

Notes and Brief Reports

Social Security Numbers Issued, 1967*

More than 5.9 million social security account numbers were issued during 1967, and the total for all numbers assigned since the social security program began reached 175.8 million. There were more than half a million fewer numbers issued in 1967 than in the preceding year. The sharp drop reflected the expected falling off in applications for account numbers for the purpose of acquiring eligibility for hospital benefits under health insurance for the aged (Medicare).

There were no major changes in the old-age, survivors, disability, and health insurance (OASDHI) program that affected the issuing of account numbers in 1967. That year may thus be considered the beginning of a "normal" period—one during which the majority of requests for social security numbers come from young persons entering the labor force. The taxpayer registration program for the young and enrollment of those aged 65 and over for Medicare purposes are, however, expected to have a continuing effect on the total.

Age of Individuals Receiving Numbers

The age distribution of persons to whom social security numbers were issued in 1967 bears a close similarity to that for 1964 but, for the age groups under 14 and 65 and over, differs significantly from the pattern in 1965 and 1966. In 1964 and 1967—the years immediately before and immediately after the opening Medicare enrollment period, relatively few numbers were issued to persons aged 65 and over. In 1967 the total for this age group was only 123,000, in sharp contrast to the 1.4 million issued to persons aged 65 and over from July 1965 to June 1966—the initial Medicare enrollment period.

The total for social security numbers issued

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in 1967 for children under age 14 was 31 percent higher than the number issued for that age group in 1966. The rise is attributable for the most part to the issuing of numbers for nonprogram pur-

TABLE 1.—Social security numbers issued, 1937-67

| Period | Total | Age in year of issue | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| | | Under 14 | 14-19 | 20-49 | 50-64 | 65 and over |
| Number (in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Summary data: | | | | | | |
| 1937-67..... | 175,770 | 7,334 | 79,609 | 65,178 | 15,147 | 6,504 |
| 1937-39..... | 48,998 | 61 | 6,816 | 33,793 | 5,793 | 725 |
| 1940-50..... | 48,528 | 980 | 24,374 | 18,373 | 3,793 | 851 |
| 1951-54..... | 15,497 | 268 | 8,578 | 4,285 | 1,700 | 661 |
| 1955-61..... | 25,431 | 514 | 17,013 | 4,843 | 2,012 | 1,040 |
| 1962-64..... | 18,760 | 2,953 | 11,044 | 1,967 | 1,252 | 1,540 |
| 1965-66..... | 12,636 | 1,520 | 7,887 | 1,244 | 410 | 1,564 |
| 1967..... | 5,920 | 1,038 | 3,897 | 673 | 187 | 123 |
| Annual data: | | | | | | |
| 1960..... | 3,415 | 67 | 2,637 | 520 | 145 | 47 |
| 1961..... | 3,370 | 68 | 2,576 | 507 | 168 | 49 |
| 1962..... | 4,519 | 103 | 3,021 | 600 | 323 | 470 |
| 1963..... | 8,617 | 1,895 | 4,350 | 776 | 700 | 894 |
| 1964..... | 5,623 | 955 | 3,672 | 591 | 229 | 176 |
| 1965..... | 6,130 | 730 | 3,861 | 595 | 188 | 752 |
| 1966..... | 6,506 | 790 | 4,027 | 649 | 222 | 812 |
| 1967..... | 5,920 | 1,038 | 3,897 | 673 | 187 | 123 |
| Quarterly data: | | | | | | |
| 1965: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 1,162 | 197 | 716 | 150 | 55 | 45 |
| April-June..... | 1,727 | 169 | 1,340 | 145 | 43 | 31 |
| July-September..... | 1,683 | 187 | 1,069 | 146 | 39 | 241 |
| October-December..... | 1,558 | 178 | 736 | 155 | 51 | 435 |
| 1966: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 1,539 | 204 | 798 | 166 | 72 | 297 |
| April-June..... | 2,357 | 205 | 1,485 | 177 | 63 | 423 |
| July-September..... | 1,527 | 209 | 1,056 | 162 | 43 | 57 |
| October-December..... | 1,083 | 172 | 687 | 144 | 44 | 35 |
| 1967: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 1,325 | 255 | 807 | 167 | 58 | 37 |
| April-June..... | 1,895 | 260 | 1,380 | 173 | 49 | 33 |
| July-September..... | 1,517 | 270 | 1,008 | 173 | 39 | 26 |
| October-December..... | 1,183 | 253 | 702 | 159 | 41 | 27 |
| Percentage distribution | | | | | | |
| Summary data: | | | | | | |
| 1937-67..... | 100.0 | 4.2 | 45.8 | 37.6 | 8.7 | 3.7 |
| 1937-39..... | 100.0 | .1 | 14.5 | 71.7 | 12.2 | 1.5 |
| 1940-50..... | 100.0 | 2.0 | 50.4 | 38.0 | 7.8 | 1.8 |
| 1951-54..... | 100.0 | 1.7 | 55.4 | 27.7 | 11.0 | 4.3 |
| 1955-61..... | 100.0 | 2.0 | 66.9 | 19.1 | 7.9 | 4.1 |
| 1962-64..... | 100.0 | 15.7 | 58.9 | 10.5 | 6.7 | 8.2 |
| 1965-66..... | 100.0 | 12.0 | 62.4 | 9.8 | 3.2 | 12.4 |
| 1967..... | 100.0 | 17.5 | 65.8 | 11.4 | 3.2 | 2.1 |
| Annual data: | | | | | | |
| 1960..... | 100.0 | 2.0 | 77.2 | 15.2 | 4.2 | 1.4 |
| 1961..... | 100.0 | 2.0 | 76.5 | 15.1 | 5.0 | 1.5 |
| 1962..... | 100.0 | 2.3 | 66.9 | 13.3 | 7.2 | 10.4 |
| 1963..... | 100.0 | 22.0 | 50.5 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 10.4 |
| 1964..... | 100.0 | 17.0 | 65.3 | 10.5 | 4.1 | 3.1 |
| 1965..... | 100.0 | 11.9 | 63.0 | 9.7 | 3.1 | 12.3 |
| 1966..... | 100.0 | 12.2 | 61.9 | 10.0 | 3.4 | 12.5 |
| 1967..... | 100.0 | 17.5 | 65.8 | 11.4 | 3.2 | 2.1 |
| Quarterly data: | | | | | | |
| 1965: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 100.0 | 16.9 | 61.6 | 12.9 | 4.7 | 3.8 |
| April-June..... | 100.0 | 0.8 | 77.6 | 8.4 | 2.5 | 1.8 |
| July-September..... | 100.0 | 11.1 | 63.6 | 8.7 | 2.3 | 14.3 |
| October-December..... | 100.0 | 11.4 | 47.4 | 9.9 | 3.3 | 28.0 |
| 1966: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 100.0 | 13.3 | 51.9 | 10.8 | 4.7 | 19.3 |
| April-June..... | 100.0 | 8.7 | 63.1 | 7.5 | 2.7 | 18.0 |
| July-September..... | 100.0 | 13.7 | 69.2 | 10.6 | 2.8 | 3.7 |
| October-December..... | 100.0 | 15.9 | 63.5 | 13.4 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| 1967: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 100.0 | 19.2 | 61.0 | 12.6 | 4.4 | 2.8 |
| April-June..... | 100.0 | 13.7 | 72.8 | 9.1 | 2.6 | 1.7 |
| July-September..... | 100.0 | 17.8 | 61.5 | 11.4 | 2.6 | 1.7 |
| October-December..... | 100.0 | 21.4 | 59.4 | 13.5 | 3.5 | 2.3 |

poses, including taxpayer registration and student identification. As in past years, persons aged 14-19 accounted for the largest proportion of social security numbers issued.

TABLE 2.—Social security numbers issued to men, 1937-67

| Period | Total | Age in year of issue | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|
| | | Under 14 | 14-19 | 20-49 | 50-64 | 65 and over |
| Number (in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Summary data: | | | | | | |
| 1937-67..... | 94,079 | 4,478 | 41,901 | 35,711 | 8,600 | 2,819 |
| 1937-39..... | 33,451 | 55 | 4,045 | 23,415 | 4,752 | 636 |
| 1940-50..... | 23,080 | 792 | 12,573 | 7,114 | 1,916 | 659 |
| 1951-54..... | 7,676 | 207 | 4,458 | 1,766 | 833 | 408 |
| 1955-61..... | 12,846 | 357 | 8,977 | 2,028 | 856 | 623 |
| 1962-64..... | 8,553 | 1,624 | 5,858 | 669 | 160 | 239 |
| 1965-66..... | 5,636 | 860 | 4,040 | 449 | 54 | 234 |
| 1967..... | 2,854 | 583 | 1,951 | 270 | 30 | 20 |
| Annual data: | | | | | | |
| 1960..... | 1,663 | 47 | 1,387 | 181 | 30 | 18 |
| 1961..... | 1,065 | 47 | 1,361 | 187 | 49 | 20 |
| 1962..... | 2,108 | 65 | 1,616 | 229 | 85 | 111 |
| 1963..... | 3,738 | 1,030 | 2,319 | 232 | 50 | 106 |
| 1964..... | 2,707 | 530 | 1,923 | 207 | 24 | 22 |
| 1965..... | 2,745 | 412 | 1,989 | 216 | 22 | 105 |
| 1966..... | 2,894 | 448 | 2,051 | 233 | 32 | 129 |
| 1967..... | 2,854 | 583 | 1,951 | 270 | 30 | 20 |
| Quarterly data: | | | | | | |
| 1965: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 542 | 108 | 370 | 53 | 5 | 5 |
| April-June..... | 860 | 95 | 703 | 53 | 5 | 4 |
| July-September..... | 782 | 109 | 579 | 53 | 5 | 35 |
| October-December..... | 561 | 99 | 337 | 57 | 7 | 60 |
| 1966: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 627 | 112 | 407 | 57 | 9 | 42 |
| April-June..... | 1,037 | 117 | 779 | 61 | 9 | 70 |
| July-September..... | 759 | 123 | 558 | 60 | 7 | 11 |
| October-December..... | 471 | 96 | 307 | 55 | 7 | 6 |
| 1967: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 623 | 140 | 409 | 62 | 7 | 5 |
| April-June..... | 938 | 147 | 708 | 70 | 8 | 5 |
| July-September..... | 761 | 156 | 521 | 72 | 7 | 5 |
| October-December..... | 532 | 140 | 314 | 67 | 7 | 4 |
| Percentage distribution | | | | | | |
| Summary data: | | | | | | |
| 1937-67..... | 100.0 | 4.8 | 44.8 | 38.2 | 9.2 | 3.0 |
| 1937-39..... | 100.0 | .2 | 12.3 | 71.2 | 14.4 | 1.9 |
| 1940-50..... | 100.0 | 3.4 | 54.5 | 30.9 | 8.3 | 2.9 |
| 1951-54..... | 100.0 | 2.7 | 58.1 | 23.0 | 10.9 | 5.3 |
| 1955-61..... | 100.0 | 2.8 | 69.9 | 15.8 | 6.7 | 4.9 |
| 1962-64..... | 100.0 | 19.0 | 68.5 | 7.8 | 1.9 | 2.8 |
| 1965-66..... | 100.0 | 15.3 | 71.6 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 4.1 |
| 1967..... | 100.0 | 20.4 | 68.4 | 9.5 | 1.0 | .7 |
| Annual data: | | | | | | |
| 1960..... | 100.0 | 2.8 | 83.4 | 10.9 | 1.8 | 1.1 |
| 1961..... | 100.0 | 2.8 | 81.8 | 11.2 | 2.9 | 1.2 |
| 1962..... | 100.0 | 3.1 | 76.7 | 10.9 | 4.1 | 5.3 |
| 1963..... | 100.0 | 27.6 | 62.1 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 2.8 |
| 1964..... | 100.0 | 19.6 | 71.1 | 7.7 | .9 | .8 |
| 1965..... | 100.0 | 15.0 | 72.5 | 7.9 | .8 | 3.8 |
| 1966..... | 100.0 | 15.5 | 70.9 | 8.1 | 1.1 | 4.5 |
| 1967..... | 100.0 | 20.4 | 68.4 | 9.5 | 1.0 | .7 |
| Quarterly data: | | | | | | |
| 1965: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 100.0 | 19.9 | 68.3 | 9.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| April-June..... | 100.0 | 11.1 | 81.8 | 6.1 | .6 | .4 |
| July-September..... | 100.0 | 13.9 | 74.0 | 6.8 | .7 | 4.5 |
| October-December..... | 100.0 | 17.7 | 60.1 | 10.2 | 1.2 | 10.8 |
| 1966: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 100.0 | 17.9 | 64.9 | 9.1 | 1.4 | 6.7 |
| April-June..... | 100.0 | 11.3 | 75.2 | 5.9 | .9 | 6.8 |
| July-September..... | 100.0 | 16.2 | 73.5 | 7.9 | .9 | 1.4 |
| October-December..... | 100.0 | 20.4 | 65.2 | 11.7 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| 1967: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 100.0 | 22.4 | 65.6 | 10.0 | 1.1 | .7 |
| April-June..... | 100.0 | 15.7 | 75.5 | 7.4 | .8 | .6 |
| July-September..... | 100.0 | 20.5 | 68.5 | 9.4 | .9 | .6 |
| October-December..... | 100.0 | 26.3 | 59.1 | 12.5 | 1.4 | .8 |

Explanatory Notes

Account numbers that identify individuals in social security records are issued under a number-

TABLE 3.—Social security numbers issued to women, 1937-67

| Period | Total | Age in year of issue | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|
| | | Under 14 | 14-19 | 20-49 | 50-64 | 65 and over |
| Number (in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Summary data: | | | | | | |
| 1937-67..... | 80,406 | 2,855 | 37,706 | 29,464 | 6,516 | 3,682 |
| 1937-39..... | 14,411 | 6 | 2,767 | 10,378 | 1,010 | 85 |
| 1940-50..... | 25,327 | 188 | 11,806 | 11,258 | 1,877 | 195 |
| 1951-54..... | 7,822 | 61 | 4,120 | 2,519 | 867 | 253 |
| 1955-61..... | 12,585 | 157 | 8,037 | 2,815 | 1,156 | 417 |
| 1962-64..... | 10,201 | 1,327 | 5,183 | 1,296 | 1,091 | 1,301 |
| 1965-66..... | 6,995 | 660 | 3,848 | 796 | 356 | 1,329 |
| 1967..... | 3,064 | 455 | 1,946 | 402 | 058 | 103 |
| Annual data: | | | | | | |
| 1960..... | 1,752 | 20 | 1,250 | 339 | 114 | 28 |
| 1961..... | 1,706 | 21 | 1,215 | 320 | 119 | 29 |
| 1962..... | 2,409 | 37 | 1,404 | 370 | 237 | 359 |
| 1963..... | 4,877 | 865 | 2,030 | 543 | 649 | 788 |
| 1964..... | 2,915 | 425 | 1,748 | 383 | 205 | 154 |
| 1965..... | 3,385 | 318 | 1,872 | 379 | 166 | 647 |
| 1966..... | 3,610 | 342 | 1,976 | 417 | 190 | 682 |
| 1967..... | 3,064 | 455 | 1,946 | 402 | 158 | 193 |
| Quarterly data: | | | | | | |
| 1965: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 620 | 89 | 346 | 96 | 50 | 39 |
| April-June..... | 867 | 73 | 636 | 92 | 38 | 27 |
| July-September..... | 901 | 78 | 491 | 92 | 34 | 206 |
| October-December..... | 997 | 78 | 409 | 97 | 45 | 375 |
| 1966: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 912 | 92 | 392 | 109 | 63 | 255 |
| April-June..... | 1,319 | 88 | 706 | 116 | 54 | 353 |
| July-September..... | 768 | 86 | 498 | 102 | 36 | 46 |
| October-December..... | 611 | 76 | 380 | 90 | 37 | 28 |
| 1967: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 701 | 115 | 399 | 105 | 51 | 32 |
| April-June..... | 957 | 113 | 672 | 103 | 41 | 27 |
| July-September..... | 756 | 114 | 487 | 101 | 32 | 22 |
| October-December..... | 650 | 113 | 388 | 93 | 34 | 22 |
| Percentage distribution | | | | | | |
| Summary data: | | | | | | |
| 1937-67..... | 100.0 | 3.6 | 47.0 | 36.7 | 8.1 | 4.6 |
| 1937-39..... | 100.0 | (¹) | 19.4 | 72.8 | 7.1 | .6 |
| 1940-50..... | 100.0 | .7 | 46.6 | 44.5 | 7.4 | .8 |
| 1951-54..... | 100.0 | .8 | 52.7 | 32.2 | 11.1 | 3.2 |
| 1955-61..... | 100.0 | 1.2 | 63.9 | 22.4 | 9.2 | 3.3 |
| 1962-64..... | 100.0 | 13.0 | 50.8 | 12.7 | 10.7 | 12.8 |
| 1965-66..... | 100.0 | 9.4 | 55.0 | 11.4 | 5.1 | 19.0 |
| 1967..... | 100.0 | 14.8 | 63.5 | 13.1 | 5.1 | 3.4 |
| Annual data: | | | | | | |
| 1960..... | 100.0 | 1.2 | 71.4 | 19.3 | 6.5 | 1.6 |
| 1961..... | 100.0 | 1.2 | 71.3 | 18.8 | 7.0 | 1.7 |
| 1962..... | 100.0 | 1.6 | 58.3 | 15.4 | 9.8 | 14.9 |
| 1963..... | 100.0 | 17.7 | 41.6 | 11.1 | 13.3 | 16.2 |
| 1964..... | 100.0 | 14.6 | 60.0 | 13.1 | 7.0 | 5.3 |
| 1965..... | 100.0 | 9.4 | 55.4 | 11.2 | 4.9 | 19.1 |
| 1966..... | 100.0 | 9.5 | 54.8 | 11.6 | 5.3 | 18.9 |
| 1967..... | 100.0 | 14.8 | 63.5 | 13.1 | 5.1 | 3.4 |
| Quarterly data: | | | | | | |
| 1965: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 100.0 | 14.3 | 55.8 | 15.6 | 8.0 | 6.3 |
| April-June..... | 100.0 | 8.5 | 73.4 | 10.7 | 4.4 | 3.1 |
| July-September..... | 100.0 | 8.6 | 54.5 | 10.3 | 3.8 | 22.8 |
| October-December..... | 100.0 | 7.9 | 40.2 | 9.8 | 4.5 | 37.7 |
| 1966: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 100.0 | 10.1 | 43.0 | 12.0 | 6.9 | 28.0 |
| April-June..... | 100.0 | 6.7 | 53.6 | 8.8 | 4.1 | 26.8 |
| July-September..... | 100.0 | 11.2 | 64.8 | 13.3 | 4.7 | 6.0 |
| October-December..... | 100.0 | 12.4 | 62.3 | 14.7 | 6.1 | 4.6 |
| 1967: | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 100.0 | 16.4 | 56.9 | 15.0 | 7.2 | 4.5 |
| April-June..... | 100.0 | 11.8 | 70.3 | 10.8 | 4.3 | 2.9 |
| July-September..... | 100.0 | 15.1 | 64.4 | 13.4 | 4.2 | 2.9 |
| October-December..... | 100.0 | 17.4 | 59.7 | 14.3 | 5.2 | 3.4 |

¹ Less than 0.05 percent.

TABLE 4.—Social security numbers issued, by type of application used, 1962-67

| Application used and period | Number (in thousands) | | | | | | Percentage distribution | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------|-------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | Total | Age in year of issue | | | | | Total | Age in year of issue | | | | |
| | | Under 14 | 14-19 | 20-49 | 50-64 | 65 and over | | Under 14 | 14-19 | 20-49 | 50-64 | 65 and over |
| <i>Form SS-5</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Summary data: 1962-67..... | 33,051 | 4,006 | 21,904 | 3,669 | 1,317 | 2,137 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 66.3 | 11.1 | 4.0 | 6.5 |
| Annual data: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1962..... | 3,908 | 78 | 2,993 | 569 | 193 | 73 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 76.6 | 14.6 | 4.9 | 1.9 |
| 1963..... | 5,778 | 802 | 3,700 | 630 | 349 | 296 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 64.1 | 10.9 | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 1964..... | 4,977 | 643 | 3,478 | 559 | 185 | 111 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 69.9 | 11.2 | 3.7 | 2.2 |
| 1965..... | 6,027 | 690 | 3,833 | 591 | 183 | 725 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 63.6 | 9.8 | 3.0 | 12.0 |
| 1966..... | 6,466 | 769 | 4,012 | 648 | 221 | 810 | 100.0 | 11.9 | 62.1 | 10.0 | 3.4 | 12.5 |
| 1967..... | 5,895 | 1,024 | 3,888 | 672 | 186 | 122 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 66.0 | 11.4 | 3.2 | 2.1 |
| Quarterly data: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1965: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 1,132 | 181 | 706 | 148 | 54 | 42 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 62.4 | 13.1 | 4.7 | 3.7 |
| April-June..... | 1,708 | 160 | 1,332 | 145 | 42 | 30 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 78.0 | 8.5 | 2.4 | 1.7 |
| July-September..... | 1,643 | 178 | 1,063 | 1,144 | 36 | 220 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 64.8 | 8.8 | 2.2 | 13.4 |
| October-December..... | 1,544 | 171 | 732 | 154 | 51 | 433 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 47.5 | 10.0 | 3.3 | 28.1 |
| 1966: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 1,525 | 196 | 792 | 165 | 72 | 297 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 52.0 | 10.9 | 4.7 | 19.5 |
| April-June..... | 2,347 | 200 | 1,482 | 177 | 63 | 422 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 63.2 | 7.5 | 2.7 | 18.0 |
| July-September..... | 1,518 | 205 | 1,052 | 161 | 43 | 57 | 100.0 | 13.5 | 69.3 | 10.6 | 2.8 | 3.7 |
| October-December..... | 1,076 | 169 | 685 | 144 | 43 | 34 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 63.7 | 13.4 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| 1967: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January-March..... | 1,319 | 252 | 805 | 167 | 58 | 37 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 61.1 | 12.7 | 4.4 | 2.8 |
| April-June..... | 1,889 | 258 | 1,377 | 173 | 49 | 32 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 72.9 | 9.1 | 2.6 | 1.7 |
| July-September..... | 1,510 | 266 | 1,005 | 173 | 39 | 26 | 100.0 | 17.6 | 66.6 | 11.5 | 2.6 | 1.7 |
| October-December..... | 1,176 | 249 | 700 | 159 | 41 | 27 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 59.6 | 13.5 | 3.5 | 2.3 |
| <i>Form 3227</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Summary data: 1962-67..... | 4,236 | 1,500 | 929 | 213 | 531 | 1,071 | 100.0 | 35.3 | 21.9 | 5.1 | 12.5 | 25.2 |
| Annual data: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1962..... | 610 | 24 | 28 | 31 | 129 | 397 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 21.2 | 65.2 |
| 1963..... | 2,839 | 1,092 | 650 | 145 | 352 | 598 | 100.0 | 38.5 | 22.9 | 5.1 | 12.4 | 21.1 |
| 1964..... | 647 | 312 | 193 | 32 | 44 | 66 | 100.0 | 48.3 | 29.8 | 4.9 | 6.8 | 10.2 |
| 1965..... | 77 | 35 | 27 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 100.0 | 49.4 | 35.1 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 6.5 |
| 1966..... | 40 | 21 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 100.0 | 51.3 | 39.3 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 4.0 |
| 1967..... | 24 | 13 | 9 | (¹) | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | 55.2 | 37.7 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| <i>Civil Service form</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual data: 1965..... | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 7.7 | 80.8 |

¹ Less than 500 persons.

ing system established at the beginning of the program. Until June 30, 1963, the Railroad Retirement Board issued account numbers to railroad employees, and these numbers may be used for social security purposes. The data in the accompanying tables, however, do not include the 2.8 million numbers issued by the Railroad Retirement Board. The tables do include those issued under the IRS taxpayer registration program (Form 3227) and through the special form used in 1965 for issuing numbers to Federal civil-service annuitants.

Procedures for issuing social security numbers.—The customary procedure for applying for a social security number involves the use of IRS Form SS-5, on which the applicant enters his date of birth, sex, race, and other identifying information such as place of birth and the names of both parents. The special IRS Form 3227 and the

form used to register Federal civil-service annuitants are similar to the SS-5, but neither of these forms requested information on race. Numbers issued for these purposes are no different from other social security numbers and may be used for social security purposes.

Total number issued.—Since some persons obtain more than one number, total issuances overstate the actual number of individuals with social security numbers. The data are not adjusted to exclude account-number holders who have died. They include numbers issued to persons in areas outside the United States with employment covered under the program. Because of processing lags, some quarterly totals contain a carryover from a previous quarter.

Age in year of issue.—The account-number recipient's age in the year of issuance is deter-

mined by the date of birth given on the application. The total for each period includes persons whose year of birth was not reported or not tabulated. The percentage distributions by age are based on the number with age recorded.

Summary data.—The data in tables 1–3 are grouped in periods that reflect significantly different experience under OASDHI. The major events affecting the issuing of social security numbers and suggesting the grouping of years used here are as follows:

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 1937–39..... | Beginning of program. |
| 1940–50..... | No major changes in program. |
| 1951–54..... | Major extensions of coverage. |
| 1955–61..... | Additional coverage extensions. |
| 1962–64..... | Taxpayer registration program. |
| 1965–66..... | Establishment of Medicare. |
| 1967..... | No major change in program. |

Comparison of the total number of issuances in the several periods is difficult because of the large differences in the number of years in these intervals. The analysis by age of enrollee and by type of application becomes more meaningful, however, when the data are grouped in this way.

Type of application.—The distribution in table 4 shows the effect of the special procedures and the issuing of social security numbers for other than social security purposes. The breakdowns between issuance on Forms SS-5 and 3227, beginning with the third quarter of 1965 and data on issuances to Federal civil-service annuitants for the last half of 1965 are based on a sample of approximately 1,000 cases a quarter.

SOCIAL SECURITY ABROAD

SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES IN ITALY*

On February 12, 1969, the Italian Government and the four largest labor unions reached an agreement to increase pensions and modify certain social security reform measures promulgated last year. This action brought to an end 3 months

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of recurring strikes in which as many as 16 million out of a total of 20 million wage earners supported 9 million pensioners by walking off their jobs several times for 24-hour periods. The provisions of the settlement have been incorporated in a Cabinet-approved bill passed by the Italian Parliament on April 30, 1969. The new law became effective June 1, 1969, and certain benefits specified in the measure are retroactive to January 1, 1969. The dispute over social security pensions has been one of the major problems facing the new government, which was installed in December 1968.

Background

Much of the conflict over pensions grew out of the 1968 reform of the social security system (promulgated under Law No. 238 of March 9, 1968), in which small pension increases and a number of structural changes were introduced as the first steps in a projected series of reform measures.¹ The new levels of benefits represented the maximum the Government felt it could grant at the time, but they were still considered inadequate by union demands. The union negotiators, who had called for raising the statutory minimum pension for qualified workers at age 65 to 30,000 lire a month,² contended that the 1968 pension increases, which brought the minimum to L.21,900 were inadequate to compensate for the rise in the cost of living that had taken place since mid-1965, when pensions were last adjusted. The unions also advocated repeal of two provisions of the 1968 law that had proven to be unpopular—the reduction or elimination of pensions for retired workers who chose to continue in remunerative employment and the abolition of seniority pensions, which permitted retirement at any age after 35 years of service. In addition, the unions demanded that the Government increase its contribution to the social or minimum pension fund to replace the share now paid by workers and employers (7.28 percent of the payroll tax). The workers' share would then be used to augment the wage-related pension funds. Labor also asked that benefits be adjusted automatically for each 5-percent increase in the cost of living and that

¹ See *Social Security Bulletin*, July 1968, pp. 20–22.

² 625 lire equal \$1.