
CENSUS OF HOTELS

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INTRODUCTION

Scope of the census.—Basic statistics relating to the operations of hotels in the United States were collected and compiled for the first time in connection with the Fifteenth Decennial Census. There are, therefore, no comparable figures for earlier years.

This census was confined to hotels in operation in the United States during 1929, which had 25 or more guest rooms. It did not include apartment houses, boarding houses, clubs, Y.M.C.A.'s, Y.W.C.A.'s, tourist camps, Turkish baths, or farm homes having accommodations for paying guests.

Tables 1, 2, and 3 in this chapter present summary statistics for the United States as a whole and totals for geographical divisions and States. The tables show the number of hotels, number of guest rooms, seating capacity of dining rooms, total receipts, average number of employees for the year, total salaries and wages, proprietors and firm members, and certain auxiliary data. Data in greater detail for States and the principal cities may be found in the volume of the *Fifteenth Census of the United States*, entitled "Census of Hotels."

ABSTRACT OF THE CENSUS

TABLE 1.—STATISTICS OF HOTELS¹ OPERATING THE ENTIRE YEAR 1929, BY PLAN OF OPERATION AND BY TYPE OF OCCUPANCY, FOR THE UNITED STATES

ITEM	Total	PLAN OF OPERATION			TYPE OF OCCUPANCY		
		European	American	Mixed American and European	Mainly transient	Mainly permanent	Mixed transient and permanent
Number of hotels.....	13,328	10,907	1,007	1,324	4,951	1,702	5,685
Owned by corporations.....	3,047	2,549	243	255	1,202	424	1,361
Owned by individuals and partnerships.....	10,281	8,358	854	1,069	3,679	1,278	5,324
Number of guest rooms.....	1,134,957	969,172	78,020	87,765	438,959	151,900	544,008
Seating capacity of dining rooms.....	610,762	382,581	109,407	118,684	319,216	52,059	236,477
Receipts, total.....	\$962,801,000	\$790,740,000	\$90,663,000	\$81,398,000	\$482,542,000	\$99,102,000	\$381,157,000
Room.....	485,076,000	485,076,000	.....	.....	223,208,000	61,871,000	199,007,000
Meals.....	223,502,000	223,502,000	.....	.....	140,945,000	11,943,000	76,614,000
Room and meals.....	157,050,000	.....	80,917,000	76,130,000	60,613,000	19,674,000	76,709,000
Other sources.....	97,167,000	82,162,000	9,746,000	5,260,000	57,776,000	5,614,000	33,777,000
All employees:							
April.....	260,813	237,186	28,145	25,487	150,814	26,706	113,299
July.....	294,508	236,441	31,682	26,385	154,549	26,038	113,921
October.....	294,169	240,665	28,239	25,205	152,473	26,975	114,661
December.....	285,601	235,834	25,761	24,006	147,632	26,389	111,680
Average for the year.....	291,259	237,531	28,457	25,271	151,367	26,527	113,365
Male.....	168,997	130,919	15,137	12,941	83,216	13,682	62,099
Female.....	132,262	106,612	13,320	12,330	68,151	12,845	51,266
Salaries and wages.....	\$257,034,000	\$213,406,000	\$23,713,000	\$19,915,000	\$130,854,000	\$25,005,000	\$101,175,000
Dining and lunch room and kitchen employees—							
Average for the year.....	100,140	75,022	13,120	11,998	56,677	7,152	36,311
Male.....	60,480	47,138	6,943	6,399	33,537	4,581	22,362
Female.....	39,660	27,884	6,177	5,599	23,140	2,571	13,949
Salaries and wages.....	\$84,428,000	\$65,556,000	\$10,066,000	\$8,806,000	\$47,362,000	\$6,175,000	\$30,891,000
All other employees—							
Average for the year.....	191,119	162,509	15,337	13,273	94,690	19,375	77,054
Male.....	98,517	83,781	8,104	6,542	49,679	9,101	30,737
Female.....	92,602	78,728	7,143	6,731	45,011	10,274	37,317
Salaries and wages.....	\$172,606,000	\$147,850,000	\$13,647,000	\$11,100,000	\$83,492,000	\$18,830,000	\$70,284,000
Proprietors and firm members, total.....	14,988	11,874	1,366	1,728	5,645	1,694	7,629
Male.....	10,160	8,268	854	1,038	3,978	1,093	5,089
Female.....	4,808	3,606	512	690	1,667	601	2,540

¹ Includes only those establishments having 25 or more guest rooms.

TABLE 2.—STATISTICS OF HOTELS¹ OPERATING 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 MONTHS OF THE YEAR 1929, BY PLAN OF OPERATION AND BY TYPE OF OCCUPANCY, FOR THE UNITED STATES

ITEM	Total	PLAN OF OPERATION			TYPE OF OCCUPANCY		
		European	American	Mixed American and European	Mainly transient	Mainly permanent	Mixed transient and permanent
Number of hotels.....	2,249	370	1,537	342	646	324	1,279
Owned by corporations.....	541	104	360	77	210	78	253
Owned by individuals and partnerships.....	1,708	266	1,177	265	436	246	1,026
Number of guest rooms.....	168,939	26,250	108,872	23,817	50,502	23,559	84,878
Seating capacity of dining rooms.....	274,571	16,478	210,098	47,995	80,422	43,699	150,450
Receipts, total.....	\$70,562,000	\$8,848,000	\$58,386,000	\$9,327,000	\$26,465,000	\$13,877,000	\$37,220,000
Room.....	5,582,000	5,582,000	-----	-----	2,764,000	394,000	2,424,000
Meals.....	2,631,000	2,631,000	-----	-----	1,533,000	139,000	959,000
Room and meals.....	63,224,000	-----	54,348,000	8,878,000	18,761,000	12,421,000	32,042,000
Other sources.....	5,125,000	630,000	4,038,000	451,000	2,407,000	923,000	1,795,000
Employees (number):							
April.....	9,883	1,262	7,565	1,059	4,180	1,626	4,077
July.....	55,818	3,785	43,978	8,055	16,894	9,229	20,695
Dining and lunch room and kitchen.....	31,058	1,458	25,202	4,398	8,846	5,172	17,040
All other.....	24,760	2,327	18,776	3,657	8,048	4,057	12,655
October.....	10,064	1,925	6,649	1,490	2,321	1,629	5,614
December.....	14,999	3,357	10,253	1,389	6,543	2,629	5,827
Salaries and wages, all employees.....	\$15,814,000	\$1,868,000	\$11,936,000	\$2,010,000	\$5,405,000	\$2,776,000	\$7,633,000
Dining and lunch room and kitchen.....	7,703,000	656,000	6,050,000	697,000	2,517,000	1,315,000	3,871,000
All other employees.....	8,111,000	1,212,000	5,886,000	1,013,000	2,888,000	1,461,000	3,762,000
Proprietors and firm members, total.....	2,777	381	1,638	458	712	408	1,659
Male.....	1,661	247	1,137	277	451	242	968
Female.....	1,116	134	801	181	261	164	691

¹ Includes only those establishments having 25 or more guest rooms.

TABLE 3.—STATISTICS OF HOTELS¹ OPERATING THE ENTIRE YEAR, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1929

DIVISION AND STATE	Number of hotels	Number of guest rooms	Seating capacity of dining rooms	Total receipts	Average number of employees for the year	Salaries and wages	Proprietors and firm members
United States	13,328	1,134,957	610,762	\$902,801,000	291,259	\$267,034,000	14,968
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:							
New England	670	52,716	44,000	54,240,000	16,972	15,178,000	665
Middle Atlantic	1,865	240,755	178,591	296,044,000	82,132	70,126,000	1,722
East North Central	2,627	248,677	112,146	211,371,000	64,476	60,819,000	2,702
West North Central	1,809	123,711	62,943	81,558,000	27,547	20,249,000	2,289
South Atlantic	1,170	94,074	63,189	80,498,000	27,559	20,577,000	1,215
East South Central	444	34,839	25,254	29,548,000	11,488	7,307,000	512
West South Central	1,289	85,363	34,946	58,070,000	19,838	13,600,000	1,583
Mountain	1,005	57,821	21,816	32,230,000	9,415	7,715,000	1,285
Pacific	2,449	197,001	70,877	118,342,000	31,802	32,463,000	2,905
NEW ENGLAND:							
Maine	84	5,626	5,256	4,750,000	1,592	1,153,000	96
New Hampshire	72	3,555	4,068	2,701,000	932	620,000	61
Vermont	45	2,723	3,397	2,506,000	883	598,000	43
Massachusetts	278	27,821	21,973	31,068,000	9,904	9,353,000	246
Rhode Island	50	3,100	1,815	3,103,000	973	892,000	54
Connecticut	141	10,391	7,491	9,517,000	2,688	2,562,000	135
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:							
New York	972	164,548	90,130	206,521,000	54,476	55,402,000	718
New Jersey	331	28,300	40,651	40,228,000	11,048	9,688,000	309
Pennsylvania	562	47,901	44,910	50,195,000	16,608	14,036,000	635
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:							
Ohio	546	49,488	23,281	44,030,000	14,062	12,615,000	586
Indiana	320	23,979	11,950	17,704,000	6,212	4,752,000	342
Illinois	986	109,410	36,842	93,126,000	27,516	28,540,000	902
Michigan	507	46,997	22,219	39,144,000	11,333	10,632,000	581
Wisconsin	268	18,803	17,854	17,307,000	5,353	4,280,000	321
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:							
Minnesota	433	30,173	15,481	18,894,000	6,030	4,615,000	527
Iowa	270	19,040	9,239	12,469,000	3,993	2,915,000	304
Missouri	491	39,156	18,111	28,720,000	9,913	7,406,000	423
North Dakota	88	5,542	3,060	3,022,000	993	762,000	121
South Dakota	95	5,071	2,226	2,627,000	819	616,000	141
Nebraska	207	13,032	8,588	8,451,000	2,829	2,126,000	285
Kansas	219	11,697	6,240	7,375,000	2,970	1,819,000	318
SOUTH ATLANTIC:							
Delaware	13	729	1,139	1,144,000	351	277,000	17
Maryland	86	6,869	6,150	7,973,000	3,019	2,054,000	90
District of Columbia	77	13,465	8,702	17,620,000	5,176	4,852,000	44
Virginia	135	11,167	9,807	11,470,000	4,010	2,753,000	120
West Virginia	138	9,610	6,408	7,206,000	2,736	2,092,000	160
North Carolina	157	11,616	8,486	9,505,000	3,334	2,250,000	175
South Carolina	68	4,021	3,347	3,223,000	1,372	705,000	75
Georgia	163	12,804	7,992	10,090,000	3,895	2,336,000	193
Florida	333	23,193	11,158	12,207,000	3,666	2,658,000	341
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:							
Kentucky	115	9,438	6,445	8,680,000	3,234	2,345,000	116
Tennessee	142	11,715	8,671	10,812,000	4,155	2,591,000	159
Alabama	99	7,337	4,050	5,128,000	2,113	1,267,000	132
Mississippi	88	6,349	6,088	4,918,000	1,956	1,104,000	105
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:							
Arkansas	138	9,036	5,680	6,687,000	2,337	1,456,000	167
Louisiana	132	9,590	4,804	8,131,000	3,100	2,109,000	153
Oklahoma	346	19,364	4,979	10,075,000	3,359	2,411,000	457
Texas	673	47,373	19,483	33,177,000	11,063	7,594,000	806
MOUNTAIN:							
Montana	180	10,005	2,755	4,499,000	1,233	1,056,000	253
Idaho	90	4,859	2,210	2,335,000	703	550,000	118
Wyoming	57	3,050	1,850	1,982,000	493	424,000	80
Colorado	354	20,651	7,867	10,389,000	3,389	2,555,000	437
New Mexico	61	3,045	1,996	2,793,000	928	625,000	82
Arizona	93	5,637	1,833	4,334,000	1,032	1,063,000	101
Utah	113	7,364	2,384	3,975,000	1,273	1,040,000	139
Nevada	57	3,210	921	1,733,000	364	372,000	75
PACIFIC:							
Washington	694	46,715	10,693	19,323,000	5,467	4,876,000	776
Oregon	300	21,013	8,498	9,726,000	2,970	2,690,000	358
California	1,455	129,273	51,686	89,293,000	23,356	24,897,000	1,771

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