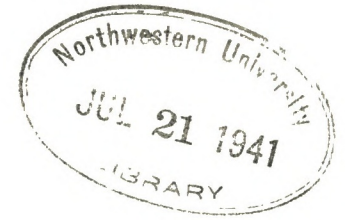


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WPA DEFENSE EXPENDITURES NEARED HALF BILLION MARK IN FISCAL 1941,  
REPORT REVEALS

Almost 30 percent of all WPA workers were at work on national defense projects as fiscal 1941 moved into its final month, Commissioner Howard O. Hunter reported today. Out of a total of 1,460,000 persons on project rolls at the beginning of June, he said 429,384 were at work on airport, highway and other construction and service projects related to the defense program.

Although drastic reductions in over-all WPA employment are being effected during July as a result of the reduced work relief appropriation, the Commissioner said that defense project employment probably would remain at approximately its June level. Defense projects are given priority over non-defense projects, where certified labor is available and cuts will be made more slowly in these categories than elsewhere. Total average WPA employment during fiscal 1942 will be maintained at a level of 1,000,000 as against an average of 1,700,000 during the fiscal year just closed.

At the same time Mr. Hunter reported that total expenditures of WPA and sponsors' funds on defense projects during eleven months of the fiscal year had aggregated \$408,813,000. Work on highways, roads and streets related to national defense accounted for the largest share of this sum -- \$171,463,262. Next largest were expenditures on airport and airway projects, totaling \$58,438,676. Of the total expenditures, approximately a third was on projects specially certified by the Secretaries of

War and Navy as important to the defense program and thereby subject to certain legislative exemptions.

Highway, road and street projects likewise accounted for the greatest number of employees, Mr. Hunter continued. Of the total defense project employment as of the end of May, 164,597, or approximately one-third, were engaged on projects of this type. Airport and airway projects accounted for 72,139 workers. There were 34,256 on the National Defense Vocational Training Project. Of the total number of workers on defense projects, 239,518, or slightly more than half, were assigned to those in the certified category.

Airport projects were active in all states except Delaware, and in the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In Puerto Rico alone, it was pointed out, more than 9,000 WPA workers were engaged on airport construction, largely on projects sponsored by the Army and the Navy. Expenditures on airport projects in Puerto Rico through May totaled \$1,499,006.

Florida reported the next largest number of workers on airport projects, with 7,392 persons so engaged at the end of May. This state leads, however, in the amount of WPA and sponsors' funds expended on airport construction during the eleven months of fiscal 1941. Its total of \$5,672,973 is approached most closely by California, with total expenditures of \$4,592,531.

(Tables are attached showing, by states, employment on WPA defense projects as of May 28, 1941, and expenditures of WPA and sponsors' funds on WPA defense projects cumulatively from July 1, 1940, through May 30, 1941.)

NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED ON WPA DEFENSE PROJECTS <sup>1/</sup>  
BY STATE AND TYPE OF PROJECT

MAY 28, 1941

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STATE	TOTAL	HIGHWAYS ROADS AND STREETS	PUBLIC BUILDINGS	PUBLICLY OWNED OR OPERATED UTILITIES	AIRPORTS AND AIRWAYS	OTHER CONSTRUCTION	COMMUNITY SERVICE	NATIONAL DEFENSE VOCATIONAL TRAINING
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
GRAND TOTAL	429,384	164,597	65,820	38,544	72,139	22,800	31,228	34,256
CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES	405,939	160,963	57,584	38,530	61,541	22,225	31,228	33,868
ALABAMA	7,467	2,012	1,530	166	2,381	314	672	392
ARIZONA	3,487	1,186	39	-	1,966	-	192	104
ARKANSAS	2,007	537	152	-	1,136	-	49	133
CALIFORNIA	20,307	5,154	4,989	2,216	3,110	768	1,655	2,415
COLORADO	7,322	1,795	910	-	2,036	-	2,266	315
CONNECTICUT	4,282	930	46	529	1,003	320	1,253	201
DELAWARE	606	-	556	-	-	-	1	49
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	5,304	33	1,303	-	1,602	79	2,093	194
FLORIDA	16,492	2,989	3,282	553	7,392	732	1,005	499
GEORGIA	6,607	2,313	716	353	1,153	728	618	726
IDAHO	1,189	267	59	-	323	89	208	243
ILLINOIS	36,742	14,699	3,570	7,982	2,795	3,334	1,348	3,014
INDIANA	18,439	15,078	911	102	1,265	26	244	813
IOWA	942	-	204	205	296	-	68	169
KANSAS	3,073	75	1,380	55	458	-	734	371
KENTUCKY	7,687	3,435	189	268	271	2,056	1,036	432
LOUISIANA	9,323	3,824	1,920	81	1,648	839	225	786
MAINE	3,372	548	250	-	2,306	35	56	177
MARYLAND	5,019	472	1,235	444	1,664	432	598	174
MASSACHUSETTS	14,176	1,425	3,819	446	2,444	3,135	1,727	1,180
MICHIGAN	22,731	13,543	1,081	2,433	1,471	655	1,451	2,097
MINNESOTA	4,200	325	1,624	-	1,651	25	115	460
MISSISSIPPI	7,795	3,641	254	-	2,235	140	496	1,029
MISSOURI	18,807	13,029	2,739	1,273	243	199	331	993
MONTANA	3,033	1,651	326	-	815	-	133	108
NEBRASKA	2,346	928	96	340	698	41	60	183
NEVADA	678	23	14	-	58	27	553	3
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,868	291	388	224	386	109	319	171
NEW JERSEY	12,686	6,578	2,277	1,065	582	639	1,153	392
NEW MEXICO	1,650	163	535	-	747	69	11	125
NEW YORK	12,946	1,245	4,649	26	1,255	1,130	1,407	3,234
NORTH CAROLINA	10,426	7,003	326	83	1,499	59	1,212	244
NORTH DAKOTA	656	-	175	-	365	-	6	110
OHIO	25,339	15,376	268	3,988	2,358	972	161	2,216
OKLAHOMA	5,641	3,451	1,120	3	780	-	67	220
OREGON	3,483	1,130	110	691	756	177	153	466
PENNSYLVANIA	17,174	4,920	3,503	3,285	349	963	1,297	2,857
RHODE ISLAND	946	557	118	80	44	3	31	113
SOUTH CAROLINA	15,681	2,850	2,445	8,587	725	544	255	275
SOUTH DAKOTA	720	-	364	-	272	16	-	68
TENNESSEE	4,454	1,460	750	268	517	-	36	1,423
TEXAS	20,331	10,144	2,668	190	3,256	669	2,235	1,169
UTAH	1,971	42	413	438	383	139	6	550
VERMONT	1,186	434	11	106	239	226	135	33
VIRGINIA	5,493	1,344	1,140	279	1,395	210	822	303
WASHINGTON	11,418	1,887	1,732	1,511	2,139	2,085	1,793	271
WEST VIRGINIA	13,754	12,161	79	220	673	-	25	596
WISCONSIN	4,148	15	1,139	-	228	239	877	1,650
WYOMING	515	-	180	-	173	-	40	122
HAWAII	847	206	133	14	462	24	-	8
PUERTO RICO	21,762	3,428	8,103	-	9,414	437	-	380
VIRGIN ISLANDS	836	-	-	-	722	114	-	-

<sup>1/</sup> INCLUDES PROJECTS OPERATED BY THE WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECTS OPERATED BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND FINANCED BY ALLOCATION OF WPA FUNDS. DEFENSE PROJECTS INCLUDE PROJECTS SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE EXEMPTIONS AND OTHER PROJECTS DESIGNATED AS OF DEFENSE IMPORTANCE.

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
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AMOUNT OF WPA AND SPONSORS' FUNDS EXPENDED ON WPA DEFENSE PROJECTS <sup>1/</sup>  
BY STATE AND TYPE OF PROJECT

JULY 1, 1940 - MAY 31, 1941

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(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

STATE (1)	TOTAL (2)	PROJECTS OPERATED BY WPA							NATIONAL DEFENSE VOCATIONAL TRAINING (9)	WPA PROJECTS OPERATED BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES <sup>2/</sup> (10)
		HIGHWAYS ROADS AND STREETS (3)	PUBLIC BUILDINGS (4)	PUBLICLY OWNED OR OPERATED UTILITIES (5)	AIRPORTS AND AIRWAYS (6)	OTHER CON- STRUCTION (7)	COMMUNITY SERVICE (8)			
GRAND TOTAL	\$408,813,422	\$171,463,262	\$49,865,194	\$39,259,157	\$58,438,676	\$29,483,328	\$15,016,890	\$25,748,157	\$19,538,758	
CONTINENTAL U. S.	401,370,899	169,818,353	47,769,035	39,254,037	56,727,141	29,427,666	15,016,890	25,615,179	17,732,598	
ALABAMA	6,174,567	1,441,099	1,977,745	138,461	1,931,842	322,747	137,640	213,191	11,842	
ARIZONA	2,335,918	1,420,625	21,304	-	745,096	-	58,488	62,201	28,204	
ARKANSAS	1,203,682	82,703	190,818	-	802,666	-	19,470	101,181	6,844	
CALIFORNIA	24,317,925	5,353,922	4,878,554	2,780,192	4,592,531	2,523,737	467,454	1,535,053	2,186,482	
COLORADO	5,889,325	578,906	972,477	-	1,281,057	264,666	2,121,030	323,251	347,938	
CONNECTICUT	6,620,467	2,752,606	58,682	1,245,685	981,312	139,957	870,512	384,573	187,140	
DELAWARE	666,338	3,877	552,899	-	-	3,217	2,790	99,636	3,919	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	6,046,303	39,575	364,294	11,186	3,107,965	11,086	1,603,285	212,620	696,292	
FLORIDA	12,855,138	1,028,027	4,453,395	154,512	5,672,973	184,702	335,500	381,593	644,436	
GEORGIA	3,532,385	190,580	293,547	107,515	1,320,837	187,842	471,762	425,341	534,961	
IDAHO	807,092	169,294	62,373	-	120,023	90,090	267,950	97,362	-	
ILLINOIS	40,770,137	15,686,142	3,782,188	7,091,572	2,442,502	9,557,748	244,873	1,470,669	494,443	
INDIANA	18,868,656	15,852,038	487,056	598,200	1,067,240	30,514	71,430	623,637	138,541	
IOWA	1,246,670	8,845	49,636	170,340	789,368	100,985	5,115	111,420	10,961	
KANSAS	2,119,745	72,038	796,344	1,627	538,792	-	181,641	145,487	383,816	
KENTUCKY	5,114,413	860,873	278,562	368,600	375,932	1,205,269	472,780	404,735	1,147,662	
LOUISIANA	5,266,417	1,576,488	982,629	13,072	1,014,700	977,726	155,566	366,385	179,831	
MAINE	4,439,808	877,679	314,231	32,832	2,782,534	26,044	71,108	98,574	236,806	
MARYLAND	5,907,140	1,183,862	388,073	474,364	1,205,008	686,483	737,476	327,216	904,658	
MASSACHUSETTS	11,814,390	1,262,668	3,031,164	195,951	2,133,614	2,564,602	849,147	1,029,624	747,620	
MICHIGAN	23,921,583	16,344,383	751,577	3,159,562	913,075	352,582	581,966	1,814,103	4,335	
MINNESOTA	2,961,526	61,724	1,387,214	-	1,228,251	-	10,143	263,202	10,992	
MISSISSIPPI	4,553,146	2,502,211	174,458	-	1,504,077	44,073	80,531	247,796	-	
MISSOURI	20,289,224	16,860,247	1,130,205	1,426,330	213,691	97,883	9,302	503,297	48,269	
MONTANA	3,893,228	2,506,496	318,292	92,244	757,955	-	158,770	54,712	4,759	
NEBRASKA	1,423,693	145,765	74,269	683,629	398,502	54,036	7,342	52,341	7,809	
NEVADA	574,769	101,347	7,916	-	109,685	11,277	336,485	8,059	-	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,492,708	318,103	149,333	70,281	691,968	102,696	4,307	156,020	-	
NEW JERSEY	14,863,591	8,084,575	2,471,080	847,872	215,646	931,221	970,366	980,346	362,485	
NEW MEXICO	982,946	55,007	343,188	-	490,088	39,849	7,962	46,852	-	
NEW YORK	18,498,998	3,501,610	5,233,405	17,557	2,096,122	1,562,206	1,211,021	3,826,923	1,050,154	
NORTH CAROLINA	6,351,871	4,052,070	351,904	195,147	1,355,936	4,364	12,508	232,319	147,623	
NORTH DAKOTA	702,674	-	218,747	-	414,610	-	3,880	65,437	-	
OHIO	29,537,715	21,805,426	161,542	2,350,116	2,742,712	317,636	72,639	1,663,897	423,747	
OKLAHOMA	2,975,504	981,785	628,256	45,915	552,781	71,448	39,945	172,942	482,432	
OREGON	3,908,479	1,799,327	199,964	625,255	440,758	375,430	7,348	457,396	3,001	
PENNSYLVANIA	21,483,311	7,106,371	3,539,337	5,685,013	474,101	775,859	833,694	2,157,168	911,768	
RHODE ISLAND	981,230	457,462	71,707	37,493	135,363	4,191	6,101	98,285	170,628	
SOUTH CAROLINA	13,673,103	3,441,725	2,452,067	5,981,983	481,296	331,219	58,088	350,728	575,997	
SOUTH DAKOTA	509,219	-	197,262	-	161,508	3,889	-	61,726	84,834	
TENNESSEE	3,076,282	1,089,567	807,715	138,003	587,489	-	15,933	437,575	-	
TEXAS	14,361,095	9,593,247	578,901	214,827	1,092,603	443,620	801,517	497,882	1,138,498	
UTAH	2,944,303	236,956	249,573	420,221	1,185,767	495,447	4,310	350,337	1,692	
VERMONT	1,362,790	1,014,855	9,030	28,833	24,225	171,845	94,769	11,907	7,426	
VIRGINIA	4,980,314	1,012,470	724,799	641,022	629,065	92,393	147,415	334,999	1,398,151	
WASHINGTON	18,086,738	5,276,191	499,754	2,807,008	3,363,492	4,145,856	178,749	234,519	1,481,169	
WEST VIRGINIA	13,069,718	10,925,945	103,744	401,617	970,436	1,909	12,853	653,214	-	
WISCONSIN	3,079,640	1,641	883,990	-	512,760	119,322	202,859	1,312,314	46,754	
WYOMING	378,905	-	113,835	-	87,187	-	1,050	155,234	21,599	
HAWAII	1,398,820	606,945	543,278	5,120	202,529	15,666	-	25,282	-	
PUERTO RICO	5,652,455	1,037,964	1,552,881	-	1,499,006	39,996	-	107,696	1,414,912	
VIRGIN ISLANDS	391,248	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	391,248	
NOT DISTRIBUTED	456,080	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	456,080	

<sup>1/</sup> INCLUDES PROJECTS SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE EXEMPTIONS AND OTHER PROJECTS DESIGNATED AS OF DEFENSE IMPORTANCE.

<sup>2/</sup> FINANCED BY ALLOCATION OF WPA FUNDS; DATA BY TYPE NOT AVAILABLE.

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