

25.—Statistics of Salaries and Wages Paid in Forty Leading Industries, 1930, together with Comparative Figures of Average Salaries and Wages Paid in 1929—concluded.

(Industries ranked according to the aggregate salaries and wages paid as in Table 12.)

Industry.	Wages.				
	Wage-Earners.			Average Wage.	
	Male.	Female.	Wages.	1930.	1929.
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
Pulp and paper.....	28,811	764	36,236,388	1,221	1,341
Railway rolling stock.....	24,098	36	33,421,793	1,387	1,465
Sawmills.....	41,704	78	25,126,243	601	723
Central electric stations.....	10,698	-	14,839,314	1,388	1,425
Printing and publishing.....	8,722	1,634	15,105,689	1,459	1,465
Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	12,095	3,557	16,639,525	1,063	1,120
Castings and forgings.....	17,688	292	20,296,335	1,129	1,206
Automobiles.....	10,197	136	14,697,864	1,422	1,529
Bread and other bakery products.....	14,414	2,231	17,774,961	1,068	1,060
Clothing, factory, women's.....	4,041	10,840	12,852,899	864	884
Rubber goods, including rubber footwear.....	9,333	3,811	12,155,880	925	1,028
Printing and bookbinding.....	7,088	2,410	11,268,228	1,186	1,198
Machinery.....	8,420	180	10,021,143	1,165	1,239
Hosiery, knitted goods and gloves.....	5,583	11,705	12,434,026	719	741
Primary iron and steel.....	8,906	23	12,941,375	1,449	1,597
Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining.....	7,838	-	11,786,229	1,504	1,617
Butter and cheese.....	7,275	257	8,136,673	1,080	1,050
Cotton yarn and cloth.....	9,479	7,013	11,893,866	721	771
Boots and shoes, leather.....	7,785	4,917	10,487,558	826	871
Furniture.....	10,296	466	10,189,454	944	1,008
Dyeing, cleaning and laundry work.....	4,596	6,937	10,077,293	874	862
Slaughtering and meat packing.....	6,738	813	8,574,760	1,136	1,122
Clothing, factory, men's.....	4,605	4,900	9,078,786	955	1,078
Cheerups, confectionery, chocolate, etc.....	4,497	5,722	7,496,804	734	761
Planing mills, sash and door factories, etc.....	8,375	87	8,706,404	1,029	1,045
Sheet metal products.....	6,604	723	7,849,692	1,071	1,094
Agricultural implements.....	5,907	68	6,648,911	1,132	1,188
Bridge and structural steel work.....	3,885	-	5,945,091	1,530	1,605
Petroleum products.....	4,592	19	6,872,971	1,491	1,544
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.....	2,768	4,747	4,976,302	662	661
Shipbuilding and repairs.....	4,589	6	5,952,975	1,301	1,310
Breweries.....	3,785	52	4,505,784	1,175	1,201
Brass and copper products.....	3,958	334	4,756,921	1,108	1,147
Hardware and tools.....	4,847	747	4,893,163	907	1,019
Flour and grist-mill products.....	4,779	132	4,667,337	950	976
Furnishing goods, men's.....	1,061	7,138	5,014,875	612	638
Coke and gas products.....	3,017	6	4,308,075	1,423	1,483
Engraving, stereotyping and electrotyping.....	1,728	461	3,637,442	1,662	-
Clay products, from domestic clay.....	4,627	-	4,028,631	873	935
Boxes and bags, paper.....	1,996	2,344	3,454,883	796	812
Totals, Forty Leading Industries.....	341,170	85,586	439,726,830	-	-
Grand Totals, All Industries.....	431,463	129,633	551,653,649	1,001	1,045

Real Earnings of Employees in Recent Years.—When the index number representing the average yearly wages, with 1917 as a base, is divided by the index number of the cost of living, converted to the same base, it is seen that real wages advanced by 13.6 p.c. between 1917 and 1930. The details of the computation are given in Table 26. There was little change in real wages during the three years 1917 to 1920 when prices were rising rapidly. During the following two years, 1921 and 1922, when prices dropped rapidly, real wages increased over 5 p.c. Since then there has been an almost continuous rise from year to year with the exception of 1930. In 1929 real wages reached a maximum of 117.7.