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TABLE 5-5.—Public assistance benefits: Average monthly payments in current and 1958 dollars,¹ 1940-58

Month and year	Old-age assistance		Aid to dependent children		Aid to the blind		Aid to the permanently and totally disabled		General assistance	
	Per recipient		Per family		Per recipient ²		Per recipient		Per case	
	Current dollars	1958 dollars	Current dollars	1958 dollars	Current dollars	1958 dollars	Current dollars	1958 dollars	Current dollars	1958 dollars
December—										
1940.....	\$20.26	\$41.80	\$32.38	\$66.49	\$9.85	\$20.23	\$25.38	\$52.11	\$24.28	\$49.86
1941.....	21.27	39.83	33.62	62.96	10.21	19.12	25.82	48.35	24.40	45.89
1942.....	23.37	40.09	36.25	62.18	10.93	18.75	26.54	45.52	25.23	43.28
1943.....	26.66	44.29	41.57	69.05	12.36	20.53	27.95	46.43	27.76	46.11
1944.....	28.43	46.23	45.58	74.11	13.41	21.80	29.31	47.66	28.77	46.78
1945.....	30.88	49.09	52.05	82.75	15.15	24.09	33.52	53.29	32.72	52.02
1946.....	35.31	47.52	62.23	83.76	18.11	24.37	36.67	49.35	39.47	53.12
1947.....	37.42	46.20	63.01	77.79	18.39	22.70	39.58	48.86	42.79	52.83
1948.....	42.02	50.44	71.88	86.29	20.92	25.11	43.54	52.27	47.39	56.89
1949.....	44.76	54.85	74.19	90.92	21.70	26.59	46.11	56.51	50.47	61.85
1950.....	43.95	50.87	72.42	83.82	21.13	24.46	46.56	53.89	46.65	53.99
1951.....	46.00	50.33	77.08	84.33	22.36	24.46	49.05	53.67	47.09	51.52
1952.....	50.90	55.21	83.63	90.92	23.98	26.01	50.56	53.44	49.82	54.03
1953.....	51.50	55.44	84.22	90.06	23.77	25.59	55.67	59.92	50.53	54.39
1954.....	51.90	56.17	86.21	93.30	23.96	25.93	56.37	61.01	57.29	62.02
1955.....	53.93	58.18	88.61	95.59	24.35	26.27	58.08	62.65	55.03	59.36
1956.....	57.99	60.79	95.03	99.61	25.79	27.03	63.12	66.16	58.83	58.83
1957.....	60.68	61.73	100.72	102.46	26.90	27.37	66.25	67.40	59.74	60.77
September 1958.....	61.79	61.79	103.26	103.26	27.44	27.44	66.97	66.97	61.43	61.43

¹ Calculated by dividing current dollar amounts by the consumer price index on a September 1953 base.

² Recipients include children plus 1 adult per family when adults are included in assistance group; before December 1950 partly estimated.

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