

Initiation Stamps Sold by District for the Workers Party of America. January to December 1924.

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01/1924	50	59	21	83	161	98	14	99	72	48	91	47	4	8	12	867
02/1924	21	205	114	25	190	56	43	137	117	13	31	25	7	15	10	1009
03/1924	48	176	15	15	88	37	30	49	158	8	25	38	41	3	60	791
Q-I Tot.	119	440	150	123	439	191	87	285	347	69	147	110	52	26	82	2,667
<i>pct.</i>	4.4%	16.5%	5.6%	4.6%	16.5%	7.2%	3.3%	10.7%	13.0%	2.6%	5.5%	4.2%	1.9%	0.9%	3.1%	
04/1924	67	174	8	21	120	29	24	122	92	20	42	25	9	5	30	788
05/1924	67	97	31	4	47	29	35	64	98	11	12	27	0	11	14	547
06/1924	108	120	15	24	71	59	0	57	47	15	71	39	6	9	11	652
Q-II Tot.	242	391	54	49	238	117	59	243	237	46	125	91	15	25	55	1,987
<i>pct.</i>	12.2%	19.7%	2.7%	2.5%	12.0%	5.9%	3.0%	12.2%	11.9%	2.3%	6.3%	4.6%	0.8%	1.2%	2.8%	$\Delta = -25.5\%$
07/1924	17	129	23	0	72	61	21	69	44	†	11	62	1	8	12	530
08/1924	31	150	33	12	126	29	10	25	55	†	63	15	3	8	31	591
09/1924	21	141	73	48	88	70	21	98	54	†	63	21	3	2	23	726
Q-III Tot.	69	420	129	60	286	160	52	192	153	†	137	98	7	18	66	1,847
<i>pct.</i>	3.7%	22.7%	7.0%	3.2%	15.5%	8.7%	2.8%	10.4%	8.3%		7.4%	5.3%	0.4%	1.0%	3.6%	$\Delta = -7.0\%$

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10/1924	26	179	65	34	42	56	29	82	20	†	58	39	27	4	18	679
11/1924	30	106	54	32	78	88	24	209	20	†	40	21	9	6	24	741
12/1924	40	141	15	16	8	39	9	61	42	†	89	8	4	8	55	535
Q-IV Ave.	96	426	134	82	128	183	62	352	82	†	187	68	40	18	97	1,955
<i>pct.</i>	4.9%	21.8%	6.8%	4.2%	6.5%	9.4%	3.2%	18.0%	4.2%		9.6%	3.5%	2.0%	0.9%	5.0%	Δ= +5.8%
Σ YEAR	526	1677	467	314	1091	651	260	1072	819	115	596	367	114	87	300	8,456
<i>pct.</i>	6.4%	19.8%	5.5%	3.7%	12.9%	7.7%	3.1%	12.6%	9.7%	1.4%	7.0%	4.3%	1.4%	1.0%	3.5%	

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

Notes:

1. The above series is that of “initiation stamps actually sold” — according to the constitution of the WPA, each new member of the organization was to pay an initiation fee of \$1, receipted by a special stamp for their membership card, the proceeds of which were to go to support the work of the national office. In practice, however, it seems that the collection of these initiation fees were handled differently by the branches of the various federations. Some federations, such as the Finnish and Italian groups, collected the fee in a more or less regular manner, while others, like the Jewish, German, and Latvian Federations, seem to have pretty clearly avoided the use of the initiation stamps altogether. The totals of initiation stamps sold listed here very definitely represents a substantial underground of the actual number of new members coming into the party in 1924.
2. 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. A couple of stray initiations attributed to District 10 on the original document from the months after the merger date have been integrated into the count for District 8 here.

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