

Economics of Means-Tested Transfer Programs
in the United States:
Preface to Volume II

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This volume contains four chapters that were prepared as part of a research project sponsored by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) on the economics of means-tested transfer and human-capital programs for the disadvantaged in the United States. Two of the chapters survey the history, policy issues, rules, caseloads, and research on a major means-tested transfer program (the Supplemental Security Income program and Housing Assistance programs) and two of the chapters cover the same topics for, respectively, employment and training programs and early childhood education programs, which are human-capital programs. In addition to these four chapters, four chapters appear in a first volume along with an Introduction that summarizes the chapters in both volumes. The Introduction in Volume I also gives an overview of the current structure and historical trends in U.S. means-tested programs.

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