

**Old-age and survivors insurance: Estimated number of employers<sup>1</sup> and workers and estimated amount of wages in covered industries, by specified period, 1940-51<sup>2</sup>**

[Corrected to April 1, 1952]

Year and quarter	Employers reporting wages <sup>3</sup> (in thousands)	Workers with taxable wages during period <sup>3</sup> (in thousands)	Taxable wages <sup>3</sup>		All workers employed in covered industries during period <sup>4</sup> (in thousands)	Total payrolls in covered industries <sup>4</sup>	
			Total (in millions)	Average per worker		Total (in millions)	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	1,622
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	2,086
1949 <sup>5</sup> .....	3,316	47,200	81,808	1,733	47,200	99,989	2,118
1950 <sup>6</sup> .....	3,350	48,400	87,542	1,809	48,400	109,826	2,269
1943							
January-March.....	1,971	36,537	15,462	423	36,537	15,760	431
April-June.....	2,008	37,483	16,561	442	37,557	17,400	463
July-September.....	1,998	37,682	15,838	420	38,057	17,498	460
October-December.....	2,001	36,016	14,562	404	37,593	18,995	505
1944							
January-March.....	2,010	36,326	17,362	478	36,326	17,696	487
April-June.....	2,048	36,893	17,284	468	36,992	18,185	492
July-September.....	2,038	37,301	16,243	435	37,752	18,359	486
October-December.....	2,039	35,629	13,537	380	37,789	19,109	506
1945							
January-March.....	2,076	35,855	17,874	499	35,855	18,262	509
April-June.....	2,149	35,854	17,541	489	35,949	18,558	516
July-September.....	2,176	35,684	14,982	420	36,285	17,261	476
October-December.....	2,199	33,598	12,548	373	35,973	17,478	486
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	40,223	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 <sup>5</sup> .....	2,639	38,500	23,376	607	38,500	24,254	630
April-June <sup>5</sup> .....	2,693	39,370	22,571	573	39,660	24,570	620
July-September <sup>5</sup> .....	2,697	38,805	20,160	520	40,005	24,971	624
October-December <sup>5</sup> .....	2,692	35,400	15,701	444	39,700	26,194	660
1950							
January-March <sup>5</sup> .....	2,671	38,000	23,490	618	38,000	24,316	640
April-June <sup>5</sup> .....	2,766	39,700	24,052	606	40,000	26,210	655
July-September <sup>5</sup> .....	2,770	41,000	22,400	546	42,300	28,200	667
October-December <sup>5</sup> .....	2,740	36,400	17,600	484	41,500	31,100	749
1951 <sup>6</sup>							
January-March <sup>5</sup> .....	3,550	46,000	30,200	657	46,000	31,100	676
April-June <sup>5</sup> .....	3,670	47,000	30,600	651	47,300	32,200	681

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data exclude joint coverage under the railroad retirement and old-age and survivors insurance program.

<sup>3</sup> Quarterly and annual data for 1937-39 were presented in the *Bulletin* for February 1947, p. 31; quarterly data for 1940 were presented in the *Bulletin* for August 1947, p. 30; quarterly data for 1941 and

1942 were presented in the *Bulletin* for February 1948, p. 31.

<sup>4</sup> A description of these series and quarterly data for 1940 were presented in the *Bulletin* for August 1947, p. 30; quarterly data for 1941 and 1942 were presented in the *Bulletin* for February 1948, p. 31.

<sup>5</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>6</sup> Includes data for new coverage under the 1950 amendments, except for newly covered self-employed persons and their earnings.

observed in past years. The extension of coverage under the 1950 amendments, effective January 1, 1951, as well as the expansion in economic activity, is reflected in the increases of 18.4 percent in the number of workers with taxable wages, 27.2 percent in the total amount of taxable wages, and 7.4 percent in average taxable wages from the figures for the second quarter of 1950.

It is estimated that about 4.5 million self-employed persons had taxable earnings under the program during April-June 1951.

The total number of workers in covered employment, not including the self-employed, is estimated at 47.3 million, and their total quarterly earnings at \$32.2 billion—an average of \$681 per worker. These figures represent advances of 2.8 percent, 3.5 percent, and 0.7 percent, respectively, from those for January-March 1951, and of 18.3 percent, 22.9 percent, and 4.0 percent from those for the second quarter of 1950.

The estimated number of employers reporting payment of taxable wages was 3.7 million—3.4 percent higher than in the preceding quarter and 33 percent more than in April-June 1950.

## Assistance Payments to Patients in Public Medical Institutions

The 1950 amendments to the Social Security Act permit the Federal Government to participate, for the first time, in State assistance payments to the needy aged, the blind, and the permanently and totally disabled who are patients in public medical institutions for more than temporary care. The Federal Government may not participate, however, in payments to persons in institutions for tuberculosis or mental diseases, to those who are in other public medical institutions as the result of a diagnosis of one of these conditions, or to persons in public nonmedical institutions.

Before the amendments the States were able to claim Federal matching in payments to persons who were temporarily in a public institution for the specific purpose of obtaining medical

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Table 8.—Public assistance in the United States, by month, February 1951–February 1952<sup>1</sup>

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

Year and month	Total	Old-age assistance	Aid to dependent children		Aid to the blind	Aid to the permanently and totally disabled <sup>2</sup>	General assistance	Total	Old-age assistance	Aid to dependent children (families)	Aid to the blind	Aid to the permanently and totally disabled <sup>3</sup>	General assistance	
			Families	Recipients										
				Total <sup>4</sup>										Children
Number of recipients													Percentage change from previous month	
1951														
February	2,777,783	651,959	2,237,055	1,664,241	96,066	74,567	421,000	-0.2	-0.2	( <sup>5</sup> )	+5.4	-1.0		
March	2,771,678	651,372	2,235,293	1,663,082	95,905	80,002	412,000	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	+7.3	-2.1		
April	2,780,733	645,855	2,217,521	1,651,655	96,975	87,845	384,000	-0.4	-0.8	+1.1	+9.8	-6.8		
May	2,754,963	640,679	2,197,806	1,637,341	96,990	97,079	355,000	-0.2	-0.8	( <sup>5</sup> )	+10.5	-7.6		
June	2,745,344	632,691	2,170,308	1,617,096	97,024	104,230	335,000	-0.3	-1.2	( <sup>5</sup> )	+7.4	-5.6		
July	2,737,701	618,400	2,122,536	1,581,434	97,256	108,907	324,000	-0.3	-2.3	+2	+4.5	-3.3		
August	2,732,021	612,128	2,103,208	1,567,218	97,349	111,329	319,000	-0.2	-1.0	+1	+2.2	-1.4		
September	2,722,933	606,078	2,084,104	1,553,249	97,158	113,049	311,000	-0.3	-1.0	-2	+1.5	-2.6		
October	2,711,620	597,249	2,055,433	1,532,255	97,185	114,923	311,000	-0.4	-1.5	( <sup>5</sup> )	+1.7	( <sup>5</sup> )		
November	2,705,125	591,992	2,039,163	1,520,326	97,221	118,284	316,000	-0.2	-0.9	( <sup>5</sup> )	+2.9	+1.6		
December	2,701,080	591,844	2,041,473	1,522,930	97,179	124,419	323,000	-0.1	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	+5.2	+2.2		
1952														
January	2,693,957	593,615	2,047,286	1,527,796	97,215	128,493	339,000	-0.3	+0.3	( <sup>5</sup> )	+3.3	+5.0		
February	2,685,066	594,042	2,050,853	1,531,121	97,144	131,779	336,000	-0.3	+0.1	-0.1	+2.6	-0.9		
Amount of assistance													Percentage change from previous month	
1951														
February	\$194,433,144	\$119,132,204	\$47,858,360	\$4,454,305	\$3,383,275	\$19,605,000	-0.3	-0.8	+1.1	+0.3	+6.7	-1.6		
March	194,537,333	118,948,685	45,088,503	4,448,593	3,596,552	19,455,000	+1	-0.2	+0.5	-0.1	+6.3	-0.8		
April	191,950,326	118,271,187	47,522,017	4,495,494	3,946,628	17,715,000	-1.3	-0.6	-1.2	+1.1	+9.7	-8.9		
May	191,042,838	118,930,667	47,023,317	4,523,461	4,399,393	16,166,000	-0.5	+0.6	-1.0	+0.6	+11.5	-8.7		
June	189,320,531	118,666,891	46,385,131	4,537,435	4,677,074	15,054,000	-0.9	-0.2	-1.4	+0.3	+6.3	-6.9		
July	188,144,403	119,305,221	45,003,226	4,536,052	4,847,074	14,452,000	-0.6	+0.5	-3.0	( <sup>5</sup> )	+3.7	-4.0		
August	188,194,866	119,308,258	44,745,286	4,558,093	4,950,229	14,633,000	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	-0.6	+0.5	+2.1	+1.3		
September	188,364,274	119,841,541	44,819,189	4,567,563	5,150,981	13,985,000	+1	+0.4	+0.2	+2.2	+4.1	-4.4		
October	189,755,153	120,746,862	44,675,023	4,640,500	5,274,768	14,418,000	+0.7	+0.8	-0.3	+1.6	+2.4	+3.1		
November	189,739,721	120,440,700	44,575,407	4,663,332	5,431,282	14,629,000	( <sup>5</sup> )	-0.3	-0.2	+0.5	+3.0	+1.5		
December	190,818,675	120,299,184	44,864,190	4,671,872	5,779,429	15,204,000	+0.6	-0.1	+0.6	+0.2	+6.4	+3.9		
1952														
January	192,061,883	120,070,999	45,118,621	4,808,443	5,934,820	16,129,000	+0.7	-0.2	+0.6	+2.9	+2.7	+6.1		
February	192,332,254	120,215,489	45,275,761	4,840,382	6,007,622	15,903,000	+1.1	+0.1	+0.3	+0.7	+2.7	-1.4		

<sup>1</sup> For definition of terms see the *Bulletin*, January 1951, p. 21. 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> Program initiated in October 1950 under Public Law 734.

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

<sup>5</sup> Decrease of less than 0.05 percent.

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care, since such persons have never been considered inmates of public institutions under most State laws or under the Social Security Act. As of November 1951, 22 States had either changed their policies or had instituted claims for Federal participation in payments formerly made entirely from State or local funds.

As a result, at that time about 10,000 recipients of public assistance were patients in approximately 185 public medical institutions; 81 percent were receiving old-age assistance, 16 percent were receiving aid to the permanently and totally disabled, and 3 percent were recipients of aid to the blind.

More than 6,000 or about 60 percent of these recipients were in two States

(New York and Illinois). In seven of the 22 States the number of recipients who were patients in public medical institutions ranged from about 300 to 700. Of the remaining 13 States, several apparently were not actually making payments under their revised policies; others were assisting a few persons—in no instance more than 150—who were patients in public medical institutions.