

Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings.—In comparing earnings by provinces or groups, consideration should be given to the type of industries in each case since the distribution of industries has very definitely a regional significance. In some industries a labour force possessing deftness and speed or the ability to exercise muscular strength is necessary, in others 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.

Average weekly earnings of male wage-earners for manufacturing as a whole amounted to \$31.75 in 1942, an increase of \$9.52 or 42.8 p.c. as compared with 1939. Average hourly earnings advanced from 46.2 cents in 1939 to 61.9 cents in 1942. Due to an increase of 3.2 hours in the working week, the increase in hourly earnings was only 34 p.c. Annual earnings at \$1,558 were 44.8 p.c. higher.

Female wage-earners received on an average \$17.41 per week in 1942, an increase of \$4.63 or 36.2 p.c. as compared with 1939. Hourly earnings at 37.1 cents were 31.1 p.c. higher, while annual earnings at \$854 were 38 p.c. higher.

25.—Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings of Male and Female Wage-earners, 1934-42

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
1937.....	2	2	2	2
1938.....	1,055	21.49	0.454	47.3
1939.....	1,076	22.23	0.462	48.1
1940.....	1,202	24.83	0.488	50.9
1941.....	1,355	27.72	0.538	51.5
1942.....	1,558	31.75	0.619	51.3
FEMALE				
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
1937.....	2	2	2	2
1938.....	594	12.10	0.271	44.6
1939.....	619	12.78	0.283	45.2
1940.....	655	13.52	0.286	47.3
1941.....	736	15.05	0.320	47.6
1942.....	854	17.41	0.371	46.9

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. ² Not available.