

The Forty Leading Industries in 1931.—The completion of part of the compilation of the Census of Manufactures for 1931 permits the inclusion, as Table 12A of the forty leading industries in that year. It will be noticed that, compared with 1930, there has been a considerable readjustment in the order of the ten leading industries when arranged according to gross production, although there has been an appreciable decrease in the value of production in nearly every case; in the former year they all had gross productions of over \$100,000,000, whereas in 1931 only the three leading industries had gross productions exceeding this figure. In 1932 pulp and paper was again in the lead, followed by central electric stations, slaughtering and meat packing, non-ferrous metal smelting, and flour and feed mills, which in 1930 were in fourth, second, tenth and third places, respectively. The automobile industry fell from ninth place in 1930 to fourteenth place in 1931 with a reduction of over 41 p.c. in the value of gross production.

On the basis of net values, or value added by manufacture, the order of importance of the industries in 1931 was very different from that based on gross value. The central electric station industry was foremost in this respect, followed by pulp and paper; tobacco, cigars and cigarettes; printing and publishing; non-ferrous metal smelting; and electrical apparatus and supplies. In salaries and wages paid, the pulp and paper industry is decidedly in the lead, being followed by railway rolling stock; printing and publishing; central electric stations; electrical apparatus and supplies; and castings and forgings, in the order given. Contrary to the general impression the central electric stations industry, which is first in net value of production—its cost of materials being negligible—ranks high in salaries and wages paid, being fourth in 1930 and third in 1931 in this respect.

12A.—Principal Statistics of the Forty Leading Industries, Classified According to the Gross Value of Products, 1931.

No.	Industry.	Estab- lish- ments.	Capital.	Em- ployees.	Salaries and Wages.	Cost of Materials.	Values of Products.	
							Net.	Gross.
		No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$	
1	Pulp and paper.....	103	630,176,540	26,669	34,792,013	63,947,678	110,786,276	174,733,954
2	Central electric sta- tions.....	1,011	1,229,988,951	17,014	26,306,956	-	122,310,730	122,310,730
3	Slaughtering and meat packing.....	147	62,481,905	9,294	11,626,878	91,276,842	26,319,855	117,596,697
4	Non-ferrous metal smelting.....	14	175,669,195	7,860	13,245,327	48,336,301	50,229,454	98,565,755
5	Flour and feed mills.	1,265	61,969,192	5,671	6,032,189	71,771,797	23,956,743	95,728,540
6	Butter and cheese....	2,676	52,381,144	11,965	12,259,926	64,661,837	31,066,561	86,723,398
7	Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	163	100,057,945	18,207	22,474,319	32,385,342	49,193,253	81,578,595
8	Petroleum products..	32	68,136,281	4,122	6,214,745	50,617,742	25,540,902	76,158,644
9	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.....	105	50,194,202	9,091	8,096,769	21,448,879	53,477,275	74,926,154
10	Railway rolling stock	38	97,484,985	21,773	28,111,765	35,335,573	32,529,497	67,865,070
11	Printing and publish- ing.....	764	65,573,014	16,918	26,375,663	14,029,548	51,670,574	65,700,122
12	Bread and other bakery products...	2,912	54,267,110	18,337	18,862,604	28,619,776	36,198,451	64,818,227
13	Sawmills.....	3,562	121,336,176	22,361	16,409,674	37,379,034	25,390,219	62,789,253
14	Automobiles.....	26	59,638,067	9,548	13,113,192	36,476,355	23,197,990	59,674,345
15	Clothing, factory, women's.....	471	21,430,983	15,648	15,018,195	30,955,973	23,184,787	54,140,770
16	Rubber goods, inclu- ding footwear.....	48	67,446,955	12,158	11,708,387	17,630,081	35,061,149	52,691,230