

What's the Financial Condition of Households Getting Government Benefits?

The median "wealth" or financial assets of U.S. households that participated in one or more means-tested government programs in 2017 was about 97% less than that of those who didn't.

Despite less wealth and lower asset ownership, households that received government assistance surprisingly had only slightly lower unsecured debt, such as credit cards and medical bills, than those who didn't and even lower secured debt like a mortgage.

The [Survey of Income and Program Participation](#) (SIPP) is the nation's premier source of information on the characteristics of those who receive government assistance.

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Not All Industries Experienced Declines During the Pandemic

Consumer habits shifted dramatically in March 2020 in response to stay-at-home orders and the shuttering of offices across the nation amid the COVID-19 pandemic. There were reports of people traveling less, workers gaining unprecedented freedom to [work from anywhere](#) and consumers [ordering more products online](#).

But did these lifestyle changes affect industries in the same way?

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When parts of the country were under orders to stay home and health clubs closed to help contain the spread of the coronavirus, many fitness-starved Americans turned to cycling for outdoor exercise, triggering a bike shortage.

Among the reasons cited: [supply chain issues](#), decreased imports and America's stay-at-home orders. *Bicycle Retailer and Industry News* reports the shortage will probably continue until mid-2022.

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