

In some industries a labour force possessing deftness and speed, in others the ability to exercise muscular strength is necessary; in others again the labour force must exercise craftsmanship or possess a high degree of technical knowledge. Workers in these latter industries naturally command relatively higher wages than those employed in industries whose employees are routine workers.

The ranking of provinces and industries as regards annual earnings is in many cases different to that of weekly or hourly earnings since the factors of number of weeks worked per year and number of hours worked per week enter into the picture. So that, while in general the same observations apply, a close study of the differences between the averages shown in Tables 23 and 24 will be of value to the student.

25.—Average Annual, Weekly and Hour Earnings of Male and Female Wage-Earners, 1934-39

Year	Average Earnings			Hours Worked per Week
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	
MALE				
	\$	\$	\$	No.
1934.....	930	20.31	0.407	49.9 ¹
1935.....	966	20.41	0.413	49.4 ¹
1936.....	995	20.92	0.423	49.4 ¹
1938.....	1,055	21.49	0.454	47.3
1939.....	1,076	22.23	0.462	48.1
FEMALE				
	\$	\$	\$	No.
1934.....	539	11.80	0.251	46.9 ¹
1935.....	570	12.04	0.259	46.5 ¹
1936.....	577	12.20	0.262	46.5 ¹
1938.....	594	12.10	0.271	44.6
1939.....	619	12.78	0.283	45.2

¹ Estimated on the basis of hours worked by female wage-earners in 1938 and 1939 as compared with those worked by male wage-earners in those years.

26.—Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings of Wage-Earners, Classified by Sex, Province and Industrial Group, 1939

Province or Industrial Group	Average Earnings			Hours Worked per Week
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	
MALE				
	\$	\$	\$	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	581	12.88	0.259	49.7
Nova Scotia.....	939	19.20	0.376	51.0
New Brunswick.....	894	18.18	0.361	50.3
Quebec.....	984	20.03	0.410	48.8
Ontario.....	1,127	23.85	0.503	47.4
Manitoba.....	1,165	23.61	0.531	44.5
Saskatchewan.....	1,059	20.62	0.430	48.0
Alberta.....	1,096	22.23	0.476	46.7
British Columbia.....	1,201	23.73	0.518	45.8
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	1,734	33.28	0.636	52.3
Totals ¹	1,076	22.23	0.462	48.1
Vegetable products.....	1,006	19.75	0.394	50.1
Animal products ¹	957	20.18	0.421	47.9
Textiles and textile products.....	929	19.96	0.418	47.7
Wood and paper products.....	1,040	20.59	0.413	49.9
Iron and its products.....	1,206	26.11	0.580	45.0
Non-ferrous metal products.....	1,241	25.24	0.543	46.5
Non-metallic mineral products.....	1,184	24.04	0.509	47.2
Chemicals and allied products.....	1,169	22.25	0.493	45.1
Miscellaneous industries.....	947	19.44	0.419	46.4

¹ Exclusive of dairy factories and fish-processing plants.