

# AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS

## STATISTICS

The data given for 1926 represent 97 active stations of the American Rescue Workers, all reported as being in urban territory. The total number of officers and workers was 1,989, comprising 886 males, 1,040 females, and 63 for whom the sex was not reported. The classification of membership by sex was reported by 89 stations and the classification by age was reported by 73 stations, including 51 which reported members under 13 years of age.

Profession of faith in the Word of God, as evidenced by baptism of the candidate, is the only requirement for membership in the American Rescue Workers.

**Comparative data, 1906-1926.**—Table 1 presents, in convenient form for comparison, a summary of the available statistics of this organization for the censuses of 1926, 1916, and 1906.

**TABLE 1.—COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, 1906 TO 1926: AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS**

ITEM	1926	1916	1906
<b>Stations (local organizations)</b> .....	97	29	20
<b>Increase over preceding census:</b>			
Number.....	68	9	20
Per cent <sup>1</sup> .....			
<b>Members</b> .....	1,989	611	486
<b>Increase over preceding census:</b>			
Number.....	1,378	175	486
Per cent.....	225.5	40.1	
<b>Average membership per station</b> .....	21	21	22
<b>Station buildings:</b>			
Number.....	3	2	2
Value—Stations reporting.....	3	2	2
Amount reported.....	\$13,800	\$1,900	\$9,700
Average per station.....	\$4,600	\$950	\$4,850
Debt—Stations reporting.....	1	1	2
Amount reported.....	\$1,600	\$25	\$2,900
<b>Expenditures during year:</b>			
Stations reporting.....	92	19	
Amount reported.....	\$135,214	\$22,682	
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$62,838	\$16,994	
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$49,282	\$5,688	
Not classified.....	\$23,094		
Average expenditure per station.....	\$1,470	\$1,194	
<b>Sunday schools:</b>			
Stations reporting.....	50	13	2
Officers and teachers.....	90	61	18
Scholars.....	1,061	438	175

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

**State tables.**—Tables 2, 3, and 4 present the statistics for the American Rescue Workers by States. Table 2 gives for each State the number and membership of the stations, all of which are located in urban territory, and the total membership classified by sex. Table 3 gives for selected States the number and membership of the stations for the three censuses from 1906 to 1926, together with the membership for 1926 classified as under 13 years of age and 13 years of age and over. Table 4 presents, for 1926, the station expenditures, showing separately the amounts expended for current expenses and improvements, and for benevolences, etc., and also gives the data for Sunday schools. Separate presentation in Table 4 is limited to those States in which three or more stations

reported expenditures, in order to avoid disclosing the financial statistics of any individual station. The States omitted from this table can be determined by referring to the complete list which appears in Table 2.

**TABLE 2.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF STATIONS, AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX, BY STATES, 1926: AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS**

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION AND STATE	Number of stations	Number of members	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX			
			Male	Female	Sex not reported	Males per 100 females <sup>1</sup>
<b>United States</b> .....	<b>97</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>85.2</b>
<b>New England:</b>						
Massachusetts.....	6	364	180	184		97.8
Connecticut.....	2	2	1	1		
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>						
New York.....	6	67	29	38		
New Jersey.....	5	81	34	47		
Pennsylvania.....	19	382	167	196	19	85.2
<b>East North Central:</b>						
Ohio.....	13	298	136	162		84.0
Indiana.....	3	46	18	28		
Illinois.....	12	270	137	133		103.0
Michigan.....	3	53	25	28		
<b>West North Central:</b>						
Minnesota.....	2	28	9	19		
Missouri.....	2	15	15			
<b>South Atlantic:</b>						
Maryland.....	5	201	88	113		77.9
West Virginia.....	2	51	19	32		
Georgia.....	1	44			44	
Florida.....	5	5	3	2		
<b>East South Central:</b>						
Kentucky.....	2	13	6	7		
Mississippi.....	3	3	1	2		
<b>West South Central:</b>						
Texas.....	3	14	8	6		
<b>Pacific:</b>						
California.....	3	52	10	42		

<sup>1</sup> Ratio not shown where number of females is less than 100.

**TABLE 3.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF STATIONS, 1906 TO 1926, AND MEMBERSHIP BY AGE, 1926, BY STATES: AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS**

[Separate presentation is limited to States having 3 or more stations in either 1926, 1916, or 1906]

STATE	NUMBER OF STATIONS			NUMBER OF MEMBERS			MEMBERSHIP BY AGE, 1926			
	1926	1916	1906	1926	1916	1906	Under 13 years	13 years and over	Age not reported	Per cent under 13 <sup>1</sup>
<b>United States</b> .....	<b>97</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>30.6</b>
Massachusetts.....	6	1		364	55		18	250	96	6.7
New York.....	6	4	2	67	38	30	17	50		
New Jersey.....	5	1	1	81	15	20	37	44		
Pennsylvania.....	19	12	10	382	108	322	125	191	66	39.6
Ohio.....	13	3	1	298	17	7	66	191	41	25.7
Indiana.....	3	2	1	46	65	9		46		
Illinois.....	12			270			147	123		54.4
Michigan.....	3		1	53		3	3	50		
Maryland.....	5	2		201	100		67	134		33.3
Florida.....	5	1		5	141			5		
Mississippi.....	3	1		3	15			3		
Texas.....	3			14				14		
California.....	3	1		52	15				52	
Other States.....	11	1	4	153	42	45	9	6	138	

TABLE 4.—STATION EXPENDITURES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES, 1926:  
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[Separate presentation is limited to States having 3 or more stations reporting expenditures]

STATE	Total number of stations	EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR				SUNDAY SCHOOLS			
		Stations reporting	Total amount	For current expenses and improvements	For benevolences, missions, etc.	Not classified	Stations reporting	Officers and teachers	Scholars
United States.....	97	92	\$135,214	\$82,838	\$49,282	\$3,094	50	90	1,091
Massachusetts.....	6	6	18,666	13,492	5,174	-----	3	3	35
New York.....	6	6	6,256	3,646	2,610	-----	3	4	37
New Jersey.....	5	5	5,208	3,877	1,331	-----	4	4	37
Pennsylvania.....	19	17	31,291	17,957	11,238	2,096	9	18	170
Ohio.....	13	13	13,547	8,147	4,402	998	10	18	266
Indiana.....	3	3	3,345	2,774	571	-----	3	7	46
Illinois.....	12	9	14,316	9,147	5,169	-----	7	15	121
Michigan.....	3	3	2,793	1,930	863	-----	3	3	30
Maryland.....	5	5	10,670	5,000	5,670	-----	3	10	70
Florida.....	5	5	2,779	1,480	1,299	-----	2	3	225
Mississippi.....	3	3	1,116	289	827	-----	-----	-----	-----
Texas.....	3	3	1,252	593	659	-----	-----	-----	-----
California.....	3	3	6,489	5,269	1,220	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other States.....	11	11	17,486	9,237	8,249	-----	3	5	54

HISTORY, DOCTRINE, AND ORGANIZATION <sup>1</sup>

HISTORY

About the year 1880, Thomas E. Moore was put in charge of the American work of the Salvation Army by Gen. William E. Booth, whose headquarters were in London. After a few years a difference of opinion arose between the two in regard to the financial administration of the American branch. General Booth contended that a part of all funds raised in America should be sent to England and that, as the work of the Salvation Army was world-wide, a member of that army should not call any country his own. Mr. Moore contended that funds raised by the Salvation Army in America should be used only in this country and that the organization should have an American charter.

In 1882, with a number of the American officers, he withdrew and began independent work. The movement was incorporated in 1884, and in 1885 an amended charter was granted under the name of the Salvation Army of America. Mr. Moore was made head of the new organization with the title of general, but subsequently withdrew to enter the Baptist ministry and was succeeded by Col. Richard Holz. Headquarters were first established at Mohawk, N. Y., but were afterwards changed to Saratoga Springs. Subsequent changes in the Salvation Army in the United States and certain overtures made by the new commander, Gen. Ballington Booth, to General Holz and other officers of the new organization resulted in the return of a considerable number to the former organization. However, about 25 posts refused to return and these united and reorganized; in 1913 the name of the organization was changed to American Rescue Workers, under which name it has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

<sup>1</sup> This statement, which is substantially the same as that published in Part II of the Report on Religious Bodies, 1916, has been revised by Gen. James W. Duffin, commander in chief of the American Rescue Workers, and approved by him in its present form.

**DOCTRINE AND ORGANIZATION**

In general doctrine and organization this body is very similar to the older one, except that, besides being an evangelistic and philanthropic movement, it is a Christian church with the usual sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, acknowledging belief in one God, in the Trinity, the inspiration of the Scriptures, the divinity of Christ, the doctrines of original sin and of the atonement, repentance, and regeneration as prerequisites to salvation, the inward witness of the Holy Ghost and the eternal punishment of the wicked and the eternal reward of the righteous.

The organization is represented in its corporate capacity by a board of directors, the majority of whom are laymen and all of whom are elected by the duly qualified voters of the corporation. These directors are all members of the general council of the American Rescue Workers, which includes also the commander, the staff officers, the field officers, and representatives of the corps.

Titles to property are not vested in the general council, but stations having real estate may have their own local boards of directors. Should a station cease to exist, however, the general board is legally qualified to become the custodian of all such property for American Rescue purposes.

**WORK**

The organization has two main objects, the dissemination of the Word of God to the masses not reached by ordinary church methods, and the assistance of the unfortunate; as its name indicates, the organization does a general philanthropic work, depending for its support on voluntary contributions.