Who Cares About Random Assignment?

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Model of Factors that Shape the Legislative Process
Long-Term Dependency of Welfare Recipients

- 1-2 Year, 7%
- 3-4 Years, 11%
- 5-7 Years, 17%
- 8+ Years, 65%

Source: Bane & Ellwood, 1983.
Percentage of Married, Single, and Never-Married Mothers Working, 1985-2005

Note: Mothers included in tabulations are at least 16 years old and live with their own children under age 18. "unmarried" mothers re divorced, separated, and never married; widows are excluded from the tabulations.

Earnings and Welfare Income for the Bottom Two Fifths of Female Heads of Families, 1993-2004

Source: Richard Bavier with U.S. Census Bureau data (Welfare income is cash, school lunch, food stamps, and housing; constant 2004 dollars).
Poverty Rates for Black Children, Children in Female-Headed Households, and All Children, 1974-2005