

different months of highest employment as reported by all the firms. For a particular industry, however, the month of highest employment is more significant as, in such case, it coincides for a great number of firms engaged in the same industry.

Average weekly earnings of male wage-earners for manufacturing as a whole amounted to \$34.95 in 1944, an increase of \$12.72 or 57.2 p.c. as compared with 1939. Average hourly earnings advanced from 46.2 cents in 1939 to 71.2 cents in 1944, an increase of 54.1 p.c. Annual earnings at \$1,761 were 63.7 p.c. higher than in 1939.

Female wage-earners received on an average \$20.89 per week in 1944, an increase of \$8.11 or 63.5 p.c. as compared with 1939. Hourly earnings at 47.9 cents were 69.3 p.c. higher, while annual earnings at \$1,051 were 69.8 p.c. higher.

23.—Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings of Male and Female Wage-Earners, 1934-44

Year	Average Earnings			Hours Worked per week
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	
ALL WAGE-EARNERS				
	\$	\$	Cents	No.
1934.....	830	18.30	37.0	49.2
1935.....	870	18.50	37.8	48.7
1936.....	896	18.96	38.7	48.7
1937.....	965	2	2	48.8
1938.....	956	19.49	41.5	46.7
1939.....	975	20.14	42.2	47.2
1940.....	1,084	22.35	44.3	50.1
1941.....	1,220	24.95	49.0	50.5
1942.....	1,383	28.18	55.7	50.2
1943.....	1,525	29.87	60.6	48.8
1944.....	1,564	31.05	65.4	47.5
MALE				
	\$	\$	Cents	No.
1934.....	930	20.31	40.7	49.9 ¹
1935.....	966	20.41	41.3	49.4 ¹
1936.....	995	20.92	42.3	49.4 ¹
1937.....	2	2	2	2
1938.....	1,055	21.49	45.4	47.3
1939.....	1,076	22.23	46.2	48.1
1940.....	1,202	24.83	48.8	50.9
1941.....	1,355	27.72	53.8	51.5
1942.....	1,558	31.75	61.9	51.3
1943.....	1,726	33.80	67.1	50.4
1944.....	1,761	34.95	71.2	49.1
FEMALE				
	\$	\$	Cents	No.
1934.....	539	11.80	25.1	46.9 ¹
1935.....	570	12.04	25.9	46.5 ¹
1936.....	577	12.20	26.2	46.5 ¹
1937.....	2	2	2	2
1938.....	594	12.10	27.1	44.6
1939.....	619	12.78	28.3	45.2
1940.....	655	13.52	28.6	47.3
1941.....	736	15.05	32.0	47.6
1942.....	854	17.41	37.1	46.9
1943.....	987	19.33	43.1	44.8
1944.....	1,051	20.89	47.9	43.6

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.