

earned in the week surveyed was obtained; and in 1952 wage earners were reported in a given range of hours per week. The annual survey supplements the data obtained in the monthly series on employment, payrolls and man-hours in the same manufacturing establishments and covers almost 90 p.c. of all employees in the industry as reported in the annual Census of Industry and Merchandising.

The co-operating establishments are asked to report for all full time, casual and part time employees paid for the week ending Oct. 31, except homeworkers and persons absent without pay throughout the week. Proprietors, firm members, pensioners and staffs in separately organized sales offices are excluded. The gross earnings, including regularly paid bonuses, overtime and vacation pay for the week, are reported before deduction for taxes, unemployment insurance, pension contributions, etc. The hours include part time, full time and overtime hours worked and hours of paid absence in the reported week.

The upward movement in average earnings, typical of the postwar period, continued in 1954 although the increases were below the average of recently preceding years. In the five years 1950 to 1954 the averages of weekly wages and salaries rose by 26.2 p.c. and 32.5 p.c., respectively. Continuing small declines in the hours of the wage earners resulted in greater proportional increases in their hourly than in their weekly earnings. Table 10 gives the amounts and proportions of the changes in the general figures in the five years.

### 10.—Average Earnings, and Increases over the Preceding Year, Weeks Ended Oct. 31, 1950-54

(As reported by manufacturers usually employing 15 or more persons.)

Year	Men			Women			Both Sexes		
	Average Earnings	Increase over Preceding Year		Average Earnings	Increase over Preceding Year		Average Earnings	Increase over Preceding Year	
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF WAGE EARNERS									
	\$	\$	p.c.	\$	\$	p.c.	\$	\$	p.c.
1950.....	1.142	0.076	7.1	0.725	0.042	6.1	1.056	0.072	7.3
1951.....	1.313	0.171	15.0	0.825	0.100	13.8	1.222	0.166	15.7
1952.....	1.402	0.089	6.8	0.863	0.038	4.6	1.295	0.073	6.0
1953.....	1.471	0.069	4.9	0.910	0.047	5.4	1.359	0.064	4.9
1954.....	1.513	0.042	2.9	0.933	0.023	2.5	1.398	0.039	2.9
AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES									
	\$	\$	p.c.	\$	\$	p.c.	\$	\$	p.c.
1950.....	50.93	3.80	7.6	29.00	1.82	6.7	45.94	3.33	7.8
1951.....	56.46	5.53	10.9	31.27	2.27	7.8	51.32	5.38	11.7
1952.....	60.85	4.39	7.8	34.17	2.90	9.3	55.17	3.85	7.5
1953.....	62.71	1.86	3.1	35.07	0.90	2.6	56.75	1.58	2.9
1954.....	63.98	1.27	2.0	35.90	0.83	2.4	57.99	1.24	2.2
AVERAGE WEEKLY SALARIES									
	\$	\$	p.c.	\$	\$	p.c.	\$	\$	p.c.
1950.....	69.35	3.98	6.1	34.38	1.76	5.4	58.74	3.89	7.1
1951.....	77.55	8.20	11.8	38.42	4.04	11.8	65.98	7.24	12.3
1952.....	82.60	5.05	6.5	41.26	2.84	7.4	70.75	4.77	7.2
1953.....	86.43	3.83	4.6	43.13	1.87	4.5	73.87	3.12	4.4
1954.....	90.99	4.56	5.3	45.00	1.87	4.3	77.81	3.94	5.3

Table 11 shows the geographical and industrial averages for male and female wage earners and salaried employees for the week ended Oct. 31, 1954 and Table 12 the averages of weekly earnings of general office and clerical employees for the same week.