

The highest wages, those above \$1,900, were paid in 6 industries, in all of which the proportion of skilled workers is high and the proportion of female workers is low. The automobile industry with \$2,351 was the highest in this group, followed by shipbuilding and repairs with \$2,036, bridge and structural steel \$2,025, petroleum products \$1,947, miscellaneous iron and steel products \$1,946, and railway rolling-stock \$1,925. In 13 other industries average wages ranged between \$1,600 and \$1,900 in all of which the proportion of female workers was low. In 14 other industries average wages ranged between \$1,100 and \$1,600 while in the remaining 7 they were below \$1,100. The latter group includes industries made up of a large number of small establishments and in which the proportion of female workers is high. Employment by sex and average annual earnings in the 40 leading industries is given in Table 24, and annual earnings by sex in Tables 27 and 28.

24.—Salaries and Wages Paid in the Forty Leading Industries, 1943, with Comparative Figures of Average Salaries and Wages Paid in 1942

NOTE.—Industries ranked according to the aggregate salaries and wages paid. For a subdivision of annual earnings of wage-earners, by sex, see Tables 27 and 28.

Industry	Salaries						Wages					
	Salaried Employees		Total Salaries	Average Salaries		Wage-Earners		Total Wages	Average Wages			
	Male	Female		1943	1942	Male	Female		1943	1942		
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$		
1 Shipbuilding and repairs.....	3,568	1,776	10,054,058	1,881	1,718	68,153	2,350	143,541,278	2,036	1,846		
2 Aircraft.....	5,302	4,632	15,346,887	1,545	1,494	44,420	15,175	111,479,821	1,871	1,733		
3 Miscellaneous iron and steel products.....	3,764	2,299	13,092,925	2,159	1,716	28,999	13,505	82,717,380	1,946	1,749		
4 Miscellaneous chemical products.....	4,424	2,579	13,594,284	1,941	1,653	29,943	24,482	80,901,747	1,486	1,331		
5 Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	5,497	3,616	19,509,058	2,141	2,006	22,132	15,683	57,397,936	1,518	1,443		
6 Pulp and paper.....	3,972	1,412	14,663,655	2,724	2,686	30,507	1,129	56,535,767	1,787	1,701		
7 Primary iron and steel.....	1,734	955	6,263,581	2,329	2,286	30,032	1,501	59,390,887	1,883	1,797		
8 Railway rolling-stock.....	1,870	399	5,118,819	2,256	2,314	27,649	577	54,323,860	1,925	1,839		
9 Automobiles.....	2,145	1,219	8,426,267	2,505	2,191	20,630	271	49,142,998	2,351	2,135		
10 Machinery.....	3,186	1,917	10,905,591	2,137	1,946	20,740	2,396	41,912,453	1,812	1,701		
11 Sawmills.....	6,648	564	7,139,172	990	926	35,469	1,273	42,425,131	1,155	1,057		
12 Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining.....	2,456	919	7,160,290	2,122	2,014	22,577	797	41,331,442	1,768	1,729		
13 Brass and copper products.....	1,387	761	5,100,651	2,375	2,038	15,719	4,032	35,630,550	1,804	1,629		
14 Automobile supplies.....	1,455	1,012	5,396,823	2,188	2,094	14,748	4,416	34,931,744	1,823	1,721		
15 Clothing, men's factory.....	2,774	1,277	9,371,388	2,313	2,151	7,355	19,479	27,895,687	1,040	977		
16 Hardware and tools.....	1,477	1,181	6,153,810	2,315	2,005	12,686	3,884	27,068,277	1,634	1,542		
17 Bread and other bakery products.....	3,211	1,166	6,153,520	1,406	1,293	16,082	6,370	26,737,540	1,191	1,108		
18 Clothing, women's factory.....	2,736	1,552	9,614,045	2,242	2,014	4,657	16,807	22,771,432	1,061	975		
19 Slaughtering and meat packing.....	2,714	1,225	7,988,986	2,028	1,966	11,637	3,199	22,005,654	1,483	1,410		
20 Printing and publishing.....	5,599	3,150	15,209,561	1,738	1,632	7,570	1,644	14,514,828	1,575	1,505		