

**28.—The Forty Leading Industries Employing the Greatest Numbers of Female Wage-Earners, Ranked According to the Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings, 1942.**

NOTE.—For the rank of these industries as regards the average annual employment of female wage-earners, see Table 22.

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Annual Earnings		Average Hours Worked per Week
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	
	\$		Cents		\$		No.
1 Iron and steel products, misc.....	26-28	1	51-5	2	1,248	1	51-0
2 Aircraft.....	26-00	2	51-6	1	1,165	2	50-4
3 Automobile supplies.....	23-15	3	49-2	3	1,119	3	47-1
4 Brass and copper products.....	22-52	4	45-9	4	1,043	4	49-0
5 Scientific and professional equipment.....	22-05	5	44-2	5	885	12	49-9
6 Fur goods.....	20-68	6	43-8	6	903	9	47-2
7 Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	20-39	7	40-8	8	1,017	5	50-0
8 Miscellaneous chemical products.....	19-74	8	42-4	7	986	6	46-6
9 Machinery.....	19-55	9	39-8	10	926	7	49-1
10 Slaughtering and meat packing.....	19-10	10	40-6	9	919	8	47-1
11 Sheet metal products.....	18-26	11	39-0	11	897	10	46-8
12 Woollen cloth.....	17-36	12	35-1	18	897	11	49-4
13 Clothing, women's factory.....	17-33	13	38-9	12	795	19	44-6
14 Glass products.....	17-21	14	36-0	16	867	14	47-8
15 Hardware and tools.....	17-20	15	34-5	21	845	17	49-9
16 Rubber goods incl. footwear.....	16-98	16	37-4	13	870	13	45-4
17 Clothing contractors, men's.....	16-63	17	36-9	14	754	24	45-2
18 Hats and caps.....	16-42	18	36-7	15	768	22	44-7
19 Cotton yarn and cloth.....	16-30	19	33-3	26	852	15	49-0
20 Clothing, men's factory.....	15-84	20	35-1	19	788	20	45-1
21 Narrow fabrics.....	15-73	21	31-9	30	852	16	49-3
22 Jewellery and electro-plated ware.....	15-67	22	34-1	22	816	18	45-9
23 Silk and artificial silk.....	15-44	23	33-6	24	750	25	45-9
24 Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....	15-33	24	35-2	17	730	26	43-5
25 Boxes and bags, paper.....	15-21	25	33-1	27	759	23	46-0
26 Boots and shoes, leather.....	15-04	26	31-4	31	689	33	47-9
27 Hosiery and knitted goods.....	14-97	27	32-3	29	724	28	46-3
28 Miscellaneous paper products.....	14-93	28	32-7	28	726	27	45-6
29 Woollen yarn.....	14-90	29	30-7	32	776	21	48-6
30 Cotton textiles, misc.....	14-75	30	33-8	23	704	30	43-6
31 Printing and bookbinding.....	14-55	31	34-6	20	702	32	42-0
32 Fruit and vegetable preparations.....	14-09	32	30-2	34	629	39	46-7
33 Printing and publishing.....	13-95	33	33-6	25	703	31	41-5
34 Miscellaneous leather goods.....	13-62	34	29-9	35	664	35	45-6
35 Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, etc.....	13-46	35	29-2	36	705	29	46-1
36 Biscuits, confectionery, cocoa, etc.....	13-28	36	28-7	38	662	36	46-2
37 Gloves and mittens, leather.....	13-22	37	28-8	37	652	38	45-9
38 Foods, miscellaneous.....	12-99	38	30-4	33	679	34	42-7
39 Bread and other bakery products.....	12-97	39	28-1	39	653	37	46-1
40 Corsets.....	11-83	40	26-5	40	602	40	44-7
<b>Average, Forty Leading Industries.....</b>	<b>17-15</b>		<b>36-4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>805</b>		<b>47-1</b>
<b>Average, All Industries<sup>1</sup>.....</b>	<b>17-41</b>		<b>37-1</b>		<b>854</b>		<b>46-9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of "butter and cheese" and "fish-curing and -packing" plants.

**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 1942 are given in Table 29. In 1933, the height of the depression, real wages were 88.3 on the 1935-39 base. From then on they rose steadily and stood at 126.8 in 1942, an increase of about 44 p.c.