center of the city. The educated and more prosperous members of this
nationality are scattered in other districts. Mexicans, many of whom
shift in and out of the city, are located in these districts also.
A complete break-down of the composition of Fresno's population will
be found on Appendix Page No. 

C. Labor and Employment Conditions with Emphasis on the Building
Trades

New construction activity, decided improvement in various
business and commercial lines, increased trade, agricultural and in-
dustrial improvement, and numerous other factors, show labor con-
ditions of Fresno to be the best they have been for several
years. Clarence Dowd, Secretary of the Fresno Labor Council, esti-
mates that employment conditions are 60% better than they were at the
low point of the depression, the present unemployed consisting, for
the most part, of people unsuited for specialized work, or unemploy-
able. It is not felt, however, that there is a need for a marked
influx of either skilled or unskilled labor. The greatest single
factor in the improved employment situation is renewed building ac-
tivity, which is extraordinarily brisk.

In June, 1933 there were 7,770 relief cases in the federal,
state, and county relief agencies in Fresno County. Counting four
people to a family, it is found that about 21% of the population was
being supported on direct or work relief (not including relief rolls
of private agencies). In October, 1936 these agencies had 3,998
cases, which, translated into the total number of people represented,
shows only slightly more than 11% being supported through relief rolls.
It must be pointed out, however, that relief figures in Fresno County
are not very reliable at best, because many workers living in the
City of Fresno are engaged in agricultural work in the various seasons.
Some of the work in the fruit packing plants also involves seasonal
employment, the peak employment period consisting of September,
October, November, and December. This situation makes great fluctu-
ation on relief rolls because of the off-seasons and, particularly,
a relief figure as of October would show a smaller case load than is
probably normal for the year. None the less, there has been an