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Appendix Table 1: Counts of Articles on Social Safety Net, by Type

	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	Total
Number of Articles						
All Programs	20	31	47	70	71	239
AFDC/TANF	5	15	24	35	3	82
EITC	0	0	2	6	15	23
SNAP/FSP	0	7	9	16	11	43
Medicaid	2	5	21	23	47	98
Negative Income Tax	13	9	1	1	1	25
Number of Articles with Incentive Effect						
All Programs	14	25	34	52	20	145
AFDC/TANF	5	14	22	30	1	72
EITC	0	0	2	4	7	13
SNAP/FSP	0	4	8	11	1	24
Medicaid	1	1	11	16	11	40
Negative Income Tax	8	9	1	1	1	20
Number of Articles with Benefit Effect						
All Programs	6	7	13	19	51	96
AFDC/TANF	0	2	2	5	2	11
EITC	0	0	0	1	8	9
SNAP/FSP	0	3	1	5	10	19
Medicaid	1	4	10	9	36	60
Negative Income Tax	5	0	0	0	0	5

Notes: Data compiled by the authors. The welfare database includes information on all papers studying welfare programs that are published in leading economic journals from 1968 to 2020 (American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, AEJ: Applied, AEJ: Economic Policy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics and the Journal of Health Economics). To create the database, a search was conducted on each journal’s website and JSTOR with search terms of the name of welfare programs such as “AFDC” and “Medicaid”. The database then contains the title, author(s), published journal and the number of Google Scholar citations as of 2021. The name and the country of the welfare program that the paper studies are also included in the database. The welfare programs include AFDC, TANF, EITC, SNAP, Food Stamps, Medicaid, and Negative Income Tax. To study the trends of these papers, the database also includes the paper’s central incentive and benefits effects and outcomes of interest and the data used. These incentive and benefits effects are further categorized into “Labor Supply”, “Family” (marriage, fertility, female headship etc.), “Participation” and “Savings” for incentives and “Health”, “Education”, “Crime” and “Consumption” for benefits. The benefits effects are also classified into short- or long-term effects and whether the benefits recipient was a child or not. We exclude papers that are not empirical and those that do not study incentive or benefits effects of one of these social safety net programs.

Appendix: Data Sources For Table 1

Sources for table 1 Estimated expenditures on Children

<https://www.urban.org/research/publication/kids-share-2021-report-federal-expenditures-children-through-2020-and-future-projections>

Sources for Table 1 Caseloads

- AFDC: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/data/afdc-caseload-data-1960-1995>
- TANF: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/data/tanf-caseload-data-2019>
- EITC:
 - All: <https://www.eitc.irs.gov/eitc-central/statistics-for-tax-returns-with-eitc/statistics-for-2019-tax-returns-with-eitc>
 - Children: https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R43805#_Toc61454427
- SNAP: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap>
- Medicaid:
 - <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/total-medicaid-and-chip-child-enrollment/?currentTimeframe=14&selectedRows=%7B%22wrapups%22:%7B%22united-states%22:%7B%7D%7D%7D&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Medicaid%2FCHIP%20Child%20Enrollment%22,%22sort%22:%22desc%22%7D>
- Head Start: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/article/head-start-program-facts-fiscal-year-2019>
- CTC:
<https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R41873#:~:text=Eligible%20taxpayers%20can%20claim%20a,taxpayer%20has%2C%20multiplied%20by%20%242%2C000.>
- SSI:
 - https://www.ssa.gov/oact/ssir/SSI20/E_ssiLOT.html
 - https://www.ssa.gov/oact/ssir/SSI20/IV_B_Recipients.html#946694
 - eligibility: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0002716219884072>
- public housing: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0002716219877801>
- WIC
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/wic-program>
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/26wifypart-1.pdf>
- child nutrition
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/child-nutrition-tables>
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/slsummar-1.pdf>