

# Membership Series by Language Federation for the Workers Party of America.

## “Dues Actually Paid” — January to December 1923.

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Date	Armenian	Czechoslovak	Estonian	Finnish	German	Greek	Hungarian	Italian	Jewish	Larvian	Lithuanian	Polish	Romanian	Russian	Scandinav.	So. Slavic	Ukrainian	English	TOTAL
	Arm	CzS	Est	Finn	Ger	Grk	Hun	Ital	Jew	Lat	Lith	Pol	Rom	Rus	Scan	SSI	Ukr	Eng	
<b>01/1923</b>	†	466	162	6579	860	284	236	458	1229	475	1029	295	0	1217	485	1469	904	1242	<b>17,390</b>
<b>02/1923</b>	†	516	0	6753	270	162	312	444	947	178	627	99	0	831	397	944	0	932	<b>13,412</b>
<b>03/1923</b>	†	240	20	8114	315	92	209	485	1142	645	1128	350	0	865	356	1234	554	1089	<b>16,838</b>
<b>Q-I Ave.</b>	†	<b>407</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>7149</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1216</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>1088</b>	<b>15,880</b>
<i>pct.</i>		2.6%	0.4%	45.0%	3.0%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%	7.0%	2.7%	5.8%	1.6%	0.0%	6.1%	2.6%	7.7%	3.1%	6.8%	
<b>04/1923</b>	†	424	119	7178	580	114	483	377	885	619	995	76	188	1101	207	1346	876	853	<b>16,421</b>
<b>05/1923</b>	†	515	96	4564	505	269	354	574	757	437	708	73	0	834	171	980	284	1249	<b>12,370</b>
<b>06/1923</b>	†	403	60	5193	360	113	537	390	1084	65	572	193	101	887	82	1071	577	1080	<b>12,768</b>
<b>Q-II Ave.</b>	†	<b>447</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>5645</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>13,853</b>
<i>pct.</i>		3.2%	0.7%	40.7%	3.5%	1.2%	3.3%	3.2%	6.6%	2.7%	5.5%	0.8%	0.7%	6.8%	1.1%	8.2%	4.2%	7.7%	$\Delta = -12.8\%$
<b>07/1923</b>	†	401	117	5748	320	68	434	315	1014	719	1053	220	195	840	236	914	446	930	<b>13,970</b>
<b>08/1923</b>	†	404	38	5765	610	139	338	309	1141	295	1053	312	127	946	125	1310	775	936	<b>14,623</b>
<b>09/1923</b>	†	569	86	7600	380	100	434	346	1080	120	741	140	183	790	457	1109	637	1457	<b>16,229</b>
<b>Q-III Ave.</b>	†	<b>458</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>6371</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>1078</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>14,941</b>
<i>pct.</i>		3.1%	0.5%	42.6%	2.9%	0.7%	2.7%	2.2%	7.2%	2.5%	6.4%	1.5%	1.1%	5.7%	1.8%	7.4%	4.1%	7.4%	$\Delta = +7.9\%$

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10/1923	†	375	76	8096	340	203	229	307	958	520	759	309	0	935	155	926	474	1448	16,110
11/1923	350	427	31	7422	590	79	513	503	1140	545	1135	164	108	1162	195	1284	1066	1432	18,146
12/1923	350	435	65	5988	400	77	403	437	1281	385	1352	295	70	1108	245	1312	886	1372	16,461
<b>Q-IV Ave.</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7169</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>1126</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>16,906</b>
<i>pct.</i>	1.4%	2.4%	0.3%	42.4%	2.6%	0.7%	2.3%	2.5%	6.7%	2.9%	6.4%	1.5%	0.4%	6.3%	1.2%	6.9%	4.8%	8.4%	Δ = +13.2%
<b>* YEAR *</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>6583</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>1055</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>1158</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>1168</b>	<b>15,395</b>
<i>pct.</i>	0.4%	2.8%	0.5%	42.8%	3.0%	0.9%	2.4%	2.7%	6.9%	2.7%	6.0%	1.4%	0.5%	6.2%	1.7%	7.5%	4.0%	7.6%	

†- Armenian Federation stamps sold in fall of 1923 included in the November count, according to an annotation to the original document.

### 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 Armenian Federation was only a semi-organized section of the WPA in 1923. A unity convention was held Feb. 22, 1924 at Boston bringing together the Armenian Federation of the Workers Party with the Armenian Social Democratic Huntchakist group. The Armenian section was placed on a 3 month probationary period and began operating as an integral part of the WPA in June 1924.

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