

9.—Average Hours and Earnings in Specified Industries and Areas 1951-53

Industry, Province and City	Average Hours Worked			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Wages		
	1951	1952	1953	1951	1952	1953	1951	1952	1953
	No.	No.	No.	cts.	cts.	cts.	\$	\$	\$
Industry									
Mining.....	43.1	42.7	42.7	133.4	147.1	153.8	57.50	62.81	65.67
Metal mining.....	44.1	44.4	44.4	134.8	148.2	156.5	59.45	65.80	69.49
Coal mining.....	39.5	38.2	37.9	136.7	148.6	150.4	54.00	56.77	57.00
Manufacturing.....	41.8	41.5	41.3	116.8	129.2	135.8	48.82	53.62	56.09
Durable goods ¹	42.0	41.6	41.6	125.8	139.8	147.1	52.84	58.16	61.19
Non-durable goods ¹	41.7	41.3	40.9	107.2	117.4	122.9	44.70	48.49	50.27
Construction.....	40.3	41.6	41.6	117.6	131.4	143.7	47.39	54.66	59.78
Buildings and structures.....	39.5	40.9	40.7	127.1	142.8	156.8	50.20	58.41	63.82
Highways, bridges and streets.....	41.9	41.9	41.4	95.1	105.0	112.8	39.85	44.00	46.70
Service.....	42.5	42.6	42.0	69.3	73.6	78.2	29.45	31.35	32.84
Hotels and restaurants.....	43.5	43.7	42.7	68.8	72.8	77.8	29.93	31.81	33.22
Laundries and dry-cleaning plants.....	40.9	40.9	41.3	67.3	71.7	75.1	27.53	29.33	31.02
Province									
Newfoundland.....	44.0	43.2	41.6	112.8	124.7	132.8	49.63	53.87	55.24
Nova Scotia.....	42.2	41.5	41.2	100.9	114.5	120.5	42.58	47.52	49.65
New Brunswick.....	43.8	43.0	42.1	103.8	112.7	119.0	45.46	48.46	50.10
Quebec.....	43.5	43.0	42.7	104.5	115.5	121.9	45.46	49.67	52.05
Ontario.....	41.3	40.9	40.9	123.7	137.0	143.4	51.09	56.03	58.65
Manitoba.....	41.4	40.8	40.3	112.5	122.9	131.4	46.58	50.14	52.95
Saskatchewan.....	41.0	41.2	40.7	117.4	129.6	136.5	48.13	53.40	55.56
Alberta.....	41.0	40.5	40.2	116.6	130.0	139.7	47.81	52.65	56.16
British Columbia.....	37.8	38.0	38.0	140.7	157.7	164.0	53.18	59.93	62.32
City									
Montreal.....	42.0	41.9	41.7	109.2	120.9	128.3	45.86	50.66	53.50
Toronto.....	40.6	40.5	40.7	122.3	135.7	143.4	49.65	54.96	58.36
Hamilton.....	40.2	39.7	39.7	136.2	150.0	155.9	54.75	59.55	61.89
Windsor.....	39.7	39.3	40.5	143.7	159.1	165.2	57.05	62.53	66.91
Winnipeg.....	41.0	40.5	40.1	111.4	121.3	130.1	45.67	49.13	52.17
Vancouver.....	37.3	37.5	37.7	138.4	154.8	161.6	51.62	58.05	60.92

¹ The durable goods group includes wood products, iron and steel products, transportation equipment, non-ferrous metal products, electrical apparatus and supplies, and non-metallic mineral products; the non-durable goods group includes the remaining manufacturing industries.

In the last few years, average hours in manufacturing have shown relatively little change, but there have been general and marked declines as compared with the earlier part of the record. In the division as a whole, the reduction in 1953 from 1945 amounted to three hours per week, or 6.8 p.c. Curtailment of overtime work, prevalent during the war years, and a widespread shortening of the standard hours of work in the post-war period, were the main factors in the falling-off. The average hourly earnings, on the other hand, have shown successive and substantial increases, the general figure in manufacturing having risen by nearly 96 p.c. since the last year of the War. The advance in the weekly wages, though smaller than that in the hourly average as a result of shorter hours, was nevertheless impressive, at almost 83 p.c. The trends of hourly earnings and weekly wages in recent years have been upward in all industries and areas.