

Expenditures per inhabitant	OAA	ADC	AB	APTD	GA
Total number of States.....	53	53	53	43	53
Less than \$0.50.....	0	1	43	8	15
0.50-0.99.....	0	0	9	11	7
1.00-1.49.....	0	1	1	11	6
1.50-1.99.....	3	4	0	8	7
2.00-2.99.....	4	13	0	5	9
3.00-3.99.....	1	13	0	0	6
4.00-4.99.....	2	11	0	0	3
5.00-7.99.....	8	8	0	0	0
7.50-9.99.....	19	2	0	0	0
10.00-14.99.....	9	0	0	0	0
15.00-19.99.....	4	0	0	0	0
20.00 or more.....	3	0	0	0	0

Vendor Payments for Medical Care

For the country as a whole, the \$212 million paid to vendors of medical care in 1954-55 under all programs combined amounted to \$1.30 per inhabitant, 21 cents more than in the preceding year. Vendor payments were less than 8 percent of total public aid but constituted almost one-fourth of all expenditures from general assistance funds in the Nation and more than half of general assistance expenditures in one-third of the 39 States that used funds from this program to pay vendors of medical care. Nationally, at least 14 percent of general assistance payments to vendors of medical care was used to aid recipients of the special types of public assistance, but the total proportion was undoubtedly much higher than that since another 29 percent of general assistance vendor payments cannot be allocated to individual programs. Of the 40 States making vendor payments, 15 used only general assistance funds for such payments and six others met more than half the cost from general assistance funds.

The cost per inhabitant in States making vendor payments for medical care was less than 50 cents for more than half the States in old-age assistance and general assistance, for all the States in aid to dependent children and aid to the blind, and for almost all the States in aid to the permanently and totally disabled. Expenditures for this purpose were more than \$1.50 per capita, however, in old-age assistance for five States and in general assistance for three States (table 3).

Proposed Social Security Budget, 1956-57

The Budget of the United States Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, was submitted to Congress on January 16, 1956. Budgetary expenditures for the year are estimated at \$66.3 billion, of which major national security and related programs made up \$42.4 billion or 64 percent, which is about the same proportion as had been proposed for the fiscal year 1955-56.

The budget for the Social Security Administration contains appropriation recommendations for all existing programs and for two new programs of grants to the States that would be initiated under proposed legislation. One of these programs is for combating juvenile delinquency; the other is for cooperative research and demonstration projects on the reduction of dependency. The budget includes \$3.3 million for the proposed juvenile delinquency grants and \$500,000 for the research and demonstration project grants.

Also assumed in the proposed budget is legislation to extend to June 1959 the 1952 amendments to the public assistance titles of the Social Security Act. These amendments, providing for an increased rate of Federal participation in public assistance payments, had originally been approved for 2 years. In 1954 they were extended for another 2 years, and they are presently scheduled to expire in September 1956. If the provision is extended again, a supplemental appropriation of \$165 million will be required in 1956-57. Another legislative proposal, to increase the dollar limitations now in effect for public assistance grants to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, would add \$1.1 million to the public assistance supplemental appropriation request contemplated for the fiscal year 1956-57. The Budget also foresees legislation on grants for medical care payments in behalf of public assistance recipients, but since it is proposed that they begin in the fiscal year 1957-58, no authorizations for funds for that purpose are included in the present Budget.

Extension of the scope of child welfare services by amendment of the Social Security Act is also envisaged. If such an amendment is enacted, the Budget foresees a supplemental appropriation request of \$1.6 million for the Children's Bureau for the fiscal year 1956-57.

Estimated expenditures¹ for the Social Security Administration total \$1,522 million for 1956-57, excluding the operations of the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund and of the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions,

Table 3.—Distribution of States by amount of expenditures per inhabitant for vendor payments for medical care and by program, fiscal year 1954-55

Expenditures per inhabitant for vendor payments for medical care	Total, all programs	Old-age assistance	Aid to dependent children	Aid to the blind	Aid to the permanently and totally disabled	General assistance
Average, all States.....	\$1.30	\$0.64	\$0.12	\$0.02	\$0.12	\$0.40
Total number of States.....	53	53	53	53	43	53
No vendor payments.....	13	29	31	30	22	14
Vendor payments.....	40	24	22	23	21	39
Less than \$0.50.....	13	13	22	23	19	20
0.50-0.99.....	5	1	0	0	1	8
1.00-1.49.....	6	5	0	0	1	8
1.50-1.99.....	6	2	0	0	0	1
2.00 or more.....	10	3	0	0	0	2

¹ Estimated expenditure data in the Budget reflect the sums to be paid out by the Treasury in a given fiscal year rather than the total amount expended in the operation of any program for that year. For example, estimated expenditures for grants to the States for public assistance payments and administration under existing legislation in the fiscal year 1956-57 are \$1,311.8 million, but the total amount of Federal participation in State public assistance administration and in payments that will reach recipients during that fiscal year is estimated at \$1,344.5 million. Of this sum, \$1,328.0 million is to be provided by new budgetary authorizations and \$16.5 million from Federal balances in the States arising out of previous grant payments.

Table 1.—Expenditures for the Social Security Administration from general funds, fiscal years 1954-55, 1955-56, and 1956-57

[In thousands]

Bureau and item	Actual, 1954-55	Estimated	
		1955-56	1956-57
Total, including proposed legislation.....	\$1,459,058	\$1,525,418	\$1,522,268
Total, excluding proposed legislation.....	1,459,058	1,525,418	1,350,765
Bureau of Public Assistance:			
Existing legislation.....	1,428,058	1,417,372	1,313,533
Existing legislation, supplemental appropriation.....		72,000	
Proposed legislation, supplemental appropriation.....			166,103
Children's Bureau:			
Existing legislation.....	30,833	35,867	37,024
Proposed legislation.....			3,300
Proposed legislation, supplemental appropriation.....			1,600
Office of Commissioner, salaries and expenses ¹	166	179	208
Proposed legislation (grants).....			500

¹ Includes reimbursements from the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund.

Source: *The Budget of the United States Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1957.*

which are omitted from the Federal administrative budget totals. Of the total, \$1,351 million is proposed under present budget authorizations; the remaining \$171.5 million is in new authorizations under the proposed legislation (table 1).

Total estimated expenditures for 1956-57, including the \$171.5 million under proposed legislation, are \$3.2 million less than total expenditures estimated for 1955-56, which include a supplemental appropriation proposal of \$72.0 million for public assistance grants. The total 1956-57 estimated expenditures are, however, \$63.2 million more than actual expenditures in 1954-55.

The assumptions underlying the 1956-57 expenditure estimates for public assistance, including the amounts under proposed legislation, are that average monthly payments under all four categorical assistance programs will increase somewhat; and that in old-age assistance the average number of recipients will decrease slightly, in aid to dependent children the number will remain the same, in aid to the blind it will increase somewhat, and in aid to the permanently and totally disabled it will increase 8 percent. Federal participation in State and local administrative expenses for public assistance is estimated to remain the same in 1956-57 as in the previous fiscal year.

Grants to the States and localities amount to \$1,518 million, or 99.7 percent of the social security budget proposals, as the following list shows.

Program	Estimated grants, 1956-57 (in millions)
Categorical public assistance:	
Existing legislation.....	\$1,311.8
Proposed legislation.....	166.1
Maternal and child health and child welfare:	
Existing legislation.....	35.1
Proposed legislation.....	166.1
Juvenile delinquency (proposed legislation).....	3.3
Cooperative research and demonstration projects (proposed legislation).....	.5

The remaining 0.3 percent (\$3.8 million) is divided among the Bureau of Public Assistance, the Children's Bureau, and the Office of the Commissioner of Social Security for salaries and operating expenses.

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