

THE WORKS PROGRAM

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## WPA EXPENDITURES FOR MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT TOTAL NEARLY \$700,000,000

Approximately \$700,000,000 has been spent in the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies for Works Progress Administration projects in the three years ending June 30, 1938, Acting Administrator Aubrey Williams announced today.

Of the total of \$696,356,000, exactly one-third went for stone, clay and glass products used principally in building and road construction. Iron and steel products, exclusive of machinery, absorbed 18.7 percent of the total; lumber and lumber products, 11.2 percent, and bituminous mixtures, principally for paving, 8.2 percent. Other items of which large purchases were made include textiles, machinery and mechanical equipment, chemical products, oil and gasoline, and plumbing equipment.

The total represents combined expenditures of Federal and sponsors' funds, Mr. Williams said, the latter accounting for 54 percent of the whole amount throughout the three year period. The proportion of sponsors' funds has increased materially each year, he added, having been 36 percent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, 50 percent in 1937, and 71 percent in 1938.

(Attached table shows expenditures, by types.)

EXPENDITURES FOR MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT ON  
WPA PROJECTS, BY TYPES OF MATERIALS

Cumulative Through June 30, 1938

(Thousands of Dollars)

Type of Material	Amount	Percent
TOTAL	\$696,356	100.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	<u>231,971</u>	<u>33.3</u>
Brick, tile, and other clay products	32,522	4.7
Cement	58,405	8.4
Concrete products	32,275	4.6
Crushed stone	35,244	5.1
Sand and gravel	46,077	6.6
Other stone, clay, and glass products	27,448	3.9
Iron and Steel Products, Excluding Machinery	<u>130,400</u>	<u>18.7</u>
Cast iron pipe and fittings	41,743	6.0
Heating and ventilating equipment	7,100	1.0
Structural and reinforcing steel	33,536	4.8
Tools, excluding machine tools	12,734	1.8
Other iron and steel products	35,227	5.1
Lumber and Its Products, Excluding Furniture	78,085	11.2
Bituminous Mixtures - Paving and Other	56,888	8.2
Textiles	53,309	7.7
Machinery and Equipment	<u>27,303</u>	<u>3.9</u>
Electrical machinery, apparatus, and supplies	14,192	2.0
Paving machinery and equipment	926	0.1
Other machinery and equipment	12,185	1.8
Motor Trucks	1,940	0.3
Chemicals and Allied Products	<u>22,023</u>	<u>3.2</u>
Chemicals and explosives	8,999	1.3
Paints and varnishes	13,024	1.9
Petroleum Products	16,384	2.3
Miscellaneous	<u>78,053</u>	<u>11.2</u>
Coal and other fuel, except wood and petroleum	2,747	0.4
Non-ferrous metals	3,228	0.5
Office supplies and equipment, including furniture	7,931	1.1
Plumbing equipment and supplies	8,647	1.2
Tires and rubber goods	1,766	0.3
Other	53,734	7.7

Source: Based on Federal purchase orders adjusted to total voucher payments and on reports of sponsors' certifications.

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