

26.—Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings of Female Wage-Earners Employed in the Forty Leading Industries, 1938

NOTE.—Industries ranked according to the number of female wage-earners employed.

Industry	Average Earnings			Hours Worked per Week
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	No.
	\$	\$	\$	
1 Clothing, women's factory.....	608	13.18	0.302	43.7
2 Clothing, men's factory (including furnishings)...	599	11.98	0.270	44.4
3 Hosiery and knitted goods.....	586	12.26	0.266	46.1
4 Cotton yarn and cloth.....	619	11.64	0.275	42.4
5 Boots and shoes, leather.....	509	11.18	0.238	47.0
6 Biscuits, confectionery, cocoa, etc.....	559	11.19	0.245	45.6
7 Fruit and vegetable preparations.....	469	10.01	0.226	44.2
8 Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.....	580	11.76	0.275	42.8
9 Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	709	14.07	0.331	42.5
10 Rubber goods (including footwear).....	638	13.58	0.298	45.6
11 Silk and artificial silk.....	576	12.20	0.272	44.8
12 Bread and other bakery products.....	625	12.02	0.263	45.7
13 Printing and bookbinding.....	651	13.09	0.296	44.2
14 Boxes and bags, paper.....	613	12.84	0.282	45.5
15 Woolen cloth.....	596	12.64	0.277	45.6
16 Hats and caps.....	676	14.00	0.344	40.7
17 Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....	657	12.75	0.299	42.6
18 Printing and publishing.....	634	12.04	0.292	41.3
19 Woolen yarn.....	559	12.13	0.260	46.7
20 Clothing contractors, men's and women's.....	506	12.86	0.313	41.1
21 Fur goods.....	784	15.83	0.379	41.8
22 Corsets.....	532	10.86	0.242	44.9
23 Miscellaneous paper products.....	638	13.78	0.318	43.3
24 Slaughtering and meat packing.....	762	14.61	0.332	44.0
25 Tobacco processing and packing.....	595	13.60	0.294	46.3
26 Fish curing and packing.....	284	6.28	0.130	48.3
27 Gloves and mittens, leather.....	499	11.42	0.251	45.5
28 Sheet-metal products.....	723	15.23	0.349	43.6
29 Miscellaneous chemical products.....	540	10.17	0.232	43.9
30 Miscellaneous leather goods.....	593	12.62	0.282	44.7
31 Automobile supplies.....	678	15.69	0.373	42.1
32 Hardware and tools.....	550	13.06	0.312	41.9
33 Cotton goods, n.e.s.....	598	11.99	0.273	44.0
34 Jewellery and silverware.....	638	13.27	0.292	45.4
35 Lithographing.....	651	12.64	0.281	45.0
36 Coffee, tea and spices.....	613	12.14	0.270	45.0
37 Butter and cheese.....	1	1	1	1
38 Foods, miscellaneous.....	621	12.59	0.299	42.1
39 Pulp and paper.....	546	11.38	0.266	42.8
40 Bags, cotton and jute.....	625	12.84	0.281	45.7
Totals, Forty Leading Industries.....	592	11.99	0.268	44.7
Totals, All Industries.....	594	12.10	0.271	44.6

¹ Figures not available.

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 28.2 p.c. between 1917 and 1938. Index numbers for 1931 to 1938 are given in Table 27. In 1931 real wages reached 119.1, declined to 113.0 in 1933, rose again to 130.8 in 1937, the highest on record, and dropped to 128.2 in 1938.