

28.—Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings of Female Wage-Earners Employed in the Forty Leading Industries, 1939

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

	Industry	Average Earnings			Hours Worked per Week
		Annual	Weekly	Hourly	No.
		\$	\$	\$	
1	Clothing, men's factory.....	607	12.79	0.283	45.2
2	Clothing, women's factory.....	599	13.76	0.315	43.7
3	Hosiery and knitted goods.....	617	13.63	0.290	47.0
4	Cotton yarn and cloth.....	652	13.35	0.273	48.9
5	Boots and shoes, leather.....	529	11.89	0.255	46.6
6	Biscuits, confectionery, cocoa and chocolate.....	562	11.34	0.251	45.2
7	Fruit and vegetable preparations.....	456	9.44	0.211	44.7
8	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.....	588	12.07	0.279	43.3
9	Rubber goods, including rubber footwear.....	673	13.84	0.300	46.2
10	Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	620	13.33	0.302	44.1
11	Bread and other bakery products.....	545	10.51	0.227	46.3
12	Silk and artificial silk.....	639	13.24	0.290	45.7
13	Printing and bookbinding.....	643	12.80	0.291	44.0
14	Boxes and bags, paper.....	581	12.68	0.275	46.1
15	Woolen cloth.....	702	13.31	0.280	47.6
16	Hats and caps.....	651	14.49	0.352	41.2
17	Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....	676	13.30	0.306	43.5
18	Woolen yarn.....	553	12.87	0.267	48.2
19	Printing and publishing.....	611	11.70	0.283	41.3
20	Clothing contractors, men's and women's.....	527	13.77	0.336	41.0
21	Corsets.....	529	11.04	0.244	45.3
22	Fur goods.....	821	16.34	0.392	41.7
23	Miscellaneous paper products.....	635	13.15	0.287	45.8
24	Slaughtering and meat packing.....	759	14.54	0.323	45.0
25	Tobacco processing and packing.....	607	15.26	0.324	47.1
26	Gloves and mittens, leather.....	551	11.97	0.259	46.3
27	Sheet metal products.....	816	16.80	0.383	43.9
28	Miscellaneous chemical products.....	556	10.74	0.245	43.8
29	Miscellaneous leather goods.....	668	12.46	0.279	44.7
30	Hardware and tools.....	624	13.26	0.286	46.3
31	Automobile supplies.....	667	14.92	0.361	41.3
32	Cotton textiles, n.e.s.....	641	13.58	0.295	46.0
33	Jewellery and silverware.....	651	13.01	0.290	44.8
34	Coffee, tea and spices.....	621	11.48	0.255	45.0
35	Lithographing.....	659	12.83	0.279	46.0
36	Bags, cotton and jute.....	657	13.03	0.286	45.5
37	Foods, miscellaneous.....	610	11.58	0.280	41.3
38	Pulp and paper.....	629	13.55	0.299	45.4
39	Toilet preparations.....	604	12.10	0.287	42.2
40	Distilleries.....	589	12.16	0.309	39.4
	<b>Totals, Forty Leading Industries.....</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>12.72</b>	<b>0.281</b>	<b>45.3</b>
	<b>Totals, All Industries.....</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>12.78</b>	<b>0.283</b>	<b>45.2</b>

Real Earnings of Employees in Recent Years.—When the index number representing the average yearly wages is divided by the index number of the cost of living, on the same base, a measure of 'real' wages is obtained. Index numbers for 1931 to 1939 are given in Table 29. In 1931 real wages were 93.4 on the 1935-39 base; in 1937, 1938 and 1939 they showed substantial improvement.