

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 the increase no doubt being due to the inclusion of overtime. Since then 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 male and 5.3 p.c. of female wage-earners working under 30 hours per week, in 1944 these percentages rose to 5.3 and 12.5 respectively. Since the end of the War the normal working week has been dropping steadily. In 1945 average hours per week for male wage-earners totalled 47.6 and for females 42.7. Female wage-earners worked on an average 4.9 hours less than their male co-workers. Table 1 of the Labour Chapter, p. 631, shows the changes that have taken place in the employment of women in industry and certain services from 1942 to 1947.

17.—Wage-Earners in Manufacturing, Working Specified Numbers of Hours¹ per Week in the Month of Highest Employment, 1938-45

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

Hours Worked per Week	1938	1939	1942	1943	1944	1945
TOTAL WAGE-EARNERS						
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30 or less.....	24,073	19,849	48,714	74,406	87,817	79,398
31-43.....	99,125	85,597	98,200	128,755	151,280	174,378
44.....	83,763	81,128	88,049	88,964	112,840	130,536
45-47.....	66,268	64,031	80,613	100,861	108,585	116,431
48.....	121,625	130,506	244,899	248,083	245,024	230,175
49-50.....	62,294	65,822	105,434	115,606	116,473	105,331
51-54.....	39,596	46,165	147,229	151,231	128,580	90,411
55.....	20,575	24,316	63,702	62,701	51,965	34,748
56-64.....	60,755	61,067	193,297	176,730	140,295	81,517
65 or over.....	8,755	8,478	73,590	60,665	46,046	33,571
Totals, Wage-Earners.....	586,829	586,959	1,143,727	1,208,002	1,188,905	1,076,496
Average Hours per Week.....	46.7	47.2	50.2	48.8	47.5	46.2
MALE						
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30 or less.....	15,439	12,868	30,166	39,985	45,414	41,111
31-43.....	75,842	64,780	59,146	68,530	83,293	100,446
44.....	59,983	57,667	58,342	53,563	76,141	89,623
45-47.....	47,877	45,703	47,403	62,701	67,306	75,391
48.....	97,287	103,636	182,783	185,913	182,798	175,116
49-50.....	45,981	48,378	70,870	75,975	80,878	77,019
51-54.....	33,744	37,439	106,657	114,739	100,621	72,781
55.....	16,493	19,766	48,996	49,194	42,214	28,910
56-64.....	56,171	56,837	171,775	158,657	128,751	74,043
65 and over.....	8,224	8,036	67,776	56,837	42,618	31,311
Totals, Male Wage-Earners.....	457,041	455,110	843,914	866,094	850,034	765,751
Average Hours per Week.....	47.3	48.1	51.3	50.4	49.1	47.6

¹For 1938 and 1939, the hours worked do not include overtime, while for 1942 to 1945 overtime is included.