

Employers, Workers, and Wages Under OASI

Estimated number of employers¹ and workers and amount of earnings in employment covered under old-age and survivors insurance, for specified periods, 1940-54²

[Corrected to July 20, 1955. Estimates beginning 1952 are preliminary. Beginning with 1951, annual data include self-employment; quarterly data do not.]

Year and quarter	Employers reporting wages (in thousands)	Workers with taxable earnings during period (in thousands)	Taxable earnings ³		All workers in covered employment during period ⁴ (in thousands)	Total earnings in covered employment ⁵	
			Total (in millions)	Average per worker		Total (in millions)	Average per worker
1940.....	2,500	35,393	\$32,974	\$932	35,393	\$35,668	\$1,008
1941.....	2,646	40,976	41,848	1,021	40,976	35,363	1,110
1942.....	2,655	46,363	52,939	1,142	46,363	58,219	1,256
1943.....	2,304	47,656	62,423	1,310	47,656	69,653	1,462
1944.....	2,469	46,296	64,426	1,392	46,296	73,349	1,584
1945.....	2,614	46,392	62,945	1,357	46,392	71,560	1,543
1946.....	3,017	48,845	69,088	1,414	48,845	79,260	1,623
1947.....	3,246	48,908	78,372	1,602	48,908	92,449	1,896
1948.....	3,298	49,018	84,122	1,716	49,018	102,255	2,080
1949.....	3,316	46,796	81,808	1,748	46,796	99,989	2,137
1950.....	3,345	48,283	87,498	1,812	48,283	109,804	2,274
1951.....	4,440	58,100	121,060	2,084	58,100	149,550	2,574
1952.....	4,450	59,600	128,700	2,160	59,600	161,600	2,680
1953.....	4,350	61,000	136,000	2,230	61,000	175,000	2,870
1954.....	4,350	60,000	134,000	2,230	60,000	172,000	2,870
1946							
January-March.....	2,287	36,038	16,840	467	36,038	17,397	483
April-June.....	2,416	38,055	17,845	469	38,153	19,079	500
July-September.....	2,478	39,670	17,709	446	40,228	20,222	503
October-December.....	2,513	37,945	16,694	440	39,930	22,562	565
1947							
January-March.....	2,509	38,765	20,805	537	38,765	21,497	555
April-June.....	2,587	39,801	20,655	519	40,175	22,245	554
July-September.....	2,617	40,255	19,555	486	41,155	23,035	560
October-December.....	2,609	37,448	17,357	463	40,748	25,672	630
1948							
January-March.....	2,588	39,560	23,080	583	39,560	23,923	605
April-June.....	2,600	40,245	22,708	564	40,524	24,668	609
July-September.....	2,699	40,585	21,150	521	41,675	25,700	617
October-December.....	2,661	36,790	17,184	467	41,540	27,964	673
1949							
January-March.....	2,639	38,162	23,376	613	38,162	24,254	636
April-June.....	2,693	38,591	22,571	585	38,864	24,570	632
July-September.....	2,697	38,333	20,160	526	39,601	24,971	631
October-December.....	2,692	34,529	15,701	455	39,477	26,194	664
1950							
January-March.....	2,671	37,393	23,490	628	37,393	24,316	650
April-June.....	2,706	39,264	24,052	613	39,557	26,210	663
July-September.....	2,708	40,486	22,382	553	41,923	28,165	672
October-December.....	2,741	35,609	17,574	494	41,792	31,113	744
1951							
January-March.....	3,552	43,908	30,336	691	43,908	31,000	710
April-June.....	3,658	45,483	30,693	675	45,718	33,000	730
July-September.....	3,635	45,693	27,815	609	46,778	33,000	710
October-December.....	3,638	41,846	22,702	543	46,107	36,000	780
1952							
January-March.....	3,595	45,000	33,159	737	45,000	34,000	760
April-June.....	3,670	46,800	32,627	697	47,000	35,000	740
July-September.....	3,645	46,700	29,166	625	48,100	36,000	750
October-December.....	3,640	42,600	24,067	565	47,900	40,000	830
1953							
January-March.....	3,590	47,000	36,382	774	47,000	37,000	790
April-June.....	3,660	48,300	35,963	745	48,500	39,000	800
July-September.....	3,650	47,800	31,000	649	49,500	39,000	790
October-December.....	3,650	41,400	22,800	551	48,500	42,000	870
1954							
January-March.....	3,600	46,000	35,900	780	46,000	37,000	800
April-June.....	3,680	47,000	35,300	750	47,400	38,000	800
July-September.....	3,660	46,000	30,000	650	47,700	38,000	800
October-December.....	3,650	40,000	22,000	550	46,000	41,000	890

¹ Number corresponds to number of employer returns. A return may relate to more than 1 establishment if employer operates several separate establishments but reports for concern as a whole.

² Excludes joint coverage under the railroad retirement and old-age and survivors insurance programs.

³ Through 1950, the annual limit on taxable earnings was \$3,000; beginning with 1951, the limit was \$3,600.

⁴ Includes workers with earnings in excess of annual taxable limit.

⁵ Includes earnings in excess of annual taxable limit.

⁶ Rounded to nearest \$10.