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We have the honor to transmit herewith a Report on the Distribution of Consumer Income in 1935-36, prepared under the direction of our Industrial Committee by Dr. Hildegard Kneeland and her staff. This report provides the first estimates in this field based on a nation-wide canvass of family incomes. These estimates have been developed from data on over 300,000 families obtained through A Federal Works Project on the study of consumer purchases conducted by the Bureau of Home Economics and the Bureau of Labor Statistics with the cooperation of the National Resources Committee.

The report provides for the first time an authoritative, broad, national picture of division of income among the American people. The facts disclosed are significant not only to business men concerned with the market for consumers' goods, but also to all citizens concerned with problems of economic opportunity in a democracy.

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THE material presented in this appendix describes the sources of data used as a basis for preparing the estimates of income distribution shown in the preceding pages, and the methods employed in constructing the estimates. The procedures adopted at each stage of the work are set forth in considerable detail, so that readers interested in the more technical aspects of the study can interpret and evaluate the findings.

In the first section of this appendix, the major definitions and classifications used in the study are brought together, for convenience in reference. In the second section, the Study of Consumer Purchases—the major source of basic data—is briefly described. The following sections discuss the construction of the sample distributions for various groups of the population, the methods used to extend them to cover all of the American people, and the methods of estimating average and aggregate incomes.

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The second group of tables, Frequency Distributions Corresponding to Percentage Distribution Tables in Part II, present the frequency distributions from which were calculated the percentage distributions given in text tables 5, 8, 10, and 12.

The third group, Percentage Distributions for Component Groups of Families and Single Individuals, includes the income distributions prepared for certain of the minor component groups of families, which were used in building up the income distributions for major groups of families but were not presented separately in the main body of the report. These distributions are, in many instances, based on sample data too scanty to insure estimates that are as reliable as those presented

in the report itself. Accordingly, the distributions for these groups should not be used without careful attention to the limitations of the sample data, which are discussed in Appendix A. Particular attention is called to the limitations of the regional comparison of incomes, discussed on pages 18, 22-23, 36, 55, and 56.

The 12 tables included under the heading, Population Weights, show the numbers and percents of consumer units belonging to various component groups of the population for which income distributions have been prepared. Nonrelief families in the United States are classified by type of community and region, by color-nativity, by family-size groups, and by occupational groups; and relief families by type of community and region. Single individuals are classified by relief status and sex, and institutional residents by type of institutional group and region.

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TABLE 1B.—Share of aggregate income received by each tenth of Nation's consumer units and by upper 5 percent, 1935-36

[Basis for charts 3 and 4]

Proportion of families and single individuals	Income range	Aggregate income		
		Amount (in millions)	Percent in each group	Cumulative percent
Highest 1 percent	\$9,100 and over	\$8,178	13.8	-----
Highest 2 percent	\$5,800 and over	10,904	18.4	-----
Highest 3 percent	\$4,325 and over	12,859	21.7	-----
Highest 4 percent	\$3,800 and over	14,518	24.5	-----
Highest 5 percent	\$3,100 and over	16,118	27.2	-----
Highest tenth	\$2,600 and over	\$21,452	36.2	100.0
Ninth tenth	\$1,925-\$2,600	8,593	14.5	63.8
Eighth tenth	\$1,540-\$1,925	6,815	11.5	49.3
Seventh tenth	\$1,275-\$1,540	5,511	9.3	37.8
Sixth tenth	\$1,070-\$1,275	4,444	7.5	28.5
Fifth tenth	\$880-\$1,070	3,911	6.6	21.0
Fourth tenth	\$720-\$880	3,259	5.5	14.4
Third tenth	\$545-\$720	2,548	4.3	8.9
Second tenth	\$340-\$545	1,719	2.9	4.6
Lowest tenth	Under \$340	1,007	1.7	1.7
Total		\$59,259	100.0	-----

TABLE 2B.—Proportion of Nation's consumer units receiving each tenth of aggregate income, 1935-36

[Basis for chart 5]

Proportion of aggregate income	Income range	Families and single individuals		
		Number	Percent in each group	Cumulative percent
Highest tenth	\$14,600 and over	197,000	0.5	100.0
Ninth tenth	\$4,900-\$14,600	750,000	1.9	99.5
Eighth tenth	\$3,100-\$4,900	1,618,000	4.1	97.6
Seventh tenth	\$2,375-\$3,100	2,249,000	5.7	93.5
Sixth tenth	\$1,950-\$2,375	2,801,000	7.1	87.8
Fifth tenth	\$1,610-\$1,950	3,433,000	8.7	80.7
Fourth tenth	\$1,320-\$1,610	3,935,000	10.1	72.0
Third tenth	\$1,040-\$1,320	5,130,000	13.0	61.9
Second tenth	\$760-\$1,040	6,530,000	16.6	48.9
Lowest tenth	Under \$760	12,745,000	32.3	32.3
Total		39,458,000	100.0	-----

TABLE 3B.—Families and single individuals in each third of Nation, by type of consumer unit, 1935-36

[Basis for chart 6]

Type of consumer unit	Number of consumer units in—				Percentage of consumer units in—				Percentage of group in—			
	All income classes	Lower third, incomes under \$780	Middle third, incomes of \$780 to \$1,450	Upper third, incomes of \$1,450 and over	All income classes	Lower third	Middle third	Upper third	All income classes	Lower third	Middle third	Upper third
Not receiving relief:¹												
Single individuals:												
Men	5,500,262	1,714,138	2,176,205	1,618,910	13.9	13.0	16.5	12.3	100.0	31.1	39.5	29.4
Women	3,063,201	1,590,226	940,020	532,955	7.8	12.1	7.2	4.1	100.0	51.9	30.7	17.4
Total	8,572,463	3,304,364	3,116,225	2,151,874	21.7	25.1	23.7	16.4	100.0	38.5	36.4	25.1
Families of—												
2 persons	6,668,850	2,017,505	2,274,466	2,376,850	16.9	15.3	17.3	18.1	100.0	30.3	34.1	35.6
3-4 persons	11,170,365	2,314,794	3,690,034	5,156,537	28.3	17.6	28.1	39.2	100.0	20.7	33.1	46.2
5-6 persons	4,804,379	959,222	1,604,467	2,240,690	12.2	7.3	12.2	17.0	100.0	20.0	33.4	46.6
7 or more persons	2,269,583	501,885	780,180	927,518	5.7	4.3	5.9	7.0	100.0	24.7	34.4	40.9
Total	24,913,177	5,853,406	8,358,167	10,701,604	63.1	44.5	63.5	81.3	100.0	23.5	33.5	43.0
Receiving some relief:¹												
Single individuals	1,485,572	1,393,313	102,259	-----	3.8	10.5	.8	-----	100.0	93.1	6.9	-----
Families	4,487,080	2,611,681	1,576,113	299,286	11.4	19.9	12.0	2.3	100.0	58.2	35.1	6.7
Total	5,972,652	3,994,994	1,678,372	299,286	15.2	30.4	12.8	2.3	100.0	66.9	28.1	5.0
All consumer units:²												
Single individuals	10,058,035	4,687,677	3,218,484	2,151,874	25.5	35.6	24.5	16.4	100.0	46.6	32.0	21.4
Families	29,400,257	8,465,087	9,934,280	11,000,800	74.5	64.4	75.5	83.6	100.0	28.8	33.8	37.4
Total	39,458,292	13,152,764	13,152,764	13,152,764	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	33.3	33.3	33.4

¹ Families are classified as receiving relief if they received any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. Many such families were dependent on relief for part of the year only, and then may have been only partially dependent. The incomes of the relief group therefore include earnings from regular employment and other non-relief income as well as direct relief, in cash and kind, and work-relief earnings. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² Excludes institutional groups. See table 16.

TABLE 4B.—Nonrelief families¹ in three income groups, by type of community and by occupational group,² 1935-36

[Basis for charts 7 and 8]

Type of community and occupational group	Number of families in—				Percentage of families in—				Percentage of community or occupational group in—			
	All income groups	Lower group incomes under \$780	Middle group incomes of \$780 to \$1,450	Upper group incomes of \$1,450 and over	All income groups	Lower group	Middle group	Upper group	All income groups	Lower group	Middle group	Upper group
Metropolises:³												
1,500,000 population and over.....	2,806,916	297,372	762,362	1,747,182	11.3	5.1	9.1	16.3	100.0	10.6	27.2	62.2
Large cities:												
100,000 to 1,500,000 population.....	4,666,708	710,553	1,401,892	2,554,263	18.7	12.1	16.8	23.9	100.0	15.2	30.1	54.7
Middle-sized cities:												
25,000 to 100,000 population.....	2,607,589	493,383	914,581	1,199,625	10.4	8.4	10.9	11.2	100.0	18.9	35.1	46.0
Small cities:												
2,500 to 25,000 population.....	4,079,741	870,129	1,453,588	1,756,024	16.4	14.9	17.4	16.4	100.0	21.3	35.6	43.1
Rural nonfarm communities⁴:												
4,585,665.....	1,165,481	1,647,568	1,772,616	1,772,616	18.4	19.9	19.7	16.6	100.0	25.4	35.9	34.7
Farms⁵:												
6,166,558.....	2,316,488	2,316,488	2,178,176	1,671,894	24.8	39.6	26.1	15.6	100.0	37.6	35.3	27.1
Total.....	24,913,177	5,853,406	8,358,167	10,701,604	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	23.5	33.5	43.0
Wage-earning.....	9,459,277	2,301,803	3,849,214	3,308,260	37.9	39.3	46.0	30.9	100.0	24.3	40.7	35.0
Farming.....	6,166,558	2,316,488	2,178,176	1,671,894	24.8	39.6	26.1	15.6	100.0	37.6	35.3	27.1
Clerical.....	3,626,225	284,694	1,066,106	2,275,425	14.5	4.9	12.8	21.3	100.0	7.9	29.4	62.7
Business.....	3,485,261	448,363	834,844	2,202,054	14.0	7.7	10.0	20.6	100.0	12.9	23.9	63.2
Professional.....	1,330,158	65,808	217,625	1,046,725	5.4	1.1	2.6	9.8	100.0	4.9	16.4	78.7
Other ³	845,698	436,250	212,202	197,246	3.4	7.4	2.5	1.8	100.0	51.6	25.1	23.3
Total.....	24,913,177	5,853,406	8,358,167	10,701,604	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	23.5	33.5	43.0

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
² Families are classified according to occupation from which largest amount of family earnings was derived, rather than according to occupation of the principal earner. For further explanation, see pp. 25 and 44.
³ Metropolises of this size are in North Central Region only (New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit).
⁴ Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.
⁵ Includes families with no income from earnings during the year, and village and city families with major earnings from farming.

TABLE 5B.—Average incomes per consumer unit and per capita for each type of consumer unit, 1935-36

[Basis for chart 9]

Type of consumer unit	Consumer units		Average income (mean)	
	Number	Percent	Per consumer unit	Per capita
Not receiving relief:¹				
Single individuals:				
Men.....	5,509,262	13.9	\$1,331	\$1,331
Women.....	3,063,201	7.8	1,188	1,188
Total.....	8,572,463	21.7	\$1,280	\$1,280
Families of—				
2 persons.....	6,668,850	16.9	\$1,549	\$774
3-4 persons.....	11,170,365	28.3	1,864	542
5-6 persons.....	4,594,379	12.2	1,905	355
7 or more persons.....	2,269,583	5.7	1,787	221
Total.....	24,913,177	63.1	\$1,781	\$463
Receiving some relief:¹				
Single individuals.....	1,485,572	3.8	\$407	\$407
Families.....	4,487,080	11.4	740	165
Total.....	5,972,652	15.2	\$657	\$182
All consumer units².....	30,458,292	100.0	\$1,502	\$470

¹ Families are classified as receiving relief if they received any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. Many such families were dependent on relief for part of the year only, and then may have been only partially dependent. The incomes of the relief group therefore include earnings from regular employment and other nonrelief income as well as direct relief, in cash and kind, and work-relief earnings. For further explanation, see p. 42.
² Excludes institutional groups. See table 16.

TABLE 6B.—Share of aggregate family income received by each tenth of Nation's families, 1935-36

[Basis for chart 11]

Proportion of families	Income range	Aggregate income		
		Amount (in millions)	Percent in each group	Cumulative percent
Highest tenth.....	\$2,800 and over.....	\$17,164	36.0	100.0
Ninth tenth.....	\$2,050-\$2,800.....	7,009	14.7	64.0
Eighth tenth.....	\$1,675-\$2,050.....	5,102	10.7	49.3
Seventh tenth.....	\$1,375-\$1,675.....	4,577	9.6	38.6
Sixth tenth.....	\$1,160-\$1,375.....	3,624	7.6	29.0
Fifth tenth.....	\$970-\$1,160.....	3,194	6.7	21.4
Fourth tenth.....	\$800-\$970.....	2,527	5.3	14.7
Third tenth.....	\$610-\$800.....	2,163	4.6	9.4
Second tenth.....	\$410-\$610.....	1,983	2.0	4.8
Lowest tenth.....	Under \$410.....	906	1.9	1.9
Total.....		\$47,670	100.0	

TABLE 7B.—Proportion of Nation's families receiving each tenth of aggregate family income, 1935-36

[Basis for chart 12]

Proportion of aggregate income	Income range	Families		
		Number	Percent in each group	Cumulative percent
Highest tenth.....	\$16,000 and over.....	147,000	0.5	100.0
Ninth tenth.....	\$5,450-\$16,000.....	588,000	2.0	99.5
Eighth tenth.....	\$3,300-\$5,450.....	1,205,000	4.1	97.5
Seventh tenth.....	\$2,525-\$3,300.....	1,705,000	5.8	93.4
Sixth tenth.....	\$2,075-\$2,525.....	2,117,000	7.2	87.6
Fifth tenth.....	\$1,725-\$2,075.....	2,499,000	8.5	80.4
Fourth tenth.....	\$1,410-\$1,725.....	3,116,000	10.6	71.9
Third tenth.....	\$1,125-\$1,410.....	3,793,000	12.9	61.3
Second tenth.....	\$820-\$1,125.....	4,960,000	16.9	48.4
Lowest tenth.....	Under \$820.....	9,261,000	31.5	31.5
Total.....		29,400,000	100.0	

TABLE 8B.—Frequency distributions of nonrelief families¹ of four sizes, by income level, 1935-36

[Basis for table 5]

Income level	All families	Families of—			
		2 persons	3-4 persons	5-6 persons	7 or more persons
Under \$250.....	703,765	341,075	235,503	83,255	43,932
\$250-\$500.....	1,950,545	713,209	755,452	301,704	180,180
\$500-\$750.....	2,818,654	855,371	1,163,131	500,679	299,473
\$750-\$1,000.....	3,337,160	946,034	1,409,705	645,466	335,855
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	3,277,862	903,707	1,473,399	609,354	291,402
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	2,680,634	674,590	1,236,963	536,044	242,067
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	2,255,358	548,830	1,071,380	437,188	197,960
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	1,829,835	420,428	896,221	370,306	142,880
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	1,361,403	311,750	652,304	284,180	113,169
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	1,006,568	230,806	488,890	207,051	79,821
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	1,304,010	251,030	648,614	283,347	121,013
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	743,559	149,381	360,775	165,442	67,961
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	438,428	80,397	216,657	103,455	37,919
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	249,948	46,378	108,864	68,793	25,913
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	152,647	33,208	69,582	32,186	17,671
\$5,000-\$7,500.....	322,950	61,912	152,821	77,487	30,730
\$7,500-\$10,000.....	187,060	41,995	93,941	39,470	11,654
\$10,000 and over.....	283,791	58,773	136,163	58,972	29,883
All levels.....	24,913,177	6,668,850	11,170,365	4,804,379	2,269,583

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

TABLE 9B.—Frequency distributions of nonrelief families¹ in six types of community, by income level, 1935-36

[Basis for table 8]

Income level	All families	Families living in—					
		Urban communities				Rural communities	
		Metropolises, ² 1,500,000 population and over	Large cities, 100,000 to 1,500,000 population	Middle-sized cities, 25,000 to 100,000 population	Small cities, 2,500 to 25,000 population	Non-farm ³	Farm
Under \$250.....	703,765	47,885	94,727	63,543	128,003	137,567	232,040
\$250-\$500.....	1,950,545	77,468	203,443	143,236	258,129	409,306	858,963
\$500-\$750.....	2,818,654	144,735	356,471	246,144	419,513	543,391	1,108,400
\$750-\$1,000.....	3,337,160	239,333	490,445	354,908	545,640	659,790	1,027,044
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	3,277,862	307,041	575,727	361,277	596,027	644,540	793,250
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	2,680,634	308,117	406,622	302,523	451,406	529,995	601,571
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	2,255,358	302,198	466,650	251,767	384,661	416,492	433,590
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	1,829,835	272,917	422,211	222,108	319,119	296,259	297,221
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	1,361,403	221,113	321,733	158,791	238,273	233,157	188,336
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	1,006,568	164,053	255,208	117,310	162,249	155,439	152,309
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	1,304,010	238,091	332,087	140,029	214,524	201,352	177,927
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	743,559	133,346	196,578	81,743	126,685	104,462	100,745
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	438,428	80,336	125,820	43,770	68,164	60,446	59,883
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	249,948	47,116	73,101	26,254	34,821	37,262	31,395
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	152,647	26,377	44,141	17,141	22,098	25,858	17,032
\$5,000-\$7,500.....	322,950	60,316	83,130	34,714	43,132	61,943	39,715
\$7,500-\$10,000.....	187,060	44,251	49,579	15,788	23,614	20,594	24,234
\$10,000 and over.....	283,791	92,224	79,626	26,543	23,683	38,812	22,903
All levels.....	24,913,177	2,806,916	4,666,708	2,607,589	4,070,741	4,585,665	6,166,558

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² Metropolises of this size are in North Central Region only (New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit).

³ Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.

TABLE 10B.—Frequency distributions of nonrelief families¹ in seven occupational groups,² by income level, 1935-36

[Basis for table 10]

Income level	Families in—						
	Wage-earning group	Farm- ing group ³	Clerical group	Business group		Professional group	
				Salaried	Inde- pendent	Salaried	Inde- pendent
Under \$250.....	280,697	232,040	17,710	1,545	35,124	6,493	599
\$250-\$500.....	712,252	858,963	62,218	3,684	145,151	16,403	1,377
\$500-\$750.....	1,133,992	1,108,400	166,746	14,380	216,255	30,333	4,248
\$750-\$1,000.....	1,533,853	1,027,044	333,801	31,780	250,884	47,036	8,713
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	1,543,175	793,250	426,946	56,371	293,496	67,407	17,422
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	1,199,484	601,571	435,289	64,723	232,330	89,832	15,801
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	926,302	433,590	441,478	101,111	214,801	94,511	13,002
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	699,752	297,221	399,800	103,375	181,611	104,179	16,809
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	450,567	188,336	341,101	99,274	149,140	98,322	14,415
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	301,608	152,309	256,873	86,085	104,183	77,077	17,718
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	368,421	177,927	322,217	130,848	147,450	105,256	31,309
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	159,137	100,745	180,624	101,998	89,834	69,435	27,556
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	79,918	59,883	97,815	68,234	56,589	50,962	17,050
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	35,029	31,395	50,373	40,004	42,693	28,019	14,786
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	15,831	17,032	27,369	27,748	28,096	19,727	13,121
\$5,000 and over.....	19,259	86,852	66,165	181,454	185,010	84,233	127,007
All levels.....	9,459,277	6,166,558	3,626,225	1,112,614	2,372,647	989,225	340,933

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² Families are classified according to occupation from which largest amount of family earnings was derived, rather than according to occupation of the principal earner. For further explanation, see pp. 25 and 44.

³ Includes families living on farms in rural areas only.

TABLE 11B.—Frequency distributions of wage-earning families¹ (nonrelief)² in five types of community, by income level, 1935-36

[Basis for table 12]

Income level	All families	Families living in—				
		Metropolises, ³ 1,500,000 population and over	Large cities, 100,000 to 1,500,000 population	Middle-sized cities, 25,000 to 100,000 population	Small cities, 2,500 to 25,000 population	Rural communities
Under \$250.....	280,697	14,081	39,976	34,098	87,212	105,330
\$250-\$500.....	712,252	41,067	117,936	88,293	164,272	300,684
\$500-\$750.....	1,133,992	85,377	218,618	175,457	285,043	369,497
\$750-\$1,000.....	1,533,853	156,764	317,855	250,960	385,370	422,904
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	1,543,175	193,737	332,963	242,646	396,922	376,907
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	1,199,484	196,992	276,468	183,535	277,649	264,840
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	926,302	171,299	236,168	141,346	210,821	166,668
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	699,752	140,750	198,826	108,139	163,700	90,337
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	450,567	96,928	127,362	67,600	107,168	51,509
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	301,608	71,214	86,380	43,576	74,960	25,478
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	368,421	104,913	109,002	42,818	81,784	29,904
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	159,137	47,508	47,508	17,050	38,273	8,548
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	79,918	24,647	25,158	7,377	19,495	3,241
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	35,029	10,542	10,923	3,573	6,780	3,211
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	15,831	4,979	4,240	2,635	2,722	1,255
\$5,000 and over.....	19,259	7,393	5,760	2,472	3,634
All levels.....	9,459,277	1,368,441	2,155,143	1,409,575	2,305,805	2,220,313

¹ Families are classified according to occupation from which largest amount of family earnings was derived, rather than according to occupation of the principal earner. For further explanation, see pp. 25 and 44.

² Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

³ Metropolises of this size are in North Central Region only (New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit).

TABLE 12B.—Percentage distributions of families¹ in five geographic regions,² by income level, 1935-36

Income level	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
Under \$250	2.1	3.2	5.3	6.0	3.2
\$250-\$500	5.0	6.9	17.7	11.5	6.1
\$500-\$750	11.3	10.1	18.3	15.5	9.2
\$750-\$1,000	16.3	14.7	14.0	15.1	13.4
\$1,000-\$1,250	16.5	14.5	10.2	11.9	14.6
\$1,250-\$1,500	11.8	10.9	7.4	9.0	10.5
\$1,500-\$1,750	9.1	8.9	5.9	7.4	9.6
\$1,750-\$2,000	7.3	7.3	4.4	5.8	8.5
\$2,000-\$2,250	5.2	5.4	3.5	4.6	6.5
\$2,250-\$2,500	3.5	4.0	2.7	2.9	4.3
\$2,500-\$3,000	3.9	5.1	3.5	3.8	5.4
\$3,000-\$3,500	2.1	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.7
\$3,500-\$4,000	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.5
\$4,000-\$4,500	.7	.9	.9	.7	1.0
\$4,500-\$5,000	.4	.5	.6	.4	.6
\$5,000-\$7,500	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0
\$7,500-\$10,000	1.0	.8	.4	.4	.8
\$10,000-\$25,000	1.2	1.1	.4	.4	.9
\$25,000-\$50,000	.2	.2	(?)	(?)	.2
\$50,000-\$100,000	.1	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
\$100,000 and over	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
All levels	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Includes both relief and nonrelief families.

² For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the regional comparison, see pp. 18, 22-23, 54 and 57.

³ Less than 0.05 percent.

TABLE 13B.—Percentage distributions of nonrelief families¹ in five geographic regions,² and of relief families,¹ by income level, 1935-36

Income level	Nonrelief families ¹ living in—					Relief families ¹
	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plain region	Pacific region	
Under \$250	1.1	1.9	4.3	5.5	2.1	10.2
\$250-\$500	3.5	4.3	15.3	7.6	4.2	23.7
\$500-\$750	8.4	8.5	17.4	11.6	7.6	21.9
\$750-\$1,000	14.6	13.2	13.8	13.8	11.2	21.0
\$1,000-\$1,250	16.2	14.2	10.5	12.9	14.1	13.5
\$1,250-\$1,500	13.3	12.1	8.0	10.8	11.5	3.9
\$1,500-\$1,750	10.3	10.2	6.5	8.9	10.9	2.0
\$1,750-\$2,000	8.3	8.4	4.9	7.0	9.7	1.5
\$2,000-\$2,250	6.0	6.1	3.9	5.4	7.4	1.3
\$2,250-\$2,500	4.0	4.6	3.1	3.6	4.9	.8
\$2,500-\$3,000	4.7	6.0	4.1	4.7	6.2	.2
\$3,000-\$3,500	2.5	3.3	2.5	3.0	3.1	-----
\$3,500-\$4,000	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.8	-----
\$4,000-\$4,500	.8	1.0	1.0	.9	1.1	-----
\$4,500-\$5,000	.5	.6	.7	.5	.7	-----
\$5,000-\$7,500	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	-----
\$7,500-\$10,000	1.2	.9	.4	.5	1.0	-----
\$10,000-\$25,000	1.5	1.2	.5	.5	1.1	-----
\$25,000-\$50,000	.2	.2	(?)	(?)	.2	-----
\$50,000-\$100,000	.1	.1	(?)	(?)	(?)	-----
\$100,000 and over	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)	-----
All levels	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ The relief group includes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. The nonrelief group includes all other families. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the regional comparison, see pp. 18, 22-23, 54 and 57.

³ Less than 0.05 percent.

TABLE 14B.—Percentage distributions of nonrelief families¹ in large cities (100,000 to 1,500,000 population) in five geographic regions,² by income level, 1935-36

Income level	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
Under \$250	1.6	1.5	3.2	1.4	2.0
\$250-\$500	4.8	2.7	7.7	2.8	3.9
\$500-\$750	9.3	5.7	11.2	6.4	6.8
\$750-\$1,000	13.6	9.7	10.8	10.8	10.4
\$1,000-\$1,250	15.4	12.5	9.6	13.5	13.0
\$1,250-\$1,500	11.9	11.6	8.0	10.7	11.1
\$1,500-\$1,750	9.5	10.8	8.3	10.3	10.8
\$1,750-\$2,000	8.2	9.7	7.5	8.5	10.2
\$2,000-\$2,250	5.4	7.2	6.3	7.7	7.7
\$2,250-\$2,500	3.6	5.6	6.1	5.1	5.4
\$2,500-\$3,000	4.8	7.7	7.0	7.5	7.0
\$3,000-\$3,500	2.7	4.7	4.6	4.5	3.2
\$3,500-\$4,000	1.7	2.7	3.6	2.9	1.9
\$4,000-\$4,500	.9	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.3
\$4,500-\$5,000	.5	.9	1.3	1.0	.7
\$5,000-\$7,500	1.3	1.9	2.1	2.7	1.1
\$7,500-\$10,000	1.8	1.4	.4	.6	.9
\$10,000 and over	3.0	2.1	.4	1.6	1.7
All levels	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the regional comparison, see pp. 18, 22-23, 54 and 57.

TABLE 15B.—Percentage distributions of nonrelief families¹ in middle-sized cities (25,000 to 100,000 population) in five geographic regions,² by income level, 1935-36

Income level	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
Under \$250	1.1	1.6	5.8	0.8	2.1
\$250-\$500	3.7	4.0	11.2	3.1	4.0
\$500-\$750	8.6	8.6	13.2	6.7	7.6
\$750-\$1,000	16.2	14.7	10.4	9.3	12.5
\$1,000-\$1,250	16.2	15.1	8.8	12.0	16.6
\$1,250-\$1,500	13.9	12.5	7.0	14.7	12.7
\$1,500-\$1,750	10.1	10.1	7.4	11.9	10.9
\$1,750-\$2,000	8.6	8.7	7.5	11.2	9.1
\$2,000-\$2,250	6.1	6.2	5.3	8.0	6.7
\$2,250-\$2,500	3.9	4.6	4.3	6.2	4.6
\$2,500-\$3,000	4.5	5.3	5.7	6.6	5.6
\$3,000-\$3,500	2.5	2.7	4.4	3.7	3.2
\$3,500-\$4,000	1.1	1.5	2.4	1.9	1.3
\$4,000-\$4,500	.6	.9	1.6	1.0	.8
\$4,500-\$5,000	.5	.6	.0	.6	.4
\$5,000-\$7,500	.7	1.1	2.6	1.1	.7
\$7,500-\$10,000	.6	.7	.5	.6	.6
\$10,000 and over	1.1	1.1	1.0	.6	.6
All levels	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the regional comparison, see pp. 18, 22-23, 54 and 57.

TABLE 16B.—Percentage distributions of nonrelief families¹ in small cities (2,500 to 25,000 population) in five geographic regions,² by income level, 1935-36

Income level	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
\$250-\$500.....	1.6	4.9	12.4	3.5	3.2
\$500-\$750.....	6.9	9.6	14.7	7.9	6.4
\$750-\$1,000.....	14.3	15.4	12.4	12.3	10.1
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	17.0	15.4	12.3	14.4	14.8
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	14.2	11.6	8.7	11.0	11.7
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	10.1	10.0	7.0	11.2	11.7
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	7.8	8.3	5.8	8.6	10.5
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	6.3	5.8	4.3	7.7	8.3
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	4.4	4.1	3.0	4.6	5.4
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	4.7	5.1	5.0	6.6	6.4
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	2.4	3.1	2.6	4.9	4.1
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	2.5	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.8
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	.6	.7	1.1	1.2	1.2
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	.7	.4	.6	.7	.7
\$5,000-\$7,500.....	1.7	.8	1.1	1.5	1.2
\$7,500-\$10,000.....	1.5	.5	.4	.6	.5
\$10,000 and over.....	2.7	.2	.7	.4	.3
All levels.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
² For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the regional comparison, see pp. 18, 22-23, 54 and 57.

TABLE 17B.—Percentage distributions of rural nonfarm families¹ (nonrelief)² in five geographic regions,³ by income level, 1935-36

Income level	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
\$250-\$500.....	2.2	6.8	13.9	5.2	4.4
\$500-\$750.....	6.1	12.0	13.1	12.0	8.1
\$750-\$1,000.....	13.1	17.7	11.4	14.1	12.0
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	15.3	17.6	10.4	12.5	14.4
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	15.2	12.6	9.3	13.2	12.7
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	11.7	8.8	8.1	10.7	12.3
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	0.4	5.9	5.5	8.3	10.1
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	7.2	4.5	5.0	5.5	7.2
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	4.3	2.9	3.5	4.1	3.9
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	5.2	3.5	4.8	5.5	5.7
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	3.3	1.6	2.9	2.4	1.9
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	1.1	.8	1.9	1.5	1.2
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	1.5	.5	1.1	.8	.6
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	.6	.3	.9	.4	.5
\$5,000-\$7,500.....	1.8	.8	2.0	1.0	1.1
\$7,500-\$10,000.....	.5	.6	.7	.5	.7
\$10,000 and over.....	.8	1.1	.5	.9	1.4
All levels.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.
² Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
³ For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the regional comparison, see pp. 18, 22-23, 54 and 57.

TABLE 18B.—Percentage distributions of farm families¹ (nonrelief)² in five geographic regions,³ by income level, 1935-36

Income level	New England region	North Central region	Southern region			Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
			Total	Operators ⁴	Sharecroppers ⁴		
Under \$250.....	1.2	2.2	3.4	1.8	8.5	13.1	3.3
\$250-\$500.....	5.2	5.5	20.7	15.4	37.9	13.9	6.0
\$500-\$750.....	12.6	11.3	23.8	21.6	30.4	15.9	10.8
\$750-\$1,000.....	17.4	16.1	17.4	18.4	13.9	16.2	13.7
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	18.5	15.8	10.7	12.4	5.3	12.5	12.0
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	10.6	13.5	7.3	8.9	2.5	8.2	10.6
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	11.6	10.4	4.7	5.8	1.0	5.4	8.6
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	7.0	7.4	2.9	3.7	.5	3.8	7.4
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	5.0	4.3	1.9	2.5	-----	3.0	5.6
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	4.4	3.9	1.4	1.8	-----	1.9	3.9
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	3.5	4.2	1.9	2.5	-----	2.0	4.8
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	1.0	2.2	1.1	1.5	-----	1.8	3.1
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	.4	1.4	.7	.9	-----	.7	2.2
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	.4	.5	.5	.6	-----	.3	1.3
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	.1	.2	.3	.4	-----	.2	.9
\$5,000-\$7,500.....	.3	.6	.6	.8	-----	.8	1.7
\$7,500-\$10,000.....	.8	.4	.2	.3	-----	.3	2.3
\$10,000 and over.....	-----	.1	.5	.7	-----	-----	1.8
All levels.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Includes families living on farms in rural areas only.
² Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
³ For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the regional comparison, see pp. 18, 22-23, 54 and 57.
⁴ For definitions of operator and sharecropper, see footnote 11, p. 43.

TABLE 19B.—Percentage distributions of wage-earning families¹ (nonrelief)² in five geographic regions,³ by income level, 1935-36

Income level	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
\$250-\$500.....	3.2	4.3	18.6	6.0	3.8
\$500-\$750.....	9.4	9.6	19.4	13.1	8.4
\$750-\$1,000.....	18.4	16.5	15.0	18.1	13.8
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	19.9	17.4	11.4	16.5	18.7
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	16.0	13.7	7.9	14.8	14.6
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	10.6	10.8	6.3	10.8	12.5
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	8.6	8.3	4.3	6.6	10.4
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	5.1	5.4	2.7	4.8	6.3
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	3.0	3.8	1.9	2.6	3.5
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	2.7	4.8	2.2	3.0	4.4
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	1.3	2.1	.8	1.6	1.4
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	.7	1.0	.7	.5	.4
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	.3	.5	.2	.1	.3
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1
\$5,000 and over.....	.1	.3	.1	(⁴)	.2
All levels.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Families are classified according to occupation from which largest amount of family earnings was derived, rather than according to occupation of the principal earner. For further explanation, see pp. 25 and 44.
² Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
³ For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the regional comparison, see pp. 18, 22-23, 54 and 57.
⁴ Less than 0.05 percent.

TABLE 20B.—Percentage distributions of white and Negro farm and rural nonfarm families¹ (nonrelief)² in the South,³ by income level, 1935-35

Income level	Farm families						Rural nonfarm families ¹	
	White			Negro			White	Negro
	Total	Operators ⁴	Share-croppers ⁴	Total	Operators ⁴	Share-croppers ⁴		
Under \$250.....	1.0	0.7	2.6	8.5	5.4	12.4	0.8	21.6
\$250-\$500.....	12.5	10.2	27.0	38.4	33.0	45.1	5.0	48.4
\$500-\$750.....	21.7	19.5	34.7	28.5	29.3	27.6	11.6	19.3
\$750-\$1,000.....	19.1	19.0	19.4	13.7	16.5	10.3	12.9	5.6
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	13.3	14.1	8.4	5.1	6.5	3.2	12.4	2.7
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	9.4	10.1	4.8	3.0	4.7	.9	11.5	.9
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	6.1	6.8	2.0	1.5	2.4	.4	10.1	.3
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	3.9	4.4	1.1	.8	1.3	.1	6.9	.3
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	2.6	3.1	-----	.3	.5	-----	6.2	.1
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	2.0	2.3	-----	.1	.2	-----	4.4	.3
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	2.8	3.2	-----	.1	.1	-----	5.9	.3
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	1.6	1.9	-----	(⁵)	(⁵)	-----	3.6	.1
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	1.0	1.1	-----	(⁵)	(⁵)	-----	2.3	.1
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	.7	.8	-----	(⁵)	(⁵)	-----	1.3	(⁵)
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	.4	.5	-----	(⁵)	(⁵)	-----	1.1	(⁵)
\$5,000-\$7,500.....	.9	1.0	-----	(⁵)	(⁵)	-----	2.5	(⁵)
\$7,500-\$10,000.....	.3	.4	-----	(⁵)	(⁵)	-----	.9	(⁵)
\$10,000 and over.....	.7	.9	-----	(⁵)	(⁵)	-----	.8	(⁵)
All levels.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ The rural nonfarm group includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.

² Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

³ For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the sample data, see pp. 18, 54, and 57.

⁴ For definitions of operator and sharecropper, see footnote 11, p. 43.

⁵ Less than 0.05 percent.

TABLE 21B.—Percentage distributions of white and Negro families (nonrelief)¹ in three sizes of cities in the South,² by income level, 1935-36

Income level	Large cities, 100,000 population and over		Middle-sized cities, 25,000 to 100,000 population		Small cities, 2,500 to 25,000 population	
	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro
Under \$250.....	1.6	9.6	2.4	15.5	1.2	23.6
\$250-\$500.....	3.5	24.3	3.9	31.7	5.6	37.9
\$500-\$750.....	7.7	25.0	7.8	28.3	12.2	23.8
\$750-\$1,000.....	8.8	18.8	9.7	12.5	13.7	7.5
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	9.6	9.4	9.8	5.7	14.8	3.4
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	8.7	5.0	8.7	2.1	10.7	1.2
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	9.4	3.5	9.5	1.6	8.5	1.1
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	9.1	1.2	9.7	.9	7.2	.3
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	7.6	1.1	7.0	.6	5.7	.3
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	7.5	.7	5.6	.6	3.7	.5
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	8.6	.7	7.6	.3	6.2	.3
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	5.7	.3	6.0	.1	3.3	.1
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	4.5	.1	3.3	.1	2.2	(⁵)
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	2.4	.2	2.2	(⁵)	1.4	(⁵)
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	1.7	(⁵)	1.3	(⁵)	.8	(⁵)
\$5,000-\$7,500.....	2.6	.1	3.5	(⁵)	1.4	(⁵)
\$7,500-\$10,000.....	.5	(⁵)	.6	(⁵)	.5	(⁵)
\$10,000 and over.....	.5	(⁵)	1.4	(⁵)	.9	(⁵)
All levels.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the sample data, see pp. 18, 54, and 57.

³ Less than 0.05 percent.

TABLE 22B.—Percentage distributions of white¹ and Negro families (nonrelief)² in North Central metropolises and large cities,³ by income level, 1935-36

Income level	Metropolises, 1,500,000 population and over			Large cities, 100,000 to 1,500,000 population	
	Native white ¹	Foreign-born white ¹	Negro	White	Negro
Under \$250.....	1.4	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.6
\$250-\$500.....	2.0	3.7	4.5	2.6	5.1
\$500-\$750.....	3.8	6.3	12.0	5.7	16.1
\$750-\$1,000.....	6.0	10.8	19.7	9.1	26.6
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	9.0	12.7	19.3	12.2	21.6
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	9.3	12.9	13.5	11.6	11.5
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	10.2	11.5	9.9	10.9	6.1
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	9.8	9.9	6.6	9.9	5.0
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	8.8	7.0	4.7	7.4	2.4
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	6.5	5.3	2.9	5.7	1.9
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	9.7	7.5	2.2	8.0	1.0
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	5.6	3.9	1.5	4.8	.4
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	3.3	2.6	.4	2.8	.3
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	2.1	1.3	.2	1.6	.1
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	1.3	.5	.1	.9	(⁵)
\$5,000-\$7,500.....	3.1	1.1	.2	2.0	.1
\$7,500-\$10,000.....	2.5	.5	.2	1.4	.2
\$10,000 and over.....	5.6	.5	(⁵)	2.2	(⁵)
All levels.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ For explanation of native white and foreign-born white classification, see p. 43.

² Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

³ For location of communities included in sample, see chart 10. For discussion of limitations of the sample data, see pp. 18, 54, and 57.

⁴ Less than 0.05 percent.

TABLE 23B.—Percentage distributions of single men and single women,¹ by income level, 1935-36

Income level	Single men	Single women
Under \$250.....	9.5	9.6
\$250-\$500.....	13.6	19.4
\$500-\$750.....	15.8	26.7
\$750-\$1,000.....	15.4	16.8
\$1,000-\$1,250.....	12.6	8.1
\$1,250-\$1,500.....	10.5	5.5
\$1,500-\$1,750.....	6.5	3.4
\$1,750-\$2,000.....	4.7	2.6
\$2,000-\$2,250.....	3.3	1.9
\$2,250-\$2,500.....	2.4	1.4
\$2,500-\$3,000.....	2.0	1.0
\$3,000-\$3,500.....	1.3	.7
\$3,500-\$4,000.....	.7	.6
\$4,000-\$4,500.....	.3	.4
\$4,500-\$5,000.....	.2	.3
\$5,000-\$7,500.....	.5	.7
\$7,500-\$10,000.....	.3	.3
\$10,000-\$25,000.....	.3	.5
\$25,000-\$50,000.....	.1	.1
\$50,000-\$100,000.....	(⁵)	(⁵)
\$100,000 and over.....	(⁵)	(⁵)
All levels.....	100.0	100.0

¹ Includes both relief and nonrelief single individuals. For definition of single individuals, see p. 40.

² Less than 0.05 percent.

TABLE 24B.—Number of nonrelief families¹ in six types of community within five geographic regions, 1935-36

Type of community	All regions	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
Metropolises, 1,500,000 population and over.....	2,806,916		2,806,916			
Large cities, 100,000 to 1,500,000 population.....	4,666,708	482,634	2,073,631	1,149,292	180,397	780,754
Middle-sized cities, 25,000 to 100,000 population.....	2,607,589	366,018	1,393,917	572,064	97,380	178,210
Small cities, 2,500 to 25,000 population.....	4,079,741	362,117	2,051,428	1,050,967	281,021	324,308
All urban communities.....	14,160,954	1,210,769	8,325,992	2,781,323	559,098	1,283,272
Rural nonfarm communities ²	4,585,665	254,805	1,881,226	1,737,561	406,950	305,123
Farms.....	6,166,558	146,001	2,127,999	3,097,183	544,290	251,085
All rural communities.....	10,752,223	400,806	4,009,225	4,834,744	951,240	556,208
All communities.....	24,913,177	1,611,575	12,335,117	7,616,067	1,519,938	1,839,490

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.

TABLE 25B.—Percentage distributions of nonrelief families,¹ by type of community and region, 1935-36

Type of community	Percentage distributions by type of community						Percentage distributions by region					
	All regions	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region	All regions	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
Metropolises: 1,500,000 population and over.....	11.3		22.8				100.0		100.0			
Large cities: 100,000 to 1,500,000 population.....	18.7	29.9	16.8	15.1	11.9	42.5	100.0	10.3	44.5	24.6	3.9	16.7
Middle-sized cities: 25,000 to 100,000 population.....	10.4	22.7	11.3	7.5	6.4	9.7	100.0	14.1	53.5	21.9	3.7	6.8
Small cities: 2,500 to 25,000 population.....	16.4	22.5	16.6	13.9	18.7	17.6	100.0	8.9	50.3	26.0	6.9	7.9
All urban communities.....	56.8	75.1	67.5	36.5	37.0	69.8	100.0	8.5	58.8	19.6	4.0	9.1
Rural nonfarm communities ²	18.4	15.8	15.3	22.8	27.0	16.6	100.0	5.6	41.0	37.9	8.9	6.0
Farms.....	24.8	9.1	17.2	40.7	36.0	13.6	100.0	2.4	34.5	50.2	8.8	4.1
All rural communities.....	43.2	24.9	32.5	63.5	63.0	30.2	100.0	3.7	37.3	45.0	8.9	5.2
All communities.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	6.5	49.5	30.5	6.1	7.4

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.

TABLE 26B.—Number of relief families¹ in six types of community within five geographic regions, 1935-36

Type of community	All regions	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
Metropolises: 1,500,000 population and over.....	488,184		488,184			
Large cities: 100,000 to 1,500,000 population.....	912,622	92,199	462,027	205,461	36,895	116,040
Middle-sized cities: 25,000 to 100,000 population.....	582,841	95,183	300,706	105,579	31,359	50,014
Small cities: 2,500 to 25,000 population.....	808,482	77,476	455,847	150,797	87,656	36,706
All urban communities.....	2,792,129	264,858	1,706,764	461,837	155,910	202,760
Rural nonfarm communities ²	1,094,305	67,203	497,062	344,952	106,746	78,342
Farms.....	600,646	8,236	62,762	389,006	118,297	22,345
All rural communities.....	1,694,951	75,439	559,824	733,958	225,043	100,687
All communities.....	4,487,080	340,297	2,266,588	1,185,795	380,953	303,447

¹ Includes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.

² Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.

TABLE 27B.—Percentage distributions of relief families,¹ by type of community and region, 1935-36

Type of community	Percentage distributions by type of community						Percentage distributions by region					
	All regions	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region	All regions	New England region	North Central region	Southern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
Metropolises: 1,500,000 population and over.....	10.9		21.5				100.0		100.0			
Large cities: 100,000 to 1,500,000 population.....	20.3	27.1	20.4	17.2	9.7	38.2	100.0	10.1	50.7	22.5	4.0	12.7
Middle-sized cities: 25,000 to 100,000 population.....	13.0	27.9	13.3	8.8	8.2	16.5	100.0	16.3	51.6	18.1	5.4	8.6
Small cities: 2,500 to 25,000 population.....	18.0	22.8	20.1	12.6	23.0	12.1	100.0	9.6	56.4	18.7	10.8	4.5
All urban communities.....	62.2	77.8	75.3	38.6	40.9	66.8	100.0	9.5	61.1	16.5	5.6	7.3
Rural nonfarm communities ²	24.4	19.8	21.9	28.9	28.0	25.8	100.0	6.1	45.4	31.5	9.8	7.2
Farms.....	13.4	2.4	2.8	32.5	31.1	7.4	100.0	1.4	10.4	64.8	19.7	3.7
All rural communities.....	37.8	22.2	24.7	61.4	59.1	33.2	100.0	4.5	33.0	43.3	13.3	6.9
All communities.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	7.6	50.5	26.6	8.5	6.8

¹ Includes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
² Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.

TABLE 28B.—Number and percent of nonrelief families¹ in three color groups in five types of community in the South, 1935-36

Type of community and color group	Number of families	Percent
Farm families:		
White:		
Operators ¹	1,822,567	58.9
Sharecroppers ²	290,520	9.4
Total.....	2,113,087	68.3
Negro:		
Operators.....	511,092	16.5
Sharecroppers.....	416,101	13.4
Total.....	927,193	29.9
Other color: ³		
Operators.....	31,358	1.0
Sharecroppers.....	25,537	.8
Total.....	56,903	1.8
Total farm families.....	3,097,183	100.0
Rural nonfarm families: ⁴		
White.....	1,381,256	79.5
Negro.....	331,561	19.1
Other color ³	24,744	1.4
Total.....	1,737,561	100.0
Small city families (2,500 to 25,000 population):		
White.....	838,111	79.1
Negro.....	202,048	19.0
Other color ³	19,808	1.9
Total.....	1,059,967	100.0
Middle-sized city families (25,000 to 100,000 population):		
White.....	421,900	73.8
Negro.....	141,480	24.7
Other color ³	8,684	1.5
Total.....	572,064	100.0
Large city families (100,000 population and over):		
White.....	915,902	79.7
Negro.....	207,562	18.1
Other color ³	25,828	2.2
Total.....	1,149,292	100.0

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
² For definitions of operator and sharecropper, see footnote 11, p. 43.
³ For definition of other color, see p. 43.
⁴ Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
² Metropolises of this size are in North Central Region only (New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit).
³ Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.

TABLE 29B.—Number and percent of nonrelief families¹ in three color groups in North Central large cities and metropolises, 1935-36

Type of community and color group	Number of families	Percent
Large city families (100,000 to 1,500,000 population):		
White.....	2,009,147	96.8
Negro.....	63,331	3.1
Other color ²	1,163	.1
Total.....	2,073,631	100.0
Metropolis families (1,500,000 population and over):		
White:		
Native ³	1,535,523	54.7
Foreign-born ⁴	1,100,554	41.4
Total.....	2,636,077	96.1
Negro.....	107,145	3.8
Other color ²	3,694	.1
Total.....	2,806,916	100.0

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
² For definition of other color, see p. 43.
³ For explanation of native white and foreign-born white classification, see p. 43.

TABLE 30B.—Number of nonrelief families¹ of four sizes in six types of community and in five geographic regions, 1935-36

Type of community and region	All families	Families of—			
		2 persons	3-4 persons	5-6 persons	7 and over persons
Metropolises: ²					
1,500,000 population and over.....	2,806,916	755,440	1,393,144	802,941	155,391
Large cities:					
100,000 to 1,500,000 population.....	4,666,708	1,571,508	2,133,199	726,990	235,011
Middle-sized cities:					
25,000 to 100,000 population.....	2,007,589	770,224	1,217,842	460,145	160,378
Small cities:					
2,500 to 25,000 population.....	4,079,741	1,149,060	1,902,440	744,561	282,764
All urban communities.....	14,160,954	4,247,158	6,646,625	2,433,637	833,534
Rural nonfarm communities ³	4,585,065	1,287,576	2,183,657	822,800	291,726
Farms.....	6,166,558	1,134,110	2,340,183	1,647,030	1,144,323
All rural communities.....	10,752,223	2,421,682	4,523,740	2,370,742	1,436,049
All communities.....	24,913,177	6,668,850	11,170,365	4,804,379	2,269,583
New England.....	1,011,576	457,287	726,563	809,480	121,239
North Central.....	12,335,117	3,583,435	5,710,579	2,221,433	817,070
South.....	7,016,067	1,678,229	3,139,857	1,739,321	1,167,699
Mountain and Plains.....	1,510,038	308,653	600,022	303,340	116,023
Pacific.....	1,850,480	651,240	983,344	238,799	40,091
All regions.....	24,913,177	6,668,850	11,170,365	4,804,379	2,269,583

Notes in opposite column.

TABLE 31B.—Percentage distributions of nonrelief families¹ of four sizes, by type of community and region, 1935-36

Type of community and region	Percentage distributions by size of family					Percentage distributions by type of community and region				
	All families	2 persons	3-4 persons	5-6 persons	7 and over persons	All families	2 persons	3-4 persons	5-6 persons	7 and over persons
Metropolises: ²										
1,500,000 population and over.....	100.0	26.9	49.7	17.9	5.5	11.3	11.3	12.5	10.5	6.8
Large cities:										
100,000 to 1,500,000 population.....	100.0	33.7	45.7	15.6	5.0	18.7	23.6	19.1	15.1	10.4
Middle-sized cities:										
25,000 to 100,000 population.....	100.0	29.5	46.7	17.6	6.2	10.4	11.5	10.9	9.6	7.1
Small cities:										
2,500 to 25,000 population.....	100.0	28.2	46.6	18.3	6.9	16.4	17.3	17.0	15.5	12.4
All urban communities.....	100.0	30.0	46.9	17.2	5.9	56.8	63.7	59.5	50.7	36.7
Rural nonfarm communities ³	100.0	28.1	47.6	17.9	6.4	18.4	19.3	19.6	17.1	12.9
Farms.....	100.0	18.4	37.9	25.1	18.6	24.8	17.0	20.9	32.2	50.4
All rural communities.....	100.0	22.5	42.1	22.0	13.4	43.2	36.3	40.5	49.3	63.3
All communities.....	100.0	26.8	44.8	19.3	9.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
New England.....	100.0	28.4	45.1	19.0	7.5	6.5	6.8	6.5	6.4	5.3
North Central.....	100.0	29.1	46.3	18.0	6.6	49.5	53.7	51.1	46.3	36.0
South.....	100.0	20.7	41.3	22.7	15.3	30.5	23.7	28.1	36.0	51.5
Mountain and Plains.....	100.0	26.4	45.7	20.2	7.7	6.1	6.0	6.2	6.3	5.2
Pacific.....	100.0	35.4	49.1	13.0	2.5	7.4	9.8	8.1	5.0	2.0
All regions.....	100.0	26.8	44.8	19.3	9.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
² Metropolises of this size are in North Central Region only (New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit).
³ Includes families living in communities with population under 2,500, and families living in the open country but not on farms.

TABLE 32B.—Number of nonrelief families¹ in eight occupational groups² in five types of community and in five geographic regions, 1935-36

Type of community and region	All families	Wage-earning group	Farming group ³	Clerical group	Business group		Professional group		Other occupational groups ⁴
					Salaried	Independent	Salaried	Independent	
Metropolises: ⁵									
1,500,000 population and over.....	2,806,910	1,368,441	-----	731,758	104,884	297,006	143,621	49,519	111,687
Large cities:									
100,000 to 1,500,000 population.....	4,666,708	2,155,143	-----	1,114,569	309,732	569,817	264,565	84,045	168,837
Middle-sized cities:									
25,000 to 100,000 population.....	2,607,589	1,409,575	-----	483,714	151,410	292,099	125,686	37,846	107,259
Small cities:									
2,500 to 25,000 population.....	4,070,741	2,305,805	-----	657,543	219,171	488,503	182,392	55,224	171,103
All urban communities.....	14,160,954	7,238,964	-----	2,987,584	785,197	1,647,425	716,264	226,634	658,886
Rural communities ⁶	10,752,223	2,220,313	6,166,558	638,641	327,417	725,222	272,961	114,299	286,812
All communities.....	24,913,177	9,459,277	6,166,558	3,626,225	1,112,614	2,372,647	989,225	340,933	845,698
New England.....	1,611,575	857,401	146,001	234,036	80,422	158,065	60,978	18,472	56,200
North Central.....	12,335,117	5,294,084	2,127,999	2,016,594	485,127	1,228,807	531,105	174,015	477,386
South.....	7,616,067	2,198,435	3,097,163	862,209	359,090	599,302	236,145	90,418	173,285
Mountain and Plains.....	1,510,038	371,412	544,290	197,385	91,816	161,331	67,559	25,641	51,504
Pacific.....	1,839,480	737,945	251,085	316,001	90,159	225,142	93,438	32,387	87,323
All regions.....	24,913,177	9,459,277	6,166,558	3,626,225	1,112,614	2,372,647	989,225	340,933	845,698

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. For further explanation, see p. 42.
² Families are classified according to occupation from which largest amount of family earnings was derived, rather than according to occupation of the principal earner. For further explanation, see pp. 25 and 44.
³ Includes families living on farms in rural areas only.
⁴ Includes families with no income from earnings during the year, and village and city families with major earnings from farming.
⁵ Metropolises of this size are in North Central Region only (New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit).
⁶ Includes, in addition to the 6,166,558 families living on farms, 4,585,665 families living in the open country but not on farms, or in communities with population under 2,500. The latter group includes 137,624 village families deriving the largest amount of family earnings from farming; these are classified as "other occupational groups."

TABLE 33B.—Percentage distribution of nonrelief families¹ in eight occupational groups,² by type of community and region, 1935-36

Type of community and region	Percentage distributions by occupational group								Percentage distributions by type of community and region								
	All families	Wage-earning group	Farming group ³	Business group		Professional group		Other occupational groups ⁴	All families	Wage-earning group	Farming group ³	Clerical group	Business group		Professional group		Other occupational groups ⁴
				Salad	Independent	Salad	Independent						Salad	Independent	Salad	Independent	
Metropolises: ⁵																	
1,500,000 population and over.....	100.0	48.7	26.1	10.6	5.1	1.8	4.0	11.3	14.5	20.2	9.4	12.5	14.5	13.2			
Large cities: ⁶																	
100,000 to 1,500,000 population.....	100.0	46.2	23.9	6.1	5.7	1.8	3.6	18.7	22.8	30.8	27.9	4.7	20.0				
Middle-sized cities: ⁶																	
25,000 to 100,000 population.....	100.0	54.1	18.6	5.8	4.2	4.8	1.4	10.4	14.9	13.3	7	11.1	12.7				
Small cities: ⁶																	
2,500 to 25,000 population.....	100.0	56.4	16.1	5.4	12.0	4.5	1.4	16.4	24.3	18.4	18.4	10.3					
All urban communities.....	100.0	51.2	21.1	5.5	11.6	5.1	1.6	3.9	56.8	70.5	69.4	100.0					
Rural communities ⁶	100.0	20.7	57.4	5.9	3.0	6.7	2.5	1.1	17.6	17.6	17.6	100.0					
All communities.....	100.0	37.9	24.8	14.5	4.5	9.5	4.0	1.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0					
New England.....	100.0	53.2	9.1	14.5	5.0	9.8	3.0	1.2	2.5	9.1	6.6	6.6					
North Central.....	100.0	42.9	17.3	16.3	3.9	10.0	4.3	1.2	49.5	30	1.1	56.5					
South.....	100.0	28.9	40.6	11.3	4.7	7.9	3.1	1.2	2.3	3.4	26.5	20.5					
Mountain and Plains.....	100.0	24.5	36.0	13.1	6.1	10.7	4.5	1.7	3.4	4.7	7.5	6.1					
Pacific.....	100.0	40.1	13.7	17.2	5.2	12.2	5.1	1.8	4.7	9.5	9.4	9.5					
All regions.....	100.0	37.9	24.8	14.5	4.5	9.5	4.0	1.4	3	100.0	100.0	100.0					

¹ Excludes all families receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. ² Families are classified according to occupation from which largest amount of family earnings were derived. For further explanation see, pp. 25 and 44. ³ Includes families living on farms in rural areas only. ⁴ Includes families with no income from earnings during the year, and village and city families with major earnings from farming. ⁵ Metropolises of this size are in North Central Region only (New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit). ⁶ Includes, in addition to the 6,166,553 families living on farms, 4,585,665 families living in the open country but on farms, or in communities with population under 2,500. The latter group includes 137,624 village families deriving the largest amount of family earnings from farming, these classified as "other occupational groups."

TABLE 34B.—Number and percent of single individuals,¹ by relief status² and sex, 1935-36

Relief status and sex	Number	Percent
Not receiving relief: ³		
Men.....	5,509,262	64.3
Women.....	3,063,201	35.7
Total.....	8,572,463	100.0
Receiving some relief: ³		
Men.....	1,028,461	69.2
Women.....	457,111	30.8
Total.....	1,485,572	100.0
All single individuals:		
Men.....	6,537,723	65.0
Women.....	3,520,312	35.0
Total.....	10,058,035	100.0

¹ For definition of single individuals, see p. 40. ² The relief group includes all single individuals receiving any direct or work relief (however little) at any time during year. The nonrelief group includes all other single individuals. For further explanation, see p. 42.

TABLE 35B.—Number of institutional residents in nine types of institutional group in five geographic regions, 1935-36

Type of institutional group	All-glo.	New England region	North Central region	South-eastern region	Mountain and Plains region	Pacific region
Institutions for—						
Mental defectives.....	563,000	52,000	314,000	124,000	32,000	41,000
Physical defectives.....	101,000	10,000	56,000	22,000	6,000	7,000
Prisoners and delinquent adults.....	207,000	10,000	93,000	71,000	16,000	17,000
Dependent and delinquent children.....	160,000	10,000	84,000	40,000	8,000	8,000
Dependent adults.....	69,000	17,000	130,000	27,000	10,000	15,000
Total.....	1,100,000	99,000	657,000	294,000	72,000	88,000
Quasi-institutional groups:						
Civilian Conservation Corps.....	412,000	25,000	139,000	145,000	67,000	36,000
Labor camps.....	103,000	2,000	22,000	33,000	14,000	32,000
Military and naval posts.....	213,000	11,000	50,000	98,000	25,000	29,000
Crews on vessels ⁴	72,000	8,000	30,000	16,000	18,000	18,000
Total.....	800,000	46,000	241,000	292,000	106,000	115,000
All institutional groups.....	2,000,000	145,000	898,000	576,000	178,000	203,000

⁴ Classified by region according to port of call.