

INTRODUCTION

General statement.—The results of the Census of Hotels, taken as part of the Fifteenth Census, were first published in a series of State reports. These reports give separately statistics for hotels in operation the entire year and those in operation only part of the year. All hotels are classified as to plan of operation: European, American, and mixed (American and European), and type of occupancy: mainly transient, mainly permanent, and mixed (transient and permanent). The number of employees, by sex; proprietors and firm members receiving salaries and wages; seating capacity of dining rooms; and number of guest rooms are shown for all classifications. These State reports are now combined in this volume with city reports giving similar information for each city having a population of 250,000 or more.

The city statistics given in this report are confined to hotels operating the entire year only, as the cities in question have no hotels of the resort type in operation part of the year. Separate State tables for this latter type of hotel were not prepared for those States in which resort-type hotels represented less than 12 per cent of the hotel business in the State (with the exception of New York State where there are 360 resort-type hotels representing only 5 per cent of the hotel business in the State).

Information relative to the activities of restaurants not in hotels or located in hotels but not under hotel management was collected separately in connection with the data on retail trade. Detailed statistics regarding their operations may be found in the State and city reports on retail trade which are being published as a part of the Census of Distribution.

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Scope of the hotel census.—This census is confined to hotels in the United States having 25 or more guest rooms. It does not include apartment houses, boarding houses, clubs, Y. M. C. A.'s, Y. W. C. A.'s, tourists camps, Turkish baths, or farm houses having accommodations for paying guests.

The canvass covered hotel operation in the 48 States and the District of Columbia during the year 1929. The returns cover a year's operation except for establishments which began or discontinued operations within the year. For such establishments reports were obtained, if possible, for the portions of the year during which they were in operation.

The canvass.—It was originally intended to conduct the entire canvass by mail. Various directories and lists were secured from which a mailing list of some 27,000 names was compiled. The mail canvass was begun early in February, 1930, and approximately 70 per cent of the reports were received direct by mail. As the canvass progressed it was found that a number of these were duplications, due to change in ownership or name of hotel, that others were actually apartment hotels, boarding houses, tourists camps, etc., or hotels of less than 25 guest rooms. Because of the incompleteness of these lists and the difficulty in getting reports by mail, the entire canvass was put into the hands of the field section of this bureau early in May, 1930. The remaining 30 per cent of the reports were secured by enumerators in the field.

This bureau also has certain information for 1,734 hotels, 1,668 of which have less than 100 guest rooms, from which it was impossible to secure complete returns because the establishments had gone out of business during the year under review or had changed hands and the former proprietors could not be located. In some instances it was possible to secure information as to the number of guest rooms of these hotels. In order to present as complete a picture as possible the following table, showing the number of hotels reporting, and the number not reporting, grouped according to size (in so far as practicable) is given.

COMPARISON BY STATE OF THE NUMBER OF HOTELS THAT FURNISHED COMPLETE REPORTS TO THE CENSUS, AND OF THOSE FROM WHICH IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE REPORTS

DIVISION AND STATE	Number of hotels reporting	NUMBER NOT REPORTING				
		Total	25 to 49 rooms	50 to 99 rooms	100 rooms and over	Less than 100 rooms (exact size unknown)
UNITED STATES.....	15,577	1,734	865	375	60	428
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:						
New England.....	1,199	115	68	23	5	19
Middle Atlantic.....	2,773	380	205	101	23	51
East North Central.....	2,865	254	123	48	8	75
West North Central.....	1,867	239	83	25	5	126
South Atlantic.....	1,510	253	130	68	11	44
East South Central.....	1,462	88	48	18	5	17
West South Central.....	1,309	218	107	46	8	57
Mountain.....	1,070	79	39	12	1	27
Pacific.....	2,522	108	62	34		12
NEW ENGLAND:						
Maine.....	246	33	19	9		5
New Hampshire.....	190	30	18	7		5
Vermont.....	82	19	15	1		3
Massachusetts.....	417	16	4	4	5	3
Rhode Island.....	88	6	6			
Connecticut.....	176	11	6	2		3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:						
New York.....	1,332	197	94	64	17	22
New Jersey.....	807	50	26	12	3	9
Pennsylvania.....	634	133	85	25	3	20
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Ohio.....	561	28	18	5	2	3
Indiana.....	336	43	20	15	3	5
Illinois.....	998	41	22	5	1	13
Michigan.....	604	44	21	11	1	11
Wisconsin.....	366	98	42	12	1	43
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Minnesota.....	470	76	23	15	2	36
Iowa.....	284	57	11	1	1	44
Missouri.....	495	26	9	6	1	10
North Dakota.....	90	16	11	1		4
South Dakota.....	98	5	5			24
Nebraska.....	209	7	6			1
Kansas.....	221	28	18	2	1	7
SOUTH ATLANTIC:						
Delaware.....	15	5	4			1
Maryland.....	105	13	2	7		4
District of Columbia.....	77					
Virginia.....	162	31	11	15		5
West Virginia.....	139	20	12	4		4
North Carolina.....	205	42	24	13		5
South Carolina.....	81	19	11	3		5
Georgia.....	176	39	22	5	3	9
Florida.....	550	84	44	21	8	11
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Kentucky.....	118	38	20	5	5	8
Tennessee.....	159	31	17	9		5
Alabama.....	104	4	3	1		
Mississippi.....	90	15	8	3		4
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Arkansas.....	146	29	9	7		13
Louisiana.....	132	18	9	5		4
Oklahoma.....	349	65	39	12		14
Texas.....	682	106	50	22	8	26
MOUNTAIN:						
Montana.....	191	25	8	3		14
Idaho.....	92	8	4	4		
Wyoming.....	65	12	10			2
Colorado.....	386	13	8	1		4
New Mexico.....	63	4	3			1
Arizona.....	99	5	1	2		2
Utah.....	116	6	3			3
Nevada.....	58	6	2	2	1	1
PACIFIC:						
Washington.....	707	30	18	10		2
Oregon.....	306	23	15	6		2
California.....	1,509	55	29	18		8