

Membership Series by District for the Workers Party of America.

“Dues Actually Paid” — January to December 1924.

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Date	Boston D1	New York D2	Philadelphia D3	Buffalo D4	Pittsburgh D5	Cleveland D6	Detroit D7	Chicago D8	Minneapolis D9	St. Louis D10	Seattle D12	San Francisco D13	New Haven D15	Dakotas Ag. D	n/a Unorg.	TOTAL
01/1924	1891	3299	820	451	1242	1066	1066	1939	2203	848	720	638	224	39	429	16,875
02/1924	2509	3193	1085	623	1566	994	1333	2288	1898	497	584	788	365	115	485	18,323
03/1924	2107	4068	727	699	1552	1134	1750	2318	2337	686	540	1005	261	97	190	19,471
Q-I Ave.	2169	3520	877	591	1453	1067	1383	2182	2146	677	615	810	283	84	368	18,223
<i>pct.</i>	11.9%	19.3%	4.8%	3.2%	8.0%	5.9%	7.6%	12.0%	11.8%	3.7%	3.4%	4.4%	1.6%	0.5%	2.0%	
04/1924	2373	3149	710	643	1543	1165	1449	1898	2052	558	404	913	273	68	289	17,487
05/1924	1986	3238	493	358	874	1105	810	2246	1747	431	668	419	189	61	105	14,730
06/1924	2282	2927	936	328	777	971	955	1549	1343	696	339	961	311	123	250	14,748
Q-II Ave.	2214	3105	713	443	1065	1080	1071	1898	1714	562	470	764	258	84	215	15,655
<i>pct.</i>	14.1%	19.8%	4.6%	2.8%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	12.1%	10.9%	3.6%	3.0%	4.9%	1.6%	0.5%	1.4%	Δ= -14.1%
07/1924	2037	3100	769	444	1230	1092	1270	2309	1760	†	785	812	237	66	307	16,218
08/1924	1992	2497	736	524	1275	795	955	2053	2227	†	540	728	306	169	424	15,221
09/1924	2302	3456	854	655	1378	1122	1103	3390	1779	†	905	711	248	40	349	18,292
Q-III Ave.	2110	3018	786	541	1294	1003	1109	2584	1922	†	743	750	264	92	360	16,577
<i>pct.</i>	12.7%	18.2%	4.7%	3.3%	7.8%	6.1%	6.7%	15.6%	11.6%		4.5%	4.5%	1.6%	0.6%	2.2%	Δ= +5.9%

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10/1924	2841	5432	1057	650	1107	1915	1473	2699	1716	†	1046	720	552	123	345	21,676
11/1924	2064	3686	865	443	1132	1258	2383	2421	1675	†	537	726	197	121	332	17,840
12/1924	2320	3156	907	634	867	1325	1127	2749	2012	†	834	870	412	113	327	17,653
Q-IV Ave.	2408	4091	943	576	1035	1499	1661	2623	1801	†	806	772	387	119	335	19,056
<i>pct.</i>	12.6%	21.5%	4.9%	3.0%	5.4%	7.9%	8.7%	13.8%	9.5%		4.2%	4.1%	2.0%	0.6%	1.8%	Δ= +15.0%
* YEAR *	2225	3434	830	538	1212	1162	1306	2322	1896	310	659	774	298	95	320	17,378
<i>pct.</i>	12.8%	19.8%	4.8%	3.1%	7.0%	6.7%	7.5%	13.5%	10.9%	1.8%	3.8%	4.5%	1.7%	0.5%	1.8%	

†- Merged with District 8 [Chicago] as of July 1, 1924.

Notes:

1. The above series is that of “dues actually collected” — dues stamps sold each month in each district. It does not capture that percentage of active party members in dues arrears in any given month, which may be conceptualized as a relatively fixed number continually “rolling over” — with one set of members paying up their back dues at the same moment a new crop of tardy members moves into arrears; nor does it capture that percentage of unemployed party members making use of the “exempt” stamps to which they were entitled. Under party rules, District Organizers were entitled to apply for free “exempt” stamps in quantity of up to 10% of the dues stamps sold in the previous month. While it would be a minor mistake to assume that these figures should be mechanically adjusted 10% upwards to compensate for these exempt stamps, neither should these active party members be ignored. Be advised that this membership series, while official, nevertheless is an understatement of true party size.
2. The “number of party members on the books,” containing the names of members who had long since dropped out of active participation, dead addresses, etc. is an entirely unsatisfactory measure of party size. Its use should be avoided by all serious scholars.
3. District 10, based in St. Louis and including the southern part of Illinois, as well as the states of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska, was merged with District 8, based in Chicago effective July 1, 1924.

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