

THE WORKS PROGRAM

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-- Works Progress Administration --

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More than half of Illinois' WPA project cost to be spent for construction and repair of highways and buildings.

Highways, farm-to-market roads and streets, and buildings, both governmental and educational, will account for 53.7 percent of the total amount to be spent by the Works Progress Administration in Illinois, according to an announcement made today by Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator. An additional 30.7 percent will be spent for parks and playgrounds, housing, flood control and other conservation, water supply and sewer systems, electric utilities and transportation.

A listing by types and cost of projects shows that of the total of \$80,076,798 worth of projects selected by the State WPA Administrator for operation as of December 31, 1935, the following classes of projects accounted for the bulk of the money to be spent.

Highways, roads and streets, \$39,018,353, or 48.7 percent; public buildings of all types \$4,032,452, or 5 percent; housing, \$330,372, or 0.4 percent; parks and playgrounds, \$12,583,577, or 15.7 percent; flood control and other conservation, \$3,675,693, or 4.6 percent and water supply and sewer systems, \$7,092,743, or 8.9 percent.

The balance of the money will be spent to provide work for women, white collar, and other professional and technical unemployed workers.

Note: A detailed table is attached.

ILLINOIS  
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

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Works Progress Administration Projects Selected for Operation

(Subject to Revision)

Through December 31, 1935

Type of Work	Number of Projects		Total Cost Estimate	
	Number	Percent Dist.	Amount	Percent Dist.
Grand Total	2,941	100.0	\$80,076,798	100.0
Highways, Roads, and Streets - Total .....	1,363	46.3	39,018,353	48.7
Highways .....	5	0.2	132,877	0.2
Farm to market & other secondary roads ..	779	26.5	12,769,112	15.9
Streets and alleys .....	281	9.5	19,031,003	23.7
Bridges and viaducts .....	31	1.0	290,921	0.4
Other* .....	267	9.1	6,794,440	8.5
Public Buildings - Total .....	286	9.7	4,032,452	5.0
Educational buildings .....	137	4.7	1,759,437	2.2
Federal Government buildings .....	7	0.2	242,852	0.3
Other* .....	142	4.8	2,030,163	2.5
Housing .....	3	0.1	330,327	0.4
Parks and Playgrounds .....	210	7.1	12,583,577	15.7
Flood Control and Other Conservation - Total	98	3.3	3,675,693	4.6
Erosion control and land utilization ....	6	0.2	282,802	0.4
Irrigation and water conservation .....	88	3.0	3,278,902	4.1
Other* .....	4	0.1	113,989	0.1
Water Supply and Sewer Systems - Total ....	181	6.1	7,092,743	8.9
Water purification and supply .....	56	1.9	665,643	0.8
Sewer systems .....	112	3.8	6,145,926	7.7
Other* .....	13	0.4	281,174	0.4
Electric Utilities - Total .....	2	0.1	11,892	A/
Transmission and distribution lines .....	1	0.03	6,661	A/
Other* .....	1	0.03	5,231	A/
Transportation - Total .....	11	0.4	873,297	1.1
Airports and airways .....	7	0.2	786,786	1.0
Other* .....	4	0.1	86,511	0.1
Educational, Professional & Clerical - Total	443	15.1	4,971,538	6.2
Education .....	47	1.6	519,564	0.6
Clerical .....	48	1.6	155,964	0.2
Professional and technical .....	88	3.0	821,560	1.0
Research and statistical surveys .....	67	2.3	704,864	0.9
Art, literary, and recreational .....	184	6.3	2,719,207	3.4
Other* .....	9	0.3	50,379	0.1
Goods Projects - Total .....	144	4.9	2,985,042	3.7
Sewing .....	131	4.5	2,543,858	3.2
Other .....	13	0.4	441,184	0.5
Sanitation and Health .....	25	0.9	2,279,023	2.9
Miscellaneous .....	175	6.0	2,222,861	2.8

\* Includes projects classifiable under more than one of the headings above.  
A/ Less than .05 percent.