

It is further recommended that universities having Schools of Optometry and Departments of Pediatrics and Ophthalmology be encouraged to explore the development of the vision care units in the comprehensive health program for children.

Finally, it is recommended that the services of these children's health centers or units be available to all children, but primarily to those who would not otherwise receive adequate care.

APPENDIX A.—LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS AND CERTIFIED OPHTHALMOLOGISTS RELATED TO THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

State	Population	Certified ophthalmologists	Population per certified ophthalmologists	Licensed optometrists	Population per licensed optometrists
Alabama	3,407,000	42	111,905	184	18,510
Alaska	250,000	3	83,333	16	15,625
Arizona	1,581,000	44	35,932	128	12,351
Arkansas	1,933,000	20	96,650	143	13,517
California	18,084,000	669	27,031	2,461	7,348
Colorado	1,966,000	72	27,305	201	9,781
Connecticut	2,715,000	99	27,424	279	9,731
Delaware	491,000	11	46,364	33	14,879
District of Columbia	808,000	64	12,625	182	4,439
Florida	5,705,000	155	36,806	514	11,099
Georgia	4,294,000	57	75,333	287	14,962
Hawaii	701,000	18	38,944	65	10,785
Idaho	692,000	13	53,231	96	7,208
Illinois	10,489,000	269	38,992	1,992	5,265
Indiana	4,825,000	88	54,829	547	8,821
Iowa	2,756,000	38	72,526	359	7,677
Kansas	2,225,000	34	65,441	245	9,082
Kentucky	3,159,000	48	65,812	246	12,841
Louisiana	3,468,000	61	56,852	248	13,984
Maine	989,000	22	44,954	123	8,041
Maryland	3,432,000	73	47,013	195	17,600
Massachusetts	5,338,000	182	29,329	852	6,265
Michigan	8,098,000	179	45,240	786	10,303
Minnesota	3,521,000	88	40,011	425	8,285
Mississippi	2,314,000	21	110,190	130	17,800
Missouri	4,409,000	94	46,904	483	9,128
Montana	705,000	13	54,230	91	7,747
Nebraska	1,480,000	30	49,333	184	8,043
Nevada	408,000	10	40,800	37	11,027
New Hampshire	654,000	12	54,500	78	8,385
New Jersey	6,682,000	175	38,183	732	9,128
New Mexico	1,008,000	19	53,053	74	13,622
New York	17,915,000	735	24,374	1,838	9,747
North Carolina	4,852,000	55	88,218	338	14,355
North Dakota	645,000	13	49,615	82	7,866
Ohio	10,100,000	208	48,558	1,056	9,564
Oklahoma	2,465,000	35	70,429	262	9,408
Oregon	1,871,000	65	28,785	324	5,775
Pennsylvania	11,459,000	301	38,069	1,373	8,346
Rhode Island	914,000	16	57,125	141	6,482
South Carolina	2,555,000	26	98,269	166	15,391
South Dakota	715,000	10	71,500	193	7,688
Tennessee	3,798,000	60	63,300	320	11,869
Texas	10,397,000	220	47,259	844	12,319
Utah	992,000	34	29,176	86	11,539
Vermont	409,000	9	45,444	35	11,686
Virginia	4,378,000	71	61,661	265	16,521
Washington	2,984,000	88	33,909	400	7,460
West Virginia	1,797,000	39	46,077	159	11,302
Wisconsin	4,107,000	89	46,146	454	9,046
Wyoming	343,000	10	34,300	38	9,026
Total	191,334,000	4,798	39,877	20,610	9,283

Sources: Blue Book of Optometrists, 1965-66; Directory of Medical Specialists, 1965; Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstracts, 1965.

Dr. McCrary. Optometry has a duty and a responsibility to participate with both government and private sectors of the economy in the formulation of vision research efforts and better methods of delivering this essential health service to the American people.

Optometry has assumed this rightful role under many Federal programs. To mention just a few, there are titles V and XIX of the Social