

Number of households and persons benefiting from public-aid programs, by month and by program, January 1933-June 1940*—Continued

[In thousands]

Year and month	Persons employed on Federal work programs and recipients of public aid under means-test programs														Social-insurance beneficiaries						
	Grand total all programs (gross) ¹		Estimated unduplicated total ²		NYA ⁴			Other Federal agency projects financed from emergency funds ⁵	Special types of public assistance ³			General relief ⁹	FERA special programs ¹⁰	Farm Security Administration grants ¹¹	Gross total ¹²		Unemployment compensation		Old-age survivors insurance		Persons employed on regular Federal construction projects ¹⁷
	Households	Persons in these households	Households	Persons in these households	WPA ³	Student work program	Out-of-school work program		CCC ⁴	CWA ⁶	Old-age assistance				Aid to dependent children		Aid to the blind	Households	Persons	Under the Social Security Act ¹³	
								Families				Children									
1938																					
January	5,739	17,284	5,633	17,092	1,801	310	146	285	196	1,600	234	578	57	1,893	108	106	192	14	92	138	
February	6,525	19,819	5,959	18,248	2,001	320	152	278	186	1,623	241	595	58	1,996	119	566	1,571	472	94	130	
March	7,379	22,533	6,339	19,544	2,319	327	155	262	196	1,646	247	610	60	1,994	126	1,040	2,989	943	97	141	
April	7,384	22,637	6,420	19,883	2,538	334	159	262	233	1,662	252	622	60	1,815	117	964	2,754	862	102	158	
May	7,571	23,197	6,499	20,124	2,638	329	179	257	300	1,677	256	630	62	1,696	112	1,072	3,073	967	105	187	
June	7,478	23,012	6,478	20,156	2,741	219	209	245	335	1,657	258	638	62	1,648	93	1,000	2,856	392	108	206	
July	7,414	22,865	6,418	20,028	2,996	0	215	284	241	1,707	260	640	63	1,610	69	996	2,837	885	111	219	
August	7,646	23,660	6,536	20,484	3,122	2	219	290	102	1,716	265	651	64	1,581	64	1,110	3,176	996	114	236	
September	7,567	23,327	6,566	20,479	3,209	49	221	268	119	1,731	268	659	65	1,526	69	1,001	2,848	885	116	246	
October	7,723	23,541	6,833	21,031	3,282	322	220	291	134	1,746	271	664	65	1,497	78	890	2,510	771	119	243	
November	7,671	23,326	6,937	21,289	3,330	364	230	293	152	1,762	274	672	66	1,518	89	734	2,037	612	122	225	
December	7,673	23,275	6,957	21,295	3,156	372	240	275	170	1,776	280	684	67	1,631	115	716	1,980	592	124	199	
1939																					
January	7,745	23,415	6,963	21,236	3,016	372	237	295	184	1,787	287	700	67	1,772	126	782	2,179	657	125	168	
February	7,909	23,804	7,012	21,285	2,990	382	242	296	184	1,799	296	717	67	1,844	123	897	2,519	770	127	158	
March	7,978	23,968	7,017	21,256	3,004	380	236	259	189	1,813	298	721	68	1,850	127	961	2,712	833	128	161	
April	7,622	22,716	6,807	20,446	2,786	384	228	285	212	1,830	296	715	68	1,724	113	815	2,270	685	130	180	
May	7,507	22,160	6,600	19,615	2,638	372	225	292	233	1,832	299	722	68	1,644	87	907	2,545	776	131	206	
June	7,300	21,396	6,366	18,770	2,570	280	214	266	249	1,842	311	748	68	1,568	69	934	2,626	802	132	239	
July	6,908	20,260	5,992	17,689	2,279	(18)	207	288	233	1,858	312	750	68	1,539	46	916	2,571	765	18	133	
August	6,720	19,511	5,758	16,806	1,967	1	211	289	225	1,871	312	750	69	1,583	72	962	2,705	797	31	134	
September	6,396	18,200	5,481	15,635	1,715	70	225	255	211	1,884	313	752	69	1,665	53	915	2,565	730	50	135	
October	6,380	17,927	5,711	16,104	1,867	362	238	288	189	1,894	313	752	69	1,628	48	669	1,823	502	31	136	
November	6,609	18,631	5,806	16,407	1,946	423	261	292	174	1,903	313	753	69	1,559	66	803	2,224	637	28	138	
December	6,743	19,184	5,909	16,867	2,109	434	296	266	143	1,909	315	760	70	1,558	96	834	2,317	658	37	139	
1940																					
January	7,221	20,791	6,146	17,759	2,203	437	322	293	110	1,922	325	783	70	1,674	106	1,075	3,032	875	57	4	
February	7,407	21,383	6,221	18,024	2,293	456	336	296	92	1,927	329	792	70	1,672	115	1,186	3,359	986	53	8	
March	7,507	21,646	6,188	17,912	2,294	473	335	264	85	1,933	334	804	70	1,612	119	1,319	3,734	1,095	57	33	
April	7,173	20,473	5,981	17,134	2,125	482	321	272	85	1,942	338	814	71	1,527	87	1,192	3,339	961	51	53	
May	7,170	20,309	5,741	16,270	1,963	477	296	270	84	1,953	342	823	71	1,442	72	1,429	4,039	1,201	35	72	
June	6,893	19,393	5,383	15,129	1,734	313	269	240	81	1,967	346	831	72	1,355	60	1,510	4,264	1,269	31	97	

*Data are partly estimated. The series pertaining to public-aid programs is restricted to the continental United States; the series pertaining to social-insurance programs covers United States and Territories. Recipients of workmen's compensation are not included in this appendix.

For current data on the number of persons and households benefiting from Federal work programs and means-test programs, see the monthly *WPA Statistical Bulletin*, tables entitled "Number of households and persons receiving public relief and employment on Federal work programs, Continental United States, by month," and "Number of persons employed on Federal work programs and recipients of public relief, Continental United States."

Current data on social-insurance beneficiaries are given in the monthly *Social Security Bulletin*, tables entitled "Individuals receiving payments under selected social insurance and retirement programs, by month," and "Number and amount of monthly benefits in force in each payment status and actions effected during month, by type of benefit" (relating to old-age and survivors insurance under the Social Security Act).

Details on railroad retirement benefits are also given in the *Social Security Bulletin* in the table entitled "Railroad Retirement: Number and amount of annuities and pensions in force and net benefit payments certified to the Secretary of the Treasury, by class of payment."

¹ Represent the gross totals under all programs; no estimates are available as to the extent of duplication between the social insurances and the other public-aid programs in the number of households or persons in these households.

² Estimated by the Work Projects Administration and the Social Security Board. Source: *Social Security Bulletin*, IV (February 1941) 68-70, table 9.

³ Represent average weekly number of persons employed during month on projects operated by the WPA and, for July 1938 and subsequent months, of persons employed on projects operated by the WPA as well as on projects operated by other Federal agencies but financed by allocation of WPA funds. Source: see footnote 2.

⁴ Represent the number of persons employed during month. Source: see footnote 2.

⁵ Estimated for January 1935-April 1935 by the CCC; for subsequent months they are averages computed by the CCC from reports on number of persons enrolled on 10th, 20th, and last day of each month, except for the Indian Division, for which averages are computed from daily reports. Source: see footnote 2.

⁶ Represent estimated number of persons employed during month. Source: see footnote 2.

⁷ Represent average weekly number of persons employed during monthly period ended on 15th of specified month on projects financed in whole or in part from emergency Federal funds other than those of the WPA, NYA, CCC, and CWA. Source: see footnote 2.

⁸ Data for January 1933-January 1936 represent recipients assisted from State and local funds only; for subsequent months data represent recipients assisted from Federal, State, and local funds for programs administered under State plans approved by the Social Security Board and from State and local funds for programs administered under State laws without Federal participation. Recipients of hospitalization and/or burial only are excluded. Source: see footnote 2.

⁹ Represent number of cases aided during month. Data for 1933-35 represent cases receiving direct relief, relief, and nonrelief persons (other than administrative employees) employed under general-relief programs of the FERA, and estimates of general-relief cases aided by local authorities from public funds under poor laws. Cases receiving hospitalization and/or burial only are excluded. Source: see footnote 2.

¹⁰ Represent cases receiving aid during month under emergency education, student aid, rural rehabilitation, and transient programs of emergency relief administrations largely financed from FERA funds. Source: see footnote 2.

¹¹ Represent the number of emergency grant vouchers certified to cases and number of cases receiving commodities purchased by the FSA and distributed during month. Ordinarily only 1 grant voucher per case is certified per month. Source: see footnote 2.

¹² No published information is available concerning the monthly number of households and persons (as distinct from recipients) benefiting from the several insurance programs. On the basis of obtainable data, mostly unpublished, the following averages have been estimated for the purpose of converting recipient data into household and person data:

Social insurance program	Recipients per household	Persons per household
Unemployment Compensation: Social Security Act and railroad retirement legislation (entire period).....	1.0	3.0
Old-age and survivors insurance, primary, supplementary, and survivors' benefits—Social Security Act:		
January 1940.....	1.13	1.45
February 1940.....	1.23	1.59
March 1940.....	1.32	1.70
April 1940.....	1.40	1.80
May 1940.....	1.45	1.87
June 1940.....	1.48	1.90
Annuities—railroad retirement (entire period).....	1.0	1.7
Pensions—railroad retirement (entire period).....	1.0	1.6
Survivor and death benefit annuities—railroad retirement (entire period).....	1.0	1.0

The totals do not include recipients of (1) lump-sum death payments under 1939 amendments of the Social Security Act (2) lump-sum payments under the Social Security Act of 1935, (3) lump-sum death payments under the Railroad Retirement Act and (4) workmen's compensation.

In estimating the number of households, the averages shown in the first column of the preceding table were divided into the corresponding recipient figures before these figures were rounded out to the nearest thousand. The estimates of persons were obtained by multiplying the number of households by the corresponding averages shown in the second column of table. In combining the totals for the several social insurance programs no allowance was made for duplication in households and persons between those programs. No basis is available for estimating the extent of such duplication; its volume is believed to be negligible.

¹³ For 1938, represents estimated average weekly number of individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits during month. For 1939, represents number of individuals receiving benefits during middle week of month specified. For 1940, represents average number of weeks of unemployment compensated in calendar weeks ended within month. Prior to January 1938, unemployment compensation benefits were paid in Wisconsin only. In January 1938, 22 additional States inaugurated the payment of unemployment compensation benefits. The number of such States grew to 24 in April 1938, 27 in July 1938, 28 in September 1938, 29 in December 1938, 47 in January 1939, and 49 (including the District of Columbia) in July 1939. Sources: *Social Security Bulletin*, IV, (February 1941), 96, table 2; and special tabulation dated January 10, 1941 from the Social Security Board.

¹⁴ Represents the number of individuals receiving benefits during second and third weeks of month for days of unemployment in registration periods of 15 consecutive days. Prior to July 1939, the payment of unemployment benefits to railroad workers was an integral part of the unemployment compensation program under the Social Security Act. Separate data for railroad workers for months prior to July 1939 are not available. Source: *Social Security Bulletin*, IV (February 1941), 96, table 2.

¹⁵ Represents the number of individuals for whom monthly benefits for primary, supplementary, or survivors insurance were certified for payment during month. Source: *ibid.*

¹⁶ Represents the sum of age and disability annuities, pensions and survivor and death benefit annuities in force at end of month. Sources: Annual reports of the Railroad Retirement Board; 1939, table 10, pp. 46-47; 1940, table C-5, p. 247.

¹⁷ This item is excluded from the total and is shown here as a memorandum only. Represents average weekly number of persons employed during monthly period ended on 15th of specified month on projects financed in whole or in part from regular Federal funds. Source: See footnote 2.

¹⁸ Less than 500 persons.

¹⁹ Unemployment compensation in operation in Wisconsin only. Monthly data on beneficiaries not available. An estimated 87,000 different persons received unemployment compensation benefits during the period August 1936 through December 1937.

²⁰ The sum of recipient data exceeds the total number of households because a household benefiting from primary, supplementary, or survivors insurance under the Social Security Act is estimated to contain on the average more than one recipient of this type of social insurance. See also footnote 1.