

1.—Minimum Wage Rates for Experienced Workers by Sex in Certain Cities, July 1955

| Type of Establishment | St. John's, Nfld. | Halifax, N.S. | Saint John, N.B. | Montreal, Que. | Toronto, Ont. | Winnipeg, Man. | Regina, Sask. | Edmonton, Alta. | Vancouver, B.C. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Hours per week..... | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48-60 ¹ | 48 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 |
| | cts. per hour | \$ per week | cts. per hour | cts. per hour | \$ per week | cts. per hour | \$ per week | \$ per week | \$ per week |
| Factories.....M. | 50 | — | 55 ² | 51 | — | 60 | 26 | 26 | 0-40 ³ |
| F. | 35 | 16-80 | 40 | 51 | 22 | 55 | 26 | 24 | 0-40 ³ |
| Laundries, etc.....M. | 50 | — | — | 51 | — | 60 | 26 | 26 | 0-40 ³ |
| F. | 35 | 16-80 | 40 | 51 | 22 | 55 | 26 | 24 | 0-40 ³ |
| Shops.....M. | 50 | — | — | 51 | — | 60 | 26 | 26 | 18 |
| F. | 35 | 16-80 | 40 | 51 | 22 | 55 | 26 | 24 | 18 |
| Hotels, restaurants, etc. M. | 50 | — | — | 51 ⁴ | — | 60 | 26 | 26 | 22 |
| F. | 35 | 16-80 | 38 | 51 ⁴ | 22 | 55 | 26 | 24 | 22 |
| Beauty parlours.....M. | 50 | — | — | 51 | — | 60 | 26 | 26 | 25 |
| F. | 35 | 16-80 | 40 | 51 | 22 | 55 | 26 | 24 | 25 |
| Theatres and amusement places. M. | 50 | — | — | 51 | — | 60 | 26 | 26 | 18 |
| F. | 35 | 16-80 | 40 | 51 | 22 | 55 | 26 | 24 | 18 |
| Offices.....M. | 50 | — | — | 51 | — | 60 | 26 | 26 | — |
| F. | 35 | 16-80 | 40 | 51 | 22 | 55 | 26 | 24 | 18 |

¹ Rates apply to 48 or 54 hours in factories; 48 hours in offices; 54 hours in laundries, shops, beauty parlours and theatres; 60 hours in hotels. ² Applies only to canning or processing of fish, vegetables or fruit. ³ Cents per hour. ⁴ Cooks, 58 cents; bell boys, 30 cents.

Section 2.—The Labour Force*

During World War II up to date information on the size and characteristics of the labour supply was a necessity and to meet the possibility of disturbed economic conditions in the postwar period a current and periodic analysis of the state of employment in Canada was organized. A labour force survey, on a sample basis, was conducted in the autumn of 1945 and quarterly surveys were carried on until November 1952, when the survey was placed on a monthly basis. A multi-stage area sample was used involving the selection of progressively smaller sample areas and ultimately of households. Random methods of choice were used at every stage of selection so that all members of the population had an equal chance of inclusion. The present sample covers about 30,000 households in over 115 different areas of Canada, which include 34 cities having a population of 30,000 or over in 1951 in addition to some smaller urban and various rural areas. The estimates of the labour force are restricted to the civilian labour force; net strength of the Armed Forces is obtainable directly from official sources. Inmates of institutions and Indians living on reserves are excluded.

The labour force surveys provide a classification of persons 14 years of age or over on the basis of their activity, during the week that precedes the beginning of the survey, and who had jobs or were seeking work during the survey week. These divisions of the labour force are defined as follows:—

- (1) **Persons with jobs.**—This category comprises: (a) *persons at work*—those who did any work for pay or profit or who did unpaid work which contributed to the running of a farm or business operated by a relative; and (b) *persons with jobs but not at work*—those who had jobs but did not work because of illness, bad weather, vacation, industrial dispute or temporary layoff with definite instructions to return to work within 30 days of the time of being laid off. Persons who worked part of the survey week and also looked for work are classed as “persons with jobs”

* Details of the labour force, as defined in the 1951 Census, relative to age, sex and occupation groups are given in the 1954 Year Book, pp. 692-704.