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Friends Neighborhood Guild, Philadelphia, Pa. *Demonstration Program with Families About to be Evicted from Public Low-Rent Housing*. Project Director: Mrs. Mildred Webb Guinnessy. Amount of grant: \$22,133.

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Goodrich Social Settlement, Cleveland, Ohio. *Exploratory Project on Methods of Changing Values Among Boys in Aid to Dependent Children Families*. Project Director: John W. Cox. Amount of grant: \$20,000.

University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research, Ann Arbor, Mich. *Teenage Illegitimacy: Individual and Community Factors*. Project Directors: Ronald Lippitt and Henry J. Meyer. Amount of grant: \$16,980.

University of Michigan, School of Public Health, Ann

Arbor, Mich. *Pilot Study of Nursing Home Costs*. Project Director: Kenton E. Winter. Amount of grant: \$32,729.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. *Background and Social Consequences of Unwed Motherhood*. Project Director: Charles E. Bowerman. Amount of grant: \$35,765.

Northern Michigan College, Marquette, Mich. *Exploratory Study of Welfare Programs and Needs in Upper Peninsula of Michigan*. Project Director: Jean Pearman. Amount of grant: \$5,000.

North Texas State College, Denton, Texas. *Decisions Leading to Institutionalization of the Aged*. Project Director: Hiram J. Friedsam. Amount of grant: \$20,060.

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. *Credit Union Service to Low-Income Groups*. Project Director: John T. Croteau. Amount of grant: \$19,498.

Syracuse University, Youth Development Center, Syracuse, N. Y. *Fatherless Families and Housing: A Study in Dependency*. Project Directors: Irwin Deutscher and Seymour Bellin. Amount of grant: \$43,114.

Notes and Brief Reports

Old-Age Benefits In Current-Payment Status, By State, December 31, 1960*

On December 31, 1960, old-age insurance benefits under the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program were being paid to 8.1 million retired workers—an increase of more than half a million from December 1959. About 32,000 of the new beneficiaries had become entitled to old-age benefits in the last 3 months of 1960 under the liberalized insured-status provision of the 1960 amendments. The retired-worker beneficiaries have been classified by their State of residence at the end of the year in the accompanying table, which shows the average monthly benefit being paid as well as a percentage distribution of the beneficiaries by size of benefit.¹

The average old-age benefit amount went up each month during 1960 except November (when it remained unchanged), from \$72.78 in December

1959 to \$74.04 in December 1960. One reason for the \$1.26 increase was the greater proportion of benefits computed on the basis of earnings after 1950. Another factor was the rise in the proportion of beneficiaries whose benefits were computed under the provisions that permit up to 5 years of lowest earnings and periods of disability to be excluded in calculating the average monthly wage. The increase in the maximum annual earnings from \$4,200 to \$4,800 for years after 1958 also contributed slightly to the higher average.

At the end of 1960 almost 10 percent of all old-age beneficiaries were receiving monthly benefits of \$116.00–\$120.00; 23 percent, benefits in the \$90.00–\$115.90 range; and 33 percent, benefits of \$60.00–\$89.90. Among the groupings by size of monthly benefit shown in the accompanying table, the proportion of beneficiaries receiving \$116.00 or more had the greatest change during the year—an increase of 1.7 percentage points. The proportion of beneficiaries in the \$26.40–\$32.90 benefit group and in all groups receiving \$90.00 or more increased during the year, while the proportion in the groups receiving \$33.00–\$89.90 declined.

Among the 51 States, old-age beneficiaries living in Connecticut were, as in past years, receiving the highest monthly benefits—an average of \$82.47—and those in Mississippi were receiving

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¹ Data for beneficiaries in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and foreign countries are excluded from the State comparisons.

the lowest, \$55.76. The four States with highest average benefits and the four States with lowest average benefits were the same at the end of 1960 and the end of 1959. Thirty-three States retained the same position in the ranking; only two States changed more than two positions. The average old-age benefit increased during the year in each of the 51 States; the increase was greatest for beneficiaries living in New York (\$1.59) and smallest for those in Alaska (47 cents).

Monthly benefits of \$75.00-\$120.00 were being paid at the close of December 1960 to about 62 percent of the old-age beneficiaries in Connecticut but to only 21 percent of those in Mississippi. Only 22 percent of the old-age beneficiaries in Connecticut but 61 percent of those in Mississippi were receiving benefits of \$26.40-\$59.90. In Puerto Rico, where the average benefit was only \$46.51, 78 percent of the old-age beneficiaries were receiving less than \$60.00.

Number and average monthly amount of old-age insurance benefits in current-payment status and percentage distribution by amount of benefit,¹ by State, December 31, 1960

State ² (ranked by size of average benefit)	Average old-age benefit	Number of old-age beneficiaries	Percent of old-age beneficiaries receiving—									
			Total	\$26.40-32.90 ³	\$33.00	\$33.10-44.90	\$45.00-59.90	\$60.00-74.90	\$75.00-89.90	\$90.00-104.90	\$105.00-115.90	\$116.00-120.00 ⁴
Total.....	\$74.04	8,061,469	100.0	2.1	10.2	7.8	14.0	17.2	15.9	11.4	11.7	9.7
Connecticut.....	82.47	130,652	100.0	1.2	4.8	5.1	11.1	15.6	17.9	14.7	16.3	13.3
Michigan.....	81.97	334,912	100.0	1.4	6.9	5.9	12.0	13.9	14.2	11.2	17.8	16.7
New Jersey.....	80.90	295,417	100.0	1.5	5.9	5.6	11.6	16.1	16.8	13.8	15.6	13.1
Illinois.....	78.62	477,430	100.0	1.7	7.8	6.3	12.2	16.0	16.7	13.0	13.8	12.5
New York.....	78.62	880,561	100.0	1.5	6.8	6.1	12.4	17.4	17.6	13.3	13.3	11.6
Pennsylvania.....	78.50	562,036	100.0	1.7	7.4	6.2	11.8	16.9	17.2	13.5	14.0	11.3
Ohio.....	78.31	426,740	100.0	1.7	8.2	6.6	12.9	16.0	15.2	11.4	14.5	13.5
Massachusetts.....	77.25	292,985	100.0	1.4	6.1	6.0	12.9	19.7	19.4	13.5	12.0	9.0
Florida.....	76.22	278,993	100.0	2.2	9.0	7.3	13.2	15.9	15.5	11.7	14.3	10.9
Washington.....	76.08	144,175	100.0	1.6	9.1	7.1	14.1	16.3	15.8	11.8	13.9	10.3
Arizona.....	75.95	42,667	100.0	2.0	9.9	7.2	13.4	15.6	15.2	11.8	13.4	11.5
Rhode Island.....	75.90	50,915	100.0	1.7	5.6	6.4	13.8	20.4	20.1	14.6	10.7	6.7
Utah.....	75.56	28,310	100.0	2.0	9.8	7.0	13.0	16.7	16.2	12.5	12.8	10.0
Wisconsin.....	75.18	210,351	100.0	1.9	9.9	7.1	14.7	16.5	15.0	11.5	12.7	10.7
California.....	75.09	674,210	100.0	1.9	8.9	7.6	14.8	16.7	15.9	11.3	12.6	10.3
Montana.....	75.05	32,579	100.0	1.5	10.7	7.1	13.6	17.6	15.3	11.4	11.8	11.0
Indiana.....	75.03	231,335	100.0	1.9	10.0	7.6	13.8	16.5	15.4	12.2	12.4	10.2
Nevada.....	74.80	9,272	100.0	2.0	9.3	7.2	13.9	17.9	16.1	11.4	13.2	9.0
Delaware.....	74.66	18,389	100.0	2.4	9.1	7.5	13.5	18.3	15.8	11.8	11.6	10.0
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Oregon.....	74.58	102,527	100.0	1.6	9.5	7.4	15.4	17.2	15.2	11.6	13.2	8.9
Alaska.....	73.02	2,908	100.0	2.1	10.3	8.3	15.5	17.4	14.5	11.1	13.2	7.6
Colorado.....	72.66	68,220	100.0	1.8	11.1	8.0	14.4	17.5	16.7	12.0	10.7	7.8
New Hampshire.....	72.64	37,867	100.0	1.6	8.7	7.9	14.6	20.3	18.6	13.0	9.4	5.9
Wyoming.....	72.64	12,713	100.0	2.0	10.5	7.8	14.2	18.3	17.3	11.7	11.0	7.2
Minnesota.....	72.51	170,776	100.0	2.0	11.2	7.9	14.7	18.1	15.7	11.2	10.7	8.5
Minnesota.....	72.51	170,776	100.0	2.0	11.2	7.9	14.7	18.1	15.7	11.2	10.7	8.5
Maryland.....	72.36	103,996	100.0	2.5	10.4	8.3	14.3	18.4	16.3	10.9	10.4	8.5
Iowa.....	72.17	155,167	100.0	1.9	10.9	8.1	14.7	18.6	16.1	12.8	9.9	7.0
North Dakota.....	71.64	28,482	100.0	1.9	11.6	8.1	14.9	18.6	16.0	12.4	8.8	7.7
Idaho.....	71.58	30,125	100.0	1.8	11.8	8.0	15.1	18.2	16.2	11.9	10.0	7.0
West Virginia.....	71.55	80,007	100.0	2.1	13.1	8.2	13.1	17.7	16.7	10.5	10.9	7.7
Missouri.....	71.34	227,882	100.0	2.2	10.9	8.7	15.3	18.4	16.2	10.9	9.5	7.9
Hawaii.....	70.02	15,711	100.0	2.9	12.7	8.4	13.7	16.8	19.2	12.6	7.8	5.9
Nebraska.....	69.97	77,364	100.0	1.9	11.8	8.8	15.6	19.3	16.7	11.8	8.1	6.0
South Dakota.....	69.93	34,121	100.0	1.9	12.2	8.8	15.1	19.3	16.6	12.2	8.2	5.7
Kansas.....	69.87	109,628	100.0	2.0	12.1	9.3	16.2	18.2	15.5	11.2	8.8	6.7
District of Columbia.....	69.61	28,429	100.0	2.6	12.2	9.0	14.8	19.3	16.6	10.2	8.7	6.6
Vermont.....	69.45	22,003	100.0	2.0	11.2	9.0	16.5	20.0	16.7	11.1	8.2	5.3
Maine.....	68.77	58,048	100.0	2.3	11.8	9.2	16.0	20.0	16.9	10.9	7.8	5.1
Oklahoma.....	67.85	95,813	100.0	2.9	14.0	10.0	13.8	18.0	14.9	9.4	8.1	6.9
New Mexico.....	67.55	20,708	100.0	2.6	15.9	9.6	15.7	17.4	13.7	9.6	9.1	6.4
Texas.....	66.62	295,644	100.0	3.4	14.6	10.3	16.4	18.1	14.3	8.7	7.7	6.5
Louisiana.....	65.95	80,958	100.0	3.7	15.5	10.6	16.1	17.8	13.8	8.3	7.6	6.6
Virginia.....	65.22	131,669	100.0	3.2	16.6	10.8	15.9	17.7	14.4	8.8	7.2	5.4
Kentucky.....	65.08	131,617	100.0	2.7	15.6	11.1	17.0	19.2	13.8	8.4	7.2	5.0
Alabama.....	63.08	103,069	100.0	4.0	18.9	11.5	15.6	17.6	12.9	7.8	6.4	5.3
North Carolina.....	62.38	150,728	100.0	3.7	16.0	11.7	18.9	19.6	14.0	7.3	5.0	3.8
Georgia.....	62.28	114,482	100.0	4.6	16.7	11.8	17.4	18.8	13.8	7.2	5.3	4.4
South Carolina.....	62.20	65,407	100.0	4.3	17.4	11.7	17.6	18.8	14.2	8.3	5.1	3.7
Tennessee.....	61.08	132,296	100.0	4.1	19.0	12.6	17.9	17.6	12.1	6.9	5.5	4.3
Arkansas.....	60.27	81,432	100.0	3.8	20.4	12.2	17.6	18.4	12.4	6.3	5.1	3.8
Mississippi.....	55.76	76,105	100.0	4.7	25.1	14.2	17.5	17.7	9.7	4.8	3.6	2.7
Virgin Islands.....	54.42	540	100.0	5.2	25.4	18.2	15.6	15.6	8.4	4.6	4.6	2.4
Puerto Rico.....	46.51	45,953	100.0	5.6	39.7	19.4	13.2	11.2	5.4	2.5	1.7	1.3
Foreign.....	76.29	57,150	100.0	.4	6.6	5.2	12.3	23.3	21.4	12.9	12.0	5.9

¹ For persons receiving both an old-age (retired-worker) benefit and a secondary survivor benefit or an old-age and survivors insurance secondary life benefit that was awarded, reinstated, or adjusted after September 13, 1956, the old-age benefit amount includes the reduced secondary benefit.

² Beneficiary's State of residence, based on the monthly benefit check

address.

³ About 500 beneficiaries receiving less than \$26.40 are included in the figures on which the percentages are based.

⁴ About 20 beneficiaries receiving more than \$120 are included in the figures on which the percentages are based.