

cline from the totals a year earlier.

The number of employees with taxable wages, estimated at 45 million, and their taxable wages, estimated at \$35 billion, increased seasonally 7.9 percent and 53.5 percent, respectively, from the totals for October-December 1953, a quarter that reflects the operation of the maximum limitation on taxable wages. These totals decreased 4.3 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively, from those for January-March 1953.

The number of employees in covered employment in the first quarter of 1954 (estimated at 45 million) and the amount of their wages paid (an estimated \$36 billion) declined 7.2 percent and 14.3 percent, respectively, from October-December 1953, slightly more than would be expected seasonally. The declines of 4.3 percent and 2.7 percent from the levels in January-March 1953 are additional evidence of the decline in economic activity.

Although average taxable wages and average wages in covered employment in the first quarter of 1954, estimated at \$780 and \$800, respectively, varied seasonally from the preceding quarter in the same direction as in past years, they increased slightly (1.0 percent and 1.3 percent) from the first quarter of 1953. These small increases are in line with increases in wage rates.

An estimated 3.6 million employers were paying taxable wages in the first quarter of 1954. This number was 2.2 percent less than the number in the fourth quarter of 1953 and 1.1 percent less than that in the first quarter of that year.

## OASI Contributions for State and Local Government Employees

The Social Security Act Amendments of 1950 made coverage available, under agreements between the States and the Federal Government, to employees of State and local governments not covered by State or local retirement systems.<sup>1</sup> The provisions became effective January 1, 1951.

<sup>1</sup> See the *Bulletin*, December 1950, pages 8-9.

Data on payments into the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund by State and local governments under voluntary coverage agreements have not been included in tables on taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act that have been published in the *BULLETIN*. Payments equivalent to taxes, under these coverage agreements, are shown in the accompanying table for the calendar years 1951, 1952, and 1953, and for the fiscal years 1951-52 and 1952-53. Similar data for later periods will be presented regularly in the future.

Agreements for State and local

coverage may be retroactive, and payments in one period may cover earlier periods as far back as the first quarter of 1951. The omission of a State from the table does not, therefore, necessarily indicate that there is no coverage agreement in that State. Likewise, the omission of payments during some of the periods shown for the States listed does not preclude coverage under the program for the period in which no payments were made.

Under the agreements, State and local governments make their payments to Federal Reserve banks or

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### Social security contributions for State and local government employees paid under voluntary agreements, by State and by specified period, 1951-53<sup>1</sup>

[In thousands]

State	Calendar year			Fiscal year	
	1951 <sup>2</sup>	1952	1953	1951-52	1952-53
Total.....	\$9,053	\$38,229	\$67,202	\$25,680	\$44,075
Alabama.....	345	1,156	1,216	969	1,117
Arizona.....	139	580	2,038	385	1,717
Arkansas.....	517	855	950	778	895
California.....	597	1,223	1,485	991	1,384
Colorado.....	.....	636	614	382	530
Connecticut.....	.....	367	380	108	433
Delaware.....	.....	36	51	18	46
Florida.....	.....	385	615	160	538
Georgia.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....
Idaho.....	339	1,003	896	814	857
Illinois.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Indiana.....	.....	842	1,549	243	1,229
Iowa.....	.....	.....	13,250	.....	.....
Kansas.....	1,305	2,295	2,554	2,322	2,536
Kentucky.....	881	2,155	2,055	2,080	1,971
Louisiana.....	.....	.....	651	.....	426
Maine.....	.....	195	208	99	191
Maryland.....	.....	142	198	61	172
Massachusetts.....	.....	7	9	.....	9
Michigan.....	.....	959	1,087	27	1,484
Mississippi.....	.....	2,632	2,796	.....	4,224
Missouri.....	1,462	4,220	3,811	3,823	3,704
Nebraska.....	727	1,408	1,389	1,433	1,345
New Hampshire.....	.....	54	88	30	71
New Jersey.....	.....	.....	226	.....	72
New York.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....
North Carolina.....	90	430	556	307	461
Oklahoma.....	1,354	1,903	2,024	1,833	1,928
Oregon.....	21	245	8,296	108	343
Pennsylvania.....	.....	252	2,250	.....	1,356
Rhode Island.....	.....	213	266	111	202
South Dakota.....	271	1,364	1,436	961	1,385
Tennessee.....	15	643	739	370	596
Texas.....	.....	1,032	1,280	519	1,124
Utah.....	69	796	901	109	1,237
Vermont.....	5	124	126	71	115
Virginia.....	.....	7,193	6,186	4,420	6,190
Washington.....	28	319	388	184	344
West Virginia.....	615	1,271	1,272	1,178	1,292
Wisconsin.....	239	659	698	559	681
Wyoming.....	.....	298	1,516	114	1,051
Alaska.....	30	187	351	111	228
Puerto Rico.....	.....	149	786	.....	590
Instrumentalities.....	2	3	2	3	2

<sup>1</sup> Represents payments made in the respective States. Amounts shown do not equal deposits into old-age and survivors insurance trust fund but represent payments during the specified periods, based on monthly reports forwarded to the Division of Accounting Operations, Bureau of Old-Age and

Survivors Insurance, by the Secretary of the Treasury. The contribution rate was 1½ percent each for employer and employee on wages and salaries paid.

<sup>2</sup> Payments made for the period Apr. 1, 1951-Dec. 31, 1951.

Table 14.—Aid to dependent children: Recipients and payments to recipients, by State, October 1954<sup>1</sup>

[Includes vendor payments for medical care and cases receiving only such payments]

State	Number of families	Number of recipients		Payments to recipients			Percentage change from—			
		Total <sup>2</sup>	Children	Total amount	Average per—		September 1954 in—		October 1953 in—	
					Family	Recipient	Number of families	Amount	Number of families	Amount
<b>Total<sup>3</sup></b> .....	590,979	2,121,887	1,599,742	\$50,775,470	\$85.92	\$23.93	+0.5	+1.0	+8.7	+11.8
Alabama.....	16,494	62,898	48,233	702,149	42.57	11.16	-.5	-.6	-2.2	+3.4
Alaska.....	1,100	3,752	2,768	84,898	77.18	22.63	+2.2	+2.1	+21.3	+32.6
Arizona.....	4,192	16,124	12,189	380,932	90.87	23.63	-2.8	-6.4	+10.5	+13.0
Arkansas.....	7,241	27,296	21,044	386,724	53.41	14.17	-3.5	-4.4	+9.9	-2.7
California.....	53,408	178,103	135,750	6,666,470	124.82	37.43	+3.3	+6.6	+6.9	+10.9
Colorado.....	5,772	21,457	16,390	615,086	106.56	28.67	+5.5	+5.5	+9.5	+12.3
Connecticut.....	4,666	14,960	11,085	613,572	134.38	41.01	+5.5	+1.9	+13.8	+18.2
Delaware.....	970	3,770	2,858	82,536	85.09	21.89	+4.8	+4.3	+35.1	+32.5
District of Columbia.....	2,383	9,745	7,591	250,732	105.22	25.73	+8.3	+5.5	+13.9	+12.3
Florida.....	20,469	71,553	54,242	1,113,714	54.41	15.56	+1.3	+1.2	+8.4	+10.2
Georgia.....	13,547	48,463	37,170	1,003,530	74.08	20.71	+1.7	+1.5	+9.5	+11.5
Hawaii.....	3,067	11,592	9,168	281,606	91.79	24.28	-1.2	-4.6	+11.4	+13.9
Idaho.....	1,807	6,371	4,665	223,462	123.66	35.07	-9.0	-1.0	+2.4	+5.3
Illinois.....	20,601	78,354	59,229	2,631,710	128.37	33.59	( <sup>4</sup> )	+9.9	+3.9	+8.2
Indiana.....	8,254	29,029	21,575	731,724	88.65	25.21	0	+4.4	+13.5	+19.1
Iowa.....	6,512	23,365	17,409	722,984	111.02	30.94	+1.1	+4.4	+13.4	+5.3
Kansas.....	4,226	15,282	11,728	464,037	109.81	30.36	+6.6	+2.2	+10.2	+13.6
Kentucky.....	18,388	64,897	48,260	1,136,514	61.81	17.51	-2.2	-2.2	-.2	-.2
Louisiana.....	17,123	65,341	49,525	1,096,872	64.06	16.79	+9.9	+1.7	-6.7	-4.9
Maine.....	4,191	14,603	10,558	346,741	82.73	23.74	+2.2	+5.5	+3.9	+4.0
Maryland.....	6,000	24,121	18,627	567,870	94.64	23.54	+1.2	+2.6	+20.8	+21.6
Massachusetts.....	12,515	41,665	30,726	1,560,468	124.69	37.45	+1.2	+1.5	+3.4	+7.4
Michigan.....	19,403	65,998	47,973	2,121,363	109.33	32.14	+1.1	+2.0	+6.6	+14.9
Minnesota.....	7,449	25,452	19,548	871,700	117.00	34.24	0	+2.2	+8.6	+16.6
Mississippi.....	15,720	59,569	45,984	410,405	26.11	6.89	+1.1	+1.1	+26.7	+18.6
Missouri.....	21,100	73,522	54,458	1,416,169	67.12	19.26	+5.5	+8.8	+4.9	+7.8
Montana.....	2,211	7,820	5,878	226,050	102.24	28.91	+2.2	-1.1	+1.9	+1.8
Nebraska.....	2,443	8,791	6,574	228,150	93.39	25.95	+1.1	-3.3	+2.7	-1.5
Nevada <sup>5</sup> .....	24	91	67	1,048	( <sup>6</sup> )	11.52	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
New Hampshire.....	1,049	3,662	2,696	130,941	124.82	35.76	-1.0	-4.4	-7.4	-6.5
New Jersey.....	5,346	17,856	13,558	616,517	115.32	34.53	+1.1	-5.5	+11.2	+18.5
New Mexico.....	6,708	24,451	18,787	492,764	73.46	20.15	+3.3	-4.4	+18.8	+19.5
New York.....	50,754	181,158	132,226	6,921,073	136.37	38.20	+1.2	+2.6	+13.1	+16.9
North Carolina.....	17,903	67,270	51,290	1,096,662	61.26	16.30	+2.0	+2.3	+9.6	+15.7
North Dakota.....	1,423	5,241	4,025	165,160	116.06	31.51	-1.0	-1.1	-3.3	+8.4
Ohio <sup>6</sup> .....	14,172	53,410	40,540	1,358,465	95.86	25.43	+9.9	+3.8	+13.7	+19.6
Oklahoma.....	15,110	52,304	38,379	1,113,469	73.69	21.29	-6.6	-7.7	-6.0	-3.0
Oregon.....	3,617	12,877	9,719	449,990	124.41	34.95	+1.1	+1.1	+21.0	+23.6
Pennsylvania.....	27,864	105,890	80,208	2,892,372	103.80	27.31	+1.1	+1.4	+17.2	+26.1
Puerto Rico.....	40,981	137,557	105,293	415,152	10.13	3.02	+1.1	+1.4	+15.8	+18.9
Rhode Island.....	3,301	11,389	8,360	366,874	111.14	32.21	-2.2	+4.4	+7.6	+8.9
South Carolina.....	7,836	29,180	22,483	364,907	46.57	12.51	+1.2	+1.6	+15.7	+20.0
South Dakota.....	2,795	9,271	7,084	229,738	82.20	24.78	-1.1	-2.0	+3.8	+4.6
Tennessee.....	22,160	79,816	59,604	1,508,393	68.07	18.90	-3.3	-5.5	+9.7	+10.5
Texas.....	20,782	81,088	60,587	1,236,871	59.52	15.25	+1.2	+1.0	+19.6	+8.5
Utah.....	3,110	10,855	8,059	349,260	112.30	32.18	-1.0	-2.4	+10.4	+9.5
Vermont.....	1,013	3,363	2,674	78,285	77.28	23.28	-8.8	-5.5	+1.6	+4.0
Virgin Islands.....	167	628	518	3,911	23.42	6.23	-1.2	-4.4	-9.2	+37.4
Virginia.....	8,489	32,746	25,225	558,283	65.77	17.05	-6.6	-1.6	+13.7	+12.4
Washington.....	8,490	28,919	21,199	890,768	104.92	30.80	-1.0	-6.6	-6.6	+2.2
West Virginia.....	18,458	69,825	54,339	1,483,812	80.39	21.25	+5.5	+7.7	+4.7	+19.2
Wisconsin.....	7,856	27,268	20,171	1,056,813	134.52	38.76	+3.3	+1.3	+3.8	+7.6
Wyoming.....	519	1,879	1,426	56,004	107.91	29.81	+1.4	+2.5	+7.0	+8.1

<sup>1</sup> For definition of terms see the *Bulletin*, January 1953, p. 16. All data subject to revision.

<sup>2</sup> Includes as recipients the children and 1 parent or other adult relative in families in which the requirements of at least 1 such adult were considered in determining the amount of assistance.

<sup>3</sup> Includes program administered without Federal participation in Nevada.

<sup>4</sup> Decrease of less than 0.05 percent.

<sup>5</sup> Average payment not computed on base of less than 50 families; percentage change, on less than 100 families.

<sup>6</sup> In addition to these payments from aid to dependent children funds, supplemental payments of \$47,696 from general assistance funds were made to 1,388 families.

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to branch banks. The Federal Reserve banks deposit with the United States Treasury amounts equal to the payments made by the State and local governments. Subsequently, on a

monthly basis, the Secretary of the Treasury forwards a report of these deposits to the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance. These reports are the basis for the data shown in the table. The amounts of payments, as shown, are equivalent to deposits

received by the banks during the specified periods.

The State and local governments, as employers, and the covered employees each made contributions at the rate of 1½ percent of wages paid for all periods through 1953.