59
IN FSP	241	109	58	73	83	52	21	11	38	16	12	10
NOT IN FSP	484	161	122	201	99	47	33	19	102	33	19	50
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1933	578	751	604	472	146	219	107	553	154	199	200
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	816	206	324	286	213	56	104	53	236	58	98	80
	PERCENT											
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	100.0	30.4	36.1	33.5	25.0	8.7	10.8	5.5	26.8	7.5	9.5	9.8
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	100.0	37.3	24.8	37.9	25.1	13.6	7.4	4.1	19.3	6.8	4.2	8.2
IN FSP	100.0	45.5	24.1	30.4	34.6	21.5	8.7	4.4	15.6	6.7	4.9	4.0
NOT IN FSP	100.0	33.2	25.2	41.6	20.4	9.7	6.8	3.9	21.1	6.9	3.9	10.3
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	100.0	29.9	38.9	31.2	24.4	7.6	11.3	5.6	28.6	8.0	10.3	10.3
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	100.0	25.2	39.7	35.1	26.1	6.9	12.7	6.5	28.9	7.1	12.1	9.8

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TABLE 2 .--HOUSEHOLDS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE: PERSONS REGULARLY LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD EXCEPT ROOMERS, BOARDERS AND EMPLOYEES

FSP PARTICIPATION	MEAN HOUSE- HOLD SIZE	TOTAL HOUSE- HOLDS	HOUSEHOLDS CONTAINING SPECIFIED MEMBERS										
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 OR MORE
	NO. --	NO. --	NUMBER -----										
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	3.06	3474	562	1070	615	591	336	168	80	29	8	10	5
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	3.06	725	195	170	105	100	63	37	39	7	1	5	3
IN FSP	3.33	241	56	32	52	40	24	15	15	3	0	1	0
NOT IN FSP	2.92	484	138	138	53	59	39	22	24	4	1	4	3
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	2.97	1933	299	627	358	342	175	85	27	13	3	2	2
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	3.26	816	68	274	153	149	97	46	14	9	3	2	1
	NO. --	PCT. ---	PERCENT -----										
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	3.06	100.0	16.2	30.8	17.7	17.0	9.7	4.8	2.3	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.2
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	3.06	100.0	26.7	23.4	14.5	13.7	8.8	5.2	5.4	1.0	0.2	0.7	0.4
IN FSP	3.33	100.0	23.4	13.3	21.7	16.7	10.2	6.4	6.4	1.3	0.0	0.6	0.0
NOT IN FSP	2.92	100.0	28.7	28.5	10.8	12.2	8.0	4.5	4.9	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.5
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	2.97	100.0	15.5	32.3	18.5	17.7	9.1	4.4	1.4	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	3.26	100.0	8.3	33.5	18.7	18.3	11.9	5.7	1.7	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.1

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TABLE 3.--HOUSEHOLD SIZE: 21-MEAL-AT-HOME-EQUIVALENT PERSONS

FSP PARTICIPATION	MEAN HOUSEHOLD SIZE	TOTAL HOUSE- HOLDS	HOUSEHOLDS CONTAINING SPECIFIED PERSONS											
			0- .49	.50- 1.49	1.50- 2.49	2.50- 3.49	3.50- 4.49	4.50- 5.49	5.50- 6.49	6.50- 7.49	7.50- 8.49	8.50- 9.49	9.50- 10.49	10.50 OR MORE
	NO. ---	NO. ---	NUMBER -----											
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	2.82	3474	6	708	1095	644	516	257	126	65	20	11	12	13
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	2.88	725	1	201	183	115	95	56	36	24	5	1	5	4
IN FSP	3.06	241	0	59	46	49	37	25	14	7	1	0	1	1
NOT IN FSP	2.79	484	1	142	137	66	58	30	21	17	4	1	4	3
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	2.73	1933	3	405	626	364	291	129	65	26	6	8	3	7
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	2.99	816	3	102	286	166	130	72	25	16	9	2	4	3
	NO. ---	PCT. ----	PERCENT -----											
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	2.82	100.0	0.2	20.4	31.5	18.5	14.9	7.4	3.6	1.9	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	2.88	100.0	0.1	27.7	25.2	15.8	13.1	7.7	4.9	3.3	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.5
IN FSP	3.06	100.0	0.0	24.5	19.1	20.3	15.5	10.4	5.9	2.8	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.3
NOT IN FSP	2.79	100.0	0.2	29.3	28.3	13.6	11.9	6.3	4.4	3.5	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.6
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	2.73	100.0	0.1	21.0	32.4	18.8	15.1	6.7	3.4	1.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	2.99	100.0	0.3	12.5	35.1	20.3	15.9	8.9	3.1	1.9	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.4

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TABLE 4.--HOUSEHOLDS BY LAST MONTH'S INCOME

FSP PARTICIPATION	MEAN INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS REPORTING	DOLLARS OF INCOME								
			0	1-99	100-199	200-299	300-399	400-499	500-599	600-699	700-799
	DOL.	NO.	NUMBER								
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ALL HOUSEHOLDS	1174	2699	9	19	112	187	193	163	149	170	130
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	433	706	9	17	103	157	137	84	59	52	28
IN FSP	437	221	0	8	50	46	44	18	21	8	7
NOT IN FSP	431	484	9	9	53	111	92	65	38	43	21
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1435	1932	0	2	6	25	52	79	85	114	99
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	1468	60	0	0	2	3	3	0	4	3	3
	DOL.	PCT.	PERCENT								
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ALL HOUSEHOLDS	1174	100.0	0.3	0.7	4.1	6.9	7.1	6.0	5.5	6.3	4.8
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	433	100.0	1.3	2.4	14.6	22.3	19.4	11.9	8.4	7.4	4.0
IN FSP	437	100.0	0.0	3.7	22.5	21.0	20.1	8.5	9.8	4.0	3.2
NOT IN FSP	431	100.0	1.9	1.8	10.9	22.9	19.1	13.4	7.8	8.9	4.4
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1435	100.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.3	2.6	4.1	4.4	5.9	5.1
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	1468	100.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	6.0	5.3	0.0	7.5	5.1	5.2

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TABLE 4.--HOUSEHOLDS BY LAST MONTH'S INCOME

FSP PARTICIPATION	MEAN INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS REPORTING	DOLLARS OF INCOME						
			800-	900-	1000-	1250-	1500-	1750-	2000-

	DOL.	NO.	NUMBER							
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ALL HOUSEHOLDS	1174	2699	182	124	313	197	215	128	182	219
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	433	706	13	9	18	3	1	2	0	4
IN FSP	437	221	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	3
NOT IN FSP	431	484	11	7	12	3	0	2	0	1
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1435	1932	164	114	287	189	206	123	175	206
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	1468	60	4	0	6	4	7	2	5	8

	DOL.	PCT.	PERCENT							
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ALL HOUSEHOLDS	1174	100.0	6.7	4.5	11.6	7.3	7.9	4.7	6.7	8.1
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	433	100.0	1.9	1.3	2.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.6
IN FSP	437	100.0	0.9	0.9	3.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.4
NOT IN FSP	431	100.0	2.3	1.5	2.4	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1435	100.0	8.5	5.9	14.8	9.7	10.6	6.4	9.0	10.6
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	1468	100.0	6.6	0.0	11.3	7.7	11.9	4.6	9.7	14.1

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TABLE 5.--HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME RELATED TO POVERTY THRESHOLD

FSP PARTICIPATION	PERCENT OF POVERTY THRESHOLD											
	MEAN PERCENT OF POVERTY THRESHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS REPORTING	LESS THAN 50	50-74	75-99	100-124	125-149	150-174	175-199	200-249	250-299	300 OR MORE
	PCT.	NO.	NUMBER									
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	296.9	2776	43	103	132	163	148	144	174	267	233	1329
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	122.2	611	63	76	104	94	66	42	45	50	17	54
IN FSP	96.8	203	29	33	41	31	20	6	10	16	4	15
NOT IN FSP	134.9	407	34	44	63	63	45	36	35	34	14	38
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	343.9	1783	10	20	14	60	70	82	109	178	179	1061
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	356.4	383	10	8	14	9	11	20	20	39	37	215
	PCT.	PCT.	PERCENT									
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	296.9	100.0	3.0	3.7	4.7	5.9	5.3	5.2	6.3	9.6	8.4	47.9
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	122.2	100.0	10.4	12.5	17.0	15.4	10.8	6.8	7.3	8.2	2.9	8.8
IN FSP	96.8	100.0	14.2	16.0	19.9	15.1	10.0	3.0	4.8	7.8	1.7	7.4
NOT IN FSP	134.9	100.0	8.4	10.7	15.5	15.6	11.2	8.7	8.6	8.5	3.4	9.4
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	343.9	100.0	0.6	1.1	0.8	3.4	3.9	4.6	6.1	10.0	10.0	59.5
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	356.4	100.0	2.6	2.0	3.7	2.3	3.0	5.4	5.1	10.1	9.6	56.2

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TABLE 6. --MONEY VALUE OF FOOD BY SOURCE: MEAN

FSP PARTICIPATION	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	MEAN NUMBER OF PERSONS LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD*1	TOTAL MONEY VALUE	AT HOME					AWAY FROM HOME		
				TOTAL	BOUGHT	NOT BOUGHT			BOUGHT		
						TOTAL	HOME PRODUCED	GIFT OR PAY*2	TOTAL	MEALS	SNACKS
NO.	NO.	MONEY VALUE PER PERSON PER WEEK (DOLLARS)									
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	3474	3.06	60.95	46.45	43.34	3.11	1.87	1.24	14.49	11.40	3.09
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	725	3.06	46.31	40.26	37.59	2.66	1.44	1.22	6.05	3.98	2.07
IN FSP	241	3.33	49.34	44.07	42.73	1.34	0.45	0.89	5.26	3.09	2.17
NOT IN FSP	484	2.92	44.81	38.36	35.03	3.32	1.93	1.38	6.44	4.42	2.02
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1933	2.97	63.69	47.55	44.45	3.09	1.83	1.26	16.14	12.74	3.40
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	816	3.26	67.47	49.36	45.81	3.55	2.35	1.19	18.10	14.83	3.27
MONEY VALUE PER PERSON PER WEEK (DOLLARS)											
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	3474	3.06	19.92	15.18	14.16	1.02	.61	.41	4.74	3.73	1.01
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	725	3.06	15.13	13.16	12.28	.87	.47	.40	1.98	1.30	.68
IN FSP	241	3.33	14.82	13.23	12.83	.40	.14	.27	1.58	.93	.65
NOT IN FSP	484	2.92	15.35	13.14	12.00	1.14	.66	.47	2.21	1.51	.69
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1933	2.97	21.44	16.01	14.97	1.04	.62	.42	5.43	4.29	1.14
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	816	3.26	20.70	15.14	14.05	1.09	.72	.37	5.55	4.55	1.00

*1 EXCLUDES ROOMERS, BOARDERS, AND EMPLOYEES

*2 INCLUDES VALUE OF MEALS ON WHEELS

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TABLE 7.--HOUSEHOLDS BY MONEY VALUE OF FOOD PER 21-MEAL-AT-HOME-EQUIVALENT PERSON PER WEEK

FSP PARTICIPATION	MEAN MONEY VALUE PER PERSON	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	HOUSEHOLDS USING FOOD WORTH--											
			UNDER \$4.00	\$4.00-5.99	\$6.00-7.99	\$8.00-9.99	\$10.00-11.99	\$12.00-13.99	\$14.00-15.99	\$16.00-17.99	\$18.00-19.99	\$20.00-24.99	\$25.00-29.99	\$30.00-39.99

	DOL.	NO.	NUMBER												
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ALL HOUSEHOLDS	16.44	3474	15	50	145	234	344	444	435	390	371	514	257	196	79
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	13.96	725	5	23	66	72	90	100	70	72	58	88	53	19	9
IN FSP	14.38	241	2	7	20	29	29	31	22	28	12	24	30	7	1
NOT IN FSP	13.72	484	4	17	46	43	61	69	48	44	45	64	23	11	8
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	17.41	1933	6	14	44	106	178	250	256	218	207	305	161	131	56
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	16.47	816	4	12	35	56	75	94	108	100	107	121	43	46	14

	DOL.	PCT.	PERCENT												
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ALL HOUSEHOLDS	16.44	100.0	0.4	1.4	4.2	6.7	9.9	12.8	12.5	11.2	10.7	14.8	7.4	5.6	2.3
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	13.96	100.0	0.7	3.2	9.0	10.0	12.5	13.8	9.7	9.9	7.9	12.1	7.3	2.6	1.3
IN FSP	14.38	100.0	0.7	2.7	8.2	12.0	12.0	12.8	9.2	11.7	5.1	9.9	12.3	3.1	0.4
NOT IN FSP	13.72	100.0	0.8	3.5	9.5	8.9	12.7	14.3	10.0	9.0	9.4	13.2	4.8	2.4	1.7
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	17.41	100.0	0.3	0.7	2.3	5.5	9.2	12.9	13.3	11.3	10.7	15.8	8.3	6.8	2.9
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	16.47	100.0	0.5	1.5	4.3	6.9	9.2	11.5	13.2	12.3	13.1	14.9	5.2	5.7	1.7

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TABLE 8.--HOUSEHOLDS BY MONEY VALUE OF FOOD PER NUTRITION UNIT FOR FOOD ENERGY

FSP PARTICIPATION	YEARLY MONEY VALUE PER NUTRITION UNIT	TOTAL HOUSE- HOLDS	HOUSEHOLDS USING FOOD WORTH--												
			UNDER \$4.00	\$4.00- 5.99	\$6.00- 7.99	\$8.00- 9.99	\$10.00 -11.99	\$12.00 -13.99	\$14.00 -15.99	\$16.00 -17.99	\$18.00 -19.99	\$20.00 -24.99	\$25.00 -29.99	\$30.00 -39.99	\$40.00 OR MORE
	DOL. ----	NO. ---	NUMBER -----												
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	19.96	3474	9	19	63	112	192	245	326	393	328	766	440	365	216
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	17.55	725	5	7	25	51	57	64	69	72	53	125	93	73	32
IN FSP	18.41	241	1	1	7	16	20	26	15	20	20	39	35	32	8
NOT IN FSP	17.10	484	4	6	17	35	37	38	55	51	33	85	58	41	24
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	20.98	1933	1	10	20	38	85	119	184	232	201	441	241	220	141
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	19.75	816	3	2	19	24	49	62	74	89	74	200	106	72	43
	DOL. ----	PCT. ----	PERCENT -----												
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	19.96	100.0	0.2	0.5	1.8	3.2	5.5	7.0	9.3	11.3	9.4	22.0	12.6	10.5	6.2
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	17.55	100.0	0.6	0.9	3.3	7.0	7.9	8.8	9.5	9.8	7.3	17.2	12.8	10.0	4.3
IN FSP	18.41	100.0	0.3	0.3	2.9	6.8	8.3	10.9	6.0	8.4	8.4	16.4	14.3	13.2	3.2
NOT IN FSP	17.10	100.0	0.7	1.3	3.6	7.1	7.6	7.7	11.2	10.6	6.7	17.6	12.0	8.4	4.9
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	20.98	100.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.9	4.3	6.1	9.5	12.0	10.3	22.8	12.4	11.3	7.3
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	19.75	100.0	0.3	0.2	2.2	2.9	6.0	7.5	9.0	10.8	9.0	24.4	13.0	8.8	5.2

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TABLE 9. --NUTRITIVE VALUE OF HOUSEHOLD DIETS PER NUTRITION UNIT: MEAN

FSP PARTICIPATION	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	MEAN VALUE PER DAY												
		FOOD ENERGY	PROTEIN	CALCIUM	IRON	MAGNESIUM	PHOSPHORUS	VITAMIN A VALUE	THIAMIN	RIBOFLAVIN	NIACIN	VITAMIN B6	VITAMIN B12	ASCORBIC ACID
	NO.	CAL	G	MG	MG	MG	MG	I.U.	MG	MG	MG	MG	MCG	MG
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	3474	3517	123.0	991	14.9	456	1621	9079	2.30	3.09	32.7	2.43	6.65	140
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	725	3433	118.9	918	14.5	434	1516	9146	2.38	3.07	31.8	2.38	6.63	121
IN FSP	241	3654	130.4	929	15.2	461	1551	10040	2.65	3.33	34.5	2.69	7.41	131
NOT IN FSP	484	3316	113.1	912	14.1	420	1497	8691	2.23	2.93	30.4	2.22	6.23	116
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1933	3611	126.5	1029	15.3	474	1681	9214	2.33	3.14	33.6	2.50	6.71	148
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	816	3384	118.8	973	14.5	438	1580	8737	2.18	3.00	31.4	2.32	6.52	139

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TABLE 10.--HOUSEHOLDS BY PERCENT OF MEALS FROM HOME FOOD SUPPLIES *1

FSP PARTICIPATION	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	PERCENT OF MEALS FROM HOME FOOD SUPPLIES										
		0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100
	NO. ---	NUMBER -----										
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	3474	0	0	0	6	32	93	195	404	726	934	1084
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	725	0	0	0	0	1	13	14	33	100	156	408
IN FSP	241	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	11	28	45	148
NOT IN FSP	484	0	0	0	0	1	9	8	23	72	111	260
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1933	0	0	0	4	22	60	130	274	435	544	465
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	816	0	0	0	2	9	21	52	97	191	234	211
	PCT. -----	PERCENT -----										
ALL HOUSEHOLDS	100.0	.0	.0	.0	.2	.9	2.7	5.6	11.6	20.9	26.9	31.2
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	100.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.1	1.8	1.9	4.6	13.8	21.5	56.3
IN FSP	100.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	1.7	2.1	4.6	11.6	18.7	61.4
NOT IN FSP	100.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.2	1.9	1.7	4.8	14.9	22.9	53.7
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	100.0	.0	.0	.0	.2	1.1	3.1	6.7	14.2	22.5	28.1	24.1
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	100.0	.0	.0	.0	.2	1.1	2.6	6.4	11.9	23.4	28.7	25.9

*1 EXCLUDES MEALS EATEN BY ROOMERS, BOARDERS, AND EMPLOYEES

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TABLE 11.--HOUSEHOLDS BY SELF-EVALUATION OF FOOD EATEN

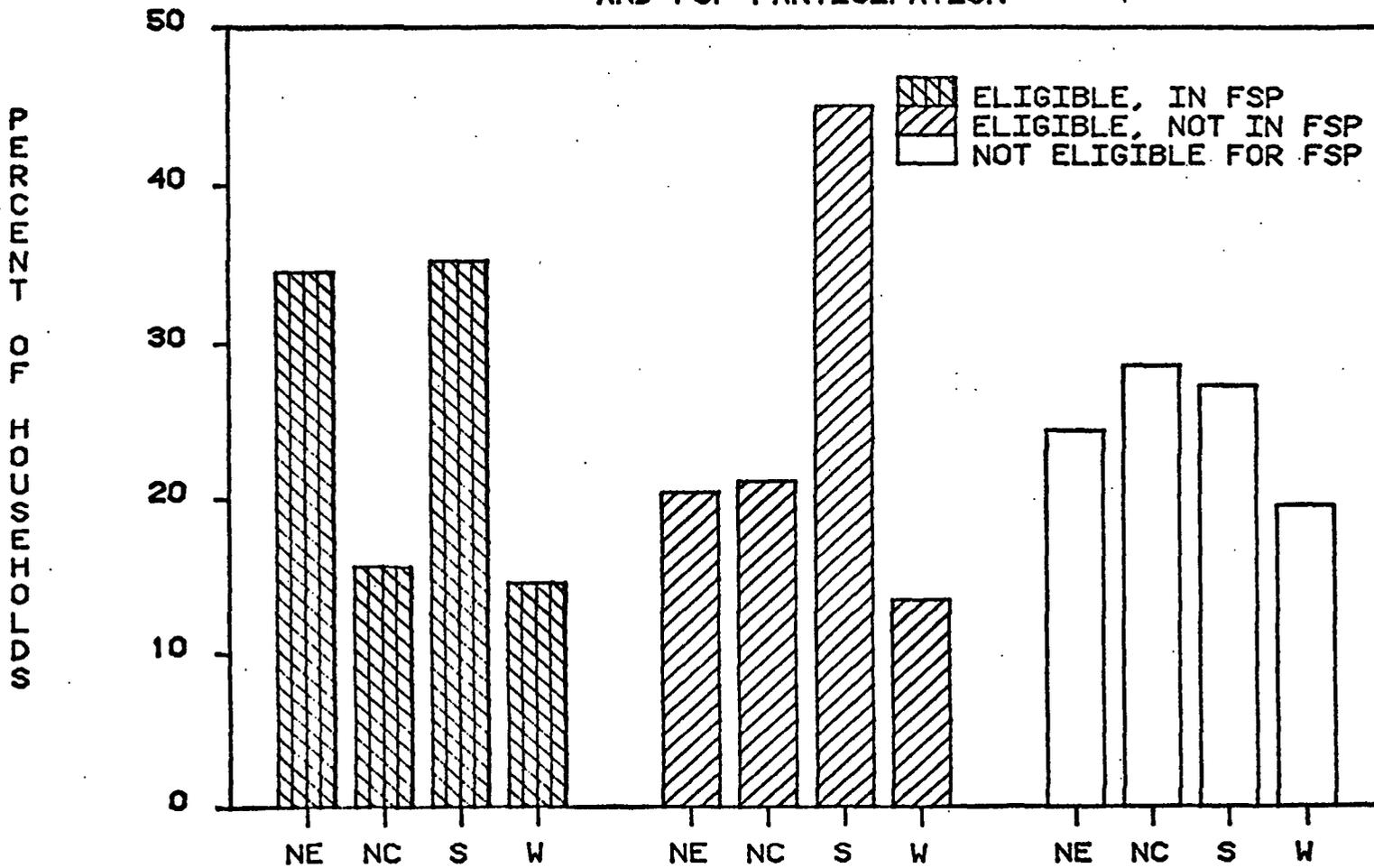
FSP PARTICIPATION	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	EVALUATION OF FOOD				
		ENOUGH AND THE KINDS WANTED	ENOUGH, NOT ALWAYS KINDS WANTED	SOMETIMES NOT ENOUGH	OFTEN NOT ENOUGH	NO RESPONSE
	NO.					

				NUMBER		

ALL HOUSEHOLDS	3474	2529	845	68	20	11
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	725	367	294	46	16	1
IN FSP	241	83	123	29	5	0
NOT IN FSP	484	284	172	16	11	1
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	1933	1519	394	14	4	2
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	816	642	157	8	1	8
	PCT.			PERCENT		
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ALL HOUSEHOLDS	100.0	72.8	24.3	2.0	0.6	0.3
ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	100.0	50.7	40.6	6.3	2.2	0.2
IN FSP	100.0	34.6	50.9	12.2	2.2	0.0
NOT IN FSP	100.0	58.7	35.5	3.4	2.2	0.3
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FSP	100.0	78.6	20.4	0.7	0.2	0.1
ELIGIBILITY UNKNOWN	100.0	78.7	19.3	1.0	0.1	1.0

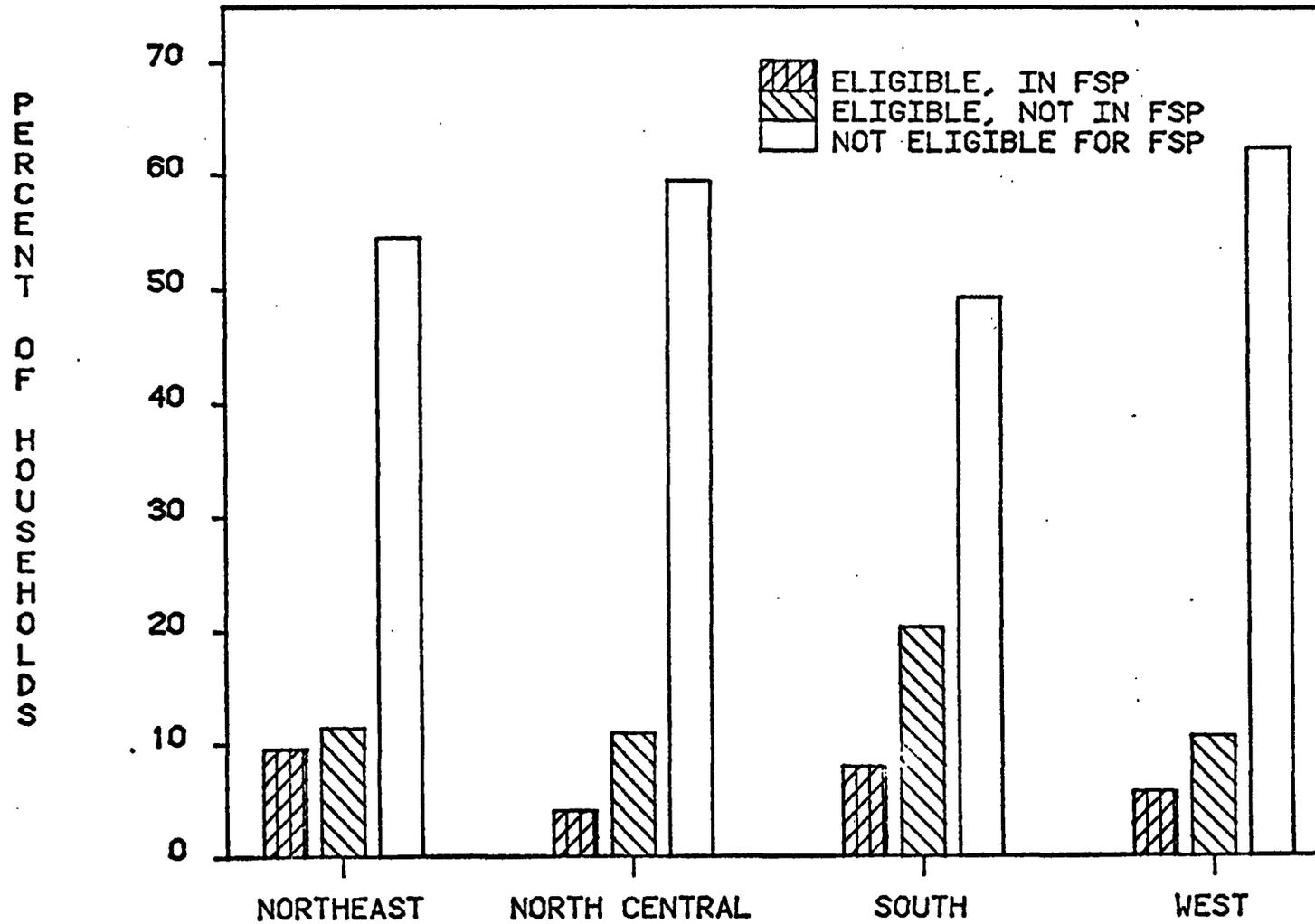
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FIG. 1.--HOUSEKEEPING HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION AND FSP PARTICIPATION



SOURCE: USDA Nationwide Food Consumption Survey, 48 States, Spring 1977 (Preliminary)

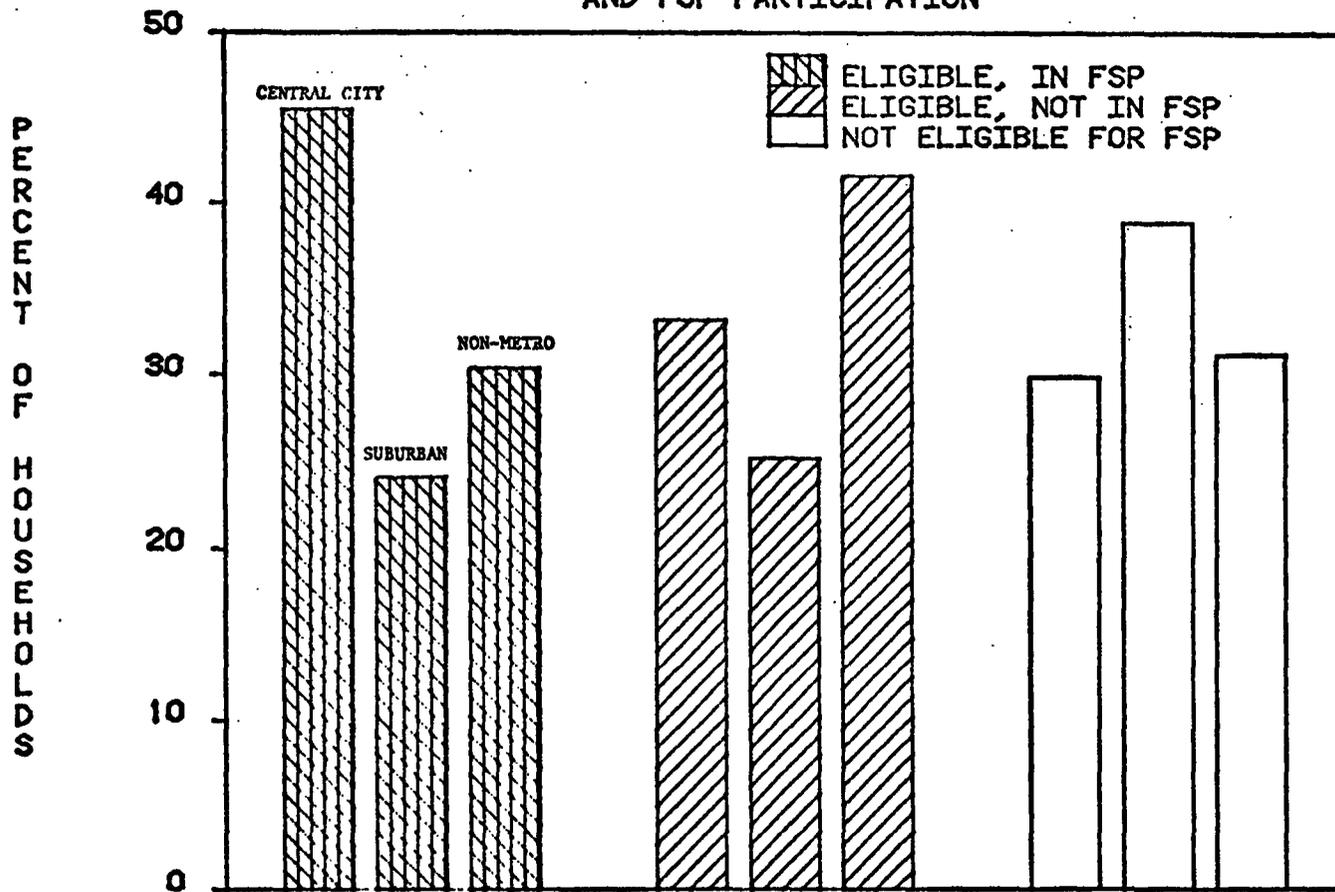
FIG. 2.—HOUSEKEEPING HOUSEHOLDS BY FSP PARTICIPATION
WITHIN REGION



Totals do not add to 100 because eligibility could not be determined for some households.

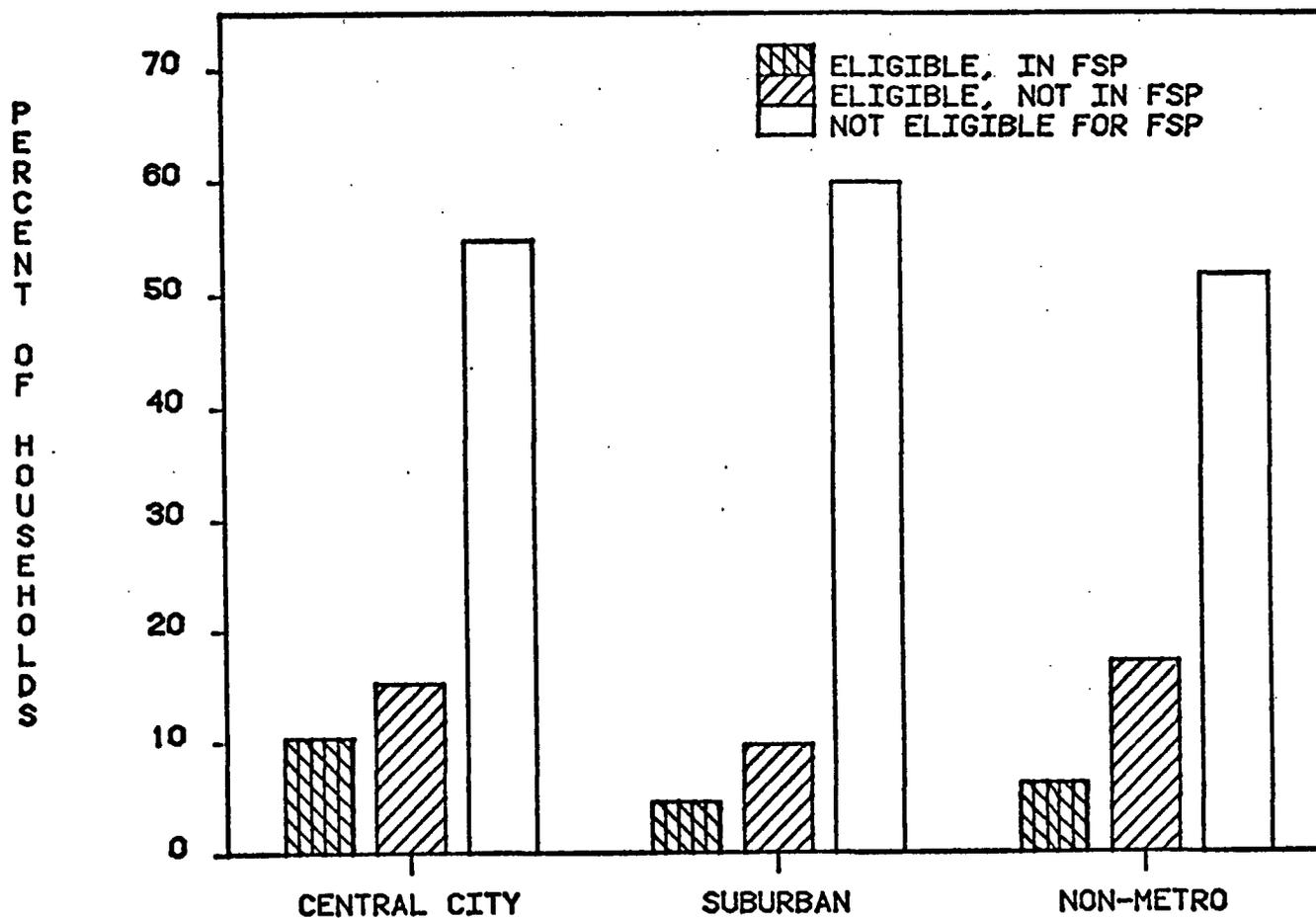
SOURCE: USDA Nationwide Food Consumption Survey, 48 States, Spring 1977 (Preliminary)

FIG. 3.—HOUSEKEEPING HOUSEHOLDS BY URBANIZATION AND FSP PARTICIPATION



SOURCE: USDA Nationwide Food Consumption Survey, 48 States, Spring 1977 (Preliminary)

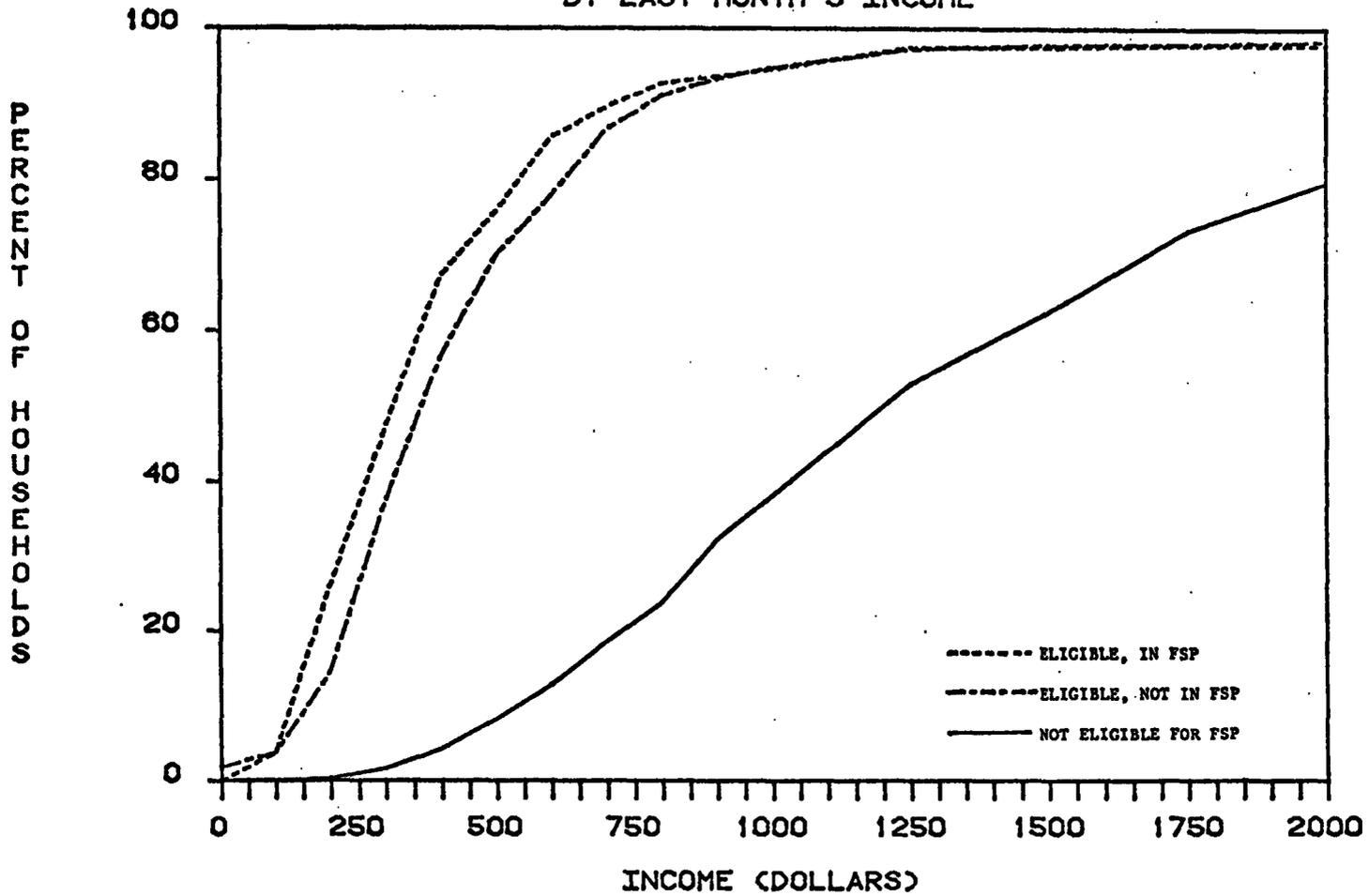
FIG. 4.—HOUSEKEEPING HOUSEHOLDS BY FSP PARTICIPATION
WITHIN URBANIZATION



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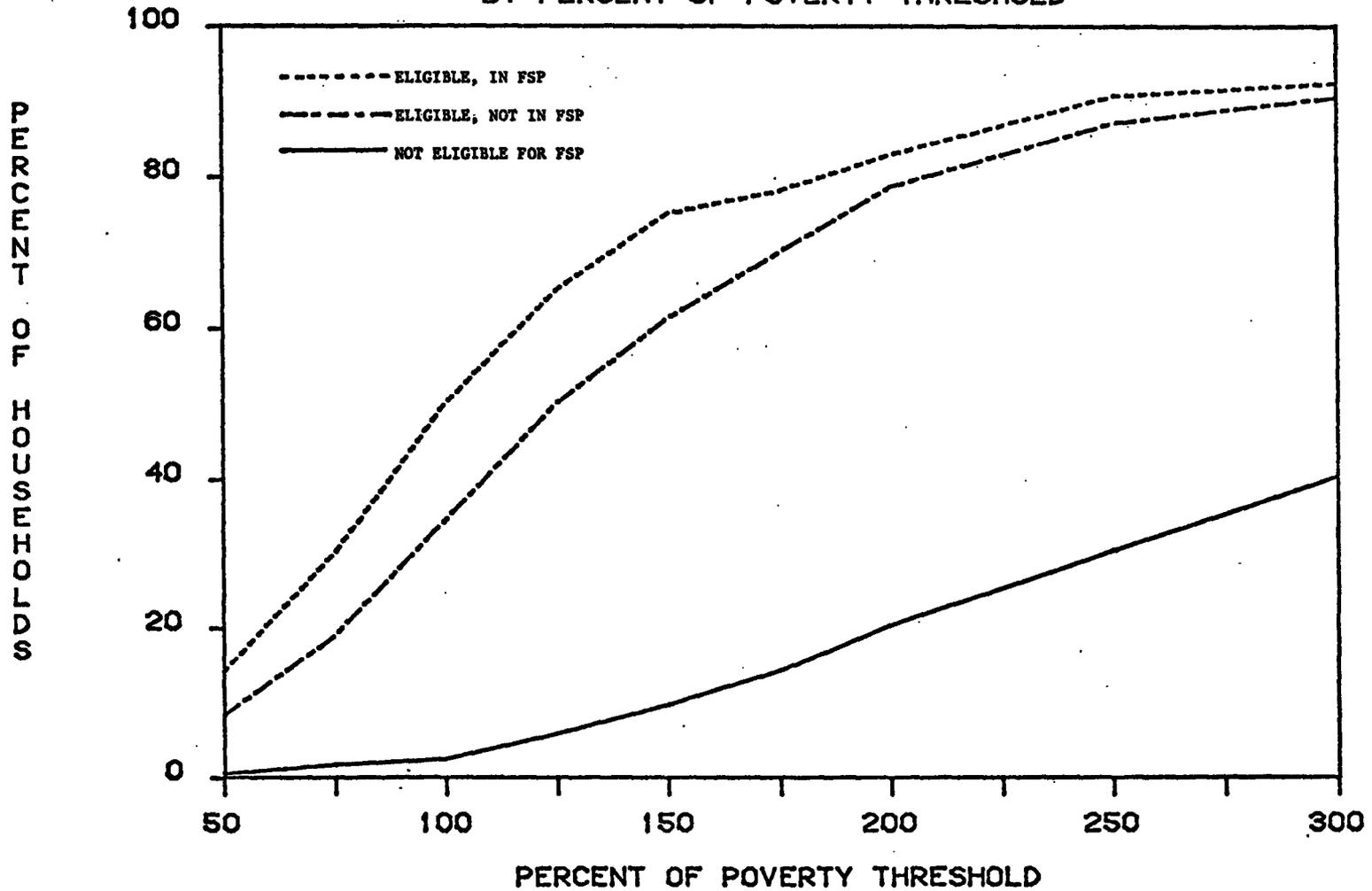
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FIG. 5.--CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEKEEPING HOUSEHOLDS BY LAST MONTH'S INCOME



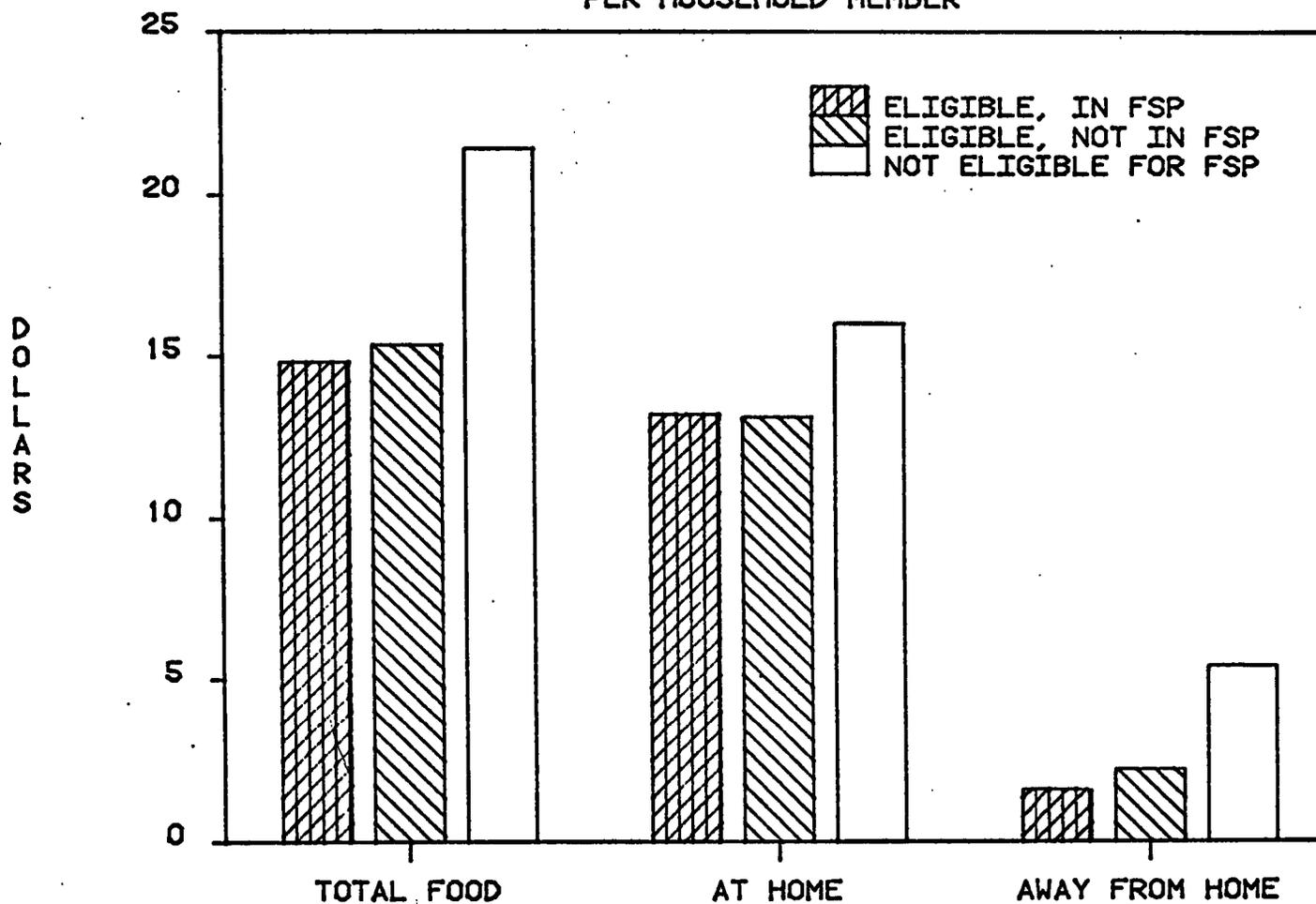
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FIG. 6.--CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEKEEPING HOUSEHOLDS BY PERCENT OF POVERTY THRESHOLD



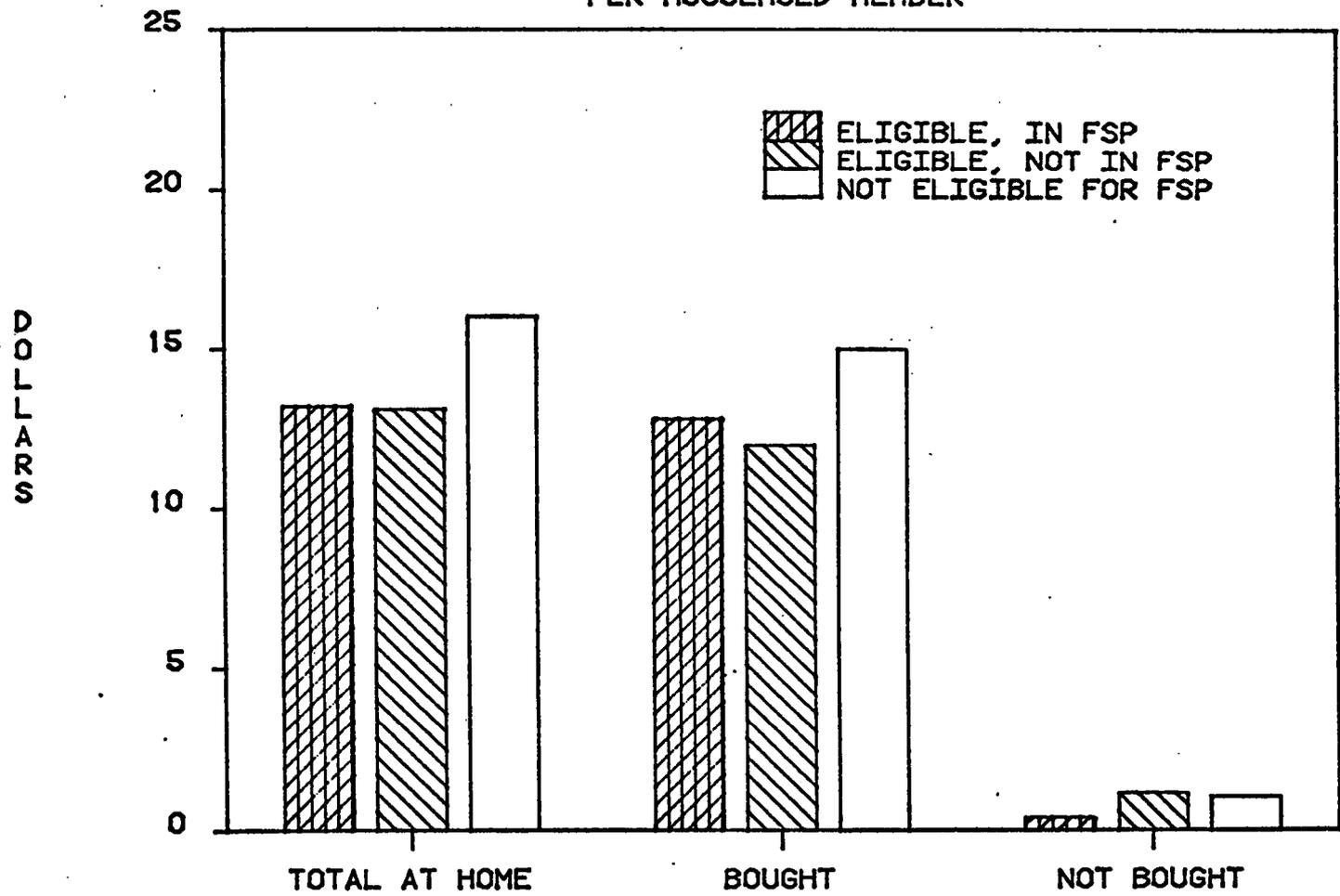
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FIG. 7.--MONEY VALUE OF FOOD USED AT HOME AND AWAY
PER HOUSEHOLD MEMBER



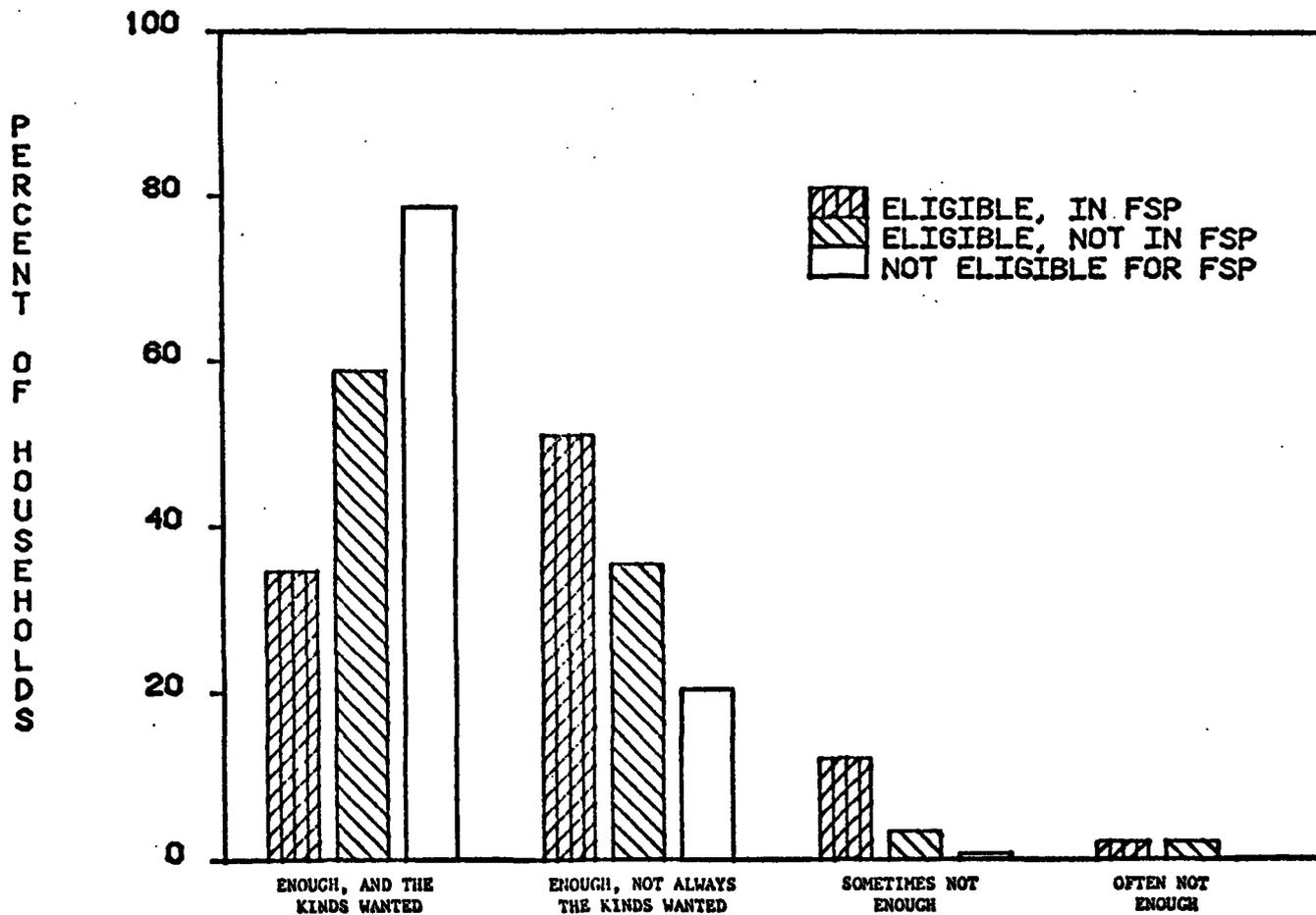
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FIG. 8.--MONEY VALUE OF FOOD USED AT HOME
PER HOUSEHOLD MEMBER



SOURCE: USDA Nationwide Food Consumption Survey, 48 States, Spring 1977 (Preliminary)

FIG. 9.--SELF EVALUATION OF FOOD



SOURCE: USDA Nationwide Food Consumption Survey, 48 States, Spring 1977 (Preliminary)