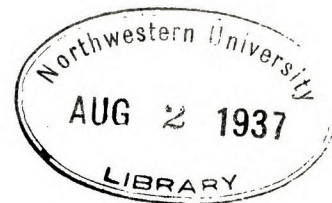


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LARGE LABOR TURNOVER SHOWN BY STUDY OF WPA PROJECT ROLLS

More than twice as many workers left WPA projects during recent months as was shown by the net decline in WPA employment, it was indicated in an analysis of labor turnover made public today by Works Progress Administrator Harry L. Hopkins. Separations from WPA rolls chiefly represented a transfer to private employment, not "enforced lay-offs," Mr. Hopkins explained.

From April to May the study showed, 171,458 workers left WPA projects. The net decrease in WPA rolls for this period was only 64,928, however, as 106,530 were assigned to projects in May who did not have WPA jobs in April. The latter were taken almost entirely from local relief rolls. Commenting on the analysis, Administrator Hopkins said:

"This turnover in WPA labor has been a continuous process. For many months the number voluntarily leaving the rolls has exceeded the number newly assigned to projects, but there has been constant change from the beginning of operations. Some workers have had recourse to WPA jobs several times when there was no other source of a livelihood, but all of them have been encouraged to accept even temporary employment in private industry."

(Attached is a table showing the WPA labor turnover by States, April - May).

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ANALYSIS OF LABOR TURNOVER ON WPA PROJECTS BY STATES

April - May 1937

State	Number Employed During Month of April 1937	Change in Number Employed, April - May					
		Separations		Accessions		Net Change	
		Percent		Percent		Percent	
		Number	of April Employment	Number	of April Employment	Number	of April Employment
UNITED STATES	2,194,349	171,458	7.8	106,530	4.8	-64,928	- 3.0
Alabama	27,506	2,213	8.0	3,185	11.5	972	3.5
Arizona	8,787	774	8.8	732	8.3	- 42	- 0.5
Arkansas	31,106	1,947	6.3	2,687	8.7	740	2.4
California	114,725	9,255	8.1	9,912	8.7	657	0.6
Colorado	26,380	2,015	7.6	595	2.2	- 1,420	- 5.4
Connecticut	18,090	1,176	6.5	1,616	8.9	440	2.4
Delaware	2,099	153	7.3	141	6.7	- 12	- 0.6
District of Columbia	7,127	306	4.3	320	4.5	14	0.2
Florida	25,791	2,003	7.8	2,817	11.0	814	3.2
Georgia	31,531	2,762	8.8	1,977	6.3	- 785	- 2.5
Idaho	8,132	1,305	16.0	302	3.7	- 1,003	-12.3
Illinois	157,127	11,371	7.2	8,178	5.2	- 3,193	- 2.0
Indiana	67,219	5,732	8.5	213	0.3	- 5,519	- 8.2
Iowa	24,912	2,743	11.0	565	2.3	- 2,178	- 8.7
Kansas	40,196	3,176	7.9	1,429	3.6	- 1,747	- 4.3
Kentucky	51,337	3,789	7.4	2,367	4.6	- 1,422	- 2.8
Louisiana	34,380	2,362	6.8	1,248	3.6	- 1,114	- 3.2
Maine	7,709	1,102	14.3	237	3.1	- 865	-11.2
Maryland	13,226	1,307	9.9	794	6.0	- 513	- 3.9
Massachusetts	93,389	4,351	4.6	3,934	4.2	- 417	- 0.4
Michigan	63,436	5,095	8.1	2,327	3.7	- 2,768	- 4.4
Minnesota	47,914	5,363	11.2	1,088	2.3	- 4,275	- 8.9
Mississippi	23,160	2,087	9.0	1,858	8.0	- 229	- 1.0
Missouri	82,851	6,514	7.8	1,282	1.5	- 5,232	- 6.3
Montana	12,582	2,121	16.8	669	5.3	- 1,452	-11.5
Nebraska	24,241	2,512	10.3	1,659	6.8	- 853	- 3.5
Nevada	2,273	353	15.5	303	13.3	- 50	- 2.2
New Hampshire	7,683	720	9.4	250	3.3	- 470	- 6.1
New Jersey	76,973	2,633	3.4	2,574	3.3	- 59	- 0.1
New Mexico	9,441	1,153	12.2	858	9.1	- 295	- 3.1
New York City	179,445	5,695	3.2	8,466	4.7	2,771	1.5
New York(Excl.N.Y.C.)	80,426	7,711	9.6	4,281	5.3	- 3,430	- 4.3
North Carolina	26,533	2,279	8.6	1,762	6.7	- 517	- 1.9
North Dakota	16,791	2,997	17.8	775	4.6	- 2,222	-13.2
Ohio	128,412	10,876	8.5	6,782	5.3	- 4,094	- 3.2
Oklahoma	54,047	4,499	8.3	5,351	9.9	852	1.6
Oregon	16,216	1,893	11.7	1,533	9.5	- 360	- 2.2
Pennsylvania	217,716	14,891	6.8	5,641	2.6	- 9,250	- 4.2
Rhode Island	11,928	732	6.1	1,498	12.5	766	6.4
South Carolina	23,217	1,780	7.6	959	4.1	- 821	- 3.5
South Dakota	20,309	4,246	20.9	452	2.2	- 3,794	-18.7
Tennessee	29,275	2,788	9.5	1,168	4.0	- 1,620	- 5.5
Texas	85,110	6,986	8.2	6,288	7.4	- 698	- 0.8
Utah	8,967	1,962	21.9	704	7.9	- 1,258	-14.0
Vermont	4,324	521	12.1	103	2.4	- 418	- 9.7
Virginia	23,837	2,331	9.8	1,328	5.6	- 1,003	- 4.2
Washington	35,198	3,790	10.7	892	2.5	- 2,898	- 8.2
West Virginia	38,170	2,011	5.3	1,285	3.4	- 726	- 1.9
Wisconsin	49,909	4,444	8.9	858	1.7	- 3,586	- 7.2
Wyoming	3,196	633	19.8	287	9.0	- 346	-10.8

NOTE: "Separations" are defined as persons who appeared on project payrolls with ending dates in April but did not appear on May payrolls. "Accessions" are defined as persons appearing on May payrolls who were not on April payrolls.