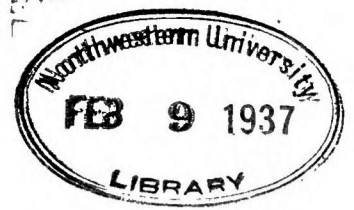


THE WORKS PROGRAM

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--Works Progress Administration--



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WPA Surveys Ages of Workers from Relief Rolls.

Administrator Harry L. Hopkins today released a survey of the ages of more than 2,000,000 workers from relief rolls employed on the Works Progress Administration program. The findings, based on June, 1936, records, show nearly half (48 per cent) of the workers to be between 25 and 44 years of age. About 35 out of every 100 workers were between the ages of 45 and 65 and three out of every 100 were over 65 years old. Almost 14 per cent were between 16 and 25. Employees on National Youth Administration projects were not included in the report.

The study showed about 1,665,000, or more than four-fifths of the employees were men. All WPA workers in the continental United States, with the exception of those in New York City, were included in the survey.

"It is noteworthy," Mr. Hopkins observed, "that the disparity between the proportions of men and women from relief rolls is higher in the groups of older workers. Among those in the '45-and over' group, 561,640 out of a total of 654,357, or nearly 86 per cent, were men. Almost 39 per cent of all men classified by ages were in this group and about 32 per cent of the women were of these ages. While 3.2 per cent of the men were 65 or older, only 2.0 per cent of the women were 65 and over.

"Women in the 25 to 44 year group constituted a larger proportion (51.5 per cent) of total women than did men of these ages, who represented 47.9 per cent of all men reported. Women were also proportionately more numerous in the younger age group. Of all the women employed, 16.9 per cent were reported as under 25 years of age, as against 13.3 per cent of the men.

"Proportions of persons in each age group varied considerably from State to State. In eight States, over 45 per cent of the men were 45 years or older. Among these Nevada was outstanding with 63.3 per cent of the men in this group. In two States, Kentucky and New Mexico less than 30 per cent of the men were in this older age group.

"Young men, 25 years and under, were proportionately most numerous in South Carolina, where 21.1 per cent of the total were in this group, while Nevada with only 6.2 per cent had the smallest proportion of young men. In three States 55.0 per cent or more of the men were between the ages of 25 to 44; in four other States less than 40 per cent of the men were of these ages.

"In each of ten States women 45 years of age and older constituted 40 per cent or more of all the women at work. In three other States, Georgia, New Mexico, and Maryland, only a fourth of the women were of these ages."

(Age of all workers, and of men and women separately, are shown for the United States, excluding New York City and for each State in the attached tables.)

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NUMBER OF MEN FROM RELIEF ROLLS EMPLOYED ON WPA PROJECTS CLASSIFIED  
BY AGE AT TIME OF CERTIFICATION AND BY STATES A/

United States, Excluding New York City

June 1936

Does not include persons employed on National Youth Administration projects

State	Total	Age in Years at Time of Certification <u>A/</u>						
		16-24		25-44		45 and Over		Age Unknown
		Number	Pct. <u>B/</u>	Number	Pct. <u>B/</u>	Number	Pct. <u>B/</u>	
TOTAL	1,664,916	191,577	13.3	692,901	47.9	561,640	38.8	218,798
Alabama	22,332	3,021	17.0	8,526	48.0	6,233	35.0	4,552
Arizona	6,689	844	13.3	2,671	42.1	2,827	44.6	347
Arkansas	24,241	3,403	17.0	10,129	50.6	6,471	32.4	4,238
California	86,087	5,964	7.6	34,045	43.2	38,756	49.2	7,322
Colorado	21,549	2,616	13.5	9,728	50.3	7,015	36.2	2,190
Connecticut	19,740	1,026	10.2	4,592	45.8	4,410	44.0	9,712
Delaware	1,485	191	13.5	747	52.8	477	33.7	70
District of Columbia	5,234	524	10.9	2,703	56.2	1,579	32.9	428
Florida	20,141	1,006	10.1	4,230	42.5	4,728	47.4	10,177
Georgia	23,341	2,913	17.1	8,361	49.2	5,722	33.7	6,345
Idaho	5,299	703	14.1	2,260	45.2	2,035	40.7	301
Illinois	132,163	15,090	11.7	61,305	47.7	52,108	40.6	3,660
Indiana	59,441	6,951	12.8	24,253	44.6	23,201	42.6	5,036
Iowa	16,300	1,866	12.3	7,207	47.3	6,147	40.4	1,080
Kansas	26,284	2,814	11.1	11,259	44.6	11,188	44.3	1,023
Kentucky	35,947	5,662	16.2	19,198	55.0	10,041	28.8	1,046
Louisiana	30,889	3,247	11.5	15,893	56.1	9,188	32.4	2,561
Maine	6,868	290	10.9	1,284	48.5	1,076	40.6	4,218
Maryland	13,252	1,815	14.2	6,833	53.3	4,176	32.5	428
Massachusetts	83,320	6,787	13.3	23,426	46.1	20,628	40.6	32,479
Michigan	65,138	6,839	13.4	22,195	43.5	21,962	43.1	14,142
Minnesota	37,404	4,242	12.2	17,086	49.0	13,544	38.8	2,532
Mississippi	15,694	2,396	17.4	6,736	49.0	4,626	33.6	1,936
Missouri	51,309	6,127	13.0	23,152	49.0	17,933	38.0	4,087
Montana	7,804	829	11.5	2,878	39.9	3,510	48.6	587
Nebraska	12,553	1,456	12.5	5,543	47.5	4,674	40.0	880
Nevada	1,232	65	6.2	322	30.5	667	63.3	178
New Hampshire	4,988	522	17.3	1,341	44.6	1,147	38.1	1,978
New Jersey	70,025	6,698	11.1	30,107	49.7	23,781	39.2	9,439
New Mexico	6,173	879	15.2	3,248	56.2	1,653	28.6	393
New York (Excl. N.Y.C.)	84,607	6,175	10.4	28,389	47.8	24,851	41.8	25,192
North Carolina	17,408	2,744	18.8	6,697	46.0	5,132	35.2	2,835
North Dakota	5,757	608	11.7	2,630	50.5	1,966	37.8	553
Ohio	133,814	13,856	12.6	51,272	46.8	44,524	40.6	24,162
Oklahoma	45,601	6,121	14.5	21,980	51.9	14,234	33.6	3,266
Oregon	11,974	839	8.0	4,493	42.9	5,132	49.1	1,510
Pennsylvania	207,272	33,351	16.3	101,756	49.6	70,086	34.1	2,079
Rhode Island	9,955	709	10.4	3,206	47.1	2,891	42.5	3,149
South Carolina	13,971	2,471	21.1	4,958	42.3	4,283	36.6	2,259
South Dakota	6,165	621	10.9	2,822	49.4	2,265	39.7	457
Tennessee	27,735	3,474	15.7	10,906	49.1	7,808	35.2	5,547
Texas	53,197	6,808	14.0	23,625	48.6	18,153	37.4	4,611
Utah	8,945	1,295	15.1	4,332	50.4	2,969	34.5	349
Vermont	2,634	192	11.5	653	39.2	820	49.3	969
Virginia	15,843	2,743	18.7	6,400	43.5	5,549	37.8	1,151
Washington	25,211	2,333	10.8	9,232	42.7	10,033	46.5	3,613
West Virginia	37,151	5,980	17.1	17,432	49.9	11,514	33.0	2,225
Wisconsin	43,082	4,227	10.2	20,202	48.5	17,187	41.3	1,466
Wyoming	1,672	244	15.0	648	39.7	740	45.3	40

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B/ Percents are based on total workers of known age. Division of Research, Statistics and Records  
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## United States, Excluding New York City

June 1936

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State	Total	Age in Years at Time of Certification <u>A/</u>						Age Un- known
		16 - 24		25 - 44		45 and Over		
		Number	Per cent <u>B/</u>	Number	Per cent <u>B/</u>	Number	Per cent <u>B/</u>	
TOTAL	358,672	49,671	16.9	151,473	51.5	92,717	31.6	64,811
Alabama	9,761	1,017	13.2	4,470	57.7	2,256	29.1	2,018
Arizona	1,880	298	16.2	895	48.8	643	35.0	44
Arkansas	5,452	764	15.4	2,891	58.3	1,305	26.3	492
California	31,959	3,074	10.4	14,047	47.7	12,318	41.9	2,520
Colorado	6,176	614	14.1	2,153	49.4	1,593	36.5	1,816
Connecticut	2,061	136	21.0	328	50.8	182	28.2	1,415
Delaware	791	122	16.0	412	54.0	229	30.0	28
District of Columbia	2,415	306	13.8	1,305	59.1	598	27.1	206
Florida	6,859	281	8.6	1,706	52.1	1,290	39.3	3,582
Georgia	8,322	955	15.9	3,624	60.1	1,447	24.0	2,296
Idaho	1,773	234	14.5	692	42.9	688	42.6	159
Illinois	15,185	2,693	18.9	7,678	54.1	3,832	27.0	982
Indiana	7,316	969	14.2	3,670	53.7	2,197	32.1	480
Iowa	3,318	451	15.0	1,543	51.4	1,008	33.6	316
Kansas	5,969	573	10.2	2,713	48.5	2,312	41.3	371
Kentucky	7,486	1,367	18.9	3,792	52.3	2,085	28.8	242
Louisiana	5,122	770	16.6	2,667	57.4	1,208	26.0	477
Maine	1,049	92	15.8	273	47.0	216	37.2	468
Maryland	2,165	456	21.6	1,142	54.0	517	24.4	50
Massachusetts	30,302	4,145	23.0	7,270	40.3	6,610	36.7	12,277
Michigan	8,009	1,247	19.6	3,199	50.4	1,902	30.0	1,661
Minnesota	6,934	1,288	20.5	3,034	48.3	1,962	31.2	650
Mississippi	8,022	1,092	14.9	3,944	53.8	2,296	31.3	690
Missouri	13,071	1,409	12.0	6,213	53.1	4,090	34.9	1,359
Montana	2,119	356	18.7	762	40.0	786	41.3	215
Nebraska	2,955	438	16.8	1,265	48.6	901	34.6	351
Nevada	426	41	10.7	150	39.3	191	50.0	44
New Hampshire	1,667	76	15.3	246	49.4	176	35.3	1,169
New Jersey	9,474	1,910	24.0	4,076	51.1	1,988	24.9	1,500
New Mexico	1,258	245	20.5	653	54.5	299	25.0	61
New York (Excl. N.Y.C.)	12,252	1,253	20.2	3,073	49.6	1,875	30.2	6,051
North Carolina	11,908	1,711	17.1	5,447	54.4	2,849	28.5	1,901
North Dakota	2,088	440	23.4	844	44.9	597	31.7	207
Ohio	21,006	2,677	17.9	8,345	55.9	3,916	26.2	6,068
Oklahoma	7,109	679	10.1	3,455	51.7	2,552	38.2	423
Oregon	3,284	261	9.1	1,302	45.3	1,310	45.6	411
Pennsylvania	20,592	5,436	26.7	10,430	51.1	4,524	22.2	202
Rhode Island	2,076	177	14.0	581	46.0	505	40.0	813
South Carolina	9,818	1,007	16.6	3,035	50.0	2,026	33.4	3,750
South Dakota	3,163	412	14.6	1,157	41.1	1,250	44.3	344
Tennessee	7,586	801	13.2	3,635	59.9	1,629	26.9	1,521
Texas	21,865	3,267	16.5	11,399	57.4	5,173	26.1	2,026
Utah	1,679	224	14.0	725	45.5	646	40.5	84
Vermont	1,016	49	10.8	214	47.0	192	42.2	561
Virginia	8,795	1,397	17.7	4,190	53.0	2,317	29.3	891
Washington	4,306	518	14.5	1,669	46.9	1,375	38.6	744
West Virginia	4,614	697	17.1	2,205	54.2	1,168	28.7	544
Wisconsin	5,306	1,067	21.3	2,562	51.1	1,580	27.6	297
Wyoming	913	179	20.4	392	44.6	308	35.0	34

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		16 - 24		25 - 44		45 and over		
		Number	% <u>B/</u>	Number	% <u>B/</u>	Number	% <u>B/</u>	
Total	2,023,588	241,248	13.9	844,374	48.5	654,357	37.6	283,609
Alabama	32,093	4,038	15.8	12,996	50.9	8,489	33.3	6,570
Arizona	8,569	1,142	14.0	3,566	43.6	3,470	42.4	391
Arkansas	29,693	4,167	16.7	13,020	52.1	7,776	31.2	4,730
California	118,046	9,038	8.4	48,092	44.4	51,074	47.2	9,842
Colorado	27,725	3,230	13.6	11,881	50.1	8,608	36.3	4,006
Connecticut	21,801	1,162	10.9	4,920	46.1	4,592	43.0	11,127
Delaware	2,276	313	14.4	1,159	53.2	706	52.4	98
District of Columbia	7,649	830	11.8	4,008	57.2	2,177	31.0	634
Florida	27,000	1,287	9.7	5,936	44.8	6,018	45.5	13,759
Georgia	31,663	3,868	16.8	11,985	52.1	7,169	31.1	8,641
Idaho	7,072	937	14.2	2,952	44.6	2,723	41.2	460
Illinois	147,348	17,783	12.5	68,983	48.3	55,940	39.2	4,642
Indiana	66,757	7,920	12.9	27,923	45.6	25,398	41.5	5,516
Iowa	19,618	2,317	12.7	8,750	48.0	7,155	39.3	1,396
Kansas	32,253	3,387	11.0	13,972	45.3	13,500	43.7	1,394
Kentucky	43,433	7,029	16.7	22,990	54.5	12,126	28.8	1,288
Louisiana	36,011	4,017	12.2	18,560	56.3	10,396	31.5	3,038
Maine	7,917	382	11.8	1,557	48.2	1,292	40.0	4,686
Maryland	15,417	2,271	15.2	7,975	53.4	4,693	31.4	478
Massachusetts	113,622	10,932	15.9	30,696	44.6	27,238	39.5	44,756
Michigan	73,147	8,086	14.1	25,394	44.3	23,864	44.6	15,803
Minnesota	44,338	5,530	13.4	20,120	48.9	15,506	37.7	3,182
Mississippi	23,716	3,488	16.5	10,680	50.7	6,922	32.8	2,626
Missouri	64,380	7,536	12.8	29,375	49.8	22,023	37.4	5,446
Montana	9,923	1,185	13.0	3,640	39.9	4,296	47.1	802
Nebraska	15,508	1,894	13.3	6,808	47.7	5,575	39.0	1,231
Nevada	1,658	106	7.4	472	32.9	858	59.7	222
New Hampshire	6,655	598	17.1	1,587	45.2	1,323	37.7	3,147
New Jersey	79,499	8,608	12.5	34,183	49.9	25,769	37.6	10,939
New Mexico	7,431	1,124	16.1	3,901	55.9	1,952	28.0	454
New York (Excl. N.Y.C.)	96,859	7,428	11.3	31,462	48.0	26,726	40.7	31,243
North Carolina	29,316	4,455	18.1	12,144	49.4	7,981	32.5	4,736
North Dakota	7,845	1,048	14.8	3,474	49.0	2,563	36.2	760
Ohio	154,820	16,533	13.3	59,617	47.8	48,440	38.9	30,230
Oklahoma	52,710	6,800	13.9	25,435	51.9	16,786	34.2	3,689
Oregon	15,258	1,100	8.2	5,795	43.5	6,442	48.3	1,921
Pennsylvania	227,864	38,787	17.2	112,186	49.7	74,610	33.1	2,281
Rhode Island	12,031	886	11.0	3,787	46.9	3,396	42.1	3,962
South Carolina	23,789	3,478	19.6	7,993	44.9	6,309	35.5	6,009
South Dakota	9,328	1,033	12.1	3,979	46.7	3,515	41.2	801
Tennessee	35,321	4,275	15.1	14,541	51.5	9,437	33.5	7,068
Texas	75,062	10,075	14.7	35,024	51.2	23,326	34.1	6,637
Utah	10,624	1,519	14.9	5,057	49.6	3,615	35.5	433
Vermont	3,650	241	11.4	867	40.9	1,012	47.7	1,530
Virginia	24,638	4,140	18.3	10,590	46.9	7,866	34.8	2,042
Washington	29,517	2,851	11.3	10,901	43.3	11,408	45.4	4,357
West Virginia	41,765	6,677	17.1	19,637	50.4	12,682	32.5	2,769
Wisconsin	48,388	5,294	11.4	22,764	48.8	18,567	39.8	1,763
Wyoming	2,585	423	16.9	1,040	41.4	1,048	41.7	74

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