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**Zbl 448.10040****Erdős, Paul; Sarközy, A.***On the number of prime factors of integers.* (In English)**Acta Sci. Math.** **42**, 237-246 (1980). [0001-6969]

Let  $\pi_i(x)$  be the number of integers  $n \leq x$  such that  $\Omega(n) = i$ , where  $\Omega(n)$  denotes the number of prime factors of  $n$  counted with multiplicity. Let  $\delta$  be a constant satisfying  $0 < \delta < 2$ . Then the authors prove the following two results. First  $2^i i^{-4} \pi_i(x) = O(x \log x)$  uniformly for all  $i \geq 1$ . Next  $(i-1)! (\log \log x)^{1-i} = O\left(\frac{x}{\log x}\right)$  uniformly for all  $i$  satisfying  $1 \leq i \leq (2 - \delta) \log \log x$ . They deduce some corollaries to these results. We may quote: for every  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq z \log \log k} \pi_i(k) = O(k(\log k)^{-\varphi(z)+\varepsilon})$$

and

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq z \log \log k} \pi_i(k^2) = O(k^2(\log k)^{-\varphi(z)+\varepsilon}).$$

Here the 0-constant depends only on  $\varepsilon$  and  $z$ .  $\varphi(x) = 1 * x \log x - x$ , is defined for all  $x > 0$  and  $z$  is defined as the unique real root of  $\varphi(x+1) = \varphi(x)$ . It may be noted that  $z = 0.54\dots$

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