

the firms. For a particular industry, however, the month of highest employment is more significant because then it coincides for a great number of firms engaged in the same industry. The figures since 1946 are based on returns received from establishments employing 15 or more persons; figures for 1946 and 1947 refer to the last week in November, whereas those for later years refer to the last week in October.

21.—Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings of Male and Female Wage-Earners Employed in Manufacturing Industries, 1943-52

NOTE.—Butter and cheese factories and fish-curing and -packing plants are excluded in the years 1943 to 1945, and sawmills are also excluded in 1945. By including sawmills, weekly earnings in 1945 would have been about \$34.35 for male wage-earners.

Year	Average Earnings			Average Hours Worked per Week
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	
	\$	\$	cents	No.
Male Wage-Earners—				
1943 ¹	1,726	33.80	67.1	50.4
1944 ¹	1,761	34.95	71.2	49.1
1945 ¹	1,739	35.04	73.6	47.6
1946 ²	1,702	36.23	80.7	44.9
1947 ²	1,909	41.35	92.1	44.9
1948 ²	2,175	45.73	102.3	44.7
1949 ²	2,291	47.33	106.6	44.4
1950 ²	2,419	50.93	114.2	44.6
1951 ²	2,693	56.46	131.3	43.0
1952 ²	2,915	60.85	140.2	43.4
Female Wage-Earners—				
1943 ¹	987	19.33	43.1	44.8
1944 ¹	1,051	20.89	47.9	43.6
1945 ¹	984	19.84	46.5	42.7
1946 ²	943	20.08	50.2	40.0
1947 ²	1,067	23.11	58.2	39.7
1948 ²	1,233	25.91	65.1	39.8
1949 ²	1,315	27.18	68.3	39.8
1950 ²	1,376	29.00	72.5	40.0
1951 ²	1,492	31.27	82.5	37.9
1952 ²	1,638	34.17	86.3	39.6
All Wage-Earners—				
1943 ¹	1,525	29.87	61.2	48.8
1944 ¹	1,564	31.05	65.4	47.5
1945 ¹	1,538	30.98	66.9	46.3
1946 ²	1,516	32.38	74.1	43.7
1947 ²	1,713	37.19	85.1	43.7
1948 ²	1,960	41.25	94.6	43.6
1949 ²	2,067	42.61	98.4	43.3
1950 ²	2,183	45.94	105.6	43.5
1951 ²	2,434	51.32	122.2	42.0
1952 ²	2,647	55.17	129.5	42.6

¹ Based on one week in month of highest employment, and on returns from establishments employing 15 persons or over.

² Based on last week of November

³ Based on last week in October