

Table 3.—Distribution of applicants for account numbers by sex, race, and age group, 1956

Age group	Total			Male			Female		
	Total	White ¹	Negro	Total	White ¹	Negro	Total	White ¹	Negro
Total	4,376,315	3,922,427	453,888	2,391,183	2,174,991	216,192	1,985,132	1,747,436	237,696
Under 15	271,960	243,033	28,927	183,133	161,878	21,255	88,827	81,155	7,672
15-19	2,224,860	1,977,751	247,109	1,161,751	1,028,606	133,145	1,063,109	949,145	113,964
20-39	699,716	592,528	107,188	382,951	348,207	34,744	316,765	244,321	72,444
40-59	717,924	670,894	47,030	368,942	355,462	13,480	348,982	315,432	33,550
60-64	170,437	162,003	8,434	100,225	96,361	3,864	70,212	65,642	4,570
65-69	125,526	117,793	7,733	78,642	74,259	4,383	46,884	43,534	3,350
70 and over	164,953	157,597	7,256	114,884	109,676	5,208	49,969	47,921	2,048
Unknown	1,039	828	211	655	642	113	384	286	98

¹ Represents all races other than Negro.

effects of coverage extension to jobs in which many Negroes are employed. The 454,000 applications for account numbers received in 1956 from Negroes made up 10 percent of the total (table 3). Although the number of these applications was 12 percent less than the number received from Negroes in 1955, it represented an increase of 41 percent from the number in 1954.

Disability Insurance Trust Fund, January-June 1957*

At the end of June 1957 the trust fund established by the Social Security Amendments of 1956¹ for the disability insurance aspects of the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program had been in operation for 6 months. The fund operates in the same way as the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund, but it is entirely separate from it.

The contribution rate for the entire program, both for employer and employee, was raised from 2 to 2¼ percent of covered wages, effective Jan. 1, 1957, with the total increase of ½ of 1 percent allocated to the disability insurance trust fund. The first contributions to the new fund came from the levy on wages paid in January. A rise of ⅓ of 1 percent in the tax on earnings from self-employment is also allocated to the disability insurance fund. Since self-

employed persons pay their contributions on an annual basis, practically no contributions have yet been received from them.

By the end of June, contributions totaled \$333.3 million, and the following amounts had been placed in the disability insurance trust fund:

1957	Amount (in millions)
February	\$52.1
March	65.8
April	31.2
May	118.6
June	65.5

By June 30, transfers totaling \$3.9 million had been made—the amount estimated as one-ninth of the total deposits made by the States in February-June under voluntary agreements for old-age, survivors, and disability insurance coverage of their employees (at the combined employer-employee rate of 4½ percent of covered payrolls). At the end of June, interest of \$1.4 million was credited to the fund.

About \$1.3 million had been withdrawn from the disability insurance trust fund by the end of June for reimbursement to general revenues for expenses that the Treasury Department incurred in establishing and operating the fund. Adjustment between the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund and the disability insurance trust fund for the expenses of the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Treasury Department in administering the disability insurance aspects of the program will be made at or after the close of each fiscal year.

Of the fund's total assets of \$337.2 million held at the end of June, \$11.9

million was in cash and \$325.4 million had been invested in Government securities.

Estimates for the disability benefit payments made early in August for July (the first month for which benefits are payable) place the amount at about \$8.2 million. When sufficient data are available, the BULLETIN's monthly trust fund table will be expanded to provide continuing data on both the old-age and survivors insurance and the disability insurance trust funds.

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¹ See the *Bulletin*, September 1956, pages 3-20.