

Membership Series by District for the Workers Party of America.

“Dues Actually Paid” — January to December 1923.

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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 Fran. D13	Wilkes-Barre D13	New Haven D15	Dakotas Ag.D	n/a Unorg.	TOTAL
01/1923	2088	3365	858	†	960	1537	1149	2462	2275	783	776	797	‡	†	§	340	17,390
02/1923	2013	2565	619	†	416	1212	1269	1532	1649	429	692	858	‡	†	§	158	13,412
03/1923	2477	4120	626	†	1073	1262	967	1924	1905	455	587	997	‡	†	§	445	16,838
Q-I Ave.	2193	3350	701	†	816	1337	1128	1973	1943	556	685	884	‡	†	§	314	15,880
<i>pct.</i>	13.8%	21.1%	4.4%		5.1%	8.4%	7.1%	12.4%	12.2%	3.5%	4.3%	5.6%				2.0%	
04/1923	2068	3797	874	†	861	1719	1515	2373	1806	370	328	538	‡	†	§	172	16,421
05/1923	1816	2928	682	†	462	1099	646	1543	1560	549	523	534	‡	†	§	28	12,370
06/1923	1333	3089	387	†	712	1154	884	2208	1183	337	519	775	98	†	§	89	12,768
Q-II Ave.	1739	3271	648	†	678	1324	1015	2041	1516	419	457	616	33	†	§	96	13,853
<i>pct.</i>	12.6%	23.6%	4.7%		4.9%	9.6%	7.3%	14.7%	10.9%	3.0%	3.3%	4.4%	0.2%			0.7%	Δ = -12.8%
07/1923	1467	3587	606	560	593	1410	554	1556	1292	335	691	933	‡	286	§	100	13,970
08/1923	2296	2286	827	382	760	1114	1184	1896	1656	598	273	540	‡	435	§	376	14,623
09/1923	1682	3027	443	514	780	1689	1279	1980	2241	478	658	953	‡	246	65	194	16,229
Q-III Ave.	1815	2967	625	485	711	1404	1006	1811	1730	470	541	809	‡	322	22	223	14,941
<i>pct.</i>	12.1%	19.9%	4.2%	3.2%	4.8%	9.4%	6.7%	12.1%	11.6%	3.1%	3.6%	5.4%		2.2%	0.1%	1.5%	Δ = 7.9%

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10/1923	2349	3321	1040	283	802	1627	642	1781	1943	470	687	682	‡	127	36	320	16,110
11/1923	2590	3357	964	469	1138	1073	1744	2140	2236	554	251	869	‡	444	7	310	18,146
12/1923	2497	2885	745	523	1108	1123	1119	2516	1430	579	865	615	‡	257	105	94	16,461
Q-IV Ave.	2479	3188	916	425	1016	1274	1168	2146	1870	534	601	722	‡	276	49	241	16,906
<i>pct.</i>	14.7%	18.9%	5.4%	2.5%	6.0%	7.5%	6.9%	12.7%	11.1%	3.2%	3.6%	4.3%		1.6%	0.3%	1.4%	Δ = 13.2%
* YEAR *	2,056	3,194	723	228	805	1,335	1,079	1,993	1,765	495	571	758	8	150	18	219	15,395
<i>pct.</i>	13.4%	20.7%	4.7%	1.5%	5.2%	8.7%	7.0%	12.9%	11.5%	3.2%	3.7%	4.9%	0.1%	1.0%	0.1%	1.4%	

†- Buffalo and New Haven districts established effective July 1, 1923. ‡- Short-lived Wilkes-Barre district immediately folded due to insufficient size.

§- "Agricultural District" (Dakotas and Eastern Montana) established effective September 1, 1923.

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 moved 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. This document corrects two minor typographical errors which generated slightly erroneous calculations in my 2005 document "1923 Workers Party of America Official Membership Statistics." This older document of ranked listings, while correct in essence, has been withdrawn.

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