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CURRENT STATISTICS OF RELIEF IN RURAL AND TOWN AREAS

for June—July 1937 and for the years 1932—1936

FOREWORD

The rural and town relief series formerly maintained by the Works Progress Administration was transferred as of July 1, 1937, to the Social Security Board, which is continuing the publication of Current Statistics of Relief in Rural and Town Areas with this issue. This series was initiated by the Works Progress Administration in 1936 to provide an indicator of month-to-month changes in the volume and cost of relief to families in rural and town areas. The series has been carried back to January 1932, and detailed monthly figures for the years 1932—1936 will be available shortly in a publication of the Works Progress Administration. The rural relief series is complementary to the compilation of relief statistics for urban areas published monthly by the Social Security Board in Relief in Urban Areas.



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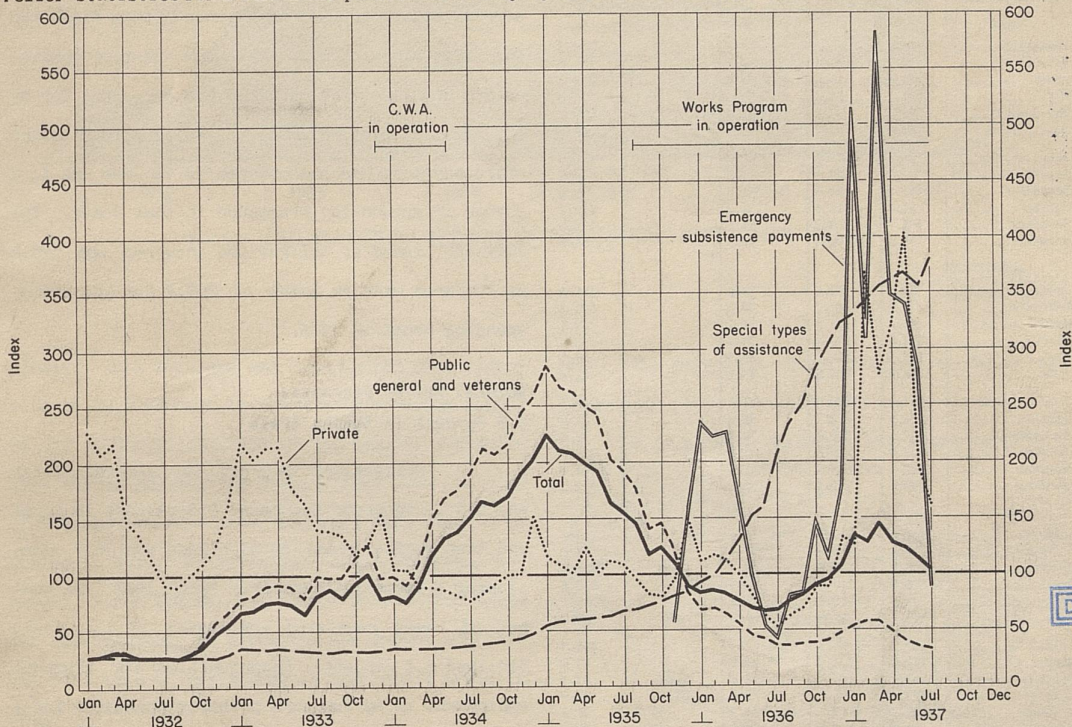


FIG. 1—TRENDS OF OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR RURAL AND TOWN RELIEF
Average month, July 1935—June 1936 = 100

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Aggregate Obligations
Incurred for Cases Decline
8.7 Percent in Sample Areas

Aggregate obligations incurred¹ for four major forms of relief to cases declined 8.7 percent in rural and town sample areas between June and July, reflecting a sharp decrease in amounts of emergency subsistence payments to farmers under the Resettlement Administration and moderate decreases

in amounts of general relief, aid to veterans, and private assistance (fig. 1). Accompanying this decline was a 6.8 percent decrease in the number of cases aided. According to reports received from 1,365 public and private agencies, obligations of \$2,446,000 were incurred for 155,000 families and single persons in July. Obligations incurred exclude Works Program earnings and loans made by the Resettlement Administration. The index of obligations incurred, based on the average monthly amount of obligations incurred during the year July 1935—

¹The term "obligations incurred" as used throughout this bulletin supersedes the designation "expenditures" which was used in preceding issues of the bulletin. No change has been made, however, in reporting financial data.



Table 1.—TRENDS OF OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR RURAL AND TOWN RELIEF,
BY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE, JANUARY 1932-JUNE 1937
Average Month, July 1935-June 1936 = 100

Index					
Year and month	Total	Public general and veterans	Special types of assistance	Emergency subsistence grants	Private assistance
1932					
January	29.5	30.6	27.7		230.3
February	31.1	33.0	27.8		209.3
March	33.2	35.7	27.8		218.7
April	33.3	36.5	27.4		149.7
May	29.0	31.2	26.1		137.6
June	28.3	30.1	27.1		113.5
July	28.7	31.0	26.3		92.9
August	27.6	29.7	26.1		90.3
September	31.1	34.1	26.5		100.7
October	37.7	42.6	27.5		111.1
November	50.8	60.2	27.4		124.5
December	57.4	68.2	29.0		163.5
1933					
January	69.0	81.6	35.8		218.7
February	70.2	83.7	34.7		205.0
March	76.3	91.8	34.3		214.1
April	77.1	93.0	33.7		216.3
May	75.0	90.6	32.9		179.9
June	67.8	81.3	32.3		166.2
July	82.4	101.3	31.7		140.9
August	67.7	108.7	31.0		139.6
September	80.5	98.8	31.8		136.0
October	93.9	116.8	32.2		119.2
November	102.7	128.7	31.2		129.9
December	81.0	99.1	32.3		154.8
1934					
January	81.5	99.6	34.6		105.8
February	75.9	92.2	34.3		104.6
March	90.7	112.3	34.1		89.4
April	118.8	149.8	34.7		88.9
May	132.5	168.1	35.3		87.1
June	138.1	175.8	34.5		81.8
July	148.9	189.6	37.3		76.7
August	166.4	212.7	38.2		84.0
September	162.1	206.8	38.7		92.8
October	169.4	215.8	41.5		100.4
November	190.1	243.1	43.4		101.2
December	202.2	258.1	46.8		152.3
1935					
January	224.2	285.9	54.4		116.6
February	210.4	266.8	57.1		107.6
March	206.2	261.3	56.7		101.6
April	198.0	249.3	60.3		125.4
May	191.9	240.8	61.9		103.1
June	163.1	201.8	62.9		113.2
July	155.2	190.1	67.3		109.3
August	143.4	174.2	68.5		93.6
September	116.1	139.4	72.0		83.3
October	123.9	146.3	75.8		80.9
November	109.7	121.1	81.2	57.1	97.3
December	88.7	84.8	84.9	143.4	150.2
1936					
January	83.1	68.4	93.4	234.1	111.4
February	85.0	70.4	98.6	221.9	117.0
March	83.2	63.8	114.0	225.7	113.8
April	75.7	53.9	132.5	165.1	99.8
May	68.6	45.0	151.6	99.6	80.6
June	65.5	42.5	160.1	53.2	62.7
July	68.0	35.2	205.2	42.4	53.3
August	76.1	35.8	233.6	81.1	63.9
September	80.3	36.8	250.7	83.7	69.9
October	90.8	37.9	282.0	146.3	88.3
November	94.9	40.4	303.0	116.1	87.8
December	107.4	46.4	324.7	177.4	134.0
1937					
January	134.6	54.2	331.5	512.5	127.0
February	128.1	56.8	343.1	308.0	367.4
March	145.9	57.2	354.8	583.4	276.7
April	127.1	48.6	361.2	347.7	320.4
May	122.7	40.8	368.1	339.0	402.1
June	112.9	35.8	356.7	282.0	193.4
July	103.1	32.4	378.8	88.5	161.3

June 1936, was 103.1 in July 1937 as compared with an index of 68.0 in July 1936 (table 1).

Special Types of Public Assistance²
Increase 6.2 Percent

Between June and July obligations incurred for special types of assistance—old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, and aid to the blind—increased 6.2 percent in rural and town sample areas. This rise was accompanied by a 7.9 percent increase in the number of recipients. Although several States granted assistance in this field for the first time in July, the major part of the increase in obligations incurred was accounted for by the resumption of payments to the aged in Missouri where payments had been suspended in June due to a change in accounting procedure in that State. The July 1937 index of obligations incurred was 378.8 as compared with an index of 205.2 for the corresponding month in 1936.

General Relief Decreases
9.5 Percent in Sample Areas

Obligations incurred for general relief and aid to veterans decreased 9.5 percent in rural and town sample areas between June and July, continuing a downward trend from March 1937. The number of cases receiving assistance in this field declined 8.8 percent. Opportunities for seasonal employment in agriculture probably accounted for a large part of the reduction in this type of assistance. The July 1937 index of 32.4 was slightly below the July 1936 index of 35.2.

Emergency Subsistence
Payments to Farmers³
Drop Sharply

Emergency subsistence payments to farmers dropped sharply from June to July, declining 68.6

²Old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, and aid to the blind.

³This term supersedes the designation "Resettlement emergency grants" which was used to apply to corresponding figures in preceding issues of the bulletin.

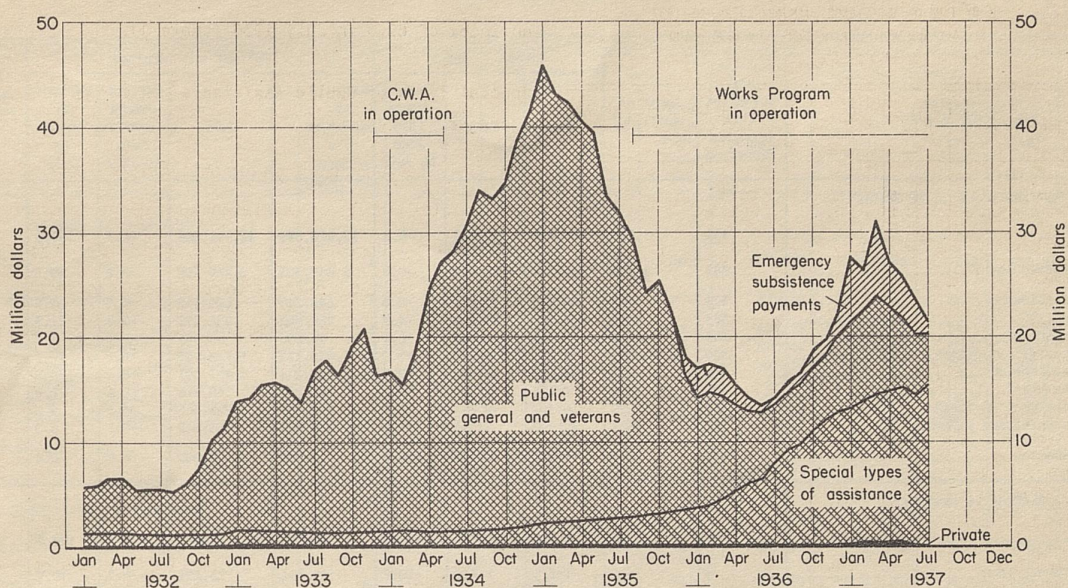


FIG.2- OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR RURAL AND TOWN RELIEF

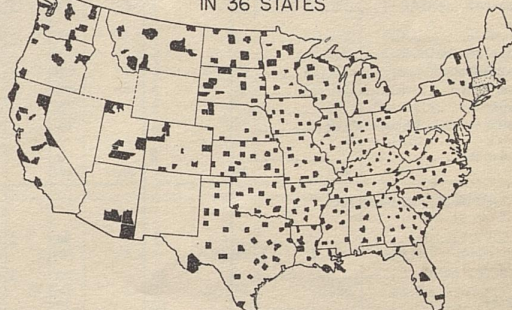
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percent. This decrease was accompanied by a reduction of 69.2 percent in the number of cases aided. Of the 36 States included in the sample, emergency subsistence payments to farmers were made in only 16 States in July; similar payments were made in 35 States in June. Five States—Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota—accounted for approximately 95 percent of the amount expended for this type of assistance in the sample areas in July.

Emergency subsistence payments to farmers have declined markedly from March 1937 when the index of expenditures stood at 583.4, the highest index since the program was initiated in November

1935. The July 1937 index dropped to 88.5, substantially above the July 1936 index of 42.4.

FIG.3- SAMPLE COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS IN 36 STATES



Reports cover entire counties in all States sampled except Massachusetts and Connecticut where individual townships are represented. Although the sample counties and townships are predominantly rural, some of them include towns and small cities ranging in size up to 25,000 population. The population of the sample areas in 1930 was approximately 6,514,000 or 11.5 percent of the total rural and town population of the United States.

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Number of Cases Receiving Relief and Obligations Incurred for Relief in 385 Rural and Town Areas in 36 States¹
June—July 1937

Type of assistance	Counties and townships with agencies reporting	Agencies reporting ²	Number of cases			Obligations incurred				Average amount of relief per case in July
			June	July	Percent change from June to July	June	July	Percent change from June to July	Percent of total in July	
TOTAL (385 areas in 36 States)										
Total.....	385	1,365	166,380	155,032	-6.8	\$2,678,049	\$2,446,058	-8.7	100.0	\$15.78
Public assistance, total ³	385	1,193	³ 164,459	³ 152,916	-7.0	2,667,381	2,437,158	-8.6	99.6	15.94
General and veterans ⁴	376	643	46,323	43,241	-8.8	645,240	585,115	-9.5	23.9	13.53
General relief.....	365	456	43,598	40,579	-6.9	580,850	521,771	-10.2	21.3	12.86
Aid to veterans ⁴	196	204	2,725	2,662	-2.3	65,390	63,344	-3.1	2.6	23.80
Special types of assistance.....	359	487	95,556	104,190	+7.9	1,628,339	1,728,795	+6.2	70.7	16.59
Old-age assistance.....	341	341	84,254	91,393	+8.5	1,366,244	1,453,991	+6.4	59.5	15.91
Aid to the blind.....	203	204	2,106	2,253	+7.0	45,826	49,143	+7.2	2.0	21.81
Aid to dependent children.....	251	279	10,196	10,544	+3.4	216,269	225,661	+4.3	9.2	21.40
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	323	323	22,700	6,991	-69.2	392,802	123,248	-68.6	5.0	17.63
Private assistance.....	119	172	1,921	2,116	+10.2	10,568	8,900	-16.6	0.4	4.21
ALABAMA (6 counties)										
Total.....	6	20	1,517	1,329	-12.4	19,413	13,877	-28.5	100.0	10.44
Public assistance, total.....	6	18	1,512	1,319	-12.8	19,401	13,831	-28.7	99.7	10.49
General relief.....	6	6	83	70	†	602	539	†	3.9	7.70
Aid to veterans.....	6	6	19	18	†	490	470	†	3.4	††
Special types of assistance.....	6	6	1,165	1,230	+5.6	12,004	12,794	+6.6	92.2	10.40
Old-age assistance ⁶	6	6	812	869	+7.0	8,778	9,316	+6.1	67.1	10.72
Aid to the blind ⁶	5	5	14	16	†	142	166	†	1.2	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	6	6	339	345	+1.8	3,084	3,312	+7.4	23.9	9.60
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	6	6	245	1	-99.6	6,305	28	-99.6	0.2	††
Private assistance.....	1	2	5	10	†	12	46	†	0.3	††
ARIZONA (3 counties)										
Total.....	3	12	1,376	926	-32.7	22,900	16,885	-26.3	100.0	18.23
Public assistance, total ³	3	9	³ 1,357	³ 868	-36.0	22,782	16,782	-26.3	99.4	19.33
General relief.....	3	5	713	556	-22.0	11,917	7,000	-41.3	41.5	12.59
Special types of assistance.....	3	6	679	353	-48.0	10,810	9,782	-9.5	57.9	27.71
Old-age assistance ⁶	3	3	436	95	-78.2	3,784	2,277	-39.8	13.5	23.97
Aid to the blind ⁶	3	3	23	23	†	494	492	†	2.9	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	3	3	220	235	+6.8	6,532	7,013	+7.4	41.5	29.84
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	3	3	2	-	†	55	-	†	-	-
Private assistance.....	2	3	19	58	†	118	103	†	0.6	1.78
ARKANSAS (10 counties)										
Total.....	10	30	2,682	2,971	+10.8	24,400	26,632	+9.1	100.0	8.96
Public assistance, total.....	10	30	2,682	2,971	+10.8	24,400	26,632	+9.1	100.0	8.96
General relief.....	10	10	376	397	+5.6	2,190	2,322	+6.0	8.7	5.85
Aid to veterans.....	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special types of assistance.....	10	10	2,263	2,569	+13.5	21,407	24,228	+13.2	91.0	9.43
Old-age assistance ⁶	10	10	1,594	1,934	+21.3	14,594	17,778	+21.8	66.8	9.19
Aid to the blind ⁶	10	10	83	82	†	758	750	†	2.8	9.15
Aid to dependent children ⁶	10	10	586	553	-5.6	6,055	5,700	-5.9	21.4	10.31
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	10	10	43	5	†	803	82	†	0.3	††
Private assistance.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CALIFORNIA (10 counties)										
Total.....	10	50	7,596	7,406	-2.5	205,740	211,270	+2.7	100.0	28.53
Public assistance, total ³	10	30	³ 7,247	³ 7,087	-2.2	204,428	209,939	+2.7	99.4	29.62
General relief.....	10	20	2,722	2,574	-5.4	58,821	63,901	+8.6	30.3	24.83
Special types of assistance.....	10	10	4,540	4,443	+2.3	142,364	146,038	+2.6	69.1	31.45
Old-age assistance ⁶	10	10	3,673	3,768	+2.6	112,810	115,978	+2.8	54.9	30.78
Aid to the blind ⁶	9	9	196	195	-0.5	6,724	6,746	+0.3	3.2	34.59
Aid to dependent children ⁶	10	10	671	680	+1.3	22,830	23,314	+2.1	11.0	34.29
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	10	10	84	-	†	3,243	-	†	-	-
Private assistance.....	7	20	349	319	-8.6	1,312	1,331	+1.4	0.6	4.17

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			June	July	Percent change from June to July	June	July	Percent change from June to July	Percent of total in July	
COLORADO (3 counties)										
Total	8	16	3,049	2,767	-9.2	\$87,426	\$80,643	-7.8	100.0	\$29.14
Public assistance, total ³	8	16	³ 3,049	³ 2,767	-9.2	87,426	80,643	-7.8	100.0	29.14
General relief	8	8	666	553	-17.0	13,312	10,109	-24.1	12.5	18.28
Special types of assistance	8	8	2,519	2,521	+0.1	69,944	70,047	+0.1	86.9	27.79
Old-age assistance ⁶	8	8	2,184	2,187	+0.1	61,043	61,176	+0.2	75.9	27.97
Aid to the blind ⁶	8	8	44	44	†	1,126	1,135	†	1.4	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	8	8	291	290	-0.3	7,775	7,736	-0.5	9.6	26.68
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	8	8	251	23	-90.8	4,170	487	-88.3	0.6	††
Private assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONNECTICUT (40 townships)										
Total	40	46	1,244	1,255	+0.9	32,018	34,138	+6.6	100.0	27.20
Public assistance, total	40	46	1,244	1,255	+0.9	32,018	34,138	+6.6	100.0	27.20
General relief	37	37	451	461	+2.2	11,944	13,118	+9.8	38.4	28.46
Special types of assistance	40	40	799	794	+0.6	19,964	21,020	+5.3	61.6	26.47
Old-age assistance ⁶	40	40	752	763	+1.5	18,886	19,704	+4.3	57.7	25.82
Aid to the blind ⁶	15	15	8	4	†	64	81	†	0.3	††
Aid to dependent children	20	20	29	27	†	1,014	1,235	†	3.6	††
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	6	6	4	-	†	110	-	†	-	-
Private assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FLORIDA (6 counties)										
Total	6	36	2,899	2,754	-5.0	31,993	27,059	-15.4	100.0	9.83
Public assistance, total	6	28	2,695	2,589	-3.9	31,349	26,475	-15.5	97.8	10.23
General relief	5	10	1,215	1,397	+15.0	8,521	10,382	+21.8	38.4	7.43
Aid to veterans	6	6	104	103	-1.0	4,160	4,120	-1.0	15.2	40.00
Special types of assistance	6	10	1,102	1,089	-1.2	12,123	11,973	-1.2	44.2	10.99
Old-age assistance ⁶	6	6	988	975	-1.3	11,062	10,912	-1.4	40.3	11.19
Aid to the blind ⁶	1	1	82	82	†	647	647	†	2.4	7.89
Aid to dependent children	4	4	32	32	†	414	414	†	1.5	††
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	6	6	274	-	-100.0	6,545	-	-100.0	-	-
Private assistance	2	8	204	165	-19.1	644	584	-9.3	2.2	3.54
GEORGIA (16 counties)										
Total	16	50	1,285	1,184	-7.9	12,380	9,522	-23.1	100.0	8.04
Public assistance, total ³	16	47	³ 1,247	³ 1,142	-8.4	12,162	9,294	-23.6	97.6	8.14
General relief	15	15	803	671	-16.4	2,041	1,828	-10.4	19.2	2.72
Aid to veterans	15	15	136	125	-8.1	4,080	3,750	-8.1	39.4	30.00
Special types of assistance	16	16	-	347	†	-	3,679	†	38.6	10.60
Old-age assistance ⁶	14	14	-	328	†	-	3,317	†	34.8	10.11
Aid to the blind ⁶	3	3	-	2	†	-	20	†	0.2	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	9	9	-	17	†	-	342	†	3.6	††
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	16	16	308	2	-99.4	6,041	37	-99.4	0.4	††
Private assistance	3	3	38	42	†	218	228	†	2.4	††
ILLINOIS (11 counties)										
Total	11	49	14,415	14,016	-2.8	231,243	214,880	-7.1	100.0	15.33
Public assistance, total	11	41	14,335	13,941	-2.7	231,021	214,728	-7.1	99.9	15.40
General and veterans	11	12	5,483	5,640	+2.9	91,720	83,402	-9.1	38.8	14.79
Special types of assistance	11	22	8,417	8,248	-2.0	132,783	130,474	-1.7	60.7	15.82
Old-age assistance ⁶	11	11	7,739	7,562	-2.3	117,191	114,421	-2.4	53.2	15.13
Aid to the blind ⁶	11	11	353	365	+3.4	9,461	10,052	+6.2	4.7	27.54
Aid to dependent children	10	10	325	321	-1.2	6,131	6,001	-2.1	2.8	18.69
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	11	11	435	53	-87.8	6,518	852	-86.9	0.4	16.08
Private assistance	6	8	80	75	†	222	152	†	0.1	2.03

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INDIANA (9 counties)										
Total	9	27	4,727	4,730	+0.1	\$64,474	\$64,436	-0.1	100.0	\$13.62
Public assistance, total	9	27	4,727	4,730	+0.1	64,474	64,436	-0.1	100.0	13.62
General relief	9	9	1,566	1,486	-5.1	18,072	16,885	-6.6	26.2	11.36
Special types of assistance	9	9	3,139	3,237	+3.1	46,025	47,441	+3.1	73.6	14.66
Old-age assistance ⁶	9	9	2,560	2,609	+1.9	33,100	33,572	+1.4	52.1	12.87
Aid to the blind ⁶	9	9	138	139	+0.7	2,564	2,548	-0.6	3.9	18.33
Aid to dependent children ⁶	9	9	441	489	+10.9	10,361	11,321	+9.3	17.6	23.15
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	9	9	22	7	†	377	110	†	0.2	††
Private assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IOWA (9 counties)										
Total	9	48	5,058	4,853	-4.1	79,379	74,442	-6.2	100.0	15.34
Public assistance, total ³	9	45	5,035	4,837	-3.9	79,207	74,363	-6.1	99.9	15.37
General and veterans	9	27	1,846	1,680	-9.0	30,112	25,427	-15.6	34.1	15.14
Special types of assistance	9	18	3,099	3,201	+3.3	46,678	48,711	+4.4	65.5	15.22
Old-age assistance ⁶	9	9	2,817	2,925	+3.8	41,603	43,674	+5.0	58.7	14.93
Aid to the blind	9	9	73	72	†	1,252	1,235	†	1.7	17.15
Aid to dependent children	9	9	209	204	-2.4	3,823	3,802	-0.5	5.1	18.64
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	9	9	130	12	-90.8	2,417	225	-90.7	0.3	††
Private assistance	2	3	23	16	†	172	79	†	0.1	††
KANSAS (13 counties)										
Total	13	40	3,827	2,323	-39.3	55,874	29,057	-48.0	100.0	12.51
Public assistance, total	13	28	3,611	2,106	-41.7	53,994	27,372	-49.3	94.2	13.00
General relief	13	15	1,776	1,648	-7.2	22,989	20,204	-12.1	69.5	12.26
Special types of assistance	2	2	-	18	†	-	172	†	0.6	††
Old-age assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to the blind	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to dependent children	2	2	-	18	†	-	172	†	0.6	††
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	13	13	1,835	440	-76.0	31,005	6,996	-77.4	24.1	15.90
Private assistance	9	12	216	217	+0.5	1,880	1,685	-10.4	5.8	7.76
KENTUCKY (12 counties)										
Total	12	36	3,463	3,081	-11.0	35,925	30,295	-15.7	100.0	9.83
Public assistance, total	12	33	3,455	3,066	-11.3	35,702	30,142	-15.6	99.5	9.83
General relief	4	4	58	49	†	1,106	1,191	†	3.9	††
Aid to veterans	5	5	12	12	†	295	295	†	1.0	††
Special types of assistance	12	15	2,821	3,005	+6.5	26,906	28,656	+6.5	94.6	9.54
Old-age assistance ⁶	12	12	2,821	3,005	+6.5	26,906	28,656	+6.5	94.6	9.54
Aid to the blind	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to dependent children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	12	12	564	-	-100.0	7,395	-	-100.0	-	-
Private assistance	3	3	8	15	†	223	153	†	0.5	††
LOUISIANA (10 counties)										
Total	10	32	5,925	5,772	-2.6	62,845	69,010	+9.8	100.0	11.96
Public assistance, total	10	30	5,903	5,750	-2.6	62,800	68,945	+9.8	99.9	11.99
General relief	10	11	1,162	1,140	-1.9	8,893	9,649	+8.5	14.0	8.46
Aid to veterans	9	9	188	186	-1.1	11,280	11,146	-1.2	16.1	59.92
Special types of assistance	10	10	4,065	4,424	+8.8	33,313	48,150	+44.5	69.8	10.86
Old-age assistance ⁶	10	10	3,156	3,461	+9.7	24,729	32,431	+31.1	47.0	9.37
Aid to the blind ⁶	10	10	59	55	†	358	539	†	0.8	9.80
Aid to dependent children ⁶	10	10	850	908	+6.8	8,226	15,180	+84.5	22.0	16.72
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	10	10	488	-	-100.0	9,314	-	-100.0	-	-
Private assistance	2	2	22	22	†	45	65	†	0.1	††

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MASSACHUSETTS (23 townships)										
Total	23	40	1,098	1,141	+3.9	\$32,329	\$34,207	+5.8	100.0	\$29.98
Public assistance, total ³	23	37	³ 1,095	³ 1,138	+3.9	32,284	34,162	+5.8	99.8	30.02
General and veterans	23	29	298	318	+6.7	6,811	8,047	+18.1	23.5	25.31
Special types of assistance	23	30	908	929	+2.3	25,473	26,115	+2.5	76.3	28.11
Old-age assistance ⁶	23	23	854	872	+2.1	22,939	23,504	+2.5	68.7	26.95
Aid to the blind ⁶	5	5	7	7	†	108	108	†	0.3	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	19	19	47	50	†	2,426	2,503	†	7.3	50.06
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	-
Private assistance	3	3	3	3	†	45	45	†	0.2	††
MICHIGAN (11 counties)										
Total	11	62	6,706	6,746	+0.6	107,290	105,240	-1.9	100.0	15.60
Public assistance, total ³	11	53	³ 6,671	³ 6,716	+0.7	107,092	105,140	-1.8	99.9	15.66
General and veterans	11	33	3,056	2,690	-12.0	41,476	33,484	-19.3	31.8	12.45
Special types of assistance	11	25	3,510	4,033	+14.9	63,341	71,656	+13.1	68.1	17.77
Old-age assistance ⁶	11	11	2,674	3,183	+19.0	43,190	52,912	+22.5	50.3	16.62
Aid to the blind ⁶	6	6	17	17	†	311	306	†	0.3	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	11	14	819	833	+1.7	19,840	18,438	-7.1	17.5	22.13
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	11	11	105	-	-100.0	2,275	-	-100.0	0.0	-
Private assistance	6	9	35	30	†	198	100	†	0.1	††
MINNESOTA (12 counties)										
Total	12	64	9,090	8,589	-5.5	168,355	160,946	-4.4	100.0	18.74
Public assistance, total	12	60	9,005	8,552	-5.0	167,855	160,696	-4.3	99.8	18.79
General and veterans	12	24	1,497	1,397	-6.7	31,956	32,562	+1.9	20.2	23.31
Special types of assistance	12	34	7,122	7,155	+0.5	128,479	128,134	-0.3	79.6	17.91
Old-age assistance ⁶	12	12	6,590	6,590	-0.2	116,306	116,596	+0.2	72.4	17.72
Aid to the blind	11	11	45	46	†	780	795	†	0.5	††
Aid to dependent children	11	11	487	529	+8.6	11,393	10,743	-5.7	6.7	20.31
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	12	12	366	-	-100.0	7,420	-	-100.0	0.0	-
Private assistance	4	4	85	37	†	500	250	†	0.2	††
MISSISSIPPI (10 counties)										
Total	10	48	2,870	2,300	-19.9	18,444	12,197	-33.9	100.0	5.30
Public assistance, total	10	38	2,772	2,229	-19.6	18,093	11,981	-33.8	98.2	5.38
General relief	8	8	133	138	0.0	379	388	+2.4	3.2	2.81
Aid to veterans	10	10	272	257	-5.5	4,265	3,965	-7.0	32.5	15.43
Special types of assistance	10	10	1,844	1,834	-0.5	7,603	7,628	+0.3	62.5	4.16
Old-age assistance ⁶	10	10	1,844	1,834	-0.5	7,603	7,628	+0.3	62.5	4.16
Aid to the blind	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to dependent children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	10	10	518	-	-100.0	5,846	-	-100.0	-	-
Private assistance	9	10	98	71	†	351	216	†	1.8	3.04
MISSOURI (12 counties)										
Total	12	64	5,416	9,341	+72.5	47,789	91,262	+91.0	100.0	9.77
Public assistance, total	12	61	5,374	9,303	+73.1	47,515	91,070	+91.7	99.8	9.79
General relief	12	25	3,373	3,222	-4.5	18,343	14,160	-22.8	15.5	4.39
Special types of assistance	12	24	303	6,010	+1,883.5	7,724	76,050	+884.6	83.3	12.65
Old-age assistance ⁶	12	12	-	5,707	†	-	68,326	†	74.9	11.97
Aid to the blind	12	12	303	303	0.0	7,724	7,724	0.0	8.4	25.49
Aid to dependent children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	12	12	1,698	71	-95.8	21,448	860	-96.0	1.0	12.11
Private assistance	2	3	42	38	†	274	192	†	0.2	††

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MONTANA (8 counties)										
Total	8	18	2,529	2,494	-1.4	\$57,674	\$53,381	-7.4	100.0	\$21.40
Public assistance, total ³	8	16	³ 2,526	³ 2,490	-1.4	57,655	53,362	-7.4	99.9	21.43
General relief	8	8	293	275	-6.1	5,667	5,297	-6.5	9.9	19.26
Special types of assistance	8	8	1,036	1,292	+24.7	24,886	26,847	+7.9	50.3	20.78
Old-age assistance ⁶	8	8	910	1,136	+24.8	21,325	22,438	+5.2	42.0	19.75
Aid to the blind	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to dependent children ⁶	8	8	126	156	+23.8	3,561	4,409	+23.8	8.3	28.26
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	8	8	1,233	964	-21.8	27,102	21,218	-21.7	39.7	22.01
Private assistance	2	2	3	4	†	19	19	†	0.1	††
NEBRASKA (8 counties)										
Total	8	60	4,441	3,559	-19.9	77,801	51,711	-33.5	100.0	14.53
Public assistance, total	8	46	4,401	3,544	-19.5	76,508	51,636	-32.5	99.9	14.57
General and veterans	8	29	617	495	-19.8	7,415	6,830	-7.9	13.2	13.80
Special types of assistance	8	17	2,758	2,605	-5.5	50,455	37,564	-25.5	72.7	14.42
Old-age assistance ⁶	8	8	2,321	2,176	-6.2	40,407	28,185	-30.2	54.5	12.95
Aid to the blind ⁶	8	9	38	40	†	715	760	†	1.5	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	8	16	399	389	-2.5	9,333	8,619	-7.7	16.7	22.16
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	8	8	1,026	444	-56.7	18,638	7,242	-61.1	14.0	16.31
Private assistance	8	14	40	15	†	1,293	75	†	0.1	††
NEW YORK (7 counties)										
Total	7	14	6,585	6,430	-2.4	127,698	125,849	-1.4	100.0	19.57
Public assistance, total ³	7	14	³ 6,585	³ 6,430	-2.4	127,698	125,849	-1.4	100.0	19.57
General and veterans	7	7	2,147	1,948	-9.3	38,289	34,151	-10.8	27.1	17.53
Special types of assistance	7	7	4,599	4,671	+1.6	88,955	91,698	+3.1	72.9	19.63
Old-age assistance ⁶	7	7	4,287	4,301	+0.3	78,355	79,967	+2.1	63.6	18.59
Aid to the blind ⁶	6	6	-	55	†	-	1,048	†	0.8	19.05
Aid to dependent children ⁶	7	7	312	315	+1.0	10,600	10,683	+0.8	8.5	33.91
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	7	7	20	-	†	454	-	†	-	-
Private assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTH CAROLINA (12 counties)										
Total	12	38	952	944	-0.8	7,544	9,404	+24.7	100.0	9.96
Public assistance, total ³	12	35	³ 901	³ 936	+3.9	7,309	9,386	+28.4	99.8	10.03
General relief	10	10	584	347	-40.6	2,672	2,230	-16.5	23.7	6.43
Aid to veterans	12	12	224	224	0.0	3,265	3,265	0.0	34.7	14.58
Special types of assistance	10	10	15	367	†	140	3,891	†	41.4	10.60
Old-age assistance ⁶	8	8	-	275	†	-	2,454	†	26.1	8.92
Aid to the blind ⁶	7	7	-	59	†	-	848	†	9.0	14.37
Aid to dependent children ⁶	9	9	15	33	†	140	589	†	6.3	††
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	12	12	78	-	†	1,232	-	†	-	-
Private assistance	3	3	51	8	†	235	18	†	0.2	††
NORTH DAKOTA (7 counties)										
Total	7	17	6,119	4,178	-31.7	108,900	73,491	-32.5	100.0	17.59
Public assistance, total ³	7	14	³ 6,091	³ 4,080	-33.0	108,889	72,900	-33.1	99.2	17.87
General relief	7	7	924	1,000	+8.2	20,323	18,955	-6.7	25.8	18.96
Special types of assistance	7	7	1,022	1,024	+0.2	15,482	15,600	+0.8	21.2	15.23
Old-age assistance ⁶	7	7	1,013	1,015	+0.2	15,338	15,456	+0.8	21.0	15.23
Aid to the blind ⁶	5	5	9	9	†	144	144	†	0.2	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	7	7	4,187	2,135	-49.0	73,084	38,345	-47.5	52.2	17.96
Private assistance	2	3	28	98	†	11	591	†	0.8	6.03

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OHIO (9 counties)										
Total	9	69	8,417	7,967	-5.3	\$163,860	\$158,616	-3.2	100.0	\$19.91
Public assistance, total	9	60	8,323	7,952	-4.5	163,713	158,552	-3.2	99.9	19.94
General and veterans	9	25	1,428	1,107	-22.5	16,060	12,439	-22.6	7.8	11.24
Special types of assistance	9	28	6,785	6,836	+0.8	145,796	145,935	+0.1	92.0	21.35
Old-age assistance ⁶	9	9	6,092	6,134	+0.7	129,627	129,204	-0.3	81.4	21.06
Aid to the blind ⁶	9	9	137	137	0.0	2,501	2,521	+0.8	1.6	18.40
Aid to dependent children ⁶	9	10	556	565	+1.6	13,668	14,210	+4.0	9.0	25.15
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	9	9	110	9	-91.8	1,857	178	-90.4	0.1	††
Private assistance	6	9	94	15	†	147	64	†	0.1	††
OKLAHOMA (9 counties)										
Total	9	44	13,820	11,922	-13.7	165,636	139,544	-15.8	100.0	11.70
Public assistance, total	9	42	13,805	11,897	-13.8	165,507	139,423	-15.8	99.9	11.72
General relief	9	17	3,246	3,072	-5.4	17,863	13,760	-23.0	9.9	4.48
Aid to veterans	7	7	113	109	-3.5	2,977	2,869	-3.6	2.0	26.32
Special types of assistance	9	15	8,252	8,531	+3.4	116,428	120,502	+3.5	86.4	14.13
Old-age assistance ⁶	9	9	6,897	7,068	+2.5	100,655	103,273	+2.6	74.0	14.61
Aid to the blind ⁶	9	9	182	202	+11.0	2,898	3,277	+13.1	2.4	16.22
Aid to dependent children ⁶	9	15	1,173	1,261	+7.5	12,875	13,952	+8.4	10.0	11.06
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	9	9	2,194	185	-91.6	28,239	2,292	-91.9	1.6	12.39
Private assistance	2	2	15	25	†	129	121	†	0.1	††
OREGON (6 counties)										
Total	6	18	1,702	1,679	-1.4	31,980	31,794	-0.6	100.0	18.94
Public assistance, total	6	14	1,688	1,672	-1.0	31,913	31,756	-0.5	99.9	18.99
General and veterans	6	8	519	513	-1.2	8,843	8,439	-4.6	26.5	16.45
Special types of assistance	6	6	1,151	1,159	+0.7	22,639	23,318	+3.0	73.4	20.12
Old-age assistance ⁶	6	6	1,050	1,044	-0.6	20,281	20,206	-0.4	63.6	19.35
Aid to the blind ⁶	6	6	35	36	†	806	835	†	2.6	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	6	6	66	79	†	1,552	2,277	†	7.2	28.82
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	6	6	18	-	†	431	-	†	-	-
Private assistance	3	4	14	7	†	67	38	†	0.1	††
SOUTH CAROLINA (8 counties)										
Total	8	24	979	677	-30.8	9,638	3,007	-68.8	100.0	4.44
Public assistance, total	8	15	927	290	-68.7	9,499	1,843	-80.6	61.3	6.36
General relief	7	7	229	235	+2.6	1,183	1,127	-4.7	37.5	4.80
Aid to veterans ³	(⁹)	(⁹)	(⁹)	(⁹)	(⁹)	(⁹)	(⁹)	(⁹)	(⁹)	(⁹)
Special types of assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Old-age assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to the blind	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to dependent children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	8	8	698	55	†	8,316	716	-91.4	23.8	13.02
Private assistance	7	9	52	387	†	139	1,164	†	38.7	3.01
SOUTH DAKOTA (9 counties)										
Total	9	38	6,180	4,330	-29.9	110,178	65,622	-40.4	100.0	15.16
Public assistance, total	9	36	6,157	4,317	-29.9	110,156	65,589	-40.5	99.9	15.19
General relief	9	9	429	400	-6.8	9,429	7,806	-17.2	11.9	19.52
Special types of assistance	9	18	1,340	1,341	+0.1	13,964	14,326	+2.6	21.8	10.68
Old-age assistance ⁶	9	9	1,069	1,066	-0.3	9,811	10,141	+3.4	15.4	9.51
Aid to the blind	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to dependent children	9	9	271	275	+1.5	4,153	4,185	+0.8	6.4	15.22
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	9	9	4,388	2,576	-41.3	86,763	43,457	-49.9	66.2	16.87
Private assistance	2	2	23	13	†	22	33	†	0.1	††

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TENNESSEE (9 counties)										
Total.....	9	33	893	722	-19.1	\$7,778	\$6,558	-15.7	100.0	\$9.08
Public assistance, total.....	9	27	846	665	-21.4	7,606	6,379	-16.1	97.3	9.59
General relief.....	9	9	629	492	-21.8	3,876	3,067	-20.9	46.8	6.23
Aid to veterans.....	9	9	124	126	+1.6	2,635	2,673	+1.4	40.8	21.21
Special types of assistance.....	5	5	-	47	†	-	639	†	9.7	††
Old-age assistance ⁶	5	5	-	33	†	-	364	†	5.5	††
Aid to the blind.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to dependent children ⁶	4	4	-	14	†	-	275	†	4.2	††
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	9	9	93	-	†	1,095	-	†	-	-
Private assistance.....	4	6	47	57	†	172	179	†	2.7	3.14
TEXAS (26 counties)										
Total.....	26	104	13,639	12,370	-9.3	183,915	166,391	-9.5	100.0	13.45
Public assistance, total.....	26	97	13,585	12,325	-9.3	183,753	166,238	-9.5	99.9	13.49
General relief.....	24	25	421	423	+0.5	4,347	3,976	-8.5	2.4	9.40
Aid to veterans.....	22	22	494	493	-0.2	13,175	13,150	-0.2	7.9	26.67
Special types of assistance.....	26	26	12,080	11,400	-5.6	157,614	148,989	-5.6	89.5	13.07
Old-age assistance ⁶	26	26	12,080	11,400	-5.6	157,614	148,989	-5.6	89.5	13.07
Aid to the blind.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to dependent children.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	24	24	590	9	-98.5	8,417	123	-98.5	0.1	††
Private assistance.....	5	7	54	45	†	162	153	†	0.1	††
UTAH (5 counties)										
Total.....	5	14	1,199	1,049	-12.5	29,245	25,960	-11.2	100.0	24.75
Public assistance, total ³	5	14	1,199	1,049	-12.5	29,245	25,960	-11.2	100.0	24.75
General relief.....	5	9	311	243	-21.9	4,848	3,802	-21.6	14.6	15.65
Special types of assistance.....	5	5	897	887	-1.1	22,264	22,158	-0.5	85.4	24.98
Old-age assistance ⁶	5	5	632	619	-2.1	14,474	15,317	+5.8	59.0	24.74
Aid to the blind ⁶	5	5	31	30	†	734	722	†	2.8	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶	5	5	234	238	+1.7	7,056	6,119	-13.3	23.6	25.71
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	5	5	92	-	†	2,133	-	†	-	-
Private assistance ¹⁰	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)	(¹⁰)
VIRGINIA (13 counties)										
Total.....	13	43	1,694	1,925	+13.6	13,416	11,828	-11.8	100.0	6.14
Public assistance, total.....	13	36	1,684	1,841	+9.3	13,321	11,767	-11.7	99.5	6.39
General relief.....	13	14	1,340	1,508	+12.5	9,011	7,613	-15.5	64.4	5.05
Aid to veterans.....	13	13	312	312	0.0	3,669	3,669	0.0	31.0	11.76
Special types of assistance.....	12	12	20	21	†	526	485	†	4.1	††
Old-age assistance.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to the blind.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid to dependent children.....	12	12	20	21	†	526	485	†	4.1	††
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	9	9	12	-	†	115	-	†	-	-
Private assistance.....	7	7	10	84	†	95	61	†	0.5	0.73
WASHINGTON (6 counties)										
Total.....	6	19	4,446	4,320	-2.8	98,482	97,138	-1.4	100.0	22.49
Public assistance, total.....	6	16	4,355	4,233	-2.8	97,931	97,041	-0.9	99.9	22.92
General and veterans.....	6	10	1,298	1,254	-3.4	25,997	27,103	+4.3	27.9	21.61
Special types of assistance.....	6	6	2,940	2,979	+1.3	68,668	69,938	+1.8	72.0	23.48
Old-age assistance ⁶	6	6	2,328	2,378	+2.1	49,615	51,334	+3.5	52.9	21.59
Aid to the blind ⁶	6	6	62	65	†	2,133	2,273	†	2.3	34.97
Aid to dependent children ⁶	6	6	550	536	-2.5	16,890	16,331	-3.3	16.8	30.47
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵	6	6	117	-	-100.0	3,266	-	-100.0	-	-
Private assistance.....	2	3	91	87	†	551	97	†	0.1	1.11

Number of Cases Receiving Relief, and Obligations Incurred for Relief in 385 Rural and Town Areas in 36 States¹
June—July 1937

Type of assistance	Counties and townships with agencies reporting	Agencies reporting ²	Number of cases			Obligations incurred				Average amount of relief per case in July
			June	July	Percent change from June to July	June	July	Percent change from June to July	Percent of total in July	
WEST VIRGINIA (4 counties)										
Total-----	4	10	2,731	2,420	-11.4	\$36,507	\$33,078	-9.4	100.0	\$13.67
Public assistance, total ³ -----	4	8	³ 2,665	³ 2,350	-11.8	35,971	32,523	-9.6	98.3	13.84
General relief-----	4	4	1,153	858	-25.6	11,554	8,121	-29.7	24.5	9.47
Special types of assistance-----	4	4	1,494	1,506	+0.8	24,081	24,402	+1.3	73.8	16.20
Old-age assistance ⁶ -----	4	4	1,015	1,020	+0.5	14,522	14,629	+0.7	44.2	14.34
Aid to the blind ⁶ -----	4	4	35	37	†	602	657	†	2.0	††
Aid to dependent children ⁶ -----	4	4	444	449	+1.1	8,957	9,116	+1.8	27.6	20.30
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵ -----	4	4	18	-	†	336	-	†	-	-
Private assistance-----	1	2	66	70	†	536	555	†	1.7	7.93
WISCONSIN (8 counties)										
Total-----	8	32	5,811	4,562	-21.5	107,580	86,688	-19.4	100.0	19.00
Public assistance, total ³ -----	8	26	³ 5,705	³ 4,479	-21.5	106,704	86,185	-19.2	99.4	19.24
General and veterans-----	8	13	1,475	1,019	-30.9	27,367	16,430	-40.0	18.9	16.12
Special types of assistance-----	8	8	3,882	3,884	+0.1	69,300	69,755	+0.7	80.5	17.96
Old-age assistance ⁶ -----	8	8	3,066	3,071	+0.2	49,496	49,856	+0.7	57.5	16.23
Aid to the blind ⁶ -----	8	8	132	131	-0.8	2,750	2,714	-1.3	3.2	20.72
Aid to dependent children ⁶ -----	8	8	684	682	-0.3	17,054	17,185	+0.8	19.8	25.20
Emergency subsistence payments ⁵ -----	8	8	434	-	-100.0	10,037	-	-100.0	-	-
Private assistance-----	4	6	106	83	†	876	503	†	0.6	6.06

* Less than 0.05 percent.

† Percent not computed on a base of fewer than 100 cases.

†† Average not computed for fewer than 50 cases.

¹Data obtained from sample counties are believed to be representative for rural and town areas of the United States. Data for individual States, however, may not be entirely representative of individual types of assistance within the States. Figures for States are presented primarily for the use of persons interested in the details of case loads and obligations incurred.

²Includes identical agencies reporting for both months, and agencies beginning operations for the first time in July.

³Eliminates duplication in the count of cases receiving more than one type of public assistance from the same agency. Duplication in the count of cases receiving public relief from more than one agency is not eliminated except in Wisconsin.

⁴Aid to veterans for all States except New York and South Carolina is shown in separate line in U. S. total. Aid to veterans in New York is included with general public relief as the data are not reported separately; in South Carolina data are reported on an annual basis only. In State totals aid to veterans, when reported, is included with general public relief, except for 13 southern States. The inclusion of relatively small amounts of aid to veterans with amounts for general public relief does not affect materially the average amount of relief per case for the latter type of assistance.

⁵Emergency subsistence payments to farmers under the Resettlement Administration. Does not include loan clients. Data for July are estimated.

⁶Administering Federal funds in July under plans approved by the Social Security Board.

⁷No grants were made in June due to a change in accounting procedure in Missouri.

⁸No grants were made in June due to a change in accounting procedure in New York.

⁹Aid to veterans reported on annual basis only.

¹⁰Reports not available for the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Utah.

