

This list is dominated (in terms of amounts involved) by programs which make up the "social insurance" and "public aid" categories of social welfare expenditures under public programs, as shown in the Federal Government section of table 2 in this report. Also included in the list are the large items of veterans' compensation and pensions and veterans' insurance and indemnity programs which are in the "veterans' programs" section of the social welfare series. Several items named here as income maintenance and family support programs are not in the social welfare series.

The Joint Economic Committee in the annual report for 1966 observed that the interest in income maintenance proposals attests to a recognition that the care of those who are unable to participate fully in the economic life of the Nation is a public responsibility. We noted in that report that transfers of income from higher income families to lower income families through organized public and private programs of income maintenance and social welfare expenditures totaled more than \$46 billion in 1965. This was a reference to a summation by the Social Security Administration, reproduced here (in a later revision) in table 12. Preliminary estimates for the fiscal year 1966 indicate total public expenditures of nearly \$52 billion for organized programs of income maintenance and welfare services.

TABLE 12.—*Expenditures from public and private funds for organized income-maintenance and welfare service programs, selected fiscal years, 1949-50 through 1965-66*

[Amounts in millions]

Source of funds	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966 ¹
Total amount (excluding expenditures for health).....	\$12,149	\$18,616	\$31,990	\$36,157	\$39,036	\$41,377	\$43,594	\$46,046	\$51,944
Public expenditures.....	10,499	15,871	27,357	31,084	33,488	35,352	37,152	39,131	44,399
Social insurance.....	4,678	9,519	18,837	21,887	23,679	25,034	26,371	27,442	31,224
Veterans' programs.....	2,946	2,908	3,744	4,018	4,189	4,366	4,504	4,673	4,967
Public aid.....	2,445	2,791	3,609	3,856	4,133	4,295	4,494	4,810	5,204
Other welfare programs ²	430	653	1,167	1,323	1,487	1,657	1,783	2,206	3,004
Private expenditures.....	1,650	2,745	4,633	5,073	5,548	6,026	6,441	6,915	7,545
Employee benefit plans.....	965	1,895	3,545	3,910	4,330	4,770	5,145	5,580	6,045
Philanthropy.....	685	850	1,088	1,163	1,218	1,256	1,296	1,335	1,500
Percent of total:									
Public expenditures.....	86.5	85.2	85.4	85.9	85.7	85.4	85.1	84.9	85.4
Private expenditures.....	13.5	14.8	14.6	14.1	14.3	14.6	14.9	15.1	14.6

¹ Preliminary estimates.

² Includes public housing.

Source: Table 12 is a reproduction of table 10 from Ida C. Merriam, "Social Welfare Expenditures, 1965-66," Social Security Bulletin, December 1966.

NOTE.—Federal Government expenditures included in public expenditures in this table are those shown in corresponding entries in table 2, above, in the section headed, "From Federal funds" (with expenditures for health omitted from table 12).

The public expenditures in these programs—Federal, State, and local governments together—comprise 85 percent or more of the reported totals and have held that ratio in each reported year. Private programs make up the remainder. As the Social Security Administration has pointed out, however, private expenditures for organized