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All States Share in Decline of WPA Employment.

The policy of the Works Progress Administration to transfer work-relief employes as rapidly as possible from its projects to those of other Federal agencies and to private industry, has resulted in all states sharing in an employment decline of 34,999 persons from the WPA rolls between May 9 and May 16.

On May 16, a total of 2,417,581 workers were on the Works Progress Administration rolls, as compared with 2,452,580 for the week ending May 9.

On March 3, Works Progress Administrator Harry L. Hopkins ordered a gradual retrenchment of WPA rolls from the February high of 3,037,440 to a minimum of 2,310,100 by June 30. Mr. Hopkins explained that increased employment opportunities afforded by the Public Works Administration, Federal and local road building programs, and in agriculture and other seasonal occupations, would be depended upon to absorb a large number of Works Progress Administration workers.

(Employment by States of WPA workers and employment by States of workers under the Works Program are shown in the attached tables.)

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

Employment Under the Works Program by States

9137

Exclusive of Administrative Employees

Week Ending May 16, 1936

(Partly Estimated - Subject to Revision)

States	Number of Persons Employed			
	Total	Works Progress Administration	Emergency Conservation Work	Other Agencies
Alabama	59,012	34,483	7,809	16,720
Arizona	20,403	10,064	4,426	5,913
Arkansas	52,427	30,805	9,923	11,699
California	180,251	124,552	15,691	40,008
Colorado	40,961	31,417	3,867	5,677
Connecticut	36,990	27,414	4,115	5,461
Delaware	5,487	2,550	658	2,279
District of Columbia	13,985	8,415	2,503	3,067
Florida	50,249	26,223	8,050	15,976
Georgia	60,437	36,546	12,201	11,690
Idaho	17,146	8,823	3,464	4,859
Illinois	216,328	170,812	19,814	25,702
Indiana	90,711	72,132	7,287	11,292
Iowa	37,820	22,670	6,165	8,985
Kansas	56,032	37,436	6,777	11,819
Kentucky	71,770	48,702	14,482	8,586
Louisiana	52,090	36,229	7,560	8,301
Maine	18,392	7,554	2,724	8,114
Maryland	28,408	15,375	3,772	9,261
Massachusetts	141,600	117,424	11,137	13,039
Michigan	111,240	84,516	12,808	13,916
Minnesota	72,817	50,820	9,429	12,568
Mississippi	47,969	27,394	11,260	9,315
Missouri	104,752	72,032	15,959	16,761
Montana	25,013	11,724	3,365	9,924
Nebraska	29,684	16,829	4,243	8,612
Nevada	5,560	2,437	1,079	2,044
New Hampshire	12,798	7,989	1,560	3,249
New Jersey	105,911	86,736	9,473	9,702
New Mexico	21,398	8,143	4,412	8,843
New York City	236,568	216,928	8,631	11,009
New York State (Excl. NYC)	140,370	109,428	10,533	20,409
North Carolina	60,193	34,160	10,225	15,808
North Dakota	18,259	9,199	4,259	4,801
Ohio	191,097	156,910	17,290	16,897
Oklahoma	74,064	48,849	13,127	12,088
Oregon	30,365	16,852	5,192	8,321
Pennsylvania	281,603	239,688	21,228	20,687
Rhode Island	18,455	12,730	2,380	3,345
South Carolina	46,821	25,579	8,954	12,288
South Dakota	20,769	10,533	3,471	6,765
Tennessee	59,838	36,224	10,614	13,000
Texas	143,056	84,154	21,064	37,838
Utah	17,872	10,910	3,550	3,412
Vermont	9,774	4,564	2,014	3,196
Virginia	58,375	27,853	11,179	19,343
Washington	50,872	29,658	7,450	13,764
West Virginia	59,882	46,833	7,879	5,170
Wisconsin	77,645	54,950	11,224	11,471
Wyoming	8,472	3,333	1,273	3,866
Total Distributed by States	3,391,991	2,417,581	407,550	566,860
Alaska	668	-	343	325
Hawaii	3,913	-	1,554	2,359
Panama Canal Zone	448	-	-	448
Puerto Rico	36,988	-	2,216	34,772
Virgin Islands	1,128	-	237	391
Various States	14,010	-	-	14,010
GRAND TOTAL	3,449,146	2,417,581	411,900	619,665

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

Employment on Work Projects Operated by the Works Progress Administration

Weeks Ending May 9 and May 16, 1936

(Partly Estimated - Subject to Revision)

State	NUMBER OF PERSONS		
	Week Ending		Increase or Decrease (-)
	May 9	May 16	
Alabama	35,789	34,483	(-) 1,306
Arizona	10,148	10,064	(-) 84
Arkansas	29,855	30,805	950
California	127,373	124,552	(-) 2,821
Colorado	31,944	31,417	(-) 527
Connecticut	27,992	27,414	(-) 578
Delaware	2,609	2,550	(-) 59
District of Columbia	8,052	8,415	363
Florida	24,831	26,223	1,392
Georgia	37,110	36,546	(-) 564
Idaho	9,778	8,823	(-) 955
Illinois	174,029	170,812	(-) 3,217
Indiana	75,643	72,132	(-) 3,511
Iowa	25,373	22,670	(-) 2,703
Kansas	36,940	37,436	496
Kentucky	50,141	48,702	(-) 1,439
Louisiana	36,442	36,229	(-) 213
Maine	8,063	7,554	(-) 509
Maryland	15,708	15,375	(-) 333
Massachusetts	118,687	117,424	(-) 1,263
Michigan	84,997 ^{a/}	84,516	(-) 481
Minnesota	52,243	50,820	(-) 1,423
Mississippi	27,439	27,394	(-) 45
Missouri	72,208	72,032	(-) 176
Montana	12,245	11,724	(-) 521
Nebraska	17,360	16,829	(-) 531
Nevada	2,547	2,437	(-) 110
New Hampshire	8,020	7,989	(-) 31
New Jersey	86,388	86,736	348
New Mexico	8,488	8,143	(-) 345
New York City	217,108	216,928	(-) 180
New York State (Excl. NYC)	113,994	109,428	(-) 4,566
North Carolina	34,429	34,160	(-) 269
North Dakota	9,770	9,199	(-) 571
Ohio	159,266	156,910	(-) 2,356
Oklahoma	48,406	48,849	443
Oregon	17,503	16,852	(-) 651
Pennsylvania	241,880	239,688	(-) 2,192
Rhode Island	12,779	12,730	(-) 49
South Carolina	26,137	25,579	(-) 558
South Dakota	10,846	10,533	(-) 313
Tennessee	37,854	36,224	(-) 1,630
Texas	86,187	84,154	(-) 2,033
Utah	10,932	10,910	(-) 22
Vermont	4,943	4,564	(-) 379
Virginia	28,797	27,853	(-) 944
Washington	27,497	29,658	2,161
West Virginia	47,977	46,833	(-) 1,144
Wisconsin	56,035	54,950	(-) 1,085
Wyoming	3,798	3,333	(-) 465
Total	2,452,580 ^{a/}	2,417,581	(-) 34,999

^{a/} Revised

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