

Welfare administrators also need to attack the overall problem through a different avenue. They must, in addition to searching critically and fearlessly their own administration, join with all organized medical groups and health facilities in the community in seeing that adequate medical services are available to recipients of assistance. Such efforts need not and should not be carried by the welfare agency alone.

Nationally, the caseload in aid to dependent children has changed rather significantly in recent years, as an increasing number of children of deceased fathers are supported through old-age and survivors insurance. At the time of Dr. MacCoy's report, 5 out of 6 families receiving aid to dependent children were eligible because of the incapacity or absence of the parent. Two and a half times as many children were eligible because of a parent's absence as because of his incapacity. However, the figures for November 1953 show that nearly 109,000 families were eligible because of incapacity. About a quarter of a million children thus look hopefully for a guarantee that the family deprivation due to incapacity will not go on indefinitely—look for the father's restoration, as soon as possible, to his rightful place as father in every sense of the word.

Employers, Workers, and Wages Under OASI, January-March 1954

The contraction in business activity early in 1954 is reflected in the first-quarter estimates of the number of employers and workers and the amount of wages taxable under old-age and survivors insurance, shown in the accompanying table. (The quarterly estimates exclude the self-employed, who have been covered since 1950, and their earnings.) While the number of employees with taxable wages, the amount of taxable wages, and the amount of wages in covered employment in January-March 1954 varied from the levels in the preceding quarter in accordance with seasonal patterns observed in the past, they each showed a de-

Estimated number of employers¹ and workers and amount of earnings in employment covered under old-age and survivors insurance, for specified periods, 1940-54²

[Corrected to Nov. 10, 1954]

Year and quarter ³	Em- ployers reporting wages ⁴ (in thous- ands)	Workers with taxable earnings during period ⁴ (in thous- ands)	Taxable earnings ⁴		All workers in covered employ- ment during period ⁵ (in thous- ands)	Total earnings in covered employ- ment ⁵	
			Total (in mil- lions)	Average per worker		Total (in mil- lions)	Average per worker
1940.....	2,500	35,393	\$32,974	\$932	35,393	\$35,668	\$1,008
1941.....	2,646	40,976	41,848	1,021	40,976	45,463	1,110
1942.....	2,655	46,363	52,939	1,142	46,363	58,219	1,256
1943.....	2,394	47,656	62,423	1,310	47,656	69,653	1,462
1944.....	2,469	46,296	64,426	1,392	46,296	73,349	1,584
1945.....	2,614	46,392	62,945	1,357	46,392	71,560	1,543
1946.....	3,017	48,845	69,088	1,414	48,845	79,260	1,623
1947.....	3,246	48,908	78,372	1,602	48,908	92,449	1,890
1948.....	3,298	49,018	84,122	1,716	49,018	102,255	2,085
1949.....	3,316	46,796	81,808	1,748	46,796	99,989	2,137
1950.....	3,345	48,283	87,498	1,812	48,283	109,804	2,274
1951 ⁶	4,440	58,000	120,700	72,080	58,000	149,000	72,570
1952 ⁶	4,450	60,000	128,800	72,150	60,000	161,000	72,680
1953 ⁶	4,350	61,000	137,000	72,250	61,000	175,000	72,870
1946							
January-March.....	2,287	36,038	16,840	467	36,038	17,397	483
April-June.....	2,416	38,055	17,845	469	38,153	19,079	500
July-September.....	2,478	39,670	17,709	446	40,228	20,222	503
October-December.....	2,513	37,945	16,694	440	39,930	22,562	565
1947							
January-March.....	2,509	38,765	20,805	537	38,765	21,497	555
April-June.....	2,587	39,801	20,655	519	40,175	22,245	554
July-September.....	2,617	40,255	19,555	486	41,155	23,035	560
October-December.....	2,609	37,448	17,357	463	40,748	25,672	630
1948							
January-March.....	2,588	39,560	23,080	583	39,560	23,923	605
April-June.....	2,690	40,245	22,708	564	40,524	24,668	609
July-September.....	2,699	40,585	21,150	521	41,675	25,700	617
October-December.....	2,661	36,790	17,184	467	41,540	27,964	673
1949							
January-March.....	2,639	38,162	23,376	613	38,162	24,254	636
April-June.....	2,693	38,591	22,571	585	38,864	24,570	632
July-September.....	2,697	38,333	20,160	526	39,601	24,971	631
October-December.....	2,692	34,529	15,701	455	39,477	26,194	664
1950							
January-March.....	2,671	37,393	23,490	628	37,393	24,316	650
April-June.....	2,766	39,264	24,052	613	39,557	26,210	663
July-September.....	2,798	40,486	22,882	553	41,923	28,165	672
October-December.....	2,741	35,609	17,574	494	41,792	31,113	744
1951							
January-March ⁶	3,552	43,600	30,336	696	43,600	31,000	710
April-June ⁶	3,658	45,200	30,693	679	45,500	33,000	730
July-September ⁶	3,635	45,800	27,815	607	46,800	33,000	710
October-December ⁶	3,638	42,000	22,702	541	46,000	36,000	780
1952							
January-March ⁶	3,595	45,000	33,159	737	45,000	34,000	760
April-June ⁶	3,670	46,800	32,627	697	47,000	35,000	740
July-September ⁶	3,645	46,700	29,166	625	48,000	36,000	750
October-December ⁶	3,640	42,600	24,067	565	48,000	40,000	780
1953							
January-March ⁶	3,590	47,000	36,300	772	47,000	37,000	790
April-June ⁶	3,660	48,300	36,000	745	48,500	39,000	800
July-September ⁶	3,650	47,800	31,000	649	49,500	39,000	790
October-December ⁶	3,630	41,700	22,800	547	48,500	42,000	870
1954							
January-March ⁶	3,550	45,000	35,000	780	45,000	36,000	800

¹ Number corresponds to number of employer returns. A return may relate to more than 1 establishment if employer operates several separate establishments but reports for concern as a whole.

² Excludes joint coverage under the railroad retirement and old-age and survivors insurance programs.

³ Annual totals for 1951-53 include the self-employed and their earnings (covered beginning 1951); quarterly totals exclude the self-employed and their earnings.

⁴ For quarterly and annual data for 1937-39 see the *Bulletin*, February 1947, p. 31. Quarterly data for other years were in the August 1947, February 1948, and January 1953 issues.

⁵ For a description of the series and quarterly data for 1940 see the *Bulletin*, August 1947, p. 30. Quarterly data for other years were in the February 1948 and January 1953 issues.

⁶ Preliminary.

⁷ Rounded to nearest \$10.

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.¹ The provisions became effective January 1, 1951.

¹ 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, 1951-53¹

[In thousands]

State	Calendar year			Fiscal year	
	1951 ²	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

¹ 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.

² Payments made for the period Apr. 1, 1951-Dec. 31, 1951.