

Estimated number of aged persons and dependent survivors receiving income from specified source, June 1951¹

[In millions]

| Source of income | Persons aged 65 and over | | | Widows under age 65 | | Paternal orphans under age 18 ³ |
|---|--------------------------|-----|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | Total | Men | Women | Total ² | With 1 or more children under age 18 | |
| Total in population ⁴ | 12.7 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 2.0 |
| Employment..... | 3.9 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 1.9 | .4 | .1 |
| Earners..... | 2.9 | 2.4 | .5 | 1.9 | .4 | .1 |
| Wives of earners..... | .9 | | .9 | | | |
| Social insurance and related programs | | | | | | |
| Old-age and survivors insurance..... | 3.0 | 1.7 | 1.3 | .2 | .2 | .7 |
| Railroad retirement..... | .3 | .2 | .1 | (⁵) | (⁵) | (⁵) |
| Federal employee retirement programs..... | .2 | .1 | (⁵) | (⁵) | (⁵) | (⁵) |
| Veterans' compensation and pension program..... | .3 | .2 | .1 | .4 | .1 | .3 |
| Other ⁶ | .4 | .1 | .3 | (⁵) | (⁵) | (⁵) |
| Public assistance..... | 2.7 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 1.1 | 3.4 |

- ¹ Continental United States only.
- ² Excludes widows who have remarried.
- ³ Includes children not living with widowed mother.
- ⁴ Includes person with no income and with income from sources other than those specified. Some persons received income from more than one of the sources listed.
- ⁵ Less than 50,000.
- ⁶ Beneficiaries of State and local government programs and wives of male beneficiaries of programs other than old-age and survivors insurance.
- ⁷ Old-age assistance.
- ⁸ Aid to dependent children.

the groups with income from sources other than those listed in the table—that is, persons with income from investments, industrial pensions, individually purchased annuities, and contributions from relatives and friends. It is estimated that perhaps a quarter of a million persons aged 65 and over were in receipt of industrial pensions in 1950, that about 400,000 aged persons, including some industrial pensioners, were receiving annuities under insurance company contracts; and that about 300,000 aged survivors of insured persons were drawing periodic payments from insurance companies under life insurance contracts.

Reports from State public assistance agencies to the Social Security Administration for August 1951 indicate that about 1 in 8 aged beneficiaries of old-age and survivors insurance and about 1 in every 10 child beneficiaries were receiving supplementary assistance in that month.

Workmen's Compensation Payments, 1950

Compensation payments and medical benefits under workmen's compensation programs during 1950 have been estimated at \$618 million, 8.5

Source: Earners aged 65 and over estimated by the Bureau of the Census. Population aged 65 and over, number of widows in population, number of earners among widows and paternal orphans, number of wives of earners, and number of wives of male beneficiaries of programs other than old-age and survivors insurance estimated from Bureau of the Census data. Number of paternal orphans under age 18 based on October 1949 estimate prepared by the Social Security Administration. Number of persons in receipt of payments under social insurance and related programs and from public assistance, reported by administrative agencies, partly estimated.

percent more than for the preceding year. The relative increase was somewhat greater than that in 1949, when payments were 6.1 percent above the total for 1948.

The slight acceleration in the rate of increase accompanied an upturn in the number of work injuries, as estimated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. After dropping to a 10-year low in 1949, the volume of all disabling work injuries—compensable and noncompensable—increased about 4 percent between 1949 and 1950. Compensation payments during 1950 reflect the high wages on which benefits are based as well as this increase in the number of workers injured in on-the-job accidents.

The increase was very uneven among the States. Under 10 programs, payments in 1950 were at least 15 percent higher than in 1949. For some of these programs, notably that for Federal employees, the greater rate of increase was associated with a statutory liberalization in the maximum on the weekly benefit amount; for several others, however, the increase was a continuation of a rise that had been significantly greater than the national increase during the past few years.

Of the total of \$618 million, 62 per-

Estimates of workmen's compensation payments, by State, 1949 and 1950¹

[In thousands]

| State | 1949 | 1950 | Percent-age change, 1950 from 1949 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Total..... | \$569, 538 | \$618, 489 | +8.5 |
| Alabama..... | 2, 659 | 2, 137 | -19.6 |
| Arizona..... | 8, 218 | 7, 500 | -8.7 |
| Arkansas..... | 3, 501 | 3, 705 | +5.8 |
| California..... | 52, 672 | 57, 070 | +8.3 |
| Colorado..... | 3, 154 | 3, 568 | +13.1 |
| Connecticut..... | 9, 438 | 9, 500 | +7 |
| Delaware..... | 670 | 720 | +7.5 |
| District of Columbia..... | 2, 279 | 2, 360 | +3.6 |
| Florida..... | 6, 815 | 7, 418 | +8.8 |
| Georgia..... | 3, 806 | 4, 287 | +12.6 |
| Idaho..... | 1, 920 | 1, 950 | +1.6 |
| Illinois..... | 29, 941 | 31, 370 | +4.8 |
| Indiana..... | 8, 604 | 8, 920 | +2.6 |
| Iowa..... | 4, 192 | 4, 985 | +18.9 |
| Kansas..... | 3, 682 | 4, 260 | +15.7 |
| Kentucky..... | 6, 508 | 6, 767 | +4.0 |
| Louisiana..... | 9, 915 | 11, 400 | +15.0 |
| Maine..... | 1, 854 | 1, 600 | -13.7 |
| Maryland..... | 6, 506 | 6, 920 | +6.4 |
| Massachusetts..... | 20, 916 | 24, 100 | +15.2 |
| Michigan..... | 20, 007 | 23, 243 | +16.2 |
| Minnesota..... | 9, 302 | 9, 662 | +3.9 |
| Mississippi..... | 1, 383 | 2, 420 | +75.0 |
| Missouri..... | 10, 170 | 10, 520 | +3.4 |
| Montana..... | 2, 422 | 2, 544 | +5.0 |
| Nebraska..... | 2, 178 | 2, 360 | +8.4 |
| Nevada..... | 1, 571 | 1, 500 | -4.5 |
| New Hampshire..... | 1, 546 | 1, 670 | +8.0 |
| New Jersey..... | 27, 681 | 29, 010 | +4.8 |
| New Mexico..... | 1, 760 | 2, 330 | +32.4 |
| New York..... | 112, 051 | 119, 188 | +6.4 |
| North Carolina..... | 5, 812 | 6, 430 | +10.6 |
| North Dakota..... | 1, 060 | 1, 100 | +3.8 |
| Ohio..... | 38, 065 | 40, 000 | +5.1 |
| Oklahoma..... | 7, 525 | 8, 044 | +6.9 |
| Oregon..... | 7, 923 | 8, 983 | +13.4 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 29, 138 | 30, 530 | +5.8 |
| Rhode Island..... | 3, 516 | 3, 800 | +8.1 |
| South Carolina..... | 3, 968 | 4, 000 | +8 |
| South Dakota..... | 802 | 950 | +18.5 |
| Tennessee..... | 4, 721 | 5, 429 | +15.0 |
| Texas..... | 30, 437 | 33, 380 | +9.7 |
| Utah..... | 1, 781 | 1, 880 | +5.6 |
| Vermont..... | 842 | 900 | +6.9 |
| Virginia..... | 5, 256 | 5, 640 | +7.3 |
| Washington..... | 14, 656 | 14, 770 | +1.8 |
| West Virginia..... | 9, 423 | 9, 632 | +2.2 |
| Wisconsin..... | 12, 362 | 13, 376 | +8.0 |
| Wyoming..... | 936 | 1, 011 | +8.7 |
| Federal employees..... | 14, 210 | 23, 370 | +64.5 |

¹ Preliminary. Payments represent cash and medical benefits and include insurance losses paid by private insurance carriers (1949 data compiled from the *Spectator: Premiums and Losses by States of Casualty, Surety and Miscellaneous Lines*, 78th annual issue; 1950 data from the *Spectator: Insurance by States of Fire, Marine, Casualty, Surety and Miscellaneous Lines*, 79th annual issue), net disbursements of State funds (data from the *Spectator, the Argus Casualty and Surety Chart*, 52nd annual edition, and State reports and estimates for some States), and self-insurance payments (estimated from available State data). Data for calendar years except for Montana and West Virginia, for Federal employees, and for State fund disbursements in Maryland, North Dakota, Oregon, and Utah, for which data for fiscal years ended in 1949 and 1950 were used. Includes benefit payments under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and the Defense Bases Compensation Act for the States in which such payments are made.

cent was paid by private insurance carriers, 24 percent by State funds, and 14 percent by self-insurers. Esti-

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Table 9.—Amount of vendor payments for medical care for recipients of public assistance, by program and State, July 1951¹

| State ² | Old-age assistance | Aid to dependent children | Aid to the blind | Aid to the permanently and totally disabled | General assistance ³ |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Calif. | | | | (*) | \$42,543 |
| Conn. | \$254,741 | \$113,853 | \$3,177 | (*) | (*) |
| Del. | | 58 | | | (*) |
| Ill. | 426,308 | 32,173 | 10,899 | \$10,932 | 380,887 |
| Ind. | 284,062 | 53,741 | 11,177 | (*) | 125,055 |
| Iowa | | | | (*) | 131,707 |
| Kans. | 103,839 | 25,508 | 3,192 | 13,088 | 42,051 |
| La. | 59 | 2,044 | 154 | 974 | 628 |
| Maine | | | | (*) | 35,225 |
| Mich. | | | | | 76,099 |
| Minn. | 638,300 | 40,412 | | (*) | (*) |
| Mont. | | | | | 111,420 |
| Nebr. | 148,845 | 9,173 | 675 | (*) | (*) |
| Nev. | | | | (*) | 4,505 |
| N. H. | 57,160 | 17,181 | 2,142 | (*) | (*) |
| N. J. | | 14,445 | | (*) | 93,777 |
| N. Y. | 1,000,020 | 340,104 | 42,341 | 246,057 | (*) |
| N. C. | 4,666 | 1,817 | | 450 | 102,617 |
| N. Dak. | 20,863 | | 192 | 1,097 | 16,873 |
| Ohio. | 202,859 | 13,263 | 3,759 | | 425,378 |
| Oreg. | | | | | 109,237 |
| R. I. | | | | | 34,827 |
| S. Dak. | | | | | 75,209 |
| V. I. | 51 | 6 | | 1 | 65 |
| Va. | | | | | 4,159 |
| Wis. | 355,375 | 78,096 | 9,106 | 4,920 | 82,903 |

¹ For July data excluding vendor payments for medical care, see the *Bulletin*, October 1951.

² Excludes States that either made no vendor payments for medical care for July or did not report such payments.

³ In all States except California, Illinois, Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey, and the Virgin Islands includes payments made on behalf of recipients of the special types of public assistance.

⁴ No program for aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

⁵ Data not available.

Table 10.—Average payments including vendor payments for medical care and average amount of vendor payments per assistance case, by program and State, July 1951¹

| State ² | Old-age assistance | | Aid to dependent children (per family) | | Aid to the blind | | Aid to the permanently and totally disabled | |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | All assistance | Vendor payments for medical care | All assistance | Vendor payments for medical care | All assistance | Vendor payments for medical care | All assistance | Vendor payments for medical care |
| Conn. | \$73.44 | \$12.84 | \$128.21 | \$20.74 | \$78.20 | \$10.35 | (*) | (*) |
| Del. | | | 80.95 | .08 | | | | |
| Ill. | 48.82 | 3.64 | 104.70 | 1.41 | 52.02 | 2.60 | \$52.35 | \$7.03 |
| Ind. | 40.47 | 5.79 | 70.34 | 5.46 | 44.13 | 6.11 | (*) | (*) |
| Kans. | 51.71 | 2.70 | 85.74 | 5.42 | 55.18 | 4.94 | 51.73 | 5.03 |
| La. | 46.52 | (*) | 49.61 | .09 | 44.31 | .08 | 31.28 | .07 |
| Minn. | 56.63 | 11.55 | 99.98 | 5.18 | | | (*) | (*) |
| Nebr. | 52.45 | 6.52 | 89.76 | 2.75 | 61.83 | .90 | (*) | (*) |
| N. H. | 52.33 | 8.00 | 110.87 | 11.50 | 56.37 | 7.00 | (*) | (*) |
| N. J. | | | 95.24 | 2.79 | | | (*) | (*) |
| N. Y. | 61.00 | 8.45 | 113.68 | 6.32 | 69.89 | 10.03 | 66.51 | 9.48 |
| N. C. | 22.62 | .08 | 45.97 | .11 | | | 26.82 | .16 |
| N. Dak. | 52.48 | 2.30 | | | 55.71 | 1.68 | 55.88 | 2.20 |
| Ohio. | 46.35 | 1.70 | 69.99 | .92 | 44.03 | .98 | | |
| V. I. | 10.82 | .08 | 15.15 | .03 | | | (*) | (*) |
| Wis. | 50.42 | 6.83 | 116.31 | 9.15 | 56.86 | 6.61 | 69.84 | 6.24 |

¹ For July data excluding vendor payments for medical care, see the *Bulletin*, October 1951. All averages based on cases receiving money payments, vendor payments for medical care, or both.

² Excludes States that made no vendor payments for medical care for July or did not report such payments. Also excludes States for which count of cases is believed to be incomplete.

³ No program for aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

⁴ Less than 1 cent.

⁵ Average payment not computed on base of less than 50 recipients.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

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mated national totals for each type of insurer for the 2 years are shown below.

[In thousands]

| Type of insurer | 1949 | 1950 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total | \$569,838 | \$618,489 |
| Private carriers | 353,092 | 381,080 |
| State funds | 134,306 | 150,155 |
| Self-insurers | 82,440 | 87,254 |

Although the distribution by type of insurer is approximately the same for 1949 and 1950, the components

showed quite different rates of increase. In contrast to an 8-percent rise for private carrier payments, State fund disbursements went up 12 percent. The faster-than-average rate of increase for State funds was concentrated in the program for Federal employees; as a result of benefit liberalization toward the end of 1949, payments in 1950 exceeded the previous year's amount by 64 percent. Payments under the other State funds were 6 percent higher in 1950 than in 1949, the same rate of growth as for self-insurance payments.

It is estimated that, in both 1949 and 1950, medical and hospitalization

costs accounted for just under one-third of total workmen's compensation payments. Of the nonmedical payments, roughly 87 percent was cash compensation for nonfatal injuries and the remaining 13 percent was paid in death cases. Following are the estimated amounts for each year:

[In millions]

| Type of payment | 1949 | 1950 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Total | \$570 | \$618 |
| Medical and hospitalization | 185 | 200 |
| Compensation, total | 385 | 418 |
| Disability | 333 | 363 |
| Survivor | 52 | 55 |

the general problem, describe the forum's background and organization, and review some of the developments since the conference.

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Man and His Years: An Account of the First National Conference on Aging, Sponsored by the Federal Security Agency. Raleigh, N. C.:

Health Publications Institute, Inc., 1951. 311 pp. \$1.75.

The report of the first National Conference on Aging, sponsored by the Federal Security Agency. Separate chapters carry the reports of the 11 sections of the conference; each considers a major phase of the problems incident to the increase in our older population—economic implications, income, employment, health, and so on. Three additional chapters define