

programs. That report will present revised annual estimates for the period since 1929 for which data have previously been published in the Social Security Bulletin and, in a somewhat different arrangement, in an annual volume, Health, Education, and Welfare Trends. Compared with aggregate estimates previously published, the revisions will be relatively small.⁴

The Social Security Administration studies also cover private expenditures for health and medical care since the beginning of the series, fiscal 1929, but estimates of private spending for education and for income maintenance and welfare are not available for years prior to fiscal 1935. Private expenditures for health and education include individual consumer expenditures for these purposes. In the case of income maintenance and welfare, there is no comparable measure. Retired persons, disabled earners, and the other groups involved have sources of support not identifiable in any statistics of income flows. What is measured in the series is expenditures under organized income-maintenance and welfare programs—specifically private employee benefit plans and organized philanthropy.

⁴ The latest article in the series, incorporating some revisions, is in the Social Security Bulletin for December 1966, pp. 9-21, "Social Welfare Expenditures, 1965-66," by Ida C. Merriam, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Research and Statistics. The latest article in the series in Health, Education, and Welfare Trends is by the Under Secretary of the Department, Wilbur J. Cohen, "Public and Private Expenditures for Health, Education, and Welfare, 1935-65," in the 1965 edition, pt. I, National Trends, pp. 31-43 (1966). Since data summarized in table 1 include non-Federal public and private expenditures, the "fiscal years" involved are not necessarily the period July 1 through June 30 which is designated as the fiscal year of the Federal Government. In general, the data are for 12-month periods which ended during each Federal fiscal year to which the numerical designations refer.