

For all wage-earners, the hours worked per week declined from 48·9 in 1932 to 47·2 in 1939, and reached 50·6 in 1941, some of this increase no doubt being due to the inclusion of overtime. For 1942, 1943 and 1944 there was a counter movement in the hours worked, especially among females, due to the employment of many workers on a part-time basis. Whereas in 1939 there were only 2·8 p.c. of the male and 5·3 p.c. of the female wage-earners working under 30 hours per week, in 1944 these percentages rose to 5·3 p.c. and 12·5 p.c., respectively. Also, the number of hours worked by females averaged 5·5 less than the number of hours worked by their male co-workers.

**17.—Wage-Earners in Manufacturing, Working Specified Numbers of Hours<sup>1</sup> per Week in the Month of Highest Employment, 1938-44**

NOTE.—Hours worked per week in 1932-37 are given at p. 386 of the 1942 edition of the Year Book; in 1940 at p. 392 of the 1943-44 edition.

Hours Worked per Week	1938	1939	1941	1942	1943	1944
<b>TOTAL WAGE-EARNERS</b>						
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30 or less.....	24,073	19,849	36,064	48,714	74,406	87,817
31-43.....	99,125	85,597	77,461	98,200	128,755	151,280
44.....	83,763	81,128	85,040	88,049	88,964	112,840
45-47.....	66,268	64,031	69,844	80,613	100,861	108,585
48.....	121,625	130,506	190,437	244,899	248,083	245,024
49-50.....	62,294	65,822	92,931	105,434	115,606	116,473
51-54.....	39,596	40,165	120,645	147,229	151,231	128,580
55.....	20,575	24,316	55,701	63,702	62,701	51,965
56-64.....	60,755	61,067	187,184	193,297	176,730	140,295
65 or over.....	8,755	8,478	63,913	73,590	60,665	46,046
<b>Totals, Wage-Earners.....</b>	<b>586,829</b>	<b>586,959</b>	<b>979,220</b>	<b>1,143,727</b>	<b>1,208,002</b>	<b>1,188,905</b>
<b>Average Hours per Week.....</b>	<b>46·7</b>	<b>47·2</b>	<b>50·6</b>	<b>50·2</b>	<b>48·8</b>	<b>47·5</b>
<b>MALE</b>						
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30 or less.....	15,439	12,868	23,635	30,166	39,985	45,414
31-43.....	75,842	64,780	50,969	59,146	68,530	83,293
44.....	59,983	57,667	60,062	58,342	53,563	76,141
45-47.....	47,877	45,703	43,554	47,403	62,701	67,306
48.....	97,287	103,636	149,612	182,783	185,913	182,798
49-50.....	45,981	48,378	63,541	70,870	75,975	80,878
51-54.....	33,744	37,439	90,044	106,657	114,739	100,621
55.....	16,493	19,766	43,431	48,996	49,194	42,214
56-64.....	56,171	56,837	165,242	171,775	158,657	128,751
65 or over.....	8,224	8,036	59,250	67,776	56,837	42,618
<b>Totals, Male Wage-Earners.....</b>	<b>457,041</b>	<b>455,110</b>	<b>749,340</b>	<b>843,914</b>	<b>866,094</b>	<b>850,034</b>
<b>Average Hours per Week.....</b>	<b>47·3</b>	<b>48·1</b>	<b>51·5</b>	<b>51·3</b>	<b>50·4</b>	<b>49·1</b>
<b>FEMALE</b>						
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30 or less.....	8,634	6,981	12,429	18,548	34,421	42,403
31-43.....	23,283	20,817	26,492	39,054	60,225	67,987
44.....	23,780	23,461	24,978	29,707	35,401	36,699
45-47.....	18,391	18,328	26,290	33,210	38,160	41,279
48.....	24,338	26,870	40,825	62,116	62,170	62,226
49-50.....	16,313	17,444	29,390	34,564	39,631	35,595
51-54.....	5,852	8,726	30,601	40,572	36,492	27,959
55.....	4,082	4,550	12,270	14,706	13,507	9,751
56-64.....	4,584	4,230	21,942	21,522	18,073	11,544
65 or over.....	531	442	4,663	5,814	3,828	3,428
<b>Totals, Female Wage-Earners.....</b>	<b>129,788</b>	<b>131,849</b>	<b>229,850</b>	<b>299,813</b>	<b>341,908</b>	<b>338,871</b>
<b>Average Hours per Week.....</b>	<b>44·6</b>	<b>45·2</b>	<b>47·6</b>	<b>46·9</b>	<b>44·8</b>	<b>43·6</b>

<sup>1</sup> For 1938 and 1939, the hours worked do not include overtime, while for 1941 to 1944 overtime is included.