

The highest annual wages, those above \$1,900, were paid in nine industries, in all of which the proportion of skilled workers is high and the proportion of female workers is low. The automobile industry had the highest average wages in this group, \$2,347, followed by bridge and structural steel with \$2,111, shipbuilding and repairs \$2,055, railway rolling-stock \$2,010, aircraft \$1,998, miscellaneous iron and steel products \$1,983, petroleum products \$1,953, primary iron and steel \$1,930, and scientific and professional equipment \$1,923. In twelve other industries average wages ranged between \$1,600 and \$1,900 in all of which the proportion of female workers is low. In fifteen other industries average wages ranged between \$1,100 and \$1,600, while in the remaining four they were below \$1,100. The latter group includes industries made up of a large number of small establishments in which the proportion of female workers is usually high. Fruit and vegetable preparations, biscuits and confectionery, hosiery and knitted goods, and leather boots and shoes are the industries included in this group. Employment by sex and average annual earnings in the forty leading industries is given in Table 22, and the annual earnings by sex in Tables 25 and 26.

22.—Salaries and Wages Paid in the Forty Leading Industries, 1944, with Comparative Figures of Average Salaries and Wages Paid in 1943

NOTE.—Industries ranked according to the aggregate salaries and wages paid. For a subdivision of annual earnings of wage-earners, by sex, see Tables 25 and 26.

Industry	Salaries					Wages				
	Salaried Employees		Total Salaries	Average Salaries		Wage-Earners		Total Wages	Average Wages	
	Male	Female		1944	1943	Male	Female		1944	1943
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
1 Aircraft.....	8,402	5,571	29,957,380	2,144	1,545	48,391	17,208	131,097,630	1,998	1,871
2 Shipbuilding and repairs.....	3,167	1,452	10,626,142	2,301	1,881	59,960	2,497	128,341,104	2,055	2,036
3 Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	5,691	3,828	21,442,886	2,253	2,141	21,903	17,412	60,861,574	1,548	1,518
4 Miscellaneous chemical products.....	3,153	2,298	12,017,726	2,205	1,941	25,134	19,852	69,991,103	1,556	1,486
5 Pulp and paper.....	3,948	1,540	15,617,507	2,846	2,724	31,148	1,260	60,215,901	1,858	1,787
6 Miscellaneous iron and steel products.....	3,247	2,019	12,214,208	2,319	2,159	22,752	8,945	62,862,667	1,983	1,946
7 Railway rolling-stock..	1,786	373	5,583,224	2,588	2,256	27,293	459	55,771,990	2,010	1,925
8 Primary iron and steel.	1,556	1,008	6,408,337	2,499	2,329	27,055	1,144	54,428,694	1,930	1,883
9 Automobiles.....	2,112	1,221	8,893,269	2,668	2,505	18,869	297	44,986,713	2,347	2,351
10 Sawmills.....	6,962	537	7,123,598	950	996	35,053	964	44,392,487	1,233	1,155
11 Machinery.....	3,297	2,008	11,894,182	2,242	2,137	19,084	2,303	38,558,387	1,803	1,812
12 Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining.	2,445	926	7,816,181	2,319	2,122	19,550	1,006	36,720,810	1,786	1,768
13 Slaughtering and meat packing.....	2,871	1,359	8,993,885	2,126	2,028	15,050	4,587	29,703,904	1,514	1,483
14 Automobile supplies..	1,437	1,013	5,638,778	2,302	2,188	13,808	4,108	33,032,952	1,844	1,822
15 Rubber goods, including rubber footwear..	2,240	1,285	7,793,127	2,211	2,089	12,358	5,538	28,185,590	1,575	1,488
16 Clothing, men's, factory	2,439	1,263	9,610,626	2,596	2,313	6,508	16,806	25,756,908	1,105	1,040
17 Bread and other bakery products.....	3,209	1,212	6,531,441	1,477	1,406	16,090	7,019	28,632,695	1,239	1,191
18 Clothing, women's, factory.....	2,451	1,524	9,717,205	2,445	2,242	4,833	17,002	24,952,153	1,143	1,061
19 Brass and copper products.....	1,295	822	5,235,981	2,473	2,375	12,169	3,347	28,254,373	1,821	1,804
20 Printing and publishing	5,593	3,313	16,007,556	1,797	1,738	7,638	1,784	15,614,098	1,657	1,575
21 Hardware, tools and cutlery.....	1,290	1,066	5,637,301	2,393	2,315	10,898	3,105	24,153,375	1,725	1,634
22 Castings, iron.....	1,015	562	3,722,871	2,361	2,213	13,317	665	25,229,250	1,804	1,758
23 Cotton yarn and cloth.	687	522	3,096,019	2,561	2,568	11,203	9,488	24,769,524	1,197	1,124
24 Sheet metal products..	1,321	832	4,790,036	2,225	2,083	10,533	4,166	22,350,937	1,521	1,488