# Opticians Employed In Health Services United States-1969 

Statistics are presented on the geographic location, age, sex, education, type and place of employment, training, specialties, activities, and time spent at work for active opticians engaged in providing health services. Data presented were collected by the Bureau of the Census under contract with the National Center for Health Statistics from opticians in the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

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# OPTICIANS EMPLOYED IN HEALTH SERVICES 

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## INTRODUCTION

This is the first in a series of reports that will present statistics on the 1968-69 national mail surveys of personnel engaged in providing assistance to persons with vision and eye care problems in the United States. The surveys collected data on opticians, optometrists, and ophthalmologists.

Data provided in this report concern only the opticians who were actively engaged in opticianry during the months of February and June 1969 (tables 1-39). This report does not include information about those opticians engaged in the manufacture or production of optical equipment, either for the optical industry generally or for the vision and eye care industry in particular. The opticians of concern in this report are those most directly involved in providing health care for vision and eye care problems. Data concerning inactive opticians are also excluded from this report because of the lack of response on the part of inactive opticians who were included in the survey. (For a detailed discussion of the methodology of this survey, as well as a discussion of the responses from active and inactive opticians, see appendix I. Appendix II contains definitions of certain terms used in this report, and appendix III contains copies of the forms used in the survey.)

Prior to the survey, little information was available concerning opticians providing vision
and eye care to the general population. Most of the data available could be traced directly or indirectly to the decennial census of the population in which the occupations of individuals were identified or to estimates from their respective professional associations. ${ }^{1}$ A major problem with the available data was the inability to separate individuals dealing with vision and eye care problems from those engaged in the manufacture of optical equipment. As an example, the 1960 Census of Population identified 20,349 employed opticians. ${ }^{2}$ However, it could not be determined what proportion of this number was engaged in health activities related to vision and eye care and what proportion was engaged solely in the manufacture of optical equipment. Aside from the data obtained from the decennial census, the only other major contributing sources were lists and numbers of graduates from the schools of opticianry. ${ }^{3}$ Again, however, no distinction could be made between the proportion subsequently engaged in vision and eye care work and the proportion engaged in the manufacture of optics. This report concerns only those opticians actively engaged in providing health care.

## SOURCES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DATA

Data presented in this report are based on a mail survey conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census under contract to the Division of Health

Resources Statistics of the National Center for Health Statistics.

Questionnaires were mailed to individual opticians requesting information about their demographic characteristics, general education, methods of training, type and amount of employment, number of years in opticianry, and their current activity status.

The names and addresses of the opticians were obtained through a combination of methods and sources: A survey of opticianry establishments conducted in 1968 provided the names and addresses of opticians employed in these establishments; lists of opticians licensed or registered in several States were obtained; and lists of opticians were provided to us by their professional associations. The multiplicity of sources required extensive treatment before a suitable mailing list was obtained. Particularly, the list required extensive elimination of duplications before mailings could be initiatcd.

Without the cooperation and assistance of the many establishments, licensing agencies within States, the Guild of Prescription Opticians, and the individual opticians responding to the questionnaires, these data would not be available. To. all of these groups and individuals our thanks are extended for their assistance and cooperation.

Data presented in this report are subject to the same errors that beset any survey. They are dependent on the accuracy and completeness of the responses to the questionnaires and are subject to human errors occurring during the coding and punching of questionnaire data. In addition, these data have a further limitation. They can be considered only as estimates of the true figures. This is a result of two significant factors. First, response to the survey was less than 100 percent; second, and perhaps even more important, no known figure exists as to the exact number of opticians employed or engaged in opticianry activities related to the elimination or alleviation of health problems. For a more detailed review of the limitations, see appendix I.

SEX, AGE, AND YEARS IN OPTICIANRY

Sex
Opticianry is primarily a male occupation. This is clearly indicated by the data obtained
from the survey. There were indications, however, that females are becoming increasingly represented-particularly among the younger opticians. A number of differences in the characteristics of active opticians as well as in the types and places of their work are identifiably related to their sex.

Males outnumbered females by a ratio of approximately 8 to 1 among active opticians (figure 1). This was considerably greater than the 5 to 3 sex ratio that existed in 1969 for males and females in the civilian labor force as a whole. 4 Despite the difference in magnitude, there was a similarity in the distributions of sex ratios for individual age groups among both the civilian labor force and the opticians. Both among the civilian labor force and opticians, the sex ratios for individual age groups were equal to or greater than the ratios for all ages combined except among persons under 25 years of age, i.e., the youngest age group. In this age group the sex ratios were considerably smaller. Among opticians the ratio was 1.7 to 1 , still in favor of


Figure 1. Number of active opticians, by age and sex: United States, 1969.

Table A. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by number of weeks per year and hours per week worked, according to sex: United States, 1969

| Sex | Under 48 weeks per year |  |  |  | 48-52 weeks per year |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Total | Hours per week |  | Number | Total | Hours per week |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1-34 | 35 or more |  |  | 1-34 | 35-40 | $41-49$ | 50 or more |
| All active opticians | 362 | Percent distribution |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100.0 | 50.5 | 49.5 | 10,601 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 39.9 | 35.8 | 18.4 |
| Male | 293 | 100.0 | 46.8 | 53.2 | 9,416 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 38.0 | 37.0 | 20.0 |
| Female | 69 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 1,185 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 54.9 | 25.7 | 6.1 |

males, whereas for the civilian labor force it was only 1.2 to 1 , likewise in favor of males. ${ }^{4}$

Given the current trend of increased participation of females in the labor force, the similarities in the distributions of sex ratios have implications for the future sex ratio among opticians. The reduced sex ratio among the youngest opticians suggests a potential reduction in the overall sex ratio at some time in the future. Several decades of a continued lower sex ratio will be required to reduce the ratio for the entire group because opticians under age 25 represent only 6 percent of the total.

Male opticians are predominately older than their female counterparts. And as will be shown later, when age is greater, the percentage of self-employed opticians is also greater. The differences in age, status, and responsibilities of the males probably account for most of the differences between the sexes in terms of the amount of time worked and the types of
businesses in which males and females are working.

Twice the percentage of females worked less than 48 weeks per year when compared with males. In addition, two-thirds of the females working less than 48 weeks per year also worked reduced hours per week (1-34 hours per week) as compared with one-half of the males working a short year (table A).

Among opticians working a complete year ( $48-52$ weeks), larger percentages of females were working fewer hours per week than were males. Thirteen percent of the females working a complete year worked less than 35 hours per week, yet only 5 percent of the males worked similar hours per week during the full year.

The differences attributable to the sex of opticians are in some measure merely a reflection of the differences in the ages of the male and female opticians. How much of these differences are attributable to either sex or age

Table B. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by age, according to sex: United States, 1969

| Sex |
| :--- |

will have to await the test of time. At present one can only speculate as to which of the two characteristics is more closely associated with the differences that currently exist between male opticians and their female counterparts.

## Age

The smaller sex ratio among the youngest opticians had an effect on the median ages of opticians of the two sexes. The median age for males was 45 years. Among females, the median age was 6 years younger- 39 years.

Different proportions of each sex under 25 years of age were almost entirely responsible for the differences that existed in the median ages for the two sexes. Less than 5 percent of the males were in the youngest age group, yet 20 percent of the females were in this group (table B).

The ages of opticians were directly related to their primary form of employment. The majority of all active opticians were salaried em-ployees-two-thirds of the total. Nevertheless, the percentages of opticians in given age groups who were self-employedor salaried were directly related to their ages (figure 2). The greater the age, the larger the percentage of self-employed. Certainly this is not unexpected. Age and length of time in opticianry are directly related. Also related to age is the accumulation of funds and knowledge needed to operate a business. It is predictable that age and self-employment are related.

An interesting fact that emerges from this study io the probability of being self-employed. Despite the fact that two-thirds of the active opticians are salaried, the chance of being a self-employed optician by retirement age is


Figure 2. Percent distribution of salaried and self-employed opticians, by age: United States, 1969.
approximately $50-50$, at least insofar as these data indicate (figure 2).

## Years in Opticianry

There was a considerable difference in the length of time male and female opticians had been active in this occupation. The median length of time in opticianry for males was 23 years. Among fcmale opticians, the median was only 9 years. Fifty-three percent of the females as compared with only 19 percent of the males had less than 10 years in opticianry.

Figure 3 indicates the number of opticians (total, male, and female) in each group with , specific lengths of time spent in opticianry. It can be seen that very few females were among opticians who had completed 30 years or more in the occupation. In contrast, they were highly represented among opticians with less than 5 years-almost 40 percent of the group. The concentration of females among the newest entrants to opticianry was not the effect of age differences between the sexes. A larger percentage of females of every age were concentrated in this group than were males of comparable ages.
Length of time in opticianry was inversely related to female participation (table C). Less than 5 percent of the opticians with at least 20 years in opticianry were females, whereas 40 percent of the opticians with less than 5 .years in opticianry were females.


Figure 3. Number of active opticians, by number of years in opticianry and sex: United States, 1969.

Attrition is undoubtedly a factor. Some females over the years entered the occupation, dropped out, and stayed out. A basic question

Table C. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by sex, according to number of years in opticianry: United States, 1969

| Sex |
| :--- |

cannot be answered from the present data: How much of the difference in the ratios is attributable to larger attrition rates for females, and how much is attributable to an influx of female opticians? The answer will have to await future data to provide the basis for a trend analysis.

A relationship also exists between the length of time spent in opticianry and the probability that an individual has received formal education in opticianry. The two are inversely related (table D). This is as would be expected. Greater emphasis is placed on formal education now than in the past as evidenced by the longer duration in school for greater numbers now than in the past. Surprisingly, however, opticians with less than 5 years in the occupation did not conform to the pattern established by those who had been in opticianry longer. A smaller percentage of the opticians with the least number of years in the occupation (1-5 years) received education in opticianry than did those with more years in opticianry (5-9 or 10-19 years).

The explanation for the break in the pattern can again be traced, at least in part, to the sex ratio among the youngest and newest members of opticianry. Ten percent of the males and only 3 percent of the females had specialized education in opticianry. Consequently, because females represented 40 percent of the opticians with the least number of years in opticianry, their lack of opticianry education had a much
stronger effect on the outcome for the group as a whole. The effect was that females helped to prevent the pattern from remaining in force among the newest opticians.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## Years of Schooling

Dramatic changes are taking place in the number of years of schooling obtained now as compared with just a few decades ago. (Years of schooling refers to the education received in high school and college.) This is evident both in the statistics for the U.S. population generally and for opticians specifically. Younger persons are completing more years of schooling than did their older counterparts.

In the U.S. population in 1960, 62 percent of the cohort 45-54 years of age had received less than 4 years of high school education. Of those $35-44$ years of age, 48 percent had received the same amount. Among the cohort aged 25-34, the percentage was 42 percent. ${ }^{5}$ This was a drop of 20 percentage points among persons with a maximum difference in age of 30 years.

Among opticians, the change was slightly less, possibly because opticians had received more years of schooling than the general population.

Table D. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by attainment of specialized education in opticianry, according to number of years in opticianry: United States, 1969

| Specialized opticianry education |
| :---: |

(See table 3 for detailed data.) Of the opticians 55-64 years of age, 29 percent had received less than 4 years of high school education. Among opticians $45-54$ and $35-44$, the respective percentages receiving the same amount of education were 15 and 11. In these groups, there was a difference of 17 percentage points. Opticians closely approximate the changes in the length of schooling that are occurring in the general population. (These age groups were selected for the opticians so that the data presented for the U.S. population in 1960 would approximate what would be found for the U.S. population in 1969 and similar age groups of the 1969 opticians.)

Surveys conducted at one point in time do not provide trend data. Current trends in educational attainment among the general population, however, make it safe to assume that among opticians the number of years of schooling being obtained conforms to the general pattern of rapid increase with each passing decade. Within 30 to 40 years, we can expect that at least 90 percent of all active opticians will have at least a high school education. This is based on the fact that less than 7 percent of the two youngest groups of opticians (under 25 and 25-34 years of age) have not completed high school. This is in contrast with the 25 percent of the U.S. population aged 25-29 who in 1969 had not completed high school. ${ }^{6}$

The current trend toward increased college education is not evident among opticians (table 3). In 1969, only 7 percent of the active opticians were college graduates. No increase was found among the younger active opticians when compared with those who were older-e.g., 7.5 percent of opticians $25-34$ years of age had at least 4 years of college as compared with 7.3 percent of those 55-64 years of age. There are, however, trends toward partial college educations. Larger percentages of younger opticians attended college for 1 to 3 years than did older opticians.

The present data suggest that should current trends in education continue, we will probably find the following pattern emerging: a substantial decrease in the percentage of opticians without 4 years of high school; large increases in the percentages graduated from high school and
completing some college; but only a small increase in the percentage who have obtained college degrees. In addition to a continuation of current educational trends, there must also be a continuation in current requirements for opticianry jobs if these predicted trends are to be fulfilled.

## Specialized Education and Training

Opticianry is not an occupation that requires specialized education. Only 9 percent of all currently active opticians ever attended schools providing specialized education in opticianry. Training in opticianry has generally been obtained after jobs were secured.

However, there appears to be a trend underway toward increascd specialized education. The following table indicates this trend by presenting the percentages of persons in each age group with at least some specialized education in opticianry:

|  | Years of age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Under <br> 25 | $25-34$ | $35-44$ | $45-54$ | $55-64$ | 65 and <br> over |
| 9.0 | 13.3 | 14.6 | 9.9 | 7.0 | 4.8 | 3.3 |

Younger opticians attended specialized schools more frequently than older opticians. This finding helped to account for the lack of any indication of an increase in the percentages of younger opticians completing college as compared with older opticians. It may be that specialized schools are being attended, either in conjuriction with some college education or in lieu of it. Whatever the specifics of the situations, there can be little doubt that younger opticians are receiving more specialized education than their predecessors.

Again, we find that the sex of opticians is a differentiating variable. The amount of specialized education for the two sexes was completely different. The following table reclassifies the above data according to sex:

| Sex |  | Total | Years of age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 25 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over |
| Male |  |  | 9.9 | 18.8 | 15.7 | 11.0 | 7.6 | 5.3 | 3.3 |
| Female |  | 2.6 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 4.0 |

Data for females indicáte a confused pattern with regard to specialized education. Data for males, on the other hand, indicate an even stronger trend than was indicated when males and females were not differentiated.

The cross-classiôication by sex illustrates additional facts. Except for the oldest opticians ( 65 years of age and over), larger proportions of males than of females obtained specialized edu'cations. More significantly, the disparity between the percentages of males and females obtaining specidized educations was greater for the younger age groups than for the older. This disparity will increase in the future unless some change takes place to reverse the current situation.

Given the current sex ratio, a sharp rise in the future can be expected in the ratio of opticians with specialized educations as compared with
those without specialized educations. An increase may not take place, however, if females join the ranks in larger numbers than males. This latter trend is based on the assumption that females continue their current ratio insofar as specialized education is concerned. A continuing influx of females without specialized education could nullify or even reverse the current situation of increased specialized education.

Why are males obtaining more specialized education than females? The answer can be found in figure 4. Forty-four percent of all active opticians who attended schools of opticianry did so in military schools. (These are now civilian opticians. Members of the Armed Forces were not included in this survey.) As in many other occupations, the characteristics of this group are in many ways an outcome of the secondary effects of military service. Males


Figure 4. Number of active opticians, by schools of opticianry attended: United States, 1969.
vastly outnumber females in the military. Military schools of opticianry dominate the output from such schools. Males, therefore, receive a larger share of specialized education in opticianry than do females. This is not the complete answer, however.

Aside from military schools of opticianry, respondents listed five civilian schools. (These are not all of the schools providing specialized education in opticianry; rather, they are only those schools listed by respondents to the questionnaires.) Among the civilian schools, Erie County Technical Institute provided specialized opticianry education for one-third of all active opticians with specialized education (figure 4). Sixty percent of the opticians attending civilian schools attended this institute. The total number attending all opticianry schools was 989.

Only 9 percent of all active opticians ever. attended opticianry schools. The bulk of opticians received training on their jobs. More than one-half of those receiving specialized education received additional training on their jobs. How
much their specialized educations reduced the amount of training required, if at all, cannot be determined by the data from this survey.

Opticians attending civilian schools of opticianry received additional training less often than those attending military schools (table E). One reason may be that the educations obtained in military schools were aimed at different aspects of opticianry, aspects more suited to military purposes. Hence, those trained in military schools may have required reorientation.

Data in table E also indicate wide differences in the percentages of opticians receiving training on their jobs among those attending different civilian opticianry schools. Only 22 percent of opticians attending Erie County Technical Institute received additional training on their jobs. In contrast, approximately 70 percent received training on their jobs among those attendoig either New York City Community College of the City University of New York or Los Angeles City College. The current data do not provide any information as to why such large differences

Table E. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by training received in their jobs, according to schools of opticianry attended: United States, 1969

| Type of training at place of employment | Total | Schools of opticianry attended |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | None | Erie County Technical Institute | Ferris State College | Los Àngeles City College | New York City Community College | Eveleth Area Voc.-Tech. School | Military schools of opticianry |
| All active opticians | Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 9,974 | 331 | 29 | 104 | 83 | 4 | 438 |
|  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| On the job | 61,8 | 65.3 | 6.3 | 18.9 | 35.1 | 16.3 | 55.7 | 40.6 |
| Registered apprentice . | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.1 | - | 1.6 | 21.4 | 44.3 | 2.5 |
| Other training or education | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 9.4 | 1.6 |  | 6.7 |
| On the job, registered apprentice. | 6.7 | 6.9 | 1.6 | 16.5 | 1.6 | 19.6 | - | 5.9 |
| On the job, other . . . . . . . | 13.5 | 14.0 | 4.0 | - | 16.7 | 2.4 |  | 12.5 |
| Registered apprentice, other . . | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | - | - | 1.2 | - | 2.6 |
| On the job, registered apprentice, other $\qquad$ | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 6.1 | - | 5.7 |
| No training at place of employment | 4.0 | . | 78.3 | 55.3 | 30.7 | 31.4 | - | 23.5 |

existed. Future studies might do well to explore the reasons for these differences.

Three types of training were provided opticians at their places of employment-on the job, registered apprenticeship, and a residual category "other training or education." On-the-job training was the most frequent type specified (table E). Among active opticians not attending opticianry schools, 90 percent listed "on-thejob" as one form of training they had received. Sixty-five percent listed only on-the-job training and no other type of training or education was listed. Therefore, approximately six-tenths of all active opticians received only on-the-job training to equip them to perform their duties. Ninety percent of all active opticians received no training outside of what was provided to them at their places of employment-i.e., no specialized education.

Different types of establishments are not generally associated with specific types (or combinations of types) of training. It was found, however, that wholesalers of ophthalmic goods
and department store optical units tended to confine their training activities to on-the-job training more often than other types of establishments.

The self-classification of specialties by the opticians is associated with different kinds of training received (table F). Nondispensing opticians received on-the-job training more frequently than other types of opticians. Seventyone percent of the nondispensing opticians received only on-the-job training. An additional 19 percent received on-the-job training in conjunction with some other type of training.

The number of specialties dispensing opticians classified themselves as performing was associated with the percentages of the groups who had received on-the-job training as their only form of preparation (table F). Sixtyseven percent of the dispensing opticians without other specialties indicated that on-the-job training was their only form of preparation. In contrast, only 51 percent of the opticians who listed specialties of dispensing optician, optical

Table F. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by training received at places of employment, according to selfclassification of specialties: United States, 1969

| Training received at places of employment | Total | Dispensing optician with other specialties |  |  |  |  | Nondispensing optician |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | No other specialty | Optical mechanic | Contact lens technician | Optical mechanic, contact lens technician | Ali other specialties |  |
| All active opticians | Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 3,849 | 2,962 | 894 | 1,289 | 1,337 | 632 |
|  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| On the job | 61.8 | 67.3 | 64.0 | 54.0 | 51.3 | 52.2 | 71.2 |
| Registered apprentice | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 3.3 |
| Other | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 4.0 |
| On the job, registered apprentice | 6.7 | 5.4 | 8.5 | 5.8 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 5.2 |
| On the job, other | 13.5 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 18.7 | 19.3 | 19.6 | 10.9 |
| Registered apprentice, other | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.4 |
| On the job, registered apprentice other | 3.2 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 6.8 | 3.0 |
| No training received | 4.0 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 2.0 |

mechanic, and contact lens technician specified on-the-job training as their only form of preparation.

Almost all opticians ( 96 percent) received some form of training at their places of employment.

## GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Opticians are unequally distributed geographically. More than one-half of all active opticians are employed in three of the nine geographic divisions-Middle Atlantic, East North Central, and South Atlantic (figure 5). More than onetenth of the opticians are employed in the State of New York, where more than a thousand opticians are employed. This State contrasts sharply with such States as Vermont and Wyoming; only eight opticians were employed in each of the latter two States (figure 6 and table G).

Similar to the distribution of opticians, the ratio of opticians to the population is also unequally distributed (figure 7 and table G). Throughout the country there was an average of 5.5 active opticians for each 100,000 persons. Within individual States and the District of Columbia, the ratio ranged from 1.0 in Maine to 17.6 in the District of Columbia. More than 40 percent of the States had less than five active opticians per 100,000 civilian population; twothirds had a ratio of less than 6 .

The North Central, South, and West Regions of the United States had ratios of 5.0, 5.3, and 5.2 opticians per 100,000 population, respectively. The Northeast Region had a ratio of 6.5, between 1.2 and 1.5 more opticians per 100,000 population than any of the other three regions.

Previously it was pointed out that older persons have greater probability of being self-


Figure 5. Number of active opticians, by geographic division of employment: United States, 1969.


Figure 6. Number of active opticians per State: United States, 1969.
employed. Table $H$ indicates that the Northeast has the largest percentage of opticians in each age group among those over age 45 . (Persons in the age groups over 45 also account for 51 percent of the total.) The Northeast Region likewise accounted for 38 percent of all selfemployed opticians. One could speculate that there is also a larger number of retail establishments in this region, which might also account for the higher ratio of opticians to the population in the Northeast. Only future research, however, will determine the validity of this type of speculation.

No question can exist that the Northeast has the largest concentration of older, active opticians. This region accounts for approximately one-third of all active opticians between the ages of 45 and 64. It accounts for more than one-half of those 65 years of age and over. Unfortunately, the data do not provide information on how long the older opticians have been in this region. There is no way of knowing whether these persons started work in this region or moved to the area at some later time.

There are considerable differences in the types of education and/or training that opticians


Figure 7. Ratio of the number of active opticians per 100,000 civilian population per State: United States, 1969.
working in different regions of the United States have received (table J). Opticians in the Northeast accounted for 60 percent of the opticians who received only specialized education as their form of preparation; yet they represent only 29 percent of all opticians. In contrast, opticians in the North Central Region represented 26 percent of all opticians, but only 8 percent of those limited to specialized education as their form of preparation. Opticians, receiving preparation only through specialized education, however, represented only a very small percentage of all opticians-4 percent.

Preparation by on-the-job training only, the form of training received by 62 percent of all opticians, is distributed fairly closely according to the distribution of all opticians in the four regions. The North Central Region had a slightly higher representation in this form of preparation than its representation among all opticians and the Northeast had slightly less.

It would appear that although the percentage of opticians receiving only specialized education is small there is a very heavy concentration of these opticians in the Northeast. The uneven distribution is evident; the reasons are not. One

Table G. Population, number of opticians, and ratio of opticians to the population, by State: United States, 1969

| Location | Civilian resident population, in thousands ${ }^{1}$ | Number <br> of opticians | Opticians <br> per 100,000 population | Location | Civilian resident population, in thousands | Number of opticians | Opticians per 100,000 population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States | ${ }^{2} 199,682$ | ${ }^{2} 10,963$ | 5.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 3,496 | 163 | 4.7 | Missouri | 4,611 | 277 | 6.0 |
| Alaska | 249 | 14 | 5.6 | Montana | 688 | 53 | 7.7 |
| Arizona | 1,665 | 109 | 6.5 | Nebraska | 1,438 | 113 | 7.9 |
| Arkansas | 1,986 | 33 | 1.7 | Nevada | 447 | 23 | 5.1 |
| California | 19,055 | 732 | 3.8 | New Hampshire | 713 | 30 | 4.2 |
| Colorado | 2,045 | 256 | 12.5 | New Jerscy | 7,082 | 337 | 4.8 |
| Connecticut | 2,989 | 199 | 6.7 | New Mexico | 977 | 48 | 4.9 |
| Delaware | 533 | 48 | 9.0 | New York | 18,284 | 1,357 | 7.4 |
| District of Columbia | 784 | 138 | 17.6 | North Carolina | 5,077 | 165 | 3.2 |
| Florida | 6,256 | 434 | 6.9 | North Dakota | 604 | 20 | 3.3 |
| Georgia | 4,532 | 254 | 5.6 | Ohio | 10,720 | 566 | 5.3 |
| Hawaii | 737 | 55 | 7.5 | Oklahoma | 2,529 | 130 | 5.1 |
| Idaho | 713 | 21 | 2.9 | Oregon | 2,028 | 106 | 5.2 |
| Illinois | 10,986 | 426 | 3.9 | Pennsylvania | 11,782 | 698 | 5.9 |
| Indiana | 5,109 | 212 | 4.1 | Rhode Island | 884 | 66 | 7.5 |
| lowa | 2,780 | 170 | 6.1 | South Carolina | 2,617 | 57 | 2.2 |
| Kansas | 2,278 | 99 | 4.3 | South Dakota | 654 | 37 | 5.7 |
| Kentucky | 3,180 | 159 | 5.0 | Tennessee | 3,950 | 167 | 4.2 |
| Louisiana | 3,705 | 152 | 4.1 | Texas | 10,989 | 667 | 6.1 |
| Maine | 965 | 10 | 1.0 | Utah | 1,041 | 118 | 11.3 |
| Maryland | 3,701 | 316 | 8.5 | Vermont | 438 | 8 | 1.8 |
| Massachusetts | 5,431 | 473 | 8.7 | Virginia | 4,486 | 254 | 5.7 |
| Michigan | 8,750 | 366 | 4.2 | Washington | 3,329 | 179 | 5.4 |
| Minnesota | 3,695 | 283 | 7.7 | West Virginia | 1,818 | 62 | 3.4 |
| Mississippi | 2,330 | 64 | 2.7 | Wisconsin | 4,230 |  | 5.6 |
|  |  |  |  | Wyoming | 317 | 8 | 2.5 |

[^0]reason may be the concentration of opticianry schools in the East. More specialized research will have to be undertaken to define the reasons more specifically.

## TYPE AND FORM OF EMPLOYMENT Principal Place of Employment

Retail optical establishments employ the majority of opticians. These establishments account for 7,614 of the 10,963 active opticians (figure 8). This amounts to almost 70 percent of
the total. No other type of place accounts for as much as 10 percent.

Conclusions reached on the basis of opticianry data will obviously be biased toward the characteristics and behavior of opticians in retail establishments unless specific types of places are taken into account. When proper account is taken, we find some interesting differences among the various types of places, both in the characteristics of the opticians and in their behavior. (See tables 13 and 14 for detailed data.)

Table H. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by geographic region, according to age: United States, 1969

| Geographic region | Total | Age in years |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 25 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over |
| All active opticians | Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 682 | 2,093 | 2,579 | 3,449 | 1,582 | 578 |
|  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All regions | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Northeast | 29.0 | 20.8 | 24.2 | 24.0 | 30.2 | 36.3 | 51.0 |
| North Central | 25.6 | 38.8 | 29.1 | 26.7 | 23.5 | 20.7 | 17.8 |
| South | 29.7 | 27.6 | 32.6 | 33.0 | 29.3 | 26.1 | 20.3 |
| West | 15.7 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 16.3 | 17.0 | 16.9 | 10.9 |

Table J. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by geographic region, according to education or training: United States, 1969

| Geographic region |
| :--- |

It appears that different types of establishments employ opticians with varying lengths of time in opticianry, most likely because of differing requirements of background and experience. Opticians employed by ophthalmic goods wholesalers are distinct in that on the average they have been in opticianry more than 20 years. This is a considerably longer period of experience than that shown by opticians in other groups. Opticians working for wholesalers must be experienced and familiar with all phases of opticianry. It is not surprising, therefore, to
find that they have been in opticianry for the longest period.

Opticians working in optical departments of department stores are the opposite of those working for wholesalers-they are the least experienced. Forty-four percent of department store opticians had less than 10 years' experience.

The types of places employing opticians were also found to be related to the different types of activities engaged in by the opticians. Seventyone percent of all active opticians were engaged


Figure 8. Number of active opticians, by principal place of employment: United States, 1969.
in shopwork (table K). Ninety-one percent fitted and adjusted eyeglasses. Twenty-seven percent fitted and adjusted contact lenses. (Note that any optician can be included in several activ-ities-i.e., 91 percent fitted and adjusted eyeglasses as well as performed other types of activities.) These percentages varied considerably for opticians in different types of principal places of employment.

Wholesalers lead the field in terms of shopwork. Eighty percent of the opticians in wholesale work were engaged in shopwork. Retail establishments had the next highest percentage; 73 percent of their opticians did some shopwork. Hospitals, clinics, and department store opticianry departments had the smallest percentages engaged in shopwork.

On the basis of these percentages, it would appear that shopwork was related to sales of eyewear. Department stores, however, had only a small percentage of opticians doing shopwork, yet sales of eyewear probably occupied most of their time. This apparent contradiction may be explainable. Optical departments of department stores probably had less shopwork facilities on their premises. Space limitations and cost factors
probably induced them to have others do their shopwork or to do their own in centralized facilities servicing several stores. This might also account for the larger percentage of females employed by these places. Females may have been less inclined to do shopwork. Thus, they may be attracted to these types of places for employment.

The vast majority of opticians engaged in fitting and adjusting eyeglasses. More than 90 percent of the opticians working in the different types of places (except those working in wholesale and the residual types of places) fitted or adjusted eyeglasses (table K). These opticians spent 40 percent of their time, or more, in this type of activity. Taking both the percentages engaged in the activity and the percentages of time spent, at least one-third of all time spent by active opticians is spent fitting and adjusting eyeglasses. It is obvious that this is a major activity of the opticians included in this survey.

## Self-Employed Versus Salaried

Self-employment among opticians is common. Three of every 10 opticians are self-employed

Table K. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by percentage of hours per week spent in various opticianry activities, according to principal place of employment: United States, 1969

| Percentage of hours per week spent in various opticianry activities | Total | Principal plàce of employment |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Retail optical establishment | Optometrists, ophthalmologists, or other physicians | Ophthalmic goods wholesaler | Hospitals or clinics | Department store optical department | Residual |
| All active opticians | Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 7,614 | 1,021 | 595 | 575 | 386 | 772 |
|  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shopwork . . . . . . . . . . . . | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| None | 28.6 | 27.1 | 30.4 | 19.7 | 36.2 | 36.5 | 38.2 |
| Some | 71.4 | 72.9 | 69.6 | 80.3 | 63.8 | 63.5 | 61.8 |
| 1-9 percent | 8.2 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 9.1 |
| 10-39 percent | 38.0 | 40.2 | 34.3 | 21.8 | 40.4 | 32.0 | 34.4 |
| 40-59 percent | 15.4 | 17.0 | 16.2 | 9.5 | 10.2 | 15.3 | 7.4 |
| $60-99$ percent | 7.3 | 5.7 | 11.0 | 26.6 | 3.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| 100 percent | 2.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 17.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 4.7 |
| Fitting and adjusting eyeglasses | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| None | 9.2 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 45.7 | 8.4 | 2.9 | 19.9 |
| Some | 90.8 | 94.0 | 93.9 | 54.3 | 91.6 | 97.1 | 80.1 |
| 1-9 percent | 1.8 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 3.6 |
| 10-39 percent | 15.5 | 15.2 | 18.6 | 30.1 | 11.9 | 8.4 | 9.7 |
| 40-59 percent | 24.6 | 26.5 | 27.1 | 6.6 | 20.9 | 29.8 | 17.1 |
| 60-99 percent | 39.4 | 41.7 | 37.5 | 3.9 | 47.6 | 42.4 | 38.4 |
| 100 percent . | 9.5 | 9.6 | 8.4 | 2.7 | 10.2 | 15.3 | 11.3 |
| Fitting and adjusting contact lenses | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| None | 73.2 | 73.7 | 63.2 | 90.1 | 61.9 | 83.7 | 70.9 |
| Some | 26.8 | 26.3 | 36.8 | 9.9 | 38.1 | 16.3 | 29.1 |
| 1-9 percent | 5.0 | 4.8 | 7.9 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 4.9 |
| 10-39 percent | 15.2 | 15.1 | 22.4 | 4.3 | 20.5 | 9.1 | 13.7 |
| 40-59 percent | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 2.75.3 |
| 60-99 percent | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 7.1 | 1.0 |  |
| 100 percent . | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.2 | - | 1.2 | 0.3 | 5.3 2.5 |
| Administrative work | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| None | 56.7 | 55.6 | 56.8 | 62.7 | 65.2 | 52.0 | 58.0 |
| Some | 43.3 | 44.4 | 43.2 | 37.3 | 34.8 | 48.0 | 42.011.0 |
| $1-9$ percent | 12.3 | 13.0 | 12.9 | 6.5 | 9.8 | 12.1 |  |
| 10-39 percent | 27.4 | 28.5 | 24.7 | 21.3 | 21.8 | 32.4 | 26.5 |
| 40-59 percent | 2.4 | 2.0 | $3.9$ | 4.6 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| 60-99 percent | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.90.2 |
| 100 percent . | 0.2 | 0.1 | - | 1.1 | - | - |  |
| Opticianry research | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| None <br> Some | 72.0 | 71.2 | 79.5 | 57.1 | 77.1 | 77.6 | 74.0 |
|  | 28.0 | 28.8 | 20.5 | 42.9 | 22.9 | 22.4 | 26.06.9 |
| $1-9$ percent | 8.0 | 8.9 | $6.1$ | 4.0 | 7.2 | 6.7 |  |
| 10-39 percent | 15.8 | 16.6 | 13.1 | 17.8 | 13.2 | 12.4 | 14.2 |
| 40-59 percent | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.00.3 | $8.8$ | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| 60-99 percent | 1.5 | 1.2 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8.2 \\ & 4.1 \end{aligned}$ | 0.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.9 \\ & 0.3 \end{aligned}$ | 1.80.9 |
| 100 percent . . . . | 0.5 | 0.2 |  |  |  |  |  |

(table 33). This percentage is considerably greater than the percentage found in the general population. Among persons over 16 in nonagricultural industries, only 7 in 100 were self-employed in $1969 .{ }^{7}$ Given the additional fact that opticianry does not require or employ vast numbers of college graduates, the implication is that this occupation offers self-employment as a goal even for those without college degrees.

What was found to be true about opticians in general applies even more to self-employed opticians; that is, self-employed opticians are more heavily concentrated in retail optical establishments than are opticians generally (table 34). Sixty-nine percent of all opticians were employed in retail optical establishments, whereas 85 percent of the self-employed were concentrated in these establishments. As a result, 38 percent of the opticians working in retail establishments were self-employed.

Rather large differences existed in 1969 as to the percentages of self-employed opticians working in different types of places (figure 9 and table 35). The largest percentage was found in retail establishments. The smallest percentage was found in hospitals and clinics. Only 5


Figure 9. Percentage of active self-employed opticians, by principal place of employment: United States, 1969.
percent of the opticians in the latter types of places were self-employed.

The distinction between self-employed and salaried was of no consequence among opticians working less than 48 weeks per year (tables 36 and 37). Neither in terms of how many weeks worked nor in terms of how many hours per week worked were there sufficient differences to warrant any comment. For all practical purposes, the two groups were indistinguishable.

It was a different matter, however, for those working a full year (48-52 weeks) (tables 36 and 37). Sixty-four percent of all self-employed opticians worked 40 hours per week or more during the full year. One-half of these worked 50 hours or more. On the other hand, 82 percent of the salaried opticians worked between 35 and 49 hours per week for the full year.

Custom dictates the causes of these differences. Salaried employees work approximately 40 hours per week. No such custom applies to the owners of businesses. They work as they choose. However, necessity frequently dictates their choices.

## Self-Classification of Specialties

Active opticians were asked to classify themselves in terms of the scope of their activities or specialties. When these self-classifications were cross-classified with other characteristics, interesting facts emerged (tables 18-24).

Almost the entire group (94 percent) of opticians providing health care classified themselves as dispensing opticians. Dispensing optician was not the only specialty the majority of opticians assigned to themselves. Sixty percent classified themselves in at least one additional specialty.

The kind and number of specialties indicated by groups of opticians were also found to be related to some of their other characteristics. The percentages of self-employment is one such characteristic (figure 10 and table 35). Selfemployed opticians were least represented among nondispensing opticians. Among dispensing opticians, they were most heavily represented among those classifying themselves additionally as optical mechanics and contact lens technicians.


Figure 10. Percent distribution of active opticians, by selected primary forms of employment and self-classification of specialties: United States, 1969.

The data represented by figure 10 indicate that a relationship existed between the number and types of classifications of specialties among dispensing opticians and the percentage of opticians self-employed. The percentage of selfemployed was smallest among those claiming only a single specialty (dispensing opticians only), was larger among those claiming two specialties, and was largest among those claiming three specialties (i.e., the maximum number illustrated).

The simplest explanation for this relationship would be that owners of establishments need to perform these multiple functions because there are no other opticians employed or because there are no other employees trained to handle them. In addition, the owner has probably been in opticianry longer, has more experience, and therefore has had more time to learn the additional requirements for the added specialties.

A number of other relationships were found
to exist between the self-classifications and other characteristics of the opticians.
Three different patterns were found between the level of years of schooling and the percentages of opticians in different self-classification groups (table L). No relationship was found between the level of years of schooling and the percentages of opticians in the different levels who signified no other specialty for themselves than that of dispensing optician. In contrast, two opposing patterns were found for two other groups. Dispensing optician/optical mechanics were found to represent smaller percentages of each group with specific levels of years of schooling when the levels were greater-i.e., as years of schooling were greater, the percentages of dispensing opticians/optical mechanics were smaller. Dispensing optician/contact lens technicians had a third pattern; within each group with specific levels of schooling, the percentages
of these opticians were greater when the years of schooling were greater.

The explanation for these three different relationships appears to be related to the distributions of the three groups among opticians with differing lengths of time in opticianry (table L, lower portion).

Contact lens technology is relatively new. Also, more emphasis is now placed on education than occurred 20 or 30 years ago. Consequently, contact lens technicians are comparative newcomers to opticianry and have more years of schooling than their older counterparts in opticianry.

The practitioners of optical mechanics are well established. They are an older group. They were educated when there was less emphasis placed on formal education.

The most difficult group to analyze in terms of educational attainment is the group claiming

Table L. Percent distribution of active opticians by the self-classification of specialties, according to years of schooling and number of years in opticianry: United States, 1969

| Years of schooling and number of years in opticianry | Total | Dispensing optician with other specialties |  |  |  |  | Nondispensing optician |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | No other specialty | Optical mechanic | Contact lens technician | Optical mechanic, contact lens technician | All other specialties |  |
|  |  |  |  | Percent dis | ibution |  |  |
| All active opticians | 100.0 | 35.1 | 27.0 | 8.1 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 5.8 |
| Years of schooling: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year or less | 100.0 | 31.0 | 41.3 | 2.0 | 8.0 | 10.1 | 7.6 |
| 2 years | 100.0 | 36.1 | 38.8 | 3.7 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 4.4 |
| 3 years | 100.0 | 28.9 | 36.5 | 5.6 | 9.3 | 11.3 | 8.4 |
| 4 years | 100.0 | 36.7 | 28.2 | 6.7 | 11.5 | 11.6 | 5.3 |
| College: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year | 100.0 | 33.1 | 23.2 | 10.8 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 6.4 |
| 2 years | 100.0 | 33.9 | 21.6 | 11.0 | 14.5 | 14.2 | 4.8 |
| 3 years | 100.0 | 36.4 | 18.3 | 13.0 | 10.5 | 16.5 | 5.3 |
| 4 years | 100.0 | 37.8 | 16.8 | 14.3 | 13.1 | 11.0 | 7.0 |
| 5 years or more | 100.0 | 34.3 | 13.1 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 15.8 | 8.2 |
| Years in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4 years | 100.0 | 47.5 | 15.1 | 6.6 | 3.9 | 9.7 | 17.2 |
| 5-9 years | 100.0 | 41.6 | 20.6 | 10.9 | 8.4 | 11.2 | 7.3 |
| 10-19 years | 100.0 | 38.7 | 20.9 | 10.3 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 6.1 |
| 20-29 years | 100.0 | 30.6 | 29.8 | 8.3 | 14.5 | 13.3 | 3.5 |
| 30-39 years | 100.0 | 28.1 | 34.6 | 6.3 | 15.5 | 13.0 | 2.5 |
| 40 years or more | 100.0 | 31.5 | 40.8 | 4.0 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 3.3 |

the single classification of dispensing optician. One-third of the opticians signified this classification. They represented approximately onethird of each group with differing years of schooling. They are slightly more represented
among the newer members of the occupation than among the older members (table L, lower portion). In short, there is no additional way to define them, other than to simply say that they are dispensing opticians.

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Table 1. Number of active opticians, by age and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | All active opticians | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 25 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over |
| United States | 10,963 | 683 | 2,093 | 2,579 | 3,449 | 1,582 | 578 |
| Geographic region: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 3,178 | 142 | 507 | 619 | 1,041 | 575 | 294 |
| North Central | 2,803 | 265 | 608 | 688 | 811 | 328 | 103 |
| South | 3.262 | 188 | 682 | 850 | 1.012 | 412 | 117 |
| West | 1,720 | 88 | 295 | 422 | 586 | 267 | 63 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England | 786 | 25 | 97 | 127 | 307 | 151 | 78 |
| Middle Atlantic | 2,392 | 117 | 410 | 492 | 734 | 424 | 216 |
| East North Central | 1,805 | 154 | 417 | 485 | 489 | 196 | 65 |
| West North Central | 998 | 111 | 191 | 203 | 322 | 132 | 38 |
| South Atlantic | 1,727 | 89 | 334 | 441 | 548 | 251 | 64 |
| East South Central | 552 | 42 | 148 | 135 | 131 | 77 | 19 |
| West South Central | 983 | 58 | 200 | 274 | 332 | 84 | 35 |
| Mountain | 635 | 46 | 116 | 160 | 215 | 82 | 16 |
| Pacific | 1,086 | 42 | 179 | 262 | 370 | 185 | 47 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 163 | 7 | 43 | 38 | 38 | 29 | 7 |
| Alaska | 14 | 1 | 5 | - | 6 | 2 | - |
| Arizona | 109 | - | 16 | 27 | 36 | 29 | 1 |
| Arkansas | 33 | 3 | - | 18 | 12 | - | - |
| California | 732 | 24 | 108 | 179 | 254 | 135 | 32 |
| Colorado | 256 | 25 | 42 | 70 | 85 | 28 | 7 |
| Connecticut | 199 | 4 | 39 | 34 | 70 | 35 | 16 |
| Delaware | 48 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 20 | 4 | 1 |
| District of Columbia | 138 | 10 | 35 | 28 | 43 | 17 | 5 |
| Florida | 434 | 9 | 83 | 111 | 142 | 74 | 15 |
| Georgia | 254 | 28 | 52 | 65 | 69 | 33 | 7 |
| Hawaii | 55 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 6 | 1 |
| Idaho | 21 | - | 2 | 6 | 9 | 4 | - |
| Illinois | 426 | 55 | 71 | 117 | 125 | 40 | 18 |
| Indiana | 212 | 19 | 48 | 62 | 56 | 19 | 8 |
| Iowa | 170 | 18 | 40 | 34 | 57 | 12 | 8 |
| Kansas | 99 | 8 | 22 | 21 | 29 | 19 | - |
| Kentucky | 159 | 9 | 45 | 44 | 36 | 20 | 5 |
| Louisiana | 152 | 14 | 28 | 46 | 44 | 15 | 5 |
| Maine | 10 | - | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | - |

Table 1. Number of active opticians, by age and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.

| Geographic location of employment | All active opticians | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 25 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over |
| State-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maryland | 316 | 21 | 63 | 92 | 97 | 36 | 7 |
| Massachusetts | 473 | 19 | 42 | 78 | 173 | 104 | 57 |
| Michigan | 366 | 22 | 101 | 95 | 95 | 45 | 9 |
| Minnesota | 283 | 32 | 64 | 53 | 98 | 27 | 8 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 7 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 8 | 3 |
| Missouri | 277 | 32 | 32 | 59 | 88 | 49 | 17 |
| Montana | 53 | - | 16 | 10 | 21 | 6 | - |
| Nebraska | 113 | 19 | 18 | 23 | 32 | 15 | 5 |
| Nevada | 23 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 2 |
| New Hampshire | 30 | - | 6 | 4 | 16 | 3 | 1 |
| New Jersey | 337 | 18 | 48 | 74 | 116 | 57 | 24 |
| New Mexico | 48 | 5 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 5 | 2 |
| New York | 1,357 | 61 | 208 | 263 | 427 | 255 | 142 |
| North Carolina | 165 | 6 | 31 | 37 | 63 | 21 | 6 |
| North Dakota | 20 | - | 4 | 3 | 6 | 7 | - |
| Ohio | 566 | 49 | 143 | 135 | 153 | 65 | 21 |
| Okiahoma | 130 | 7 | 35 | 35 | 41 | 8 | 4 |
| Oregon | 106 | 5 | 17 | 29 | 34 | 17 | 5 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 37 | 154 | 154 | 190 | 112 | 51 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 40 | 6 | 4 |
| South Carolina | 57 | 1 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 11 | 2 |
| South Dakota | 37 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 3 | - |
| Tennessee | 167 | 19 | 44 | 38 | 42 | 20 | 3 |
| Texas | 667 | 33 | 137 | 175 | 236 | 60 | 26 |
| Utah | 118 | 14 | 25 | 30 | 38 | 6 | 3 |
| Vermont | 8 | - | 3 | - | 5 | - | - |
| Virginia . | 254 | 6 | 41 | 63 | 84 | 45 | 15 |
| Washington | 179 | 9 | 38 | 44 | 55 | 25 | 9 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| Wisconsin | 235 | 9 | 53 | 76 | 60 | 27 | 9 |
| Wyoming | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - |

Table 2. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by age, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Total | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Under 25 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over |
| United States |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 19.1 | 23.5 | 31.5 | 14.4 | 5.3 |
| Geographic region: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 3,178 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 16.0 | 19.5 | 32.8 | 18.1 | 9.3 |
| North Central | 2,803 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 21.7 | 24.5 | 28.9 | 11.7 | 3.7 |
| South | 3,262 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 20.9 | 26.1 | 31.0 | 12.6 | 3.6 |
| West | 1,720 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 17.2 | 24.5 | 34.0 | 15.5 | 3.7 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England | 786 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 12.4 | 16.2 | 39.1 | 19.2 | 10.0 |
| Middle Atlantic | 2,392 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 17.1 | 20.6 | 30.7 | 17.7 | 9.0 |
| East North Central | 1,805 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 23.1 | 26.8 | 27.1 | 10.9 | 3.6 |
| West North Central | 998 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 19.2 | 20.4 | 32.3 | 13.2 | 3.8 |
| South Atlantic | 1,727 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 19.3 | 25.6 | 31.8 | 14.5 | 3.7 |
| East South Central | 552 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 26.8 | 24.4 | 23.8 | 14.0 | 3.4 |
| West South Central | 983 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 20.4 | 27.9 | 33.8 | 8.5 | 3.5 |
| Mountain | 635 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 18.3 | 25.2 | 33.9 | 12.9 | 2.5 |
| Pacific . | 1,086 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 16.5 | 24.1 | 34.1 | 17.1 | 4.4 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 163 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 26.7 | 23.3 | 23.3 | 17.8 | 4.4 |
| Alaska | 14 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 33.3 | . | 41.7 | 16.7 | - |
| Arizona | 109 | 100.0 | - | 14.5 | 25.0 | 32.9 | 26.3 | 1.3 |
| Arkansas | 33 | 100.0 | 10.0 | - | 55.0 | 35.0 | - | - |
| California | 732 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 14.8 | 24.5 | 34.6 | 18.5 | 4.4 |
| Colorado | 256 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 16.2 | 27.3 | 33.1 | 11.0 | 2.6 |
| Connecticut | 199 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 19.7 | 17.1 | 35.2 | 17.6 | 8.3 |
| Delaware | 48 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 8.8 | 32.4 | 41.2 | 8.8 | 2.9 |
| District of Columbia | 138 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 25.3 | 20.5 | 31.3 | 12.0 | 3.6 |
| Florida | 434 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 19.1 | 25.6 | 32.7 | 17.0 | 3.4 |
| Georgia | 254 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 20.7 | 25.5 | 27.2 | 13.0 | 2.7 |
| Hawaii | 55 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 21.6 | 18.9 | 40.5 | 10.8 | 2.7 |
| Idaho | 21 | 100.0 | - | 9.5 | 28.6 | 42.9 | 19.0 | . |
| Illinois | 426 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 16.7 | 27.4 | 29.3 | 9.3 | 4.2 |
| Indiana | 212 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 22.6 | 29.0 | 26.5 | 9.0 | 3.9 |
| Iowa | 170 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 23.8 | 20.2 | 33.3 | 7.1 | 4.8 |
| Kansas | 99 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 22.2 | 21.2 | 29.3 | 19.2 | - |
| Kentucky | 159 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 28.3 | 27.7 | 22.6 | 12.6 | 3.1 |
| Louisiana | 152 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 18.5 | 30.0 | 29.2 | 10.0 | 3.1 |
| Maine | 10 | 100.0 | - | 10.0 | 20.0 | 40.0 | 30.0 | - |

Table 2. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by age, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Total | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Under 25 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maryland | 316 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 19.8 | 29.2 | 30.7 | 11.3 | 2.4 |
| Massachusetts | 473 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 8.9 | 16.5 | 36.6 | 22.0 | 12.1 |
| Michigan | 366 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 27.7 | 25.9 | 25.9 | 12.2 | 2.4 |
| Minnesota | 283 | 100.0 | 11.4 | 22.8 | 18.8 | 34.7 | 9.4 | 3.0 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 23.7 | 23.7 | 23.7 | 13.2 | 5.3 |
| Missouri | 277 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 21.4 | 31.9 | 17.6 | 6.0 |
| Montana | 53 | 100.0 | - | 29.7 | 18.9 | 40.5 | 10.8 | - |
| Nebraska | 113 | 100.0 | 17.0 | 15.9 | 20.5 | 28.4 | 13.6 | 4.5 |
| Nevada | 23 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 8.7 | 17.4 | 47.8 | 13.0 | 8.7 |
| New Hampshire | 30 | 100.0 | - | 20.0 | 13.3 | 53.3 | 10.0 | 3.3 |
| New Jersey | 337 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 14.1 | 22.0 | 34.4 | 17.0 | 7.1 |
| New Mexico | 48 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 25.0 | 22.5 | 27.5 | 10.0 | 5.0 |
| New York | 1,357 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 15.3 | 19.4 | 31.5 | 18.8 | 10.5 |
| North Carolina | 165 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 19.0 | 22.7 | 38.0 | 12.9 | 3.7 |
| North Dakota | 20 | 100.0 | - | 20.0 | 15.0 | 30.0 | 35.0 | - |
| Ohio | 566 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 25.3 | 23.8 | 27.0 | 11.5 | 3.7 |
| Oklahoma | 130 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 26.9 | 26.9 | 31.2 | 6.5 | 3.2 |
| Oregon | 106 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 15.9 | 27.0 | 31.7 | 15.9 | 4.8 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 22.1 | 22.1 | 27.2 | 16.0 | 7.2 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 8.6 | 14.3 | 60.0 | 8.6 | 5.7 |
| South Carolina | 57 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 21.1 | 26.3 | 28.1 | 19.3 | 3.5 |
| South Dakota | 37 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 29.2 | 25.0 | 33.3 | 8.3 | - |
| Tennessee | 167 | 100.0 | 11.3 | 26.7 | 22.7 | 25.3 | 12.0 | 2.0 |
| Texas | 667 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 20.6 | 26.2 | 35.3 | 9.1 | 3.8 |
| Utah | 118 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 21.6 | 25.7 | 32.4 | 5.4 | 2.7 |
| Vermont | 8 | 100.0 | - | 42.9 | - | 57.1 | - | - |
| Virginia . . | 254 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 16.3 | 24.7 | 33.0 | 17.7 | 6.0 |
| Washington | 179 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 21.0 | 24.5 | 30.8 | 14.0 | 4.9 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 19.7 | 23.0 | 24.6 | 16.4 | 8.2 |
| Wisconsin | 235 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 22.5 | 32.6 | 25.6 | 11.6 | 3.9 |
| Wyoming | 8 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 12.5 | - |



Table 4. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by age, according to selected characteristics:-United States, 1969

| Characteristic | Number of active opticians | Total | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Under 25 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All active opticiens . | 10,963 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 19.1 | 23.5 | 31.5 | 14.4 | 5.3 |
| Sex: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male - | 9,709 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 19.3 | 23.6 | 32.3 | 14.7 | 5.7 |
| Female | 1,254 | 100.0 | 20.1 | 17.2 | 23.3 | 25.2 | 12.3 | 2.0 |
| Self-classification of specialties: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dispensing optician only | 3,849 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 20.7 | 23.1 | 28.1 | 14.0 | 6.6 |
| Dispensing optician and optical mechanic | 2,962 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 14.2 | 20.9 | 35.1 | 18.5 | 7.0 |
| Dispensing optician and contact lens technician | 894 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 26.0 | 29.8 | 28.2 | 10.1 | 1.5 |
| Dispensing optician; optical mechanic, and contact lens technician | 1.289 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 16.6 | 26.6 | 37.6 | 13.2 | 2.8 |
| Dispensing optician and all other specialties | 1,337 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 19.1 | 24.0 | 34.7 | 13.7 | 3.5 |
| Nondispensing optician . . .. . | 632 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 27.8 | 22.6 | 20.4 | 8.1 | 3.4 |
| Principal place of employment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail optical establishment . | 7,614 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 18.8 | 23.1 | 31.5 | 15.2 | 5.6 |
| Optometrist, ophthalmologist, or other physician | 1,021 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 20.1 | 23.3 | 31.5 | 12.4 | 5.7 |
| Ophthalmic goods wholesaler . | 595 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 14.5 | 26.5 | 36.0 | 15.5 | 3.5 |
| Hospital or clinic - - - | 575 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 21.3 | 25.4 | 30.9 | 13.1 | 2.5 |
| Department store optical department | 386 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 25.6 | 23.2 | 23.7 | 10.7 | 3.6 |
| Othẹr . . . . . . . | 772 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 19.0 | 24.3 | 31.3 | 11.1 | 5.7 |
| Weeks per year and hours per week worked: <br> Under 48 weaks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-34 hours . - | 183 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 15.5 | 23.0 | 21.9 | 28.2 |
| ${ }^{35}$ hours and over | 179 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 16.2 | 11.1 | 34.5 | 17.3 | 15.0 |
| 48 to 52 weeks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-34 hours | 623 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 13.0 | 19.8 | 26.1 | 14.0 | 19.2 |
| 35-40 hours - | 4,228 | 100.0 | 73 | 19.9 | 22.1 | 30.6 | 15.3 | 4.8 |
| 41-49 hours . . . | 3,796 | 100.0 | 59 | 20.1 | 24.0 | 33.1 | 13.6 | 3.2 |
| 50 hours and over . | 1,953 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 18.6 | 28.7 | 32.5 | 13.3 | 2.9 |
| Years of schooling: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year or less. | 587 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 4.8 | 12.0 | 27.4 | 30.0 | 24.9 |
| 2 vears. | 536 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 8.7 | 178 | 29.1 | 28.3 | 14.7 |
| 3 years. | 588 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 12.0 | 20.3 | 34.2 | 21.9 | 7.4 |
| 4 years | 5,120 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 19.3 | 25.0 | 34.2 | 11.5 | 3.1 |
| Collega: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year. | 1,241 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 21.9 | 25.1 | 298 | 12.3 | 3.0 |
| 2 years - - | 1,659 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 24.4 | 24.1 | 27.5 | 12.5 | 3.3 |
| 3 years . . . . | 454 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 27.3 | 22.3 | 26.3 | 12.9 | 4.4 |
| 4 years . . . . . | 576 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 19.8 | 27.7 | 29.9 | 14.0 | 4.5 |
| 5 years or more . . . | 203 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 21.7 | 21.6 | 29.9 | 17.5 | 6.0 |
| Education in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Education | 989 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 30.9 | 25.9 | 24.3 | 7.7 | 2.0 |
| No education | 9,974 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 17.9 | 23.3 | 32.2 | 15.1 | 5.6 |
| Training in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| On the job - . - | 6,778 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 17.6 | 22.9 | 30.9 | 15.4 | 6.0 |
| Registered apprentice | 500 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 21.3 | 27.2 | 30.3 | 11.0 | 3.1 |
| Other . : . . . | 547 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 7.9 | 17.7 | 42.5 | 22.5 | 7.8 |
| On the job, registered apprentica . . | 739 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 28.7 | 27.1 | 25.7 | 9.3 | 2.3 |
| On the job, other . . . . . . | 1,483 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 19.5 | 22.7 | 36.1 | 13.9 | 4.7 |
| Registered apprentice, other | 127 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 14.4 | 28.1 | 41.1 | 10.7 | 3.7 |
| On the job, registered apprentice, other | 354 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 20.2 | 26.5 | 35.4 | 10.9 | 3.0 |
| No training at place of employment . | 436 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 36.6 | 29.0 | 15.6 | 6.8 | 2.3 |

Table 5. Number of active opticians, by number of years in opticianry and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location |
| :---: |
| of employment |
|  |

Table 5. Number of active opticians, by number of years in opticianry and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.

| Geographic location of employment | All active opticians | Number of years in opticianry |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1-4 | 5-9 | 10-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40 and over |
| State-Con. Maryland | 316 | 22 | 54 | 61 | 94 | 61 | 24 |
| Masșachusetts | 473 | 21 | 36 | 85 | 153 | 107 | 71 |
| Michigan . | 366 | 33 | 63 | 87 | 104 | 57 | 23 |
| Minnesota | 283 | 48 | 42 | 53 | 74 | 52 | 14 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 8 | 7 | 17 | 27 | 3 | 2 |
| Missouri | 277 | 43 | 29 | 46 | 76 | 46 | 38 |
| Montana | 53 | 3 | 10 | 16 | 13 | 11 | - |
| Nebraska | 113 | 23 | 15 | 24 | 28 | 17 | 5 |
| Nevada | 23 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| New H̉ampshire | 30 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 1 |
| New Jersey | 337 | 20 | 46 | 62 | 105 | 67 | 38 |
| New Mexico | 48 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 7 | 1 |
| New York | 1,357 | 69 | 167 | 237 | 407 | 289 | 188 |
| Norțh Carolina | 165 | 6 | 12 | 40 | 69 | 22 | 15 |
| North Dakota | 20 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | - |
| Ohio | 566 | 83 | 97 | 147 | 131 | 72 | 35 |
| Oklahoma | 130 | 13 | 21 | 46 | 36 | 10 | 4 |
| Oregon . | 106 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 32 | 17 | 13 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 65 | 90 | 162 | 164 | 128 | 89 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | - | 6 | 9 | 19 | 26 | 6 |
| South Carolina | 57 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 12 | 6 |
| South Dakota | 37 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 17 | 3 | 2 |
| Tennessee | 167 | 20 | 26 | 33 | 50 | 28 | 10 |
| Texas | 667 | 86 | 91 | 165 | 171 | 110 | 45 |
| Utah | 118 | 24 | 22 | 24 | 29 | 13 | 6 |
| Vermont | 8 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | - |
| Virginia . . | 254 | 9 | 18 | 65 | 91 | 44 | 27 |
| Washington | 179 | 21 | 23 | 46 | 41 | 33 | 15 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 9 | 4 | 20 | 12 | 14 | 2 |
| Wisconsin . | 235 | 18 | 25 | 40 | 98 | 38 | 15 |
| Wyoming . | 8 | 3 | - | 1 | 3 | 1 | - |

Table 6. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by number of years in opticianry, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Total | Number of years in opticianry |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 14 | $5-9$ | 10-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40 and over |
| United States | 10,963 | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100.0 | 9.9 | 13.0 | 22.0 | 28.3 | 18.1 | 8.8 |
| Geographic region: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 3,178 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 11.7 | 18.9 | 28.9 | 21.6 | 13.1 |
| North Central | 2,803 | 100.0 | 14.7 | 14.3 | 21.7 | 27.5 | 15.1 | 6.7 |
| South | 3,262 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 13.5 | 23.5 | 29.5 | 16.6 | 6.8 |
| West | 1,720 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 12.2 | 25.1 | 25.9 | 19.3 | 8.1 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England | 786 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 8.5 | 17.8 | 31.0 | 25.8 | 12.9 |
| Middle Atlantic | 2,392 | 100.0 | 6.4 | 12.7 | 19.3 | 28.2 | 20.2 | 13.2 |
| East North Central | 1.805 | 100.0 | 14.1 | 14.8 | 22.7 | 27.7 | 14.4 | 6.2 |
| West North Central | 998 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 13.5 | 19.8 | 27.1 | 16.3 | 7.6 |
| South Atlantic | 1,727 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 12.5 | 21.8 | 31.8 | 18.7 | 7.6 |
| East South Central | 552 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 17.6 | 23.4 | 27.5 | 14.0 | 5.4 |
| West South Central | 983 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 26.7 | 26.8 | 14.3 | 6.3 |
| Mountain | 635 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 24.6 | 25.9 | 18.9 | 5.4 |
| Pacific | 1,086 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 12.0 | 25.3 | 25.8 | 19.5 | 9.7 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 163 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 23.3 | 17.8 | 24.4 | 17.8 | 5.6 |
| Alaska | 14 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 25.0 | 33.3 | 16.7 | - |
| Arizona | 109 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 2.6 | 28.9 | 26.3 | 30.3 | 7.9 |
| Arkansas | 33 | 100.0 | 20.0 | 10.0 | 30.0 | 35.0 | 5.0 | - |
| California | 732 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 11.5 | 26.3 | 25.9 | 20.1 | 9.9 |
| Colorado | 256 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 13.0 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 16.2 | 5.2 |
| Connecticut | 199 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 10.4 | 18.1 | 28.5 | 28.0 | 10.9 |
| Delaware | 48 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 44.1 | 17.6 | 5.9 |
| District of Columbia | 138 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 19.3 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 20.5 | 8.4 |
| Florida | 434 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 12.0 | 23.1 | 33.0 | 20.4 | 6.8 |
| Georgia | 254 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 13.6 | 15.8 | 28.8 | 17.4 | 4.9 |
| Hawaii | 55 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 21.6 | 18.9 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 8.1 |
| Idaho | 21 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 4.8 | 42.9 | 28.6 | 4.8 |
| lllinois | 426 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 10.7 | 20.5 | 27.9 | 15.3 | 6.5 |
| Indiana | 212 | 100.0 | 18.7 | 16.8 | 22.6 | 23.2 | 12.9 | 5.8 |
| Iowa | 170 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 11.9 | 22.6 | 26.2 | 14.3 | 8.3 |
| Kansas | 99 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 16.2 | 27.3 | 26.3 | 16.2 | 3.0 |
| Kentucky | 159 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 17.0 | 31.4 | 22.0 | 10.7 | 5.7 |
| Louisiana | 152 | 100.0 | 13.8 | 8.5 | 27.7 | 29.2 | 12.3 | 8.5 |
| Maine | 10 | 100.0 | 10.0 | - | 30.0 | 30.0 | 10.0 | 20.0 |

Table 6. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by number of years in opticianry, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Total | Number of years in opticianry |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1-4 | 5-9 | 10-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40 and over |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State-Con. Maryland | 316 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 17.0 | 19.3 | 29.7 | 19.3 | 7.5 |
| Massachusetts | 473 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 18.0 | 32.3 | 22.6 | 15.0 |
| Michigan | 366 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 17.3 | 23.8 | 28.3 | 15.5 | 6.3 |
| Minnesota | 283 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 14.9 | 18.8 | 26.2 | 18.3 | 5.0 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 10.5 | 26.3 | 42.1 | 5.3 | 2.6 |
| Missouri | 277 | 100.0 | 15.4 | 10.4 | 16.5 | 27.5 | 16.5 | 13.7 |
| Montana | 53 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 18.9 | 29.7 | 24.3 | 21.6 | - |
| Nebraska | 113 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 13.6 | 21.6 | 25.0 | 14.8 | 4.5 |
| Nevada | 23 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 21.7 | 17.4 | 30.4 | 17.4 |
| New Hampshire | 30 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 10.0 | 13.3 | 36.7 | 30.0 | 3.3 |
| New Jersey | 337 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 13.7 | 18.3 | 31.1 | 19.9 | 11.2 |
| New Mexico | 48 | 100.0 | 15.0 | 17.5 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 15.0 | 2.5 |
| New York | 1,357 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 12.3 | 17.4 | 30.0 | 21.3 | 13.8 |
| North Carolina | 165 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 7.4 | 24.5 | 41.7 | 13.5 | 9.2 |
| North Dakota . | 20 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 15.0 | 30.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | - |
| Ohio | 566 | 100.0 | 14.7 | 17.2 | 26.0 | 23.1 | 12.8 | 6.1 |
| Oklahoma | 130 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 16.1 | 35.5 | 28.0 | 7.5 | 3.2 |
| Oregon | 106 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 9.5 | 20.6 | 30.2 | 15.9 | 12.7 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 100.0 | 9.3 | 13.0 | 23.2 | 23.4 | 18.3 | 12.8 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | 100.0 | - | 8.6 | 14.3 | 28.6 | 40.0 | 8.6 |
| South Carolina | 57 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 14.0 | 21.1 | 28.1 | 21.1 | 10.5 |
| South Dakota | 37 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 25.0 | 8.3 | 45.8 | 8.3 | 4.2 |
| Tennessee | 167 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 15.3 | 20.0 | 30.0 | 16.7 | 6.0 |
| Texas | 667 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 13.6 | 24.7 | 25.6 | 16.5 | 6.8 |
| Utah | 118 | 100.0 | 20.3 | 18.9 | 20.3 | 24.3 | 10.8 | 5.4 |
| Vermont | 8 | 100.0 | - | 14.3 | 28.6 | 14.3 | 42.9 | - |
| Virginia | 254 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 7.0 | 25.6 | 35.8 | 17.2 | 10.7 |
| Washington | 179 | 100.0 | 11.9 | 12.6 | 25.9 | 23.1 | 18.2 | 8.4 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 100.0 | 14.8 | 6.6 | 32.8 | 19.7 | 23.0 | 3.3 |
| Wisconsin | 235 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 10.9 | 17.1 | 41.9 | 16.3 | 6.2 |
| Wyoming | 8 | 100.0 | 37.5 | - | 12.5 | 37.5 | 12.5 | - |

Table 7. Number of active opticians, by number of years in opticianry and selected characteristics: United States, 1969



Table 9. Number of active opticians, by number of years in opticianry and percentage of hours par week spent in specific activities related to employment: United States, 1969



Table 11. Number of active opticians, by principal place of employment and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969


Table 11. Number of active opticians, by principal place of employment and geographic location of employment: United States,
1969-Con.

| Geographic location of employment | All active opticians | Principal place of employment |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Retail optical establishment | Optometrist, ophthalmologist, or other physician | Ophthalmic goods wholesaler | Hospital or clinic | Department store optical department | Other |
| State-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maryland | 316 | 258 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 12 |
| Massachusetts | 473 | 311 | 51 | 32 | 5 | 18 | 56 |
| Michigan . | 366 | 171 | 52 | 45 | 33 | 25 | 40 |
| Minnesota | 283 | 197 | 14 | 11 | 22 | 17 | 21 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 42 | - | 2 | 15 | 5 | - |
| Missouri | 277 | 187 | 24 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 24 |
| Montana | 53 | 27 | 1 | 3 | 10 | - | 11 |
| Nebraska | 113 | 61 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 13 |
| Nevada | 23 | 20 | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| New Hampshire | 30 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 3 | - | 5 |
| New Jersey . | 337 | 301 | 8 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| New Mexico | 48 | 47 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| New York . | 1,357 | 995 | 147 | 66 | 20 | 39 | 90 |
| North Carolina | 165 | 108 | 7 | 24 | 17 | 1 | 7 |
| North Dakota | 20 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 4 | - | - |
| Ohio | 566 | 386 | 64 | 14 | 21 | 51 | 29 |
| Oklahoma | 130 | 101 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 4 |
| Oregon . . | 106 | 54 | 10 | 5 | 27 | - | 10 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 525 | 43 | 59 | 5 | 17 | 49 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | 47 | 6 | 8 | - | 4 | 2 |
| South Carolina | 57 | 33 | 7 | 9 | 5 | - | 3 |
| South Dakota | 37 | 22 | 3 | 5 | 5 | - | 3 |
| Tennessee | 167 | 124 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 4 | 7 |
| Texas. | 667 | 436 | 127 | 23 | 33 | 8 | 41 |
| Utah | 118 | 94 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Vermont | 8 | 7 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Virginia | 254 | 191 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 24 |
| Washington | 179 | 110 | 9 | 14 | 33 | 3 | 11 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 53 | 2 | - | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Wisconsin . | 235 | 95 | 31 | 33 | 56 | 9 | 11 |
| Wyoming . . | 8 | - | 3 | - | 4 | - | 1 |

Table 12. Number and percent distribution of active opticiáns by principal place of employment, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Total | Principal place of emplayment |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Retail optical establishment | Optometrist, ophthalmologist. or other physician | Ophthalmic goods wholesaler | Hospital or clinic | Department store optical department | Other |
| United States |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 100.0 | 69.5 | 9.3 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 7.0 |
| Geographic region: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast . | 3,178 | 100.0 | 74.7 | 8.5 | 5.8 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 7.2 |
| North Central | 2,803 | 100.0 | 60.3 | 11.7 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| South | 3,262 | 100.0 | 72.8 | 9.7 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 5.5 |
| West | 1,720 | 100.0 | 68.2 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 10.0 | 1.8 | 9.2 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England | 786 | 100.0 | 70.5 | 9.2 | 6.1 | 1.0 | 3.4 | 9.8 |
| Middle Atlantic | 2,392 | 100.0 | 76.1 | 8.3 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 6.4 |
| East North Central | 1,805 | 100.0 | 57.3 | 13.1 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 6.2 | 7.2 |
| West North Central | 998 | 100.0 | 65.8 | 9.3 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 7.5 |
| South Atlantic | 1,727 | 100.0 | 76.3 | 7.2 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 5.8 |
| East South Central | 552 | 100.0 | 72.6 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 3.8 |
| West South Central | 983 | 100.0 | 66.8 | 15.8 | 3.1 | 6.4 | 2.0 | 5.8 |
| Mountain . | 635 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 7.5 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 1.8 | 11.2 |
| Pacific | 1,086 | 100.0 | 68.4 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 12.1 | 1.7 | 8.0 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 163 | 100.0 | 62.2 | 12.2 | 11.1 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 4.4 |
| Alaska | 14 | 100.0 | 83.3 | - | - | 16.7 | - |  |
| Arizona | 109 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | - | - | 17.1 |
| Arkansas | 33 | 100.0 | 45.0 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 20.0 | - | 20.0 |
| California | 732 | 100.0 | 71.4 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 9.5 | 1.4 | 8.8 |
| Colorado | 256 | 100.0 | 58.4 | 9.7 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 3.9 | 13.6 |
| Connecticut | 199 | 100.0 | 84.5 | 4.7 | 3.1 | - | 2.1 | 5.7 |
| Delaware . . | 48 | 100.0 | 76.5 | 2.9 | - | - | 5.9 | 14.7 |
| District of Columbia | 138 | 100.0 | 77.1 | 9.6 | - | 7.2 | 3.6 | 2.4 |
| Florida | 434 | 100.0 | 82.1 | 7.1 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 3.7 |
| Georgia | 254 | 100.0 | 69.0 | 12.0 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 10.9 |
| Hawaii | 55 | 100.0 | 81.1 | - | 5.4 | - | 10.8 | 2.7 |
| Idaho . | 21 | 100.0 | 61.9 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 19.0 | - | - |
| lllinois | 426 | 100.0 | 58.6 | 14.4 | 9.3 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 8.4 |
| Indiana | 212 | 100.0 | 62.6 | 12.9 | 8.4 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 6.5 |
| lowa | 170 | 100.0 | 65.5 | 15.5 | 2.4 | 7.1 | 3.6 | 6.0 |
| Kansas | 99 | 100.0 | 67.7 | 10.1 | 13.1 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 |
| Kentucky | 159 | 100.0 | 83.6 | 5.0 | 2.5 | - | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Louisiana | 152 | 100.0 | 68.5 | 13.8 | 1.5 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 3.8 |
| Maine | 10 | 100.0 | 60.0 | 10.0 | - | . | - | 30.0 |

Table 12. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by principal place of employment, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969--Con.

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Total | Principal place of employment |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Retail optical establishment | Optometrist, ophthalmologist, or other physician | Ophthalmic goods wholesaler | Hospital or clinic | Department store optical department | Other |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State-Con. Maryland | 316 | 100.0 | 81.6 | 5.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 6.6 | 3.8 |
| Massachusetts | 473 | 100.0 | 65.8 | 10.8 | 6.8 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 11.8 |
| Michigan | 366 | 100.0 | 46.7 | 14.3 | 12.2 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 11.0 |
| Minnesota | 283 | 100.0 | 69.8 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 7.4 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 100.0 | 65.8 | - | 2.6 | 23.7 | 7.9 | - |
| Missouri | 277 | 100.0 | 67.6 | 8.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 7.1 | 8.8 |
| Montana | 53 | 100.0 | 51.4 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 18.9 | - | 21.6 |
| Nebraska | 113 | 100.0 | 54.5 | 12.5 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 11.4 | 11.4 |
| Nevada | 23 | 100.0 | 87.0 | 4.3 | - | - | - | 8.7 |
| New Hampshire | 30 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 16.7 | 6.7 | 10.0 | - | 16.7 |
| New Jersey | 337 | 100.0 | 89.2 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 4.1 |
| New Mexico | 48 | 100.0 | 97.5 | 2.5 | - | - | - | - |
| New York | 1,357 | 100.0 | 73.3 | 10.8 | 4.9 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 6.6 |
| North Carolina | 165 | 100.0. | 65.6 | 4.3 | 14.7 | 10.4 | 0.6 | 4.3 |
| North Dakota | 20 | 100.0 | 55.0 | 5.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | - | - |
| Ohio | 566 | 100.0 | 68.3 | 11.3 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 9.1 | 5.2 |
| Oklahoma | 130 | 100.0 | 77.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 9.7 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Oregon | 106 | 100.0 | 50.8 | 9.5 | 4.8 | 25.4 | - | 9.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 6.1 | 8.4 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 7.0 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | 100.0 | 71.4 | 8.6 | 11.4 | - | 5.7 | 2.9 |
| South Carolina | 57 | 100.0 | 57.9 | 12.3 | 15.8 | 8.8 | - | 5.3 |
| South Dakota | 37 | 100.0 | 58.3 | 8.3 | 12.5 | 12.5 | - | 8.3 |
| Tennessee | 167 | 100.0 | 74.7 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 5.3 | 2.7 | 4.0 |
| Texas | 667 | 100.0 | 65.4 | 19.0 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 1.1 | 6.1 |
| Utah | 118 | 100.0 | 79.7 | 8.1 | 6.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.7 |
| Vermont | 8 | 100.0 | 85.7 | - | - | - | 14.3 | - |
| Virginia | 254 | 100.0 | 75.3 | 6.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 9.3 |
| Washington | 179 | 100.0 | 61.5 | 4.9 | 7.7 | 18.2 | 1.4 | 6.3 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 100.0 | 85.2 | 3.3 | - | 6.6 | 3.3 | 1.6 |
| Wisconsin | 235 | 100.0 | 40.3 | 13.2 | 14.0 | 24.0 | 3.9 | 4.7 |
| Wyoming . | 8 | 100.0 | - | 37.5 | - | 50.0 | - | 12.5 |

Table 13. Number of active opticians, by principal place of employment and selected characteristics: United States, 1969


Table 14. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by principal place of employment, according to sex, age, years of schooling, and training in opticianry: Unitcd States, 1969

| Sex, age, years of schooling, and training in opticianry | Number of active opticians | Total | Principal place of employment |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Retail optical establishment | Optometrist, ophthalmologist, or other physician | Ophthalmic goods wholesaler | Hospital or clinic | Department store optical department | Other |
| All active opticians |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 100.0 | 69.5 | 9.3 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 7.0 |
| Sex: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 9,709 | 100.0 | 71.0 | 8.3 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 3.1 | 6.6 |
| Female | 1,254 | 100.0 | 57.8 | 16.9 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 10.6 |
| Age: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 25 years | 683 | 100.0 | 63.2 | 10.3 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 7.5 | 9.8 |
| 25-34 years . | 2,093 | 100.0 | 68.5 | 9.8 | 4.1 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 7.0 |
| 35-44 years | 2,579 | 100.0 | 68.2 | 9.2 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 3.5 | 7.3 |
| 45-54 years | 3,449 | 100.0 | 69.6 | 9.3 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 2.6 | 7.0 |
| 55-64 years | 1,582 | 100.0 | 73.4 | 8.0 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 5.4 |
| 65 years and over | 578 | 100.0 | 73.9 | 10.1 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 7.6 |
| Years of schooling: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year or less | 587 | 100.0 | 67.5 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 7.4 |
| 2 years | 536 | 100.0 | 72.5 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 5.7 | 2.9 | 4.7 |
| 3 years | 588 | 100.0 | 72.2 | 10.2 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 5.4 |
| 4 years | 5,120 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 9.5 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 7.5 |
| College: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year | 1,241 | 100.0 | 69.3 | 11.0 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 |
| 2 years | 1,659 | 100.0 | 71.3 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 7.0 |
| 3 years | 454 | 100.0 | 74.7 | 6.0 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 8.2 |
| 4 years | 576 | 100.0 | 71.9 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 6.5 |
| 5 years or more | 203 | 100.0 | 63.1 | 17.5 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 11.7 |
| Training in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| On the job . . . . . | 6,778 | 100.0 | 68.2 | 9.7 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 7.1 |
| Registered apprentice | 500 | 100.0 | 76.7 | 8.7 | 3.6 | 5.2 | 1.8 | 3.9 |
| Other . . | 547 | 100.0 | 70.8 | 7.6 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 10.0 |
| On the job, registered apprentice . . . | 739 | 100.0 | 75.5 | 8.0 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 6.2 |
| On the job, other | 1,483 | 100.0 | 68.1 | 10.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 7.0 |
| Registered apprentice, other . . . . . . | 127 | 100.0 | 72.8 | 7.3 | 2.7 | 8.1 | 1.9 | 7.2 |
| On the job, registered apprentice, other . <br> No training at place of | 354 | 100.0 | 68.6 | 7.5 | 3.0 | 11.1 | 3.4 | 6.4 |
| No training at place of employment . . | 436 | 100.0 | 72.5 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 2.3 | 8.5 |

Table 15. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by principal place of employmént, according to selected characteristics: United States, 1969

| Characteristic | Number of active opticians | Total | Principal place of employment |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Retail optical establishment | Optometrist, ophthalmologist, or other physician | Ophthalmic goods wholesalér | Hospital or clinic | Department store optical department | Other |
|  |  |  |  |  | ent distribut |  |  |  |
| All active opticians | 10,963 | 100.0 | 69.5 | 9.3 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 7.0 |
| Self-classification of specialties: <br> Dispensing optician only Dispensing optician and optical mechanic. $\qquad$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3,849 | 100.0 | 73.8 | 8.8 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 6.6 |
|  | 2,962 | 100.0 | 70.3 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.4 |
| Dispenṣing optician and contact lens technician $\qquad$ | 894 | 100.0 | 70.7 | 11.3 | 1.7 | 4.3 7.3 | 4.0 1.9 | 5.4 7.1 |
| Disperising optician, optical mechanic, and contact lens technician $\square$ |  |  |  | 11.3 | 1.7 | 7.3 | 1.9 | 7.1 |
|  | 1,289 | 100.0 | 73.2 | 10.5 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 2.2 | 4.8 |
| Dispensing optician and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| all other specialties | 1,337 | 100.0 | 61.5 | 10.6 | 8.3 | 6.5 | 2.9 | 10.1 |
| Nondispensing optician | 632 | 100.0 | 46.1 | 10.3 | 19.1 | 6.1 | 2.8 | 15.5 |
| Number of years in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4 years | 1,087 | 100.0 | 60.6 | 12.1 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 8.4 | 9.6 |
| $5-9$ years | 1,423 | 100.0 | 67.5 | 9.9 | 3.0 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 7.5 |
| 10-19 years | 2,407 | 100.0 | 70.5 | 9.0 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 7.8 |
| 20-29 years | 3,100 | 100.0 | 69.4 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 2.3 | 6.4 |
| 30-39 years | 1,980 | 100.0 | 71.7 | 8.0 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 2.3 | 5.8 |
| 40 years and over | 967 | 100.0 | 75.1 | 8.5 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 6.4 |
| Weeks per year and hours per week worked: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 48 weeks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-34 hours | 183 | 100.0 | 66.8 | 13.9 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 9.0 |
| 35 hours and over | 179 | 100.0 | 71.0 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 1.7 | 10.3 |
| 48 to 52 weeks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-34 hours | 623 | 100.0 | 55.0 | 17.9 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 13.7 |
| 35-40 hours | 4,228 | 100.0 | 64.6 | 10.6 | 5.5 | 7.1 | 4.9 | 7.4 |
| 41.49 hours | 3,796 | 100.0 | 73.9 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 2.3 | 6.3 |
| 50 hours and over | 1,953 | 100.0 | 76.1 | 4.9 | 8.1 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 5.2 |
| School of opticianry attended:None . . . . . . . . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9,974 | 100.0 | 69.4 | 9.4 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 6.9 |
| Erie County Technical Institute | 331 | 100.0 | 75.8 | 8.1 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 7.6 |
| Ferris State College | 29 | 100.0 | 65.1 | 11.4 | 4.6 | 11.4 | 3.2 | 7.6 |
| Los Angeles City College | 104 | 100.0 | 60.2 | 4.3 | - | 22.8 | 1.6 | 11.1 |
| New York City Community College $\qquad$ | 83 | 100.0 | 75.5 | 8.6 | 4.9 | 2.4 | 6.1 | 2.4 |
| Eveleth Area Vocational- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Technical School | 4 | 100.0 | 75.6 | - | - | - | - | 24.4 |
| Military schools of opticianry . . . . | 438 | 100.0 | 68.2 | 9.4 | 5.4 | 6.5 | 2.0 | 8.5 |




Table 18. Number of active opticians, by self-classification of specialties and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | All active opticians | Self-classification of specialties |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dispensing optician only | Dispensing optician and optical mechanic | Dispensing optician and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician, optical mechanic, and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician and all other specialties | Nondispensing optician |
| United States | 10,963 | 3,849 | 2,962 | 894 | 1,289 | 1,337 | 632 |
| Geográphic region: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 3,178 | 1,246 | 977 | 201 | 306 | 291 | 158 |
| North Central | 2,803 | 951 | 752 | 206 | 281 | 414 | 199 |
| South | 3,262 | 1,138 | 817 | 323 | 450 | 389 | 146 |
| West | 1,720 | 514 | 417 | 164 | 253 | 243 | 129 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England . | 786 | 316 | 252 | 41 | 73 | 69 | 35 |
| Middle Atlantic | 2,392 | 930 | 725 | 160 | 233 | 221 | 123 |
| East North Central | 1,805 | 611 | 509 | 122 | 172 | 263 | 127 |
| West North Central | 998 | 339 | 243 | 84 | 109 | 151 | 72 |
| South Atlantic | 1,727 | 620 | 470 | 146 | 248 | 185 | 60 |
| East South Central | 552 | 214 | 124 | 69 | 69 | 51 | 26 |
| West South Central | 983 | 304 | 223 | 109 | 133 | 153 | 60 |
| Mountain | 635 | 230 | 155 | 63 | 73 | 86 | 29 |
| Pacific | 1,086 | 285 | 262 | 101 | 180 | 157 | 100 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 163 | 63 | 38 | 20 | 20 | 14 | 7 |
| Alaska | 14 | 7 | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | 1. |
| Arizona | 109 | 24 | 21 | 11 | 24 | 24 | 3 |
| Arkansas | 33 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| California | 732 | 191 | 169 | 71 | 123 | 112 | 66 |
| Colorado | 256 | 116 | 45 | 22 | 22 | 38 | 13 |
| Connecticut | 199 | 67 | 58 | 18 | 33 | 15 | 8 |
| Delaware | 48 | 16 | 27 | - | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| District of Columbia | 138 | 43 | 51 | 5 | 17 | 15 | 7 |
| Florida | 434 | 180 | 92 | 40 | 71 | 44 | 7 |
| Georgia | 254 | 97 | 40 | 36 | 44 | 33 | 4 |
| Hawaii | 55 | 22 | 16 | '3 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| Idaho . | 21 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Illinois | 426 | 129 | 133 | 26 | 50 | 55 | 34 |
| Indiana | 212 | 79 | 48 | 10 | 18 | 30 | 27 |
| lowa | 170 | 59 | 24 | 24 | 28 | 28 | 6 |
| Kansas | 99 | 41 | 22 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 10 |
| Kentucky | 159 | 62 | 35 | 22 | 17 | 15 | 8 |
| Louisiana | 152 | 60 | 51 | 14 | 7 | 16 | 4 |
| Maine | 10 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |

Table 18. Number of active opticians, by self-classification of specialties and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.


Table 19. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by self-classification of specialties, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Total | Self-classification of specialties |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Dispensing optician only | Dispensing optician and optical mechanic | Dispensing optician and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician, optical mechanic, and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician and all other specialties | Nondispensing optician |
| United States . . . . . . . |  |  |  |  | Percent dis | ribution |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 100.0 | 35.1 | 27.0 | 8.2 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 5.8 |
| Geographic region: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 3,178 | 100.0 | 39.2 | 30.7 | 6.3 | 9.6 | 9.1 | 5.0 |
| North Central | 2,803 | 100.0 | 33.9 | 26.8 | 7.4 | 10.0 | 14.8 | 7.1 |
| South | 3,262 | 100.0 | 34.9 | 25.0 | 9.9 | 13.8 | 11.9 | 4.5 |
| West | 1,720 | 100.0 | 29.9 | 24.2 | 9.5 | 14.7 | 14.1 | 7.5 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England . . | 786 | 100.0 | 40.2 | 32.0 | 5.2 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 4.5 |
| Middle Atlantic | 2,392 | 100.0 | 38.9 | 30.3 | 6.7 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 5.1 |
| East North Central | 1,805 | 100.0 | 33.9 | 28.2 | 6.8 | 9.5 | 14.6 | 7.1 |
| West North Central | 998 | 100.0 | 34.0 | 24.3 | 8.4 | 10.9 | 15.1 | 7.2 |
| South Atlantic . . | 1,727 | 100.0 | 35.9 | 27.2 | 8.4 | 14.3 | 10.7 | 3.5 |
| East South Central | 552 | 100.0 | 38.7 | 22.4 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 9.3 | 4.7 |
| West South Central | 983 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 22.7 | 11.1 | 13.5 | 15.6 | 6.2 |
| Mountain . | 635 | 100.0 | 36.2 | 24.4 | 9.9 | 11.5 | 13.6 | 4.5 |
| Pacific . . | 1,086 | 100.0 | 26.2 | 24.1 | 9.3 | 16.6 | 14.5 | 9.2 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 163 | 100.0 | 38.9 | 23.3 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 8.9 | 4.4 |
| Alaska | 14 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 12.2 | 16.7 | 8.3 |
| Arizona | 109 | 100.0 | 22.4 | 19.7 | 10.5 | 22.4 | 22.4 | 2.6 |
| Arkansas | 33 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 25.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 20.0 | 5.0 |
| California | 732 | 100.0 | 26.1 | 23.1 | 9.7 | 16.9 | 15.2 | 9.0 |
| Colorado | 256 | 100.0 | 45.5 | 17.5 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 14.9 | 5.2 |
| Connecticut | 199 | 100.0 | 33.7 | 29.0 | 8.8 | 16.6 | 7.8 | 4.1 |
| Delaware . . | 48 | 100.0 | 32.4 | 55.9 | - | 2.9 | 5.9 | 2.9 |
| District of Columbia | 138 | 100.0 | 31.3 | 37.3 | 3.6 | 12.0 | 10.8 | 4.8 |
| Florida . | 434 | 100.0 | 41.4 | 21.3 | 9.3 | 16.4 | 10.2 | 1.5 |
| Georgia | 254 | 100.0 | 38.0 | 15.8 | 14.1 | 17.4 | 13.0 | 1.6 |
| Hawaii . | 55 | 100.0 | 40.5 | 29.7 | 5.4 | 10.8 | 8.1 | 5.4 |
| Idaho. | 21 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 23.8 | 14.3 | 23.8 | 9.5 | 4.8 |
| Illinois | 426 | 100.0 | 30.2 | . 31.2 | 6.0 | 11.6 | 13.0 | 7.9 |
| Indiana | 212 | 100.0 | 37.4 | 22.6 | 4.5 | 8.4 | 14.2 | 12.9 |
| Iowa . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 170 | 100.0 | 34.5 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 3.6 |
| Kansas . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 99 | 100.0 | 41.4 | 22.2 | 2.0 | 8.1 | 16.2 | 10.1 |
| Kentucky $\qquad$ | 159 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 22.0 | 13.8 | 10.7 | 9.4 | 5.0 |
| Louisiana . . . . . . . . . . . | 152 | 100.0 | 39.2 | 33.8 | 9.2 | 4.6 | 10.8 | 2.3 |
| Maine . . . . . . . . . . . | 10 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 20.0 | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |
| Maryland . . . . . . . . . . . . | 316 | 100.0 | 29.2 | 42.0 | 3.3 | 9.9 | 11.3 | 4.2 |
| Massachusetts . . . . . . . . | 473 | 100.0 | 42.5 | 32.3 | 3.6 | 7.2 | 9.1 | 5.3 |
| Michigan . . . . . . . . . . . . | 366 | 100.0 | 35.1 | 31.3 | 5.7 | 6.8 | 17.3 | 3.9 |
| Minnesota $\qquad$ | 283 | 100.0 | 35.6 | 21.3 | 12.9 | 7.4 | 17.8 | 5.0 |
| Mississippi . . . . . . . . . | 64 | 100.0 | 34.2 | 23.7 | 15.8 | 10.5 | 13.2 | 2.6 |

Table 19. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by self-classification of specialties, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Total | Self-classification of specialties |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Dispensing optician only | Dispensing optician and optical mechanic | Dispensing optician and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician, optical mechanic, and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician and all other specialties | Nondispensing optician |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Missouri | 277 | 100.0 | 34.1 | 31.9 | 3.3 | 10.4 | 9.3 | 11.0 |
| Montana | 53 | 100.0 | 18.9 | 37.8 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 8.1 | 2.7 |
| Nebraska | 113 | 100.0 | 26.1 | 28.4 | 8.0 | 12.5 | 15.9 | 9.1 |
| Nevada | 23 | 100.0 | 39.1 | 30.4 | 4.3 | 13.0 | 4.3 | 8.7 |
| New Hampshire | 30 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 20.0 | 16.7 | . | 13.3 | 6.7 |
| New Jersey | 337 | 100.0 | 53.9 | 31.1 | 0.4 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| New Mexico | 48 | 100.0 | 47.5 | 37.5 | 2.5 | 7.5 | 5.0 | - |
| New York | 1,357 | 100.0 | 36.9 | 30.3 | 8.3 | 11.1 | 9.8 | 3.6 |
| North Carolina | 165 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 23.3 | 14.7 | 16.0 | 11.7 | 6.7 |
| North Dakota | 20 | 100.0 | 30.0 | 20.0 | - | 20.0 | 25.0 | 5.0 |
| Ohio | 566 | 100.0 | 38.6 | 25.6 | 7.9 | 9.6 | 11.8 | 6.6 |
| Oklahoma | 130 | 100.0 | 28.0 | 25.8 | 6.5 | 23.7 | 10.8 | 5.4 |
| Oregon . . | 106 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 25.4 | 4.8 | 17.5 | 22.2 | 9.5 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 100.0 | 35.4 | 29.9 | 6.7 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 8.0 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | 100.0 | 37.1 | 51.4 | - | 5.7 | 5.7 | - |
| South Carolina | 57 | 100.0 | 38.6 | 17.5 | 12.3 | 17.5 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| South Dakota | 37 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 33.3 | 8.3 | 12.5 | 20.8 | - |
| Tennessee | 167 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 21.3 | 10.0 | 15.3 | 8.0 | 5.3 |
| Texas | 667 | 100.0 | 29.2 | 19.5 | 12.7 | 14.0 | 17.4 | 7.2 |
| Utah | 118 | 100.0 | 35.1 | 28.4 | 13.5 | 4.1 | 12.2 | 6.8 |
| Vermont | 8 | 100.0 | 71.4 | - | - | 14.3 | 14.3 | - |
| Virginia | 254 | 100.0 | 40.5 | 25.1 | 7.9 | 14.4 | 8.8 | 3.3 |
| Washington . | 179 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 26.6 | 11.9 | 18.2 | 8.4 | 11.2 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 100.0 | 36.1 | 23.0 | 4.9 | 16.4 | 13.1 | 6.6 |
| Wisconsin | 235 | 100.0 | 24.0 | 29.5 | 9.3 | 10.9 | 20.2 | 6.2 |
| Wyoming . . . . . . . | 8 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 62.5 | - | 25.0 | . | - |

Table 20. Number of active opticians, by self-classification of specialties and selected characteristics: United States, 1969

| Characteristic | All active opticians | Self-classification of specialties |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dispensing optician only | Dispensing optician and optical mechanic | Dispensing optician and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician, optical mechanic, and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician and all other specialties | Nondispensing optician |
| All active opticians . . . . . . . . . | 10,963 | 3,849 | 2,962 | 894 | 1,289 | 1,337 | 632 |
| Sex: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 9,709 | 3,172 | 2,818 | 815 | 1,249 | 1,192 | 463 |
| Female | 1,254 | 677 | 144 | 80 | 40 | 145 | 169 |
| Years of schooling: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year or less . . . . . . . . . . . . | 587 | 182 | 243 | 12 | 47 | 59 | 44 |
| 2 years . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 536 | 194 | 208 | 20 | 48 | 43 | 23 |
| 3 years. | 588 | 170 | 214 | 33 | 55 | 66 | 49 |
| 4 years. | 5,120 | 1,878 | 1,445 | 343 | 588 | 593 | 274 |
| College: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year . | 1,241 | 411 | 287 | 134 | 159 | 170 | 80 |
| 2 years | 1,659 | 562 | 358 | 182 | 241 | 237 | 80 |
| 3 years. | 454 | 165 | 83 | 59 | 47 | 75 | 24 |
| 4 years | 576 | 218 | 97 | 82 | 76 | 63 | 40 |
| 5 years or more | 203 | 69 | 27 | 29 | 29 | 32 | 17 |
| Weeks per year and hours per week worked: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 48 weeks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-34 hours . | 183 | 94 | 45 | 3 | 14 | 13 | 14 |
| 35 hours and over | 179 | 74 | 48 | 11 | 17 | 25 | 4 |
| 48-52 weeks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-34 hours | 623 | 292 | 140 | 32. | 44 | 55 | 61 |
| 35-40 hours | 4,228 | 1,584 | 1,096 | 325 | 389 | 497 | 336 |
| 41-49 hours | 3,796 | 1,251 | 1,102 | 346 | 493 | 460 | 144 |
| 50 hours and over | 1,953 | 554 | 530 | 177 | 332 | 286 | 74 |
| Schools of opticianry attended: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . | 9,974 | 3,508 | 2,729 | 790 | 1,147 | 1,200 | 600 |
| Erie County Technical Institute | 331 | 140 | 45 | 52 | 44 | 39 | 11 |
| Ferris State College . . . | 29 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 3 | - |
| Los Angeles City College . . . . . . . . . | 104 | 34 | 19 | 10 | 17 | 15 | 8 |
| New York City Community College | 83 | 26 | 25 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| Eveleth Area Vocational-Technical School | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| Military schools of opticianry . . . . . . . | 438 | 129 | 134 | 33 | 69 | 65 | 9 |
| Months attending opticianry school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-12 months. | 205 | 56 | 62 | 17 | 31 | 28 | 10 |
| 13-24 months . . | 600 | 233 | 125 | 67 | 82 | 75 | 17 |
| 25 months and over . . . . . . . . . . . . | 184 | 52 | 45 | 19 | 29 | 33 | 5 |
| None . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 9,974 | 3,508 | 2,729. | 790 | 1,147 | 1,200 | 600 |
| Training in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| On the job | 6,778 | 2,591 | 1,895 | 482 | 662 | 698 | 450 |
| Registered apprentice . . . . . . . . . . . | 500 | 180 | 127 | 40 | 76 | 55 | 21 |
| Other . . . | 547 | 161 | 169 | 45 | 73 | 74 | 25 |
| On the job, registered apprentice . . . . . | 739 | 209 | 251 | 52 | 107 | 93 | 33 |
| On the job, other . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1.483 | 411 | 325 | 167 | 249 | 262 | 69 |
| Registered apprentice, other . . . . . . . | 127 | 32 | 28 | 19 | 24 | 23 | 2 |
| On the job, registered apprentice, other | 354 | 72 | 76 | 45 | $52^{\circ}$ | 90 | 19 |
| No training at place of employment . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 436 | 193 | 92 | 44 | $53^{\circ}$ | 42. | 13 |

Table 21. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by self-classification of specialties, according to selected characteristics: United States, 1969


Table 22. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by self-classification of specialties, according to selected characteristics: United States, 1969

| Characteristic | Number of active opticians | Total | Self-classification of specialties |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Dispensing optician only | Dispensing oprician and optical mechanic | Dispensing optician and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician, optical mechanic, and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician and all other specialties | Nondispensing optician |
| All active opticians |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 100.0 | 35.1 | 27.0 | 8.2 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 5.8 |
| Number of years in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4 years | 1,087 | 100.0 | 47.5 | 15.1 | 6.6 | 3.9 | 9.6 | 17.2 |
| $5-9$ years | 1,423 | 100.0 | 41.6 | 20.6 | 10.9 | 8.4 | 11.2 | 7.3 |
| 10-19 years | 2,407 | 100.0 | 38.7 | 20.9 | 10.3 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 6.2 |
| 20-29 years | 3,100 | 100.0 | 30.6 | 29.7 | 8.3 | 14.5 | 13.4 | 3.5 |
| 30-39 years | 1,980 | 100.0 | 28.2 | 34.6 | 6.3 | 15.5 | 13.0 | 2.5 |
| 40 years and over | 967 | 100.0 | 31.5 | 40.8 | 4.0 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 3.3 |
| Schools of opticianry attended: |  |  |  |  |  |  | . |  |
| None | 9,974 | 100.0 | 35.2 | 27.4 | 7.9 | 11.5 | 12.0 | 6.0 |
| Erie County Technical Institute . | 331 | 100.0 | 42.3 | 13.5 | 15.8 | 13.3 | 11.8 | 3.3 |
| Ferris State College | 29 | 100.0 | 42.8 | 32.3 | 10.1 | 3.5 | 11.4 | - |
| Los Angeles City College | 104 | 100.0 | 32.9 | 18.5 | 9.6 | 16.1 | 14.7 | 8.2 |
| New York City Community College | 83 | 100.0 | 31.0 | 29.9 | 5.6 | 13.5 | 15.1 | 4.9 |
| Eveleth Area Vocational- <br> Technical School | 4 | 100.0 | - |  |  | - |  | - |
| Military schools of opticianry . - | 438 | 100.0 | $29.4{ }^{\text {- }}$ | 30.5 | 7.5 | 15.8 | 14.8 | 2.0 |
| Months attending opticianry school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-12 months . | 205 | 100.0 | 27.2 | 30.3 | 8.5 | 15.1 | 13.8 | 5.0 |
| 12-24 months | 600 | 100.0 | 38.9 | 20.9 | 112 | 13.6 | 12.5 | 2.8 |
| 25 months and over | 184 | 100.0 | 28.1 | 24.6 | 10.5 | 16.0 | 18.1 | 2.6 |
| None | 9,974 | 100.0 | 35.2 | 27.4 | 7.9 | 11.5 | 12.0 | 6.0 |
| Training in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| On the job . | 6,778 | 100.0 | 38.2 | 28.0 | 7.1 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 6.6 |
| Registered apprentice | 500 | 100.0 | 36.1 | 25.4 | 8.0 | 15.1 | 11.1 | 4.2 |
| Other . . . . . . . . . . . : | 547 | 100.0 | 29.4 | 30.9 | 8.2 | 13.4 | 13.5 | 4.6 |
| On the job, registered apprentice . | 739 | 100.0 | 28.3 | 34.0 | 7.1 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 4.4 |
| On the job, other . . . . . . | 1,483 | 100.0 | 27.7 | 21.9 | 11.3 | 16.8 | 17.7 | 4.7 |
| Registered apprentice, other . . | 127 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 22.1 | 14.6 | 18.7 | 17.8 | 1.8 |
| On the job, registered apprentice, other | 354 | 100.0 | 20.2 | 21.3 | 12.8 | 14.7 | 25.5 | 5.4 |
| No training at place of employment | 436 | 100.0 | 44.3 | 21.0 | 10.0 | 12.1 | 9.7 | 2.9 |

Table 23. Number of active opticians, by self-classification of specialties and percentage of hours per week spent in specific activities related to employment: United States, 1969

| Percentage of hours per week spent in specific activities related to employment | All active opticians | Self-classification of specialties |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dispensing optician only | Dispensing optician and optical mechanic | Dispensing optician and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician, optical mechánic, and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician and all other specialties | Nondispensing optician |
| All active opticians | 10,963 | 3,349 | 2,962 | 894 | 1,289 | 1,337 | 632 |
| Shopwork: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . | 3,135 | 1,520 | 421 | 367 | 256 | 338 | 233 |
| 1-9 percent | 899 | 265 | 201 | 101 | 145 | 157 | 30 |
| 10-39 percent | 4,161 | 1,317 | 1,173 | 344 | 651 | 578 | 97 |
| 40-59 percent | 1,692 | 564 | 689 | 67 | 173 | 155 | 46 |
| $60-99$ percent | 798 | 155 | 408 | 10 | 56 | 98 | 71 |
| 100 percent | 278 | 29 | 69 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 155 |
| Fitting and adjusting eyeglasses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 1,003 | 129 | 177 | 72 | 68 | 106 | 451 |
| 1-9 percent | 203 | 25 | 63 | 21 | 21 | 61 | 12 |
| 10-39 percent | 1,699 | 389 | 497 | 175 | 266 | 306 | 66 |
| 40-59 percent | 2,700 | 907 | 785 | 262 | 384 | 316 | 46 |
| 60-99 percent | 4,318 | 1,684 | 1,222 | 350 | 523 | 495 | 44 |
| 100 percent | 1,040 | 714 | 217 | 14 | 27 | 54 | 14 |
| Fitting and adjusting contact lenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . | 8,025 | 3,456 | 2,839 | 130 | 362 | 849 | 388 |
| $1-9$ percent | 546 | 112 | 36 | 87 | 189 | 113 | 10 |
| 10-39 percent | 1,665 | 217 | 58 | 467 | 585 | 290 | 48 |
| 40-59 percent | 300 | 24 | 12 | 96 | 85 | 49 | 35 |
| 60-99 percent | 338 | 33 | 14 | 107 | 46 | 31 | 106 |
| 100 percent | 89 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 22 | 5 | 45 |
| Administrative activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |
| None . | 6,210 | 2,202 | 1,805 | 451 | 700 | 641 | 409 |
| -1.9 percent | 1,352 | 391 | 324 | 154 | 203 | 231 | 49 |
| 10.39 percent | 3,006 | 1,068 | 775 | 276 | 375 | 400 | 112 |
| 40-59 percent | 265 | 136 | 37 | 10 | 7 | 38 | 38 |
| 60-99 percent | 112 | 44 | 17 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 23 |
| 100 percent | 19 | 8 | 4 | 1 | - | 4 | 1 |
| Opticianry research: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . | 7,891 | 2,983 | 2,249 | 565 | 801 | 781 | 512 |
| $1-9$ percent | 881 | 239 | 203 | 100 | 161 | 152 | 26 ' |
| 10-39 percent | 1,735 | 492 | 404 | 193 | 285 | 299 | 62 |
| 40-59 percent | 243 | 72 | 58 | 21 | 21 | 61 | 9 |
| $60-99$ percent | 163 | 50 | 36 | 14 | 16 | 34 | 12 |
| 100 percent | 50 | 13 | 11 | - | 5 | 10 | 11 |
| Teaching opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . . - | 10,119 | 3,643 | 2,803 | 801 | 1,122 | 1,162 | 587 |
| $1-9$ percent | 589 | 138 | 117 | 71 | 114 | 122 | 27 |
| 10-39 percent | 246 | 66 | 40 | 20 | 54 | 51 | 15 |
| 40-59 percent | 6 | 1 | - | 2 | * | 2 | 1 |
| 60-99 percent | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| 100 percent . | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | * | - |
| Clerical activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 10,804 | 3,812 | 2,948 | 872 | 1,268 | 1,286 | 618 |
| $1-9$ percent | 82 | 20 | 8 | 15 | 12 | 21 | 6 |
| $10-39$ percent | 66 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 23 | 6 |
| $40-59$ percent | 3 | - | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| 60.99 percent | 6 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 4 | - |
| 100 percent . . . . | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Other types of activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 10,274 | 3,709 | 2,849 | 860 | 1,216 | 1,082 | 558 |
| 1-9 percent | 178 | 33 | 32 | 13 | 16 | 73 | 12 |
| 10.39 percent | 338 | 72 | 59 | 16 | 43 | 125 | 24 |
| 40-59 percent | 68 | 18 | 8 | - | 7 | 25 | 10 |
| 60-99 percent | 68 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 24 | 12 |
| 100 percent . . . . . . . . . | 37 | 6 | 5 | - | 3 | 7 | 16 |

Table 24. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by self-classification of specialties, according to percéntage of hours per week spent in specific activities related to employment: United States, 1969

| Percentage of hours per week spent in specific activities related to employment | Number of active opticians | Total | Self-classification of specialties |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Dispensing optician only | Dispensing optician and optical mechanic | Dispensing optician and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician, optical mechanic, and contact lens technician | Dispensing optician and all other specialties | Nondispensing optician |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All active opticians | 10,963 | 100.0 | 35.1 | 27.0 | 8.2 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 5.8 |
| opwork: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 3,135 | 100.0 | 48.5 | 13.4 | 11.7 | 8.2 | 10.8 | 7.4 |
| 1-9 percent | 899 | 100.0 | 29.5 | 22.4 | 11.2 | 16.1 | 17.4 | 3.4 |
| 10-39 percent | 4,161 | 100.0 | 31.7 | 28.2 | 8.3 | 15.7 | 13.9 | 2.3 |
| 40-59 percent | 1,692 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 40.7 | 3.9 | 10.2 | 9.1 | 2.7 |
| $60-99$ percent | 798 | 100.0 | 19.4 | 51.1 | 1.3 | 7.1 | 12.2 | 8.9 |
| 100 percent . | 278 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 24.9 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 55.6 |
| Fitting and adjusting eyeglasses: $\quad \therefore$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . | 1,003 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 17.7 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 10.5 | 44.9 |
| 1.9 percent | 203 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 31.1 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 29.9 | 5.8 |
| 10-39 percent | 1,699 | 100.0 | 22.9 | 29.3 | 10.3 | 15.7 | 18.0 | 3.9 |
| 40-59 percent | 2,700 | 100.0 | 33.6 | 29.1 | 9.7 | 14.2 | 11.7 | 1.7 |
| $60-99$ percent | 4,318 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 28.3 | 8.1 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 1.0 |
| 100 percent. | 1,040 | 100.0 | 68.6 | 20.9 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 5.2 | 1.3 |
| Fitting and adjusting contact lenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . | 8,025 | 100.0 | 43.1 | 35.4 | 1.6 | 4.5 | 10.6 | 4.8 |
| $1-9$ percent | 546 | 100.0 | 20.4 | 6.5 | 15.9 | 34.6 | 20.7 | 1.9 |
| 10-39 percent | 1,665 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 3.5 | 28.0 | 35.1 | 17.4 | 2.9 |
| 40-59 percent | 300 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 3.9 | 31.9 | 28.2 | 16.3 | 11.7 |
| 60-99 percent | 338 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 4.2 | 31.8 | 13.7 | 9.2 | 31.3 |
| 100 percent . | 89 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 3.3 | 8.0 | 24.9 | 6.1 | 49.9 |
| Administrative activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . | 6,210 | 100.0 | 35.5 | 29.1 | 7.3 | 11.3 | 10.3 | 6.6 |
| 1.9 percent | 1,352 | 100.0 | 28.9 | 24.0 | 11.4 | 15.0 | 17.1 | 3.6 |
| 10-39 percent | 3,006 | 100.0 | 35.5 | 25.8 | 9.2 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 3.7 |
| 40-59 percent | 265 | 100.0 | 51.2 | 13.8 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 14.3 | 14.5 |
| 60-99 percent | 112 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 15.1 | 1.6 | 4.1 | 20.1 | 20.1 |
| 100 percent | 19 | 100.0 | 41.6 | 23.9 | 6.7 | - | 20.2 | 7.6 |
| Opticianry research: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . | 7,891 | 100.0 | 37.8 | 28.5 | 7.2 | 10.2 | 9.9 | 6.5 |
| $1-9$ percent | 881 | 100.0 | 27.2 | 23.1 | 11.4 | 18.2 | 17.2 | 2.9 |
| 10-39 percent | 1,735 | 100.0 | 28.4 | 23.3 | 11.1 | 16.5 | 17.2 | 3.6 |
| 40-59 percent | 243 | 100.0 | 29.6 | 24.0 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 25.1 | 3.8 |
| 60-99 percent | 163 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 22.0 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 21.1 | 7.2 |
| 100 percent | 50 | 100.0 | 26.6 | 22.7 | - | 9.1 | 20.4 | 21.2 |
| Teaching opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . | 10,119 | 100.0 | 36.0 | 27.7 | 7.9 | 11.1 | 11.5 | 5.8 |
| $1-9$ percent | 589 | 100.0 | 23.5 | 19.8 | 12.0 | 19.4 | 20.7 | 4.7 |
| 10-39 percent | 246 | 100.0 | 26.9 | 16.2 | 8.2 | 21.9 | 20.8 | 6.0 |
| $40-59$ percent | 6 | 100.0 | 17.7 | - | 35.4 | - | 29.2 | 17.7 |
| $60-99$ percent | 2 | 100.0 | - | - | - | - | - | 100.0 |
| 100 percent | 2 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | - | - | - | . |
| Clerical activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . | 10,804 | 100.0 | 35.3 | 27.3 | 8.1 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 5.7 |
| 1-9 percent . | 82 | 100.0 | 24.5 | 9.4 | 17.9 | 15.1 | 25.5 | 7.6 |
| 10-39 percent | 66 | 100.0 | 24.1 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 14.2 | 34.6 | 9.0 |
| 40-59 percent | 3 | 100.0 | - | - | - | - | 100.0 | - |
| 60-99 percent | 6 | 100.0 | 15.5 | - | 15.5 | - | 68.9 | - |
| 100 percent . | 2 | 100.0 | - | - | - | - | - | 100.0 |
| Other types of activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 10,274 | 100.0 | 36.1 | 27.7 | 8.4 | 11.8 | 10.5 | 5.4 |
| 1-9 percent | 178 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 17.7 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 41.1 | 6.7 |
| 10-39 percent | 338 | 100.0 | 21.2 | 17.3 | 4.9 | 12.7 | 36.9 | 7.0 |
| 40-59 percent | 68 | 100.0 | 26.6 | 11.6 | - | 10.5 | 36.7 | 14.7 |
| 60-99 percent | 68 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 14.5 | 7.7 | 6.1 | 35.9 | 17.5 |
| 100 percent . | 37 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 13.4 | - | 7.7 | 19.5 | 43.7 |

Table 25. Number of active opticians, by weeks per year and hours per week worked and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | All active opticians | Under 48 weeks per year |  |  | 48 to 52 weeks per year |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Hours per week |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1-34 | 35 or more |  | 1-34 | 35-40 | 41-49 | 50-99 |
| United States | 10,963 | 363 | 183 | 179 | 10,601 | 623 | 4,228 | 3,796 | 1,953 |
| Geographic region: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 2,803 | 73 | 30 | 43 | 2,730 | 128 | 1,116 | 981 | 504 |
| South | 3,262 | 70 | 30 | 40 | 3,193 | 144 | 1,182 | 1,340 | 527 |
| West | 1,720 | 50 | 26 | 24 | 1,670 | 113 | 721 | 556 | 279 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Middle Atlantic | 2,392 | 134 | 78 | 56 | 2,258 | 148 | 899 | 714 | 497 |
| East North Central | 1,805 | 38 | 17 | 21 | 1,767 | 83 | 755 | 608 | 320 |
| West North Central | 998 | 35 | 12 | 22 | 963 | 45 | 361 | 373 | 185 |
| South Atlantic | 1,727 | 41 | 20 | 21 | 1,686 | 65 | 631 | 701 | 290 |
| East South Central | 652 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 536 | 30 | 255 | 172 | 80 |
| West South Central | 983 | 13 | 2 | 11 | 970 | 49 | 296 | 467 | 158 |
| Mountain | 635 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 623 | 28 | 204 | 279 | 112 |
| Pacific | 1,086 | 38 | 21 | 18 | 1,047 | 85 | 517 | 278 | 167 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 163 | 4 | - | 4 | 159 | 13 | 60 | 58 | 29 |
| Alaska | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 12 | - | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Arizona | 109 | 1 | 1 | - | 107 | 3 | 26 | 59 | 20 |
| Arkansas | 33 | - | - | - | 33 | 2 | 18 | 10 | 3 |
| California | 732 | 20 | 14 | 7 | 711 | 64 | 336 | 199 | 112 |
| Colorado | 256 | 3 | - | 3 | 252 | 10 | 80 | 123 | 40 |
| Connecticut | 199 | 3 | - | 3 | 196 | 12 | 82 | 63 | 38 |
| Delaware | 48 | - | - | - | 48 | 3 | 11 | 27 | 7 |
| District of Columbia | 138 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 134 | 3 | 73 | 46 | 12 |
| Florida | 434 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 418 | 17 | 121 | 193 | 87 |
| Georgia | 254 | 1 | - | 1 | 253 | 6 | 88 | 126 | 33 |
| Hawaii | 55 | 4 | - | 4 | 51 | 3 | 27 | 12 | 9 |
| Idaho | 21 | - | - | - | 21 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| lllinois | 426 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 418 | 28 | 154 | 149 | 87 |
| Indiana | 212 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 204 | 10 | 92 | 56 | 47 |
| lowa | 170 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 162 | 4 | 55 | 71 | 32 |
| Kansas | 99 | 2 | 2 | - | 97 | 5 | 36 | 34 | 22 |
| Kentucky | 159 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 154 | 11 | 84 | 43 | 16 |
| Louisiana | 152 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 145 | 7 | 73 | 47 | 19 |
| Maine | 10 | - |  | - | 10 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 |

Table 25. Number of active opticians, by weeks per year and hours per week worked and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.

| Geographic location of employment | All active opticians | Under 48 weeks per year |  |  | 48 to 52 weeks per year |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Hours per week |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1.34 | 35 or more |  | 1-34 | 35-40 | 41-49 | 50-99 |
| State-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maryland | 316 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 310 | 13 | 106 | 122 | 69 |
| Massachusetts | 473 | 29 | 19 | 10 | 444 | 71 | 190 | 105 | 78 |
| Michigan | 366 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 356 | 14 | 166 | 126 | 50 |
| Minnesota | 283 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 272 | 11 | 95 | 127 | 38 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 59 | 5 | 27 | 18 | 8 |
| Missouri | 277 | 11 | 2 | 9 | 266 | 18 | 94 | 85 | 68 |
| Montana | 53 | 1 | - | 1 | 51 | 1 | 20 | 24 | 6 |
| Nebraska | 113 | 1 | 1 | : | 111 | 6 | 58 | 33 | 14 |
| Nevada | 23 | 1 | 1 | - | 22 | - | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| New Hampshire | 30 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 26 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 3 |
| New Jersey | 337 | 17 | 8 | 8 | 321 | 7 | 85 | 129 | 99 |
| New Mexico | 48 | - | - | - | 48 | 7 | 19 | 11 | 11 |
| New York | 1,357 | 88 | 52 | 36 | 1,269 | 100 | 574 | 366 | 228 |
| North Carolina | 165 | 1 | - | 1 | 164 | 2 | 92 | 47 | 22 |
| North Dakota | 20 | - | - | - | 20 | - | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| Ohio | 566 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 557 | 26 | 254 | 186 | 90 |
| Oklahoma | 130 | - | - | - | 130 | 8 | 36 | 62 | 24 |
| Oregon | 106 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 101 | 7 | 45 | 32 | 17 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 29 | 17 | 12 | 669 | 41 | 239 | 219 | 169 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | - | - | - | 66 | 4 | 21 | 19 | 23 |
| South Carolina | 57 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 55 | 2 | 17 | 22 | 14 |
| South Dakota | 37 | 2 | - | 2 | 35 | - | 17 | 15 | 3 |
| Tennessee | 167 | 2 | - | 2 | 164 | 1 | 84 | 52 | 27 |
| Texas | 667 | 6 | - | 6 | 661 | 32 | 169 | 349 | 112 |
| Utah | 118 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 113 | 5 | 48 | 43 | 17 |
| Vermont | 8 | - | - | - | 8 | - | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Virginia . | 254 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 248 | 15 | 100 | 94 | 38 |
| Washington | 179 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 173 | 11 | 105 | 30 | 26 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 57 | 3 | 22 | 23 | 8 |
| Wisconsin | 235 | 4 | 4 | - | 231 | 5 | 89 | 91 | 46 |
| Wyoming | 8 | - | - | - | 8 | - | 2 | 2 | 4 |

Table 26. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by weeks per year and hours per week worked, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Under 48 weeks per year |  |  | Number of active opticians | 48 to 52 weeks per year |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Hoursper per week |  |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1-34 | 35 or more |  |  | 1-34 | 35-40 | 41-49 | 50-99 |
| United States |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |
|  | 363 | 100.0 | 50.5 | 49.5 | 10,601 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 39.9 | 35.8 | 18.4 |
| Geographic region: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 170 | 100.0 | 57.5 | 42.5 | 3,008 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 40.2 | 30.5 | 21.4 |
| North Central | 73 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 59.2 | 2,730 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 40.9 | 35.9 | 18.5 |
| South | 70 | 100.0 | 42.6 | 57.4 | 3,193 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 37.0 | 42.0 | 16.5 |
| West | 50 | 100.0 | 52.0 | 48.0 | 1,670 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 43.2 | 33.3 | 16.7 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England | 36 | 100.0 | 55.4 | 44.6 | 750 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 41.3 | 27.2 | 19.5 |
| Middie Atlantic | 134 | 100.0 | 58.1 | 41.9 | 2,258 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 39.8 | 31.6 | 22.0 |
| East North Central | 38 | 100.0 | 45.5 | 54.5 | 1,767 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 42.8 | 34.4 | 18.1 |
| West North Central | 35 | 100.0 | 35.8 | 64.2 | 963 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 37.4 | 38.7 | 19.2 |
| South Atlantic | 41 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 51.0 | 1,686 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 37.4 | 41.6 | 17.2 |
| East South Central | 16 | 100.0 | 46.3 | 53.7 | 536 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 47.5 | 32.0 | 14.9 |
| West South Central | 13 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 82.1 | 970 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 30.5 | 48.2 | 16.2 |
| Mountain | 12 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 53.1 | 623 | . 100.0 | 4.5 | 32.8 | 44.7 | 18.0 |
| Pacific | 38 | 100.0 | 53.5 | 46.5 | 1,047 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 49.4 | 26.5 | 16.0 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 4 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 159 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 37.5 | 36.4 | 18.2 |
| Alaska | 2 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 12 | 100.0 | - | 30.0 | 40.0 | 30.0 |
| Arizona | 1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 107 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 24.0 | 54.7 | 18.7 |
| Arkansas | - | - |  | - | 33 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 55.0 | 30.0 | 10.0 |
| California | 20 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 711 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 47.3 | 28.0 | 15.7 |
| Colorado | 3 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 252 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 31.6 | 48.7 | 15.8 |
| Connecticut | 3 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 196 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 42.1 | 32.1 | 19.5 |
| Delaware | . | - | - | - | 48 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 23.5 | 55.9 | 14.7 |
| District of Columbia | 3 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 134 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 54.3 | 34.6 | 8.6 |
| Florida | 16 | 100.0 | 41.7 | 58.3 | 418 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 28.8 | 46.2 | 20.8 |
| Georgia | 1 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 253 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 35.0 | 49.7 | 13.1 |
| Hawaii | 4 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 51 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 52.9 | 23.5 | 17.6 |
| Idaho | - | - | - | - | 21 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 14.3 | 42.9 | 33.3 |
| Illinois | 8 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 25.0 | 418 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 37.0 | 35.5 | 20.9 |
| Indiana | 8 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 204 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 45.0 | 27.5 | 22.8 |
| lowa | 8 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 75.0 | 162 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 33.7 | 43.7 | 20.0 |
| Kansas | 2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 97 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 37.1 | 35.1 | 22.7 |
| Kentucky | 5 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 20.0 | 154 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 54.5 | 27.9 | 10.4 |
| Louisiana | 7 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 66.7 | 145 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 50.0 | 32.3 | 12.9 |
| Maine | . | - | - | . | 10 | 100.0 | 20.0 | 10.0 | 50.0 | 20.0 |

Table 26. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by weeks per year and hours per week worked, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Under 48 weeks per year |  |  | Number of active opticians | 48 to 52 weeks per year |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1-34 | 35 or more |  |  | 1-34 | 35-40 | 41-49 | 50-99 |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |
| State-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Massachusetts | 29 | 100.0 | 65.5 | 34.5 | 444 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 42.8 | 23.6 | 17.6 |
| Michigan | 10 | 100.0 | 22.2 | 77.8 | 356 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 46.5 | 35.5 | 14.1 |
| Minnesota | 11 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 272 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 35.1 | 46.9 | 13.9 |
| Mississippi | 5 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 59 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 45.7 | 31.4 | 14.3 |
| Missouri | 11 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 85.7 | 266 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 35.4 | 32.0 | 25.7 |
| Montana | 1 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 51 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 38.9 | 47.2 | 11.1 |
| Nebraska | 1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 111 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 51.7 | 29.9 | 12.6 |
| Nevada | 1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 22 | 100.0 | - | 31.8 | 36.4 | 31.8 |
| New Hampshire | 4 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 75.0 | 26 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 42.3 | 42.3 | 11.5 |
| New Jersey | 17 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 321 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 26.6 | 40.2 | 31.0 |
| New Mexico | - | - | - | - | 48 | 100.0 | 15.0 | 40.0 | 22.5 | 22.5 |
| New York | 88 | 100.0 | 59.3 | 40.7 | 1,269 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 45.3 | 28.9 | 18.0 |
| North Carolina | 1 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 164 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 56.2 | 29.0 | 13.6 |
| North Dakota | - |  | - | - | 20 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 30.0 | 35.0 | 35.0 |
| Ohio | 8 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 83.3 | 557 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 45.6 | 33.4 | 16.2 |
| Oklahoma | - | - | - | - | 130 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 28.0 | 47.3 | 18.3 |
| Oregon . | 5 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 101 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 45.0 | 31.7 | 16.7 |
| Pennsylvania | 29 | 100.0 | 59.1 | 40.9 | 669 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 35.8 | 32.8 | 25.2 |
| Rhode Island | - | - | - | - | 66 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 31.4 | 28.6 | 34.3 |
| South Carolina | 2 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 55 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 30.9 | 40.0 | 25.5 |
| South Dakota | 2 | 100.0 | . | 100.0 | 35 | 100.0 | - | 47.8 | 43.5 | 8.7 |
| Tennessee | 2 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 164 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 51.4 | 31.8 | 16.2 |
| Texas | 6 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 661 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 25.6 | 52.7 | 16.9 |
| Utah | 5 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 33.3 | 113 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 42.3 | 38.0 | 15.5 |
| Vermont | - | - | - | - | 8 | 100.0 | - | 57.1 | 14.3 | 28.6 |
| Virginia | 6 | 100.0 | 60.0 | 40.0 | 248 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 40.5 | 38.1 | 15.2 |
| Washington | 6 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 60.0 | 173 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 60.9 | 17.4 | 15.2 |
| West Virginia | 5 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 20.0 | 57 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 39.3 | 41.1 | 14.3 |
| Wisconsin . | 4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 231 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 38.6 | 39.4 | 19.7 |
| Wyoming | - | , | 100. | - | 8 | 100.0 | 2. | 25.0 | 25.0 | 50.0 |

Table 27. Number of active opticians, by weeks per year and hours per week worked and selected characteristics: United States, 1969

| Characteristic | All active opticians | Under 48 weeks per year |  |  | 48 to 52 weeks per year |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Hours per week |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1-34 | 35 or more |  | 1.34 | 35-40 | 41-49 | 50-99 |
| All active opticians | 10,963 | 363 | 183 | 179 | 10,601 | 623 | 4,228 | 3,796 | 1,953 |
| Sex: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 9,709 | 293 | 137 | 156 | 9,416 | 466 | 3,577 | 3,492 | 1,881 |
| Female | 1,254 | 70 | 46 | 24 | 1.185 | 158 | 651 | 304 | 72 |
| Years of schooling: High school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 vear or less | 587 | 25 | 14 | 11 | 562 | 40 | 236 | 204 | 82 |
| 2 years | 536 | 25 | 13 | 12 | 512 | 25 | 217 | 197 | 72 |
| 3 years | 588 | 22 | 13 | 9 | 566 | 34 | 242 | 195 | 96 |
| 4 years | 5,120 | 124 | 54 | 70 | 4,996 | 244 | 2,094 | 1,822 | 836 |
| College: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year | 1,241 | 34 | 18 | 16 | 1,207 | 67 | 464 | 446 | 230 |
| 2 years | 1,659 | 57 | 30 | 27 | 1,602 | 108 | 622 | 561 | 312 |
| 3 years | 454 | 20 | 8 | 12 | 434 | 39 | 142 | 146 | 107 |
| 4 years | 576 | 29 | 17 | 13 | 547 | 46 | 164 | 172 | 165 |
| 5 years or more | 203 | 27 | 17 | 10 | 175 | 20 | 47 | 55 | 53 |
| Training in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| On the job | 6,778 | 225 | 122 | 103 | 6,553 | 407 | 2,713 | 2,329 | 1,104 |
| Registered apprentice | 500 | 15 | 5 | 9 | 485 | 22 | 175 | 178 | 110 |
| Other | 547 | 23 | 12 | 11 | 524 | 53 | 205 | 170 | 96 |
| On the job, registered apprentice | 739 | 16 | 3 | 13 | 723 | 26 | 304 | 260 | 132 |
| On the job, other | 1.483 | 53 | 24 | 29 | 1,430 | 70 | 479 | 556 | 326 |
| Registered apprentice, other | 127 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 124 | 11 | 45 | 43 | 24 |
| On the job, registered apprentice, other | 354 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 345 | 12 | 121 | 128 | 83 |
| None of the above | 436 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 418 | 23 | 185 | 132 | 78 |
| Principal place of employment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail optical establishment | 7,614 | 250 | 122 | 127 | 7,365 | 343 | 2,730 | 2,805 | 1,486 |
| Optometrist, ophthalmologist, or other physician | 1,021 | 37 | 26 | 12 | 983 | 111 | 447 | 329 | 96 |
| Ophthalmic goods wholesaler | 595 | 17 | 7 | 10 | 579 | 27 | 231 | 163 | 158 |
| Hospital or clinic | 575 | 17 | 8 | 9 | 558 | 23 | 302 | 173 | 61 |
| Department store optical department | 386 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 378 | 34 | 205 | 88 | 51 |
| Other | 772 | 35 | 16 | 18 | 737 | 85 | 313 | 238 | 102 |
| Months attending opticianry school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-12 months | 205 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 201 | 6 | 79 | 71 | 44 |
| 13-24 month's | 600 | 27 | 13 | 14 | 573 | 30 | 253 | 188 | 102 |
| 25 months and over | 184 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 181 | 8 | 65 | 66 | 42 |
| None | 9,974 | 328 | 165 | 163 | 9,646 | 579 | 3,831 | 3,471 | 1,765 |

Table 28. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by weeks per year and hours per week worked, according to sex, age, years of schooling, and training in opticianry: United States, 1969

| Characteristic | Number of active opticians | Under 48 weeks per year |  |  | Number of active opticians | 48 to 52 weeks per year |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1-34 | 35 or more |  |  | 1-34 | 35-40 | 41-49 | 50-99 |
| All active opticians |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |
|  | 363 | 100.0 | 50.5 | 49.5 | 10,601 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 39.9 | 35.8 | 18.4 |
| Sex: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 293 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 53.1 | 9,416 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 38.0 | 37.1 | 20.0 |
| Female | 70 | 100.0 | 65.9 | 34.1 | 1,185 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 54.9 | 35.7 | 6.1 |
| Age: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 25 years | 19 | 100.0 | 45.9 | 54.1 | 663 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 46.7 | 33.9 | 11.9 |
| 25-34 years | 41 | 100.0 | 29.5 | 70.5 | 2,052 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 41.1 | 37.3 | 17.7 |
| 35-44 years | 48 | 100.0 | 58.7 | 41.3 | 2,530 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 36.9 | 36.0 | 22.1 |
| $45-54$ years | 104 | 100.0 | 40.5 | 59.5 | 3,345 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 38.6 | 37.5 | 19.0 |
| 55-64 years | 71 | 100.0 | 56.4 | 43.7 | 1,511 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 42.8 | 34.3 | 17.2 |
| 65 years and over | 79 | 100.0 | 65.8 | 34.2 | 499 | 100.0 | 24.0 | 40.4 | 24.1 | 11.5 |
| Years of schooling: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year or less | 25 | 100.0 | 56.6 | 43.4 | 562 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 42.0 | 36.3 | 14.6 |
| 2 years | 25 | 100.0 | 51.4 | 48.6 | 512 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 42.4 | 38.5 | 14.2 |
| 3 years | 22 | 100.0 | 58.3 | 41.7 | 566 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 42.7 | 34.4 | 16.9 |
| 4 years | 124 | 100.0 | 43.8 | 56.2 | 4,996 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 41.9 | 36.5 | 16.7 |
| College: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year . . . . . . . . . . . . | 34 | 100.0 | 52.9 | 47.1 | 1,207 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 38.5 | 36.9 | 19.1 |
| 2 years | 57 | 100.0 | 52.1 | 47.9 | 1,602 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 38.8 | 35.0 | 19.5 |
| 3 years | 20 | 100.0 | 40.6 | 59.4 | 434 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 32.7 | 33.6 | 24.8 |
| 4 years | 29 | 100.0 | 56.8 | 43.2 | 547 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 30.0 | 31.4 | 30.1 |
| 5 years or more | 27 | 100.0 | 62.9 | 37.1 | 175 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 26.9 | 31.1 | 30.2 |
| Training in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| On the job | 225 | 100.0 | 54.3 | 45.7 | 6,553 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 41.4 | 35.5 | 16.8 |
| Registered apprentice | 15 | 100.0 | 36.7 | 63.3 | 485 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 36.0 | 36.7 | 22.8 |
| Other | 23 | 100.0 | 51.5 | 48.5 | 524 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 39.2 | 32.5 | 18.2 |
| On the job, registered apprentice | 16 | 100.0 | 20.4 | 79.6 | 723 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 42.1 | 36.0 | 18.3 |
| On the job, other | 53 | 100.0 | 45.6 | 54.4 | 1,430 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 33.5 | 38.9 | 22.8 |
| Registered apprentice, other | 3 | 100.0 | 60.4 | 39.6 | 124 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 36.4 | 34.7 | 19.7 |
| On the job, registered apprentice, other | 9 | 100.0 | 58.8 | 41.2 | 345 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 35.1 | 37.2 | 24.2 |
| No training at place of employment . . . | 19 | 100.0 | 49.1 | 50.9 | 418 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 44.3 | 31.6 | 18.6 |

Table 29. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by weeks per year and hours per week worked, according to selected characteristics: United States, 1969

| Characteristic | Number of active opticians | Under 48 weeks per year |  |  | Number of active opticians | 48 to 52 weeks per year |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1-34 | 35 or more |  |  | 1-34 | 35-40 | 41-49 | 50-99 |
| All active opticians | 363 | Percent distribution |  |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100.0 | 50.5 | 49.5 | 10,601 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 39.9 | 35.8 | 18.4 |
| Self-classification specialties: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dispensing optician only | 168 | 100.0 | 55.8 | 44.2 | 3,681 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 43.0 | 34.0 | 15.1 |
| Dispensing optician and optical mechanic | 93 | 100.0 | 48.5 | 51.5 | 2,869 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 38.2 | 38.4 | 18.5 |
| Dispensing optician and contact lens technician | 14 | 100.0 | 22.0 | 78.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dispensing optician, optical mechanic, and contact lens technician | 31 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 55.1 | 880 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 37.0 | 39.3 | 20.1 |
| Dispensing optician and all other | 39 | 100.0 | 35.0 | 65.0 | 1,299 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 38.3 | 39.2 35.4 | 26.4 |
| Nondispensing optician | 18 | 100.0 | 77.5 | 22.5 | 614 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 54.7 | 23.4 | 12.0 |
| Principal place of employment: <br> Retail optical establishment . . . <br> Optometrist, ophthalmologist, or other physician . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 250 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 51.0 | 7,365 | 100.0 | 4.7 | 37.1 | 38.1 | 20.2 |
|  | 37 | 100.0 | 68.7 | 31.3 | 983 | 100.0 | 11.3 | 45.5 | 33.5 | 9.7 |
| Ophthalmic goods wholesaler | 17 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 60.0 | 579 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 39.9 | 28.1 | 27.3 |
| Hospital or clinic . . | 17 | 100.0 | 47.3 | 52.7 | 558 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 54.0 | 30.9 | 10.9 |
| Department store optical department . . . . | 7 | 100.0 | 58.0 | 42.0 | 378 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 54.2 | 23.3 | 13.6 |
| Other . . . . | 35 | 100.0 | 47.2 | 52.8 | 737 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 42.4 | 32.2 | 13.8 |
| Number of years in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4 years | 36 | 100.0 | 54.7 | 45.3 | 1,051 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 48.4 | 34.9 | 9.0 |
| $5-9$ years | 32 | 100.0 | 42.1 | 57.9 | 1,391 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 42.0 | 34.9 | 16.519.4 |
| 10-19 years | 59 | 100.0 | 54.9 | 45.1 | 2,348 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 39.6 | 35.4 |  |
| 20-29 years | 94 | 100.0 | 48.3 | 51.7 | 3,006 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 36.4 | 38.2 | 21.2 |
| 30-39 years | 66 | $\begin{aligned} & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42.4 \\ & 58.7 \end{aligned}$ | 57.641.3 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,914 \\ 892 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4.0 \\ 12.8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 38.8 \\ & 41.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 36.6 \\ & 29.7 \end{aligned}$ | 20.616.2 |
| 40 years and over | 75 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Months attending opticianry school: 1-12 months | 4 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 32.0 | 201 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 39.3 | 35.5 | 22.1 |
| 13-24 months | 27 | $\begin{aligned} & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | 48.3 | 51.7 | 573 | $\begin{aligned} & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | 5.2 | 44.1 | 32.8 | 17.923.1 |
| 25 months and over | 4 |  | 73.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 26.4 \\ & 49.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 181 \\ 9,646 \end{array}$ |  | $4.6$ |  | $36.3$ |  |
| None | 328 | 100.0 | 50.3 |  |  | $100.0$ | 6.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 36.0 \\ & 39.7 \end{aligned}$ | 36.0 | 18.3 |


| Percentage of hours per weak spent in specific actlvities related to ermployment |  | Under 48 weeks per year |  |  | 48 to 52 weeks per vear |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Hoursper week |  | Total | Hours per week |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1.34 | 35 or more |  | 134 | 35-40 | 41-49 | 50-99 |
| All ative opticians . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 10,963 | 363 | 183 | 179 | 10,601 | 623 | 4,228 | 3,796 | 1,953 |
| Shopwork: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . | 3,135 | 139 | 85 | 54 | 2,996 | 267 | 1,371 | 976 | 382 |
| 1-9 percent | 899 | 30 | 12 | 19 | 869 | 36 | 349 | 335 | 149 |
| 10-39 percent | 4,161 | 123 | 49 | 74 | 4,038 | 179 | 1,439 | 1,597 | 823 |
| 40-59 percent | 1,692 | 53 | 28 | 25 | 1,639 | 80 | 605 | 571 | 382 |
| $60-99$ percant . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 798 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 787 | 41 | 297 | 267 | 188 |
| 100 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 278 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 273 | 21 | 167 | 56 | 29 |
| Fitting and adjusting eyeglasses:' |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1,003 | 32 | 19 | 13 | 971 | 66 | 493 | 242 | 170 |
| 1-9 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 203 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 196 | 12 | 76 | 56 | 52 |
| 10-39 percent | 1,699 | 54 | 27 | 27 | 1,644 | 117 | 557 | 554 | 416 |
| $40-59$ percent | 2,700 | 89 | 44 | 45 | 2,611 | 135 | 951 | 937 | 588 |
| 60.99 percent | 4,318 | 119 | 49 | 70 | 4,199 | 176 | 1,672 | 1,700 | 651 |
| 100 percent . | 1,040 | 61 | 40 | 22 | 979 | 117 | 479 | 308 | 76 |
| Fluting and adjusting conract lenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . : | 8,025 | 295 | 164 | 131 | 7,729 | 490 | 3,246 | 2,693 | 1,301 |
| $19 \mathrm{percent}$. . | 546 | 14 | 2 | 11 | 533 | 15 | 150 | 232 | 136 |
| 10-39 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1,665 | 32 | 6 | 26 | 1.633 | 79 | 537 | 620 | 397 |
| $40-59$ percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 300 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 292 | 13 | 109 | 115 | 55 |
| 60-99 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 338 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 329 | 14 | 143 | 113 | 58 |
| 100 percent . | 89 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 85 | 13 | 43 | 23 | 6 |
| Administrative activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . . . . . | 6,210 | 232 | 122 | 110 | 5,977 | 378 | 2,607 | 2,043 | 949 |
| 1-9 percant .. . . . . | 1,352 | 29 | 9 | 20 | 1,323 | 44 | 420 | 557 | 302 |
| 10-39 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 3,006 | 75 | 35 | 40 | 2.931 | 150 | 1,013 | 1,111 | 656 |
| 40-59 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | . 265 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 250 | 30 | 138 | 58 | 23 |
| 60-99 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | - 112 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 102 | 19 | 40 | 22 | 21 |
| 100 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 19 | 1 | - | 1 | 18 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 2 |
| Opticianry research: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 7,891 | $272^{\circ}$ | 147 | 126 | 7,619 | 500 | 3,309 | 2,666 | 1,144 |
| $1-9$ percent . | 881 | 15 | 6 | 9 | 867 | 27 | 226 | 372 | 242 |
| 10.30 seroent | 1,735 | 51 | 18 | 33 | 1,684 | 74 | 515 | 641 | 454 |
| 40-59 percent | 243 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 232 | 10 | 95 | 72 | 56 |
| $60-99$ percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 163 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 153 | 11 | 60 | 37 | 46 |
| 100 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 50 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 45 | 2 | 23 | 9 | 12 |
| Teaching opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 10,119 | 336 | 174 | 163 | 9,783 | 566 | 4,005 | 3,504 | 1,707 |
| 1-9 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 589 | 17 | 6 | 10 | 572 | 27 | 150 | 224 | 172 |
| 10-39 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 246 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 237 | 30 | 68 | 66 | 73 |
| 40-59 percent | 6 | - | . | - | 6 | - | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 60-99 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 | - |
| 100 percant . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Clerical activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . . | 10,804 | 354 | 181 | 173 | 10,450 | 616 | 4,180 | 3,755 | 1,899 |
| $1-9$ percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 82 | 1 | - | 1 | 81 | - | 27 | 20 | 34 |
| 10-39 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 66 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 61 | 6 | 18 | 20 | 17 |
| $40-59$ percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 3 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | 1 |
| 60-99 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| 100 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Other types of activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | - 10,274 | 346 | 174 | 171 | 9,928 | 573 | 4,003 | 3,571 | 1,781 |
| 1-9 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | - 178 | 2 | 2 | - | 176 | 7 | 49 | 63 | 56 |
| $10-39$ percant . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 338 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 332 | 24 | 107 | 119 | 81 |
| $40-59$ percant . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 68 | 2 | - | 2 | 66 | 13 | 25 | 16 | 13 |
| 60-99 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 68 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 64 | 7 | 19 | 24 | 14 |
| 100 percent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 37 | 2 | 2 | - | 35 | - | 24 | 3 | 8 |

Table 31. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by weeks per year and hours per week worked, according to percentage of hours per week spent in specific activities related to employment: United States, 1969


Table 32. Number of active opticians, by primary form of employment and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | All active opticians | Primary form of employment |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Self-employed | Salaried | Other |
| United States | 10,963 | 3,392 | 7,415 | 156 |
| Geographic region: |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 3,178 | 1,291 | 1,836 | 51 |
| North Central | 2,803 | 615 | 2,144 | 44 |
| South | 3,262 | 990 | 2,233 | 40 |
| West | 1,720 | 497 | 1,202 | 22 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |
| New England . | 786 | 354 | 419 | 13 |
| Middle Atlantic | 2,392 | 937 | 1,417 | 38 |
| East North Central | 1,805 | 400 | 1,372 | 32 |
| West North Central | 998 | 215 | 771 | 12 |
| South Atlantic | 1,727 | 572 | 1,135 | 20 |
| East South Central | 552 | 143 | 398 | 11 |
| West South Central | 983 | 275 | 700 | 8 |
| Mountain | 635 | 159 | 469 | 6 |
| Pacific | 1,086 | 337 | 733 | 16 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 163 | 54 | 103 | 5 |
| - Alaska | 14 | 6 | 8 | - |
| Arizona | 109 | 30 | 77 | 1 |
| Arkansas | 33 | 3 | 30 | - |
| California | 732 | 250 | 473 | 8 |
| Colorado | 256 | 45 | 208 | 3 |
| Connecticut | 199 | 83 | 111 | 4 |
| Delaware | 48 | 13 | 32 | 3 |
| District of Columbia | 138 | 33 | 103 | 2 |
| Florida | 434 | 188 | 244 | 3 |
| Georgia | 254 | 58 | 196 | - |
| Hawaii | 55 | 19 | 33 | 3 |
| Idaho . | 21 | 5 | 16 | - |
| lllinois | 426 | 119 | 301 | 6 |
| Indiana | 212 | 38 | 170 | 4 |
| lowa | 170 | 32 | 135 | 2 |
| Kansas | 99 | 31 | 67 | 1 |
| Kentucky | 159 | 28 | 128 | 3 |
| Louisiana . | 152 | 51 | 98 | 2 |
| Maine | 10 | 7 | 3 | - |
| Maryland | 316 | 89 | 224 | 3 |
| Massachusetts | 473 | 205 | 260 | 8 |
| Michigan | 366 | 75 | 287 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 283 | 45 | 237 | 1 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 18 | 44 | 2 |

Table 32. Number of active opticians, by primary form of employment and geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.

| Geographic location of employment | All <br> active opticians | Primary form of employment |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Self-employed | Salaried | Other |
| State-Con. |  |  |  |  |
| Mlssouri | 277 | 74 | 198 | 5 |
| Montana | 53 | 17 | 34 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 113 | 26 | 84 | 3 |
| Nevada | 23 | 11 | 12 | - |
| New Hampshire | 30 | 11 | 18 | 1 |
| New Jersey | 337 | 175 | 158 | 4 |
| New Mexico | 48 | 23 | 25 | - |
| New York | 1,357 | 525 | 815 | 16 |
| North Carolina | 165 | 46 | 116 | 2 |
| North Dakota | 20 | 2 | 18 | - |
| Ohio | 566 | 135 | 418 | 13 |
| Oklahoma | 130 | 48 | 83 | - |
| Oregon | 106 | 27 | 77 | 2 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 237 | 444 | 17 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | 42 | 25 | - |
| South Carolina | 57 | 19 | 36 | 2 |
| South Dakota | 37 | 5 | 32 | - |
| Tennessee | 167 | 42 | 123 | 1 |
| Texas | 667 | 172 | 489 | 6 |
| Utah | 118 | 29 | 89 | - |
| Vermont | 8 | 6 | 2 | - |
| Virginia | 254 | 101 | 146 | 6 |
| Washington | 179 | 35 | 141 | 3 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 24 | 38 | - |
| Wisconsin | 235 | 33 | 197 | 5 |
| Wyoming . | 8 | - | 8 | - |

Table 33. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by primary form of employment, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969

| Geographic location of employment | Number of active opticians | Primary form of employment |  |  |  | Primary form of employment |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Self-employed | Salaried | Other | Total | Self-employed | Salaried | Other |
| United States |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |
|  | 10,963 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 67.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Geographic region: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 3,178 | 100.0 | 40.6 | 57.8 | 1.6 | 29.0 | 38.1 | 24.8 | 32.6 |
| North Central | 2,803 | 100.0 | 21.9 | 76.5 | 1.6 | 25.6 | 18.1 | 28.9 | 28.1 |
| South | 3,262 | 100.0 | 30.3 | 68.4 | 1.2 | 29.8 | 29.2 | 30.1 | 25.4 |
| West | 1,720 | 100.0 | 28.9 | 69.9 | 1.3 | 15.7 | 14.6 | 16.2 | 13.9 |
| Geographic division: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England | 786 | 100.0 | 45.0 | 53.3 | 1.7 | 7.2 | 10.4 | 5.7 | 8.4 |
| Middle Atlantic | 2,392 | 100.0 | 39.2 | 59.3 | 1.6 | 21.8 | 27.6 | 19.1 | 24.2 |
| East North Central | 1,805 | 100.0 | 22.2 | 76.0 | 1.8 | 16.5 | 11.8 | 18.5 | 20.7 |
| West North Central | 998 | 100.0 | 21.5 | 77.3 | 1.2 | 9.1 | 6.3 | 10.4 | 7.4 |
| South Atlantic | 1,727 | 100.0 | 33.1 | 65.7 | 1.2 | 15.8 | 16.9 | 15.3 | 12.8 |
| East South Central | 552 | 100.0 | 25.9 | 72.1 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 7.2 |
| West South Centra! | 983 | 100.0 | 27.9 | 71.2 | 0.9 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 5.4 |
| Mountain | 635 | 100.0 | 25.1 | 73.9 | 1.0 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 4.0 |
| Pacific | 1,086 | 100.0 | 31.1 | 67.5 | 1.4 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 10.0 |
| State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 163 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 63.3 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 3.5 |
| Alaska | 14 | 100.0 | 41.7 | 58.3 | - | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | - |
| Arizona | 109 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 71.1 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Arkansas | 33 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 90.0 | - | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | - |
| California | 732 | 100.0 | 34.2 | 64.7 | 1.2 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 5.4 |
| Colorado | 256 | 100.0 | 17.5 | 81.2 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 2.1 |
| Connecticut | 199 | 100.0 | 42.0 | 56.0 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| Delaware | 48 | 100.0 | 26.5 | 67.6 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| District of Columbia | 138 | 100.0 | 24.1 | 74.7 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Florida | 434 | 100.0 | 43.2 | 56.2 | 0.6 | 4.0 | 5.5 | , 3.3 | 1.7 |
| Georgia | 254 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 77.2 | - | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.6 | - |
| Hawaii | 55 | 100.0 | 35.1 | 59.5 | 5.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| Idaho | 21 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 76.2 | - | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | - |
| Illinois | 426 | 100.0 | 27.9 | 70.7 | 1.4 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| Indiana | 21.2 | 100.0 | 18.1 | 80.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| lowa | 170 | 100.0 | 19.0 | 79.8 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| Kansas | 99 | 100.0 | 31.3 | 67.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Kentucky | 159 | 100.0 | 17.6 | 80.5 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| Louisiana | 152 | 100.0 | 33.8 | 64.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| Maine | 10 | 100.0 | 70.0 | 30.0 | - | 0.1 | 0.2 | - | - |

Table 33. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by primary form of emplayment, according to geographic location of employment: United States, 1969-Con.

| Geographic locatian of employment | Number of active opticians | Primary form of employment |  |  |  | Primary form of employment |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Self-employed | Salaried | Other | Total | Self-employed | Salaried | Other |
|  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  |
| State-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maryland | 316 | 100.0 | 28.3 | 70.8 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 1.9 |
| Massachusetts | 473 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 55.0 | 1.7 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 3.5 | 5.1 |
| Michigan | 366 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 78.3 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 2.8 |
| Minnesota | 283 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 83.7 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 3.2 | 0.9 |
| Mississippi | 64 | 100.0 | 28.9 | 68.4 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| Missouri | 277 | 100.0 | 26.9 | 71.4 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| Montana | 53 | 100.0 | 32.4 | 64.9 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| Nebraska | 113 | 100.0 | 22.7 | 75.0 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| Nevada . | 23 | 100.0 | 47.8 | 52.2 | - | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | - |
| New Hampshire | 30 | 100.0 | 36.7 | 60.0 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| New Jersey . | 337 | 100.0 | 51.9 | 46.9 | 1.2 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 2.1 | 2.7 |
| New Mexico | 48 | 100.0 | 47.5 | 52.5 | - | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.3 | - |
| New York | 1,357 | 100.0 | 38.7 | 60.1 | 1.2 | 12.4 | 15.5 | 11.0 | 10.4 |
| North Carolina | 165 | 100.0 | 28.2 | 70.6 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| North Dakota . | 20 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 90.0 | - | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | . |
| Ohio | 566 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 74.0 | 2.2 | 5.2 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 8.0 |
| Oklahoma . | 130 | 100.0 | 36.6 | 63.4 | - | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.1 | - |
| Oregon . | 106 | 100.0 | 25.4 | 73.0 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Pennsylvania | 698 | 100.0 | 33.9 | 63.6 | 2.5 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 11.1 |
| Rhode Island | 66 | 100.0 | 62.9 | 37.1 | - | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.3 | - |
| South Carolina | 57 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 63.2 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| South Dakota . | 37 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 87.5 | - | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | - |
| Tennessee . | 167 | 100.0 | 25.3 | 74.0 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 0.7 |
| Texas | 667 | 100.0 | 25.8 | 73.3 | 0.9 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 3.9 |
| Utah | 118 | 100.0 | 24.3 | 75.7 | - | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | - |
| Vermont | 8 | 100.0 | 71.4 | 28.6 | - | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | - |
| Virginia . | 254 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 57.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 3.8 |
| Washington . | 179 | 100.0 | 19.6 | 79.0 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 1.6 |
| West Virginia | 62 | 100.0 | 39.3 | 60.7 | - | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | - |
| Wisconsin . . | 235 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 83.7 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 3.5 |
| Wyoming . . . . . . | 8 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | $\bullet$ | 0.1 | - | 0.1 | - |

Table 34. Number of active opticians, by primary form of employment and selected characteristics: United States, 1969


Table 35. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by primary form of emplovment, according to selected characteristics: United States, 1969

| Characteristic | Number of active opticians | Total | Primary form of employment |  |  | Total | Primary form of employment |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Selfemployed | Salaried | Other |  | Selfemployed | Salaried | Other |
| All active opticians . . . . |  |  | Percent di | ribution |  | $10,963$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Num } \\ 3,392 \\ \text { Percent dis } \end{array}$ | $7,415$ <br> bution | $156$ |
| Total | 10,963 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 67.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Sex: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 9.709 | 100.0 | 32.9 | 65.8 | 1.3 | 88.6 | 94.2 | 86.2 | 80.6 |
| Female | 1,254 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 81.8 | 2.4 | 11.4 | 5.8 | 13.8 | 19.4 |
| Age: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 25 years | 683 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 95.8 | 0.6 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 8.8 | - 2.6 |
| 25-34 years . . | 2,093 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 85.0 | 0.8 | 19.1 | 8.8 | 24.0 | 10.4 |
| 35-44 years. | 2,679 | 100.0 | 29.2 | 68.9 | 1.9 | 23.5 | 22.2 | 23.9 | 31.3 |
| 45-54 years | 3,449 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 59.6 | 1.5 | 31.5 | 39.6 | 27.7 | 32.5 |
| 55-64 years | 1,582 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 55.0 | 1.8 | 14.4 | 20.2 | 11.7 | 17.7 |
| 65 years and over | 578 | 100.0 | 49.4 | 49.1 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 8.4 | 3.8 | 5.5 |
| Self-classification of specialties: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dispensing optician only . . | 3,849 | 100.0 | 29.1 | 69.4 | 1.5 | 35.1 | 33.0 | 36.0 | 37.7 |
| Dispensing optician, optical mechanic | 2,962 | 100.0 | 30.4 | 68.4 | 1.2 | 27.0 | 26.6 | 27.3 | 22.3 |
| Dispensing optician, contact lens technician | 894 | 100.0 | 37.9 | 60.9 | 1.2 | 8.2 | 10.0 | 7.3 | 6.8 |
| Dispensing optician, optical mechanic, and contact |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| lens technician . . . . . | 1,289 | 100.0 | 44.5 | 54.4 | 1.1 | 11.8 | 16.9 | 9.5 | 8.9 |
| Dispensing optician and all other specialties | 1,337 | 100.0 | 26.9 | 71.0 | 2.0 | 12.2 | 10.6 | 12.8 | 17.5 |
| Nondispensing optician . . | 632 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 82.6 | 1.7 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 6.8 |
| Principal place of employment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail optical establishment . | 7,614 | 100.0 | 37.9 | 60.8 | 1.3 | 69.5 | 85.1 | 62.4 | 63.2 |
| Optometrist, ophthalmolo- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| gist, or other physician. . Ophthalmic goods | 1,021 | 100.0 | 11.4 | 86.9 | 1.7 | 9.3 | 3.4 | 12.0 | 11.2 |
| wholesaler . . . | 595 | 100.0 | 27.1 | 70.2 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 10.4 |
| Hospital or clinic . . . . | 575 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 95.2 | - | 5.2 | 0.8 | 7.4 | - |
| Department store optical department | 386 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 87.9 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 4.6 | 3.4 |
| Other | 772 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 77.1 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 4.7 | 8.0 | 11.8 |
| Training in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| On the job . | 6,778 | 100.0 | 29.0 | 69.4 | 1.6 | 61.8 | 58.0 | 63.4 | 69.3 |
| Registered apprentice | 500 | 100.0 | 37.5 | 61.3 | 1.2 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| Other | 547 | 100.0 | 42.6 | 55.7 | 1.7 | 5.0 | 6.9 | 4.1 | 6.1 |
| On the job, registered apprentice | 739 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 71.5 | 0.9 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 4.4 |
| On the job, other | 1,483 | 100.0 | 35.1 | 63.4 | 1.5 | 13.5 | 15.3 | 12.7 | 14.0 |
| Registered apprentice, other | 127 | 100.0 | 34.7 | 64.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| On the job, registered apprentice, other | 354 | 100.0 | 32.7 | 66.8 | 0.5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 1.1 |
| No training at place of employment . . . . . . . | 436 | 100.0 | 27.8 | 71.9 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 0.6 |

Table 36. Number of active opticians, by primary form of employment and selected characteristics: United States, 1969

| Characteristic | All active opticians | Primary form of employment |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Self-employed | Salaried | Other |
| All active opticians | 10,963 | 3,392 | 7,415 | 156 |
| Years in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |
| $1-4$ years | 1,087 | 60 | 1,011 | 17. |
| 5-9 years | 1,423 | 218 | 1,187 | 18 |
| 10-19 years | 2,407 | 621 | 1.749 | 36 |
| 20-29 years | 3,100 | 1,113 | 1,939 | 47 |
| 30-39 years | 1,980 | 922 | 1,038 | 20 |
| 40 years and over | 967 | 458 | - 491 | 18 |
| Weeks per year and hours per week worked: |  |  |  |  |
| Under 48 weeks: |  |  |  |  |
| $1-34$ hours | 183 | 84 | 86 | 13 |
| 35 or more hours | 179 | 89 | 87 | 3 |
| 48-52 weeks: |  |  |  |  |
| 1-34 hours | - 623 | 243 | 363 | 17 |
| 35-40 hours | 4,228 | 787 | 3,395 | 46 |
| 41-49 hours | 3,796 | 1,090 | 2,664 | 42 |
| 50 or more hours | 1,953 | 1,098 | 819 | 36 |
| Years of schooling: |  |  |  |  |
| High school: |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year or less | 587 | - 190 | 382 | 15 |
| 2 years | 536 | 169 | 358 | 9 |
| 3 years | 588 | 165 | 411 | 12 |
| 4 years | 5,120 | 1,375 | 3,684 | 61 |
| College: |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year | 1,241 | 386 | 834 | 21 |
| 2 years | 1,659 | 545 | 1,096 | 19 |
| 3 years | 454 | 173 | 274 | 7 |
| 4 years | 576 | 270 | 296 | 10 |
| 5 years or more | 203 | 119 | 82 | 2 |
| School of opticianry attended: |  |  |  |  |
| None | 9,974 | 3,125 | 6,695 | 154 |
| Erie County Technical |  |  |  |  |
| Institute | 331 | 88 | 243 | - |
| Ferris State College | 29 | 7 | 22 | - |
| Los Angeles City College | 104 | 28 | 75 | 1 |
| New York City Community College | 83 | 25 | 59 | - |
| Eveleth Area Vocational- <br> Technical School | 4 | - | 4 | $\therefore$ |
| Military schools of opticianry . . . | 438 | 120 | 318 | 1 |

Table 37. Number and percent distribution of active opticians by primary form of employment, according to selected characteristics: United States, 1969

| Characteristic | Number of active opticians | Total | Primary form of employment |  |  | Total | Primary form of employment |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Selfemployed | Salaried | Other |  | Selfemployed | Salaried | Other |
| All active opticians |  | Percent distribution |  |  |  | $10,963$ | $3,392$ <br> Percent di | $7,415$ <br> ibution | $156$ |
| Total | 10,963 | 100.0 | 30.9 | 67.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Years in opticianry: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4 years | 1,087 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 92.9 | 1.5 | 9.9 | 1.8 | 13.6 | 10.6 |
| $5-9$ years | 1,423 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 83.4 | 1.3 | 13.0 | 6.4 | 16.0 | 11.4 |
| 10-19 years | 2,407 | 100.0 | 25.8 | 72.7 | 1.5 | 22.0 | 18.3 | 23.6 | 23.1 |
| 20-29 years | 3,100 | 100.0 | 35.9 | 62.6 | 1.5 | 28.3 | 32.8 | 26.2 | 30.3 |
| 30-39 years | 1,980 | 100.0 | 46.6 | 52.4 | 1.0 | 18.1 | 27.2 | 14.0 | 12.9 |
| 40 years and over | 967 | 100.0 | 47.4 | 50.8 | 1.9 | 8.8 | 13.5 | 6.6 | 11.6 |
| Weeks per year and hours per week worked: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 48 weeks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-34 hours | 183 | 100.0 | 46.1 | 46.9 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 8.2 |
| 35 or more hours | 179 | 100.0 | 49.5 | 48.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 1.9 |
| 48-52 weeks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-34 hours | 623 | 100.0 | 39.0 | 58.3 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 7.2 | 4.9 | 10.7 |
| 35-40 hours | 4,228 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 80.3 | 1.1 | 38.6 | 23.2 | 45.8 | 29.5 |
| $41-49$ hours | 3,796 | 100.0 | 28.7 | 70.2 | 1.1 | 34.6 | 32.1 | 35.9 | 26.6 |
| 50 hours or more | 1,953 | 100.0 | 56.2 | 41.9 | 1.9 | 17.8 | 32.4 | 11.0 | 23.1 |
| Years of schooling: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High school: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year or less | 587 | 100.0 | 32.4 | 65.0 | 2.6 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 9.7 |
| 2 years | 536 | 100.0 | 31.6 | 66.8 | 1.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.7 |
| 3 years | 588 | 100.0 | 28.1 | 69.9 | 2.0 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 7.6 |
| 4 years | 5,120 | 100.0 | 26.9 | 72.0 | 1.2 | 46.7 | 40.5 | 49.7 | 39.0 |
| College: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 year | 1,241 | 100.0 | 31.1 | 67.2 | 1.7 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 11.2 | 13.2 |
| 2 years | 1,659 | 100.0 | 32.8 | 66.0 | 1.1 | 15.1 | 16.1 | 14.8 | 11.9 |
| 3 years | 454 | 100.0 | 38.0 | 60.3 | 1.6 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 3.7 | 4.8 |
| 4 years | 576 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 51.3 | 1.8 | 5.3 | 8.0 | 4.0 | 6.6 |
| 5 years or more | 203 | 100.0 | 58.6 | 40.2 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| School of opticianry attended: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None . . | 9,974 | 100.0 | 31.3 | 67.1 | 1.5 | 91.0 | 92.1 | 90.3 | 98.5 |
| Erie County Technical Institute . . . . . | 331 | 100.0 | 26.7 | 73.3 | - | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.3 | . |
| Ferris State College | 29 | 100.0 | 22.7 | 77.3 | - | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | - |
| Los Angeles City College | 104 | 100.0 | 26.7 | 72.0 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| New York City Community College | 83 | 100.0 | 29.7 | 70.3 | . | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | - |
| Eveleth Area Vocational- <br> Technical School | 4 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | - | - | - | 0.1 | - |
| Military schools of opticianry | 438 | 100.0 | 27.3 | 72.5 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 0.6 |

Table 33. Number of active opticians, by primary form of employment and percentage of hours per week spent in specific activities related to employment: United States, 1969


Table 39. Number and percent distribution of àctive opticians by primary form of employment, according to percentage of hours per week spent in specific activities related to employment: United States, 1969


## APPENDIX I

## TECHNICAL NOTES ON METHODS

## Background

The survey of opticianry manpower was designed to obtain information about the characteristics of all dispensing opticians and optical mechanics engaged in providing direct health care to the general public. Coverage included opticians in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. Excluded from this survey were the sizable number of opticians engaged in manufacturing and industry who were not providing health care to the public.

No previous study of opticians had been attempted on the national level. As a consequence, one of the most difficult tasks was to establish a mailing list of the names and addresses of opticians. Two methods were employed to maximize the completeness of this list: Conducting a survey of opticianry establishments and obtaining lists from independent sources.

In 1968, a survey was made of all known opticianry establishments. Primary among the aims of that survey was to secure the names and addresses of all dispensing opticians and optical mechanics employed in those establishments (including owners).

No discussion of the methods used in the establishment survey will be undertaken in this report except when it is necessary for clarification of the procedures used in the manpower survey.

Exclusive reliance was not placed on the list of opticians obtained from the establishment survey. The completeness of the list of establishments could not be guaranteed despite efforts to maximize its completeness. Additional sources were used to supplement the list of opticians obtained from the establishment survey.

The opticianry establishment survey provided 8,880 usable names and addresses of active
opticians. Supplementary sources, such as State licensing agencies, State associations, the Guild of Prescription Opticians, and others, provided additional names and addresses. The elimination of duplicated names and addresses from the multiple sources provided a new total of 14,406 . (Subsequent returns from the opticians' survey indicated that not all of the duplicates were removed during the earlier processing.) To this number was mailed the opticianry manpower questionnaire reproduced in appendix III.

## Data Collection and Processing

The collection of data for this survey was done under contract with the U.S. Bureau of the Census. They were responsible for mailing the questionnaires, receipt and control of responses, and the followup procedures used whenever incomplete or inadequate questionnaires were returned or whenever a questionnaire was not returned.

Three mailings were used in an attempt to elicit a response. The first two were sent by first-class mail and the third was sent by certified mail. All three mailings were made for all cases in which a return was not received.

In addition to the mailings, two additional procedures were used-telephone calls and personal interviews. These additional procedures were employed for such cases as partially completed questionnaires and for nonresponses or refusals.

The survey began in February 1969 and was completed 4 months later.

A preliminary edit was undertaken at the time of the return of the questionnaire. This procedure was done to insure completeness of the responses. Data from the questionnaires were
then coded, punched, and put on computer tape.

An elaborate series of checks was made during the cleanup and editing phase of the procedures. Several hundred cross-checks were made: between related items on the individual records to insure consistency between related items, insure the accuracy of the answers, and to correct coding and punching errors that occurred.

## Response to the Survey

The totad mailing list for this survey was 14,406 . A sizable number of these proved to be out of scope for the purposes of the survey. They amounted to 3,180 ( 22.1 percent) of the original list. These were primarily persons whose names appeared more than once on the list, persons whom we were informed were deceased, and military personnel. The elimination of this group from the total provided a new usable number of 11,226 .

A total of 9,114 , or 81.2 percent of the 11,226 , responded to the survey with usable questionnaires. The balance was a combination of 1,137 nonrespondents (i.e., no questionnaires returned) and 975 postmaster returns, or 10.1 and 8.7 percent, respectively.

In the case of the 975 returned by the Post Office, it was obvious that the addressee could not be located. Undoubtedly, some of these were deceased but not known to be deceased by the Post Office. Failures in other cases were probably due to out-of-date addresses. Suffice it to say, this group of questionnaires could not be delivered to the addressees.

Nonresponses are not as easy to explain or understand. In some cases, the addressees may not have received the questionnaires. They may have moved or died, and no one at the address returned the questionnaires. In other cases, they may have been inactive (i.e., nonactive or retired) and did not bother to answer. Some evidence exists that this was probably true. To wiat extent, however, is unknown. Finally, there were assuredly some who simply would not bother or refused to participate in any way.

Of the more than 9,000 good responses, 91.7 percent were from active opticians. The balance were from nonactive and retired persons.

Item Responses
A response to the survey does not necessarily insure adequate answers to all of the questions on the questionnaire. In fact, a response to only a single question is taken as a response to the survey. The previous discussion concerned responses to the survey. These are called unit responses. In this section we will discuss responses to individual questions on the questionnaire; i. item responses. This discussion will be concerned only with the 9,114 unit respondents to the survey because the interest is in the variability of responses to different questions. Table I presents a distribution of the responses

Table I. dividual questions on the questionnaire by question n and content, according to activity Satus: United States, 1969

| Question number and content | Active optician respondents | Inactive and retired optician respondents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  |
| All respondents | 8,361 | 753 |
| Total | Percent distribution |  |
|  | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2. Year of birth <br> 3. Where born <br> 4. Citizen of the United States | 99.5 | 84.7 |
|  | 99.0 | 83.8 |
|  | 99.5 | 83.9 |
| 5. Sex <br> 6. Education (geheral) <br> 7. Education and/or training in opticianry | 99.0 | 83.7 |
|  | 98.7 | 79.8 |
|  | 84.8 | 53.8 |
| 8. Number of years in opticianry . . | 97.9 | 68.9 |
| 9. Consider self | 99.7 | 76.2 |
| 10. Activity status | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 11. Principal place of employment | 98.9 |  |
| 12. Primary form of employment | 98.8 |  |
| 13. Number of locations <br> 14. Weeks per year usually worked | 97.9 |  |
|  | 97.6 |  |
| 15. Hours per week usually worked | 96.6 |  |
| 16. Percentage of time spent in specific activities | 95.5 |  |

to individual questions on the questionnaire. Data are provided for both active and inactive respondents. The examination of these data are highly informative from a methodological point of view.

Among both active and inactive respondents, the fewest responses were obtained for question 7 which asked for a breakdown, with dates, of the education and training received in opticianry. Possibly because of confusion as to what constituted the different types of training at the place of employment or the dates of the various events, answers were omitted. There can be little doubt that this question proved to be the most troublesome to the respondents.

Among the active opticians (ignoring question 7) there was a deterioration in responses as the respondents progressed through the questionnaire. Nonresponses for the first few questions were less than 1 percent. Nonresponses to questions at the end of the questionnaire increased to 4 and. 5 percent. This would appear to indicate that the amount of response is to some extent inversely related to the length of the questionnaire.

One can hardly avoid noticing the differences in the levels of responses between the active and inactive opticians. Active respondents answered every question to a greater degree than inactive opticians answered any question.

One of the principal reasons for not presenting statistics on the inactive opticians was the poor responses received. Responses from inactive opticians were, at a minimum, 15 percentage points smaller than those from active opticians for every question. On two questions ( 7 and 8 ) there were approximately 30 percentage points separating the two groups.

Earlier in the discussion, reference was made to the belief that there was evidence to indicate that at least some of the nonresponses to the survey were attributable to nonactive and retired opticians. This was based on the large differences in the responses to individual questions by active and inactive opticians. When inactive opticians respond to the survey and between 15 and 46 percent fail to answer each question, it is probable that a substantial number of the inactive opticians simply did not respond to the survey in any manner.

## Imputation for Unknowns

As a matter of policy, tables in this publication are presented with item nonresponses imputed. The allocation of the item nonresponses was done by computer utilizing two principles: first, random assignment; and second, utilization of related information as category controls to insure consistency among different related items within the same record.

Assignment of values to replace item nonresponse is done on a random basis to prevent bias. The value used to replace an item nonresponse is randomly selected from within a range of values prescribed by related information from the record containing the item nonresponse. Establishment of a range of values is necessary to insure that the value used to replace the item nonresponse will not be inconsistent with other values within the record in which the value is being placed.

An example may clarify the procedures. Mr. Blank is 48 years of age. His year at graduation is not known. It must be imputed. Age and year at graduation ase related items. In this case, Mr. Blank's age will be used as a category control to choose an appropriate record from which a year at graduation will be selected. By means of a random selection process, Mr. Given's record is chosen because his age was 49. (The age category in this case could have been $48-50$.) Thus; Mr. Blank's and Mr. Given's ages were both in the same category. Mr. Given's year at graduation was listed as 1942. The year 1942 is then copied into Mr. Blank's record as his year at graduation and will be counted in all tabulations as if it were the actual year Mr. Blank had provided on his questionnaire.

## State and National Estimates

Surveys are seldom conducted from which 100 percent response is received. This survey was no exception. As a consequence a dilemma exists: Should only responses be reported or should the nonrespondents be taken into account and some provision made for the data that were not collected from them? In this publication the latter choice was made despite the problems which such a choice involves.

No one knows precisely how many active opticians there are in the United States. Even after this survey, or others like it, only an approximation of the actual number can be made. The discussion that follows provides the methodology used to arrive at 10,963 as the best estimate we could make of the number of active opticians in the United States.

The starting point for the estimate was the survey of opticianry establishments conducted in 1968. From this survey was obtained the number of opticians within each State on the basis of the respondents to the survey. Within each State, the average number of opticians per establishment was multiplied by the number of in-scope nonresponding establishments to obtain the increment needed to adjust for nonresponses. The increment plus the numbers obtained from respondents provided the number of active opticians.

Normally there would not be any need to go further. In this case, however, account had to be taken of the additional sources from which
names and addresses of opticians were obtained. Thus additional procedures were instituted.

For any State in which the responses to the manpower survey exceeded the inflated number obtained from the establishment survey, the number from the establishment survey was raised to include the difference. This added step had the effect of raising the total number of opticians by 178.

The figures from the establishment survey along with the added 178 became the basis for inflating the manpower survey results for active opticians.

In effect, cognizance was taken of the respondents and nonrespondents from the opticianry establishment survey as well as the respondents to the opticianry manpower survey in estimating that the total number of active opticians working in the health field in 1969 was 10,963. Table II presents the numbers of respondents to the manpower survey, the inflation factors, and the inflated number of active opticians for each State.

Table II. Inflation of active opticians in the health field, by State: United States, 1969

| State | Responding active opticians | Inflation factor | Weighted number of opticians | State | Responding active opticians | Inflation factor | Weighted number of opticians |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 8,361 | 1.31 | 10,963 | Missouri | 182 | 1.52 |  |
| Alabama | 90 | 1.81 | 163 |  |  |  | 277 |
| Alaska | 12 | 1.17 | 14 | Montana | 37 | 1.43 | 53 |
| Arizona | 76 | 1.43 | 109 | Nebraska | 88 | 1.28 | 113 |
| Arkansas | 20 | 1.65 | 33 | Nevada . | 23 | 1.00 | 23 |
| California | 433 | 1.69 | 732 | New Hampshire | 30 | 1.00 | 30 |
| Colorado | 154 | 1.66 | 256 | New Jersey | 241 | 1.40 | 337 |
| Connecticut | 193 | 1.03 | 199 | New Mexico | 40 | 1.20 | 48 |
| Delaware | 34 | 1.41 | 48 | New York | 1,330 | 1.02 | 1,357 |
| District of Columbia | 83 | 1.66 | 138 | North Carolina | 163 | 1.01 | 165 |
| Florida | 324 | 1.34 | 434 | North Dakota | 20 | 1.00 | 20 |
| Georgia | 184 | 1.38 | 254 | Ohio | 407 | 1.39 | 566 |
| Hawaii | 37 | 1.49 | 55 | Oklahoma | 93 | 1.40 | 130 |
| Idaho | 21 | 1.00 | 21 | Oregon | 63 | 1.68 | 106 |
| lllinois | 215 | 1.98 | 426 | Pennsylvania | 525 | 1.33 | 698 |
| Indiana | 155 | 1.37 | 212 | Rhode Island | 35 | 1.89 | 66 |
| lowa | 84 | 2.02 | 170 | South Carolina | . 57 | 1.00 | 57 |
| Kansas | 99 | 1.00 | 99 | South Dakota | 24 | 1.54 | 37 |
| Kentucky | 159 | 1.00 | 159 | Tennessee | 150 | 1.11 | 167 |
| Louisiana | 130 | 1.17 | 152 | Texas | 442 | 1.51 | 667 |
| Maine | 10 | 1.00 | 10 | Utah | 74 | 1.59 | 118 |
| Maryland | 212 | 1.49 | 316 | Vermont | 7 | 1.14 | 8 |
| Massachusetts | 473 | 1.00 | 473 | Virginia | 215 | 1.18 | 254 |
| Michigan | 336 | 1.09 | 366 | Washington | 143 | 1.25 | 179 |
| Minnesota | 202 | 1.40 | 283 | West Virginia | 61 | 1.02 | 62 |
| Mississippi | 38 | 1.68 | 64 | Wisconsin | 129 | 1.82 | 235 |
|  |  |  |  | Wyoming | 8 | 1.00 | 8 |

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## APPENDIX II

# DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT 

## Terms Relating to Opticianry

Dispensing optician and optical mechanics (optical technicians).-Make, fit, supply, and adjust eyeglasses prescribed by eye physicians (ophthalmologist or oculist) and optometrists to correct defective viṣion. Optical technicians grind and polish lenses to specifications of prescriptions and assemble lenses and frames. Dispensing opticians then fit and adjust the finished glasses to the customer's facial features. In some States, dispensing opticians also fit contact lenses.

Optician.-The use of this term includes both dispensing opticians and optical mechanics (optical technicians).

Active-Active opticians are trained and engaged, at least part time, in the practice of opticianry.

Nonactive,-Nonactive opticians are trained but are not engaged in opticianry in any way. They may now be working in some other occupation.

Retired.-Retired opticians were formerly active in opticianry but are presently retired and no longer practice nor engage in opticianry.

Inactive.--Inactive opticians include both the nonactive and retired opticians.

## Demographic Terms

Age.-Refers to the respondents' ages in 1969. In all cases it is calculated as the difference between 1969 and the respondent's year of birth.

Geographic region and division.-The regions and divisions of the United States are as follows:

Region and division States included
Northeast
New England . . Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut
Middle
Atlantic ...... New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania
North Central
East North
Central....... Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin
West North
Central
Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas
South
South Atlantic . Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida
East South
Central . . . . . . Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi
West South
Central
Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
West
Mountain . . . . . Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada
Pacific ....... Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, Hawaii

United States.-The 50 States and the District of Columbia.

## APPENDIX III SURVEY FORMS AND QUESTIONNAIRE



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE <br> WASH!INGTON. D.C. 20201

Dear Sir:

The National Center for Health Statistics is conducting a manpower survey of all dispensing opticians and contact lens technicians in the United States. Comparabie manpower surveys of ophthalmologists and optometrists are also under way.

Completing and returning the enclosed questionnaire should require only a few minutes of your time.

If you work at several locations, you may receive more than one questionnaire. Answer oner questionnaire completely, and answay only the first question of the others. Please return each questionnaire you receive.

The survey will result in published statistics that will be of great benefit to opticianry in $p 1$ ming educational programs, research projects, and improving ele delivery of vision and eye care.

The Bureau of the Census is acting as the collecting agent for us on this survey.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.


STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY:
All information which permifs the identification of the individual will be held strictly confidential, will be used solely by persons engaged in, and only for the purposes of the survey, and will not be disclosed or released to other persons or for any other purpose.
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE <br> pUblic health service <br> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

Dear Sir:

A short time ago we sent you a questionnaire pertaining to the survey of opticianry manpower being conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics.

If you work at several locations, you may have received more than one questionnaire. Please return a questionnaire for each location at which you work. Answer one questionnaire completely, and answer only the first question of the others. If you have already returned the questionnaire(s), please accept our thanks for your help.

If you have not yet returned your questionnaire you can make a valuable contribution to your profession by doing so. A duplicate questionnaire is enclosed for your convenience.

Completing and returning the questionnaire should require only a few minutes of your time.

The Bureau of the Census is acting as the collecting agent for us on this survey.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.


STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY:
All information which permits the identification of the individual will be held strictly confidential, will be used solely by persons engaged in, and only for the purposes of the survey, and will not be disclosed or released to other persons or for any other purpose.

> U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
> ACTING AS COLLECTING AGENT FOR THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

CONFIDENTIAL: All information which permits the identification of the individual will be held strictly confidential, will be used solely by persons engaged in, and only for the purposes of the survey and will not be disclosed or released to other persons or for any other purpose.

## SURVEY OF OPTICIANRY MANPOWER

1. Is your name correct, and is the address above your PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS?


If no, please enter the correct information below:


If you work at several locations, you may receive more than one questionnaire. If you have already returned a questionnaire, please complete item number (1) above, check this bax $\square$. and return this questionnaire in the envelope provided.
2. In what year were you born? $\qquad$
3. Where were you born? $\qquad$
4. Are you a citizen of the United States? (Please check appropriate box)

1Yes, Native Born

2Yes, NaturalizedNo
5. Sex:
1Male
2Female
6. Please check the HIGHEST YEAR of education you have COMPLETED: (Check one)

HIGH SCHOOL1 year or less2 years3 years
$\square 4$ years4 years5 years or more
7. What education and/or training in opticianry have you had?
(Check all that apply)

8. Approximately how many years have you worked in opticianry?
(Num, ber of years)
9. Do you consider yourself to be a:
(Check all that apply)
,Dispensing optician

2Optical mechanic

3Contact lens technician

4Other (Specify: $\qquad$ ,

## 10. Are you CURRENTLY ACTIVE in opticianry?




STOP!
Remainder of questionnaire does not apply. Please return questionnaire in the envelope provided.
11. Which ONE of the following categories best describes your PRINCIPAL place of employment? (Check one)

1Retail optical establishment (Not part of a larger establishment)
2Department store optical department
3Optometrist's office
4Ophthalmic goods wholesaler
-Clinic (Not in a bospital)

6Hospital
7Other (Specify: $\qquad$ ,
12. In your PRINCIPAL place of employment, indicated in Item 11 above, are you PRIMARILY: (Check one)

1Self-employed

2Salaried employee (Other than in military)

3In the military service

4Other (Speci/y: $\qquad$ ,
13. What is the total number of locations at which you currently practice opticianry?

> (Number o/ locations)
14. How many WEEKS per year do you usually work at opticianry? (Do not count vacations as weeks worked.)
(Weeks per year)
15. How many HOURS per week do you usually work at opticianry?
(Hours per week)
16. APPROXIMATELY what PERCENT of the hours per week indicated in Item 15 above, do you usually spend in each of the following activities?
a. $\qquad$ \% Shop work
b. $\qquad$ \% Fitting, adjusting, and dispensing eyeglasses
c. $\qquad$ \% Fitting, adjusting, and dispensing contace lenses
d. $\qquad$ \% General office work
e. $\qquad$ \% Administration (Excluding general o//ice work)
£. $\qquad$ \% Research in opticianry
g. _ \% Teaching opticianry in a school or university
h. $\qquad$ ,
$100 \quad \%$ TOTAL

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