Our Costly Dilemma — XII

Worried About the Rent? It's More Than $7 Million

Gougers Tap Huge Welfare Outlay: Bills Range From $22 to $90
On Similar Quarters

This series of articles on public welfare follows six months of research and study by the staff of The News, including a visit to every state and county welfare office in the State Department of Social Welfare.

The welfare-problem, not confined to Erie County, is growing by leaps and bounds each year. This series, spotlighting the system, is intended as an aid to officials who are struggling to get a handle on the welfare problem and the people dependent on it. All names of clients and places are fictitious to comply with New York law.

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Population: 36,201. This is the second largest city in Erie County.

Its name is Welfare City.

Its residents are scattered from the crowded tenements of Buffalo to an occasional ramshackle farmhouse in an outlying town. And in its center—the tattered pattern of slums—it has its own special characteristics.