

Richest Counties

Pocketbooks were fattest and pay envelopes heaviest in 1935 in six of America's 3,098 counties. One quarter of the country's industrial and business payroll of \$20,424,969,000, according to the business census of the U. S. Bureau of the Census released last week, went to workers in counties in New York, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania and California.

One reason why this handful of counties took such a heavy slice of the country's purchasing power, the report explained, was that they were the most densely populated. The five counties with the heaviest industrial income also had 13.08 per cent of all the 28,525,105 persons employed in industry, business and farming. The exact figures were as follows:

New York County: 9.27 per cent of the industrial income and 4.31 per cent of the workers.

Cook County, Ill.: 5.94 per cent of the income and 3.36 per cent of the workers.

Wayne County, Mich.: 3.67 per cent of the income and 1.95 per cent of the workers.

Philadelphia County, Pa.: 2.84 per cent of the income and 1.76 per cent of the workers.

Los Angeles County, Cal.: 2.38 per cent of the income and 1.70 per cent of the workers.

The report's income figures did not include farm income. Farm workers move about so rapidly and take so much of their pay in the form of bed and board that it is impossible to compute their income by counties.