

The average salary for the forty leading industries was \$4,084 as compared with \$3,789 for the smaller industries. The lower average is caused in part by a higher proportion of female office employees in the smaller industries. In the forty leading industries, 26 p.c. of the office employees were female while in the smaller industries 33 p.c. were in that category.

The increase in the average earnings of production workers since 1945 paralleled that of office and supervisory employees. Whereas in 1945 there were only four industries averaging over \$2,000, in 1955 the number jumped to thirty-six. In 1945, the highest annual earnings, amounting to \$2,365, were paid by the motor vehicle industry, while in 1955 the highest earnings, which totalled \$4,189, were paid by the petroleum products industry which had been in first place for a number of years. The highest earnings are usually paid by industries in which the proportion of skilled workers is high and the proportion of female workers is low. Three industries in 1955 had average annual earnings of \$4,000 or more: petroleum products \$4,189; primary iron and steel \$4,089; and pulp and paper \$4,004. Eight other industries had annual averages of \$3,500 to \$4,000. Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining \$3,933, acids, alkalies and salts \$3,856, motor vehicles \$3,764, breweries \$3,705, bridge building and structural steel \$3,665, aircraft \$3,661, printing and publishing \$3,655, and wire and wire goods \$3,539 were in this category. In fifteen other industries average annual earnings ranged between \$3,000 and \$3,500, in ten others they were between \$2,400 and \$3,000, while in the remaining four they were below \$2,000. Men's factory clothing, women's factory clothing, leather footwear, and fruit and vegetable preparations are the industries included in the latter group.

Average annual earnings of production workers in the forty leading industries amounted to \$3,120 as compared with \$2,610 for the smaller industries. The lower average for the smaller industries is caused mainly by a higher proportion of female workers. Employment by sex and average annual earnings in the forty leading industries are given in Table 19.

### 19.—Annual Earnings of Employees in the Forty Leading Manufacturing Industries 1954 and 1955

NOTE.—Industries ranked according to the aggregate earnings paid.

Year and Industry	Supervisory and Office Employees				Production Workers			
	Male	Female	Total Earnings	Average Annual Earnings	Male	Female	Total Earnings	Average Annual Earnings
	No.	No.	\$	\$	No.	No.	\$	\$
<b>1954</b>								
1 Pulp and paper.....	7,361	2,328	53,304,859	5,502	50,309	839	199,293,524	3,896
2 Sawmills.....	11,713	826	23,468,345	1,872	44,048	423	116,103,186	2,611
3 Aircraft and parts.....	8,080	2,696	46,068,342	4,275	23,560	759	89,795,148	3,692
4 Primary iron and steel.....	3,526	940	21,467,572	4,807	24,205	190	87,349,858	3,581
5 Motor vehicles.....	4,991	1,440	31,003,977	4,821	21,186	232	75,058,462	3,504
6 Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining.....	3,604	578	20,171,958	4,824	21,817	49	82,424,012	3,770
7 Printing and publishing.....	8,414	4,876	45,364,930	3,413	14,063	2,048	55,109,697	3,421
8 Railway rolling-stock.....	2,241	323	11,502,181	4,486	26,537	113	85,360,263	3,203
9 Bread and other bakery products.....	3,793	1,301	14,749,036	2,896	21,905	6,884	69,055,826	2,399
10 Machinery, heavy electrical.....	5,490	1,930	30,991,973	4,177	12,029	2,771	52,116,506	3,521
11 Miscellaneous electrical apparatus.....	4,932	2,133	29,500,244	4,176	11,781	4,778	52,752,334	3,186
12 Machinery, industrial.....	4,970	1,914	28,385,901	4,123	15,517	445	52,103,745	3,264
13 Slaughtering and meat packing.....	3,901	1,303	21,919,954	4,212	14,586	3,209	56,779,136	3,191
14 Furniture.....	4,072	1,202	18,239,906	3,458	22,644	1,958	59,365,650	2,413
15 Printing and bookbinding.....	4,174	1,970	21,853,786	3,557	12,879	5,184	50,358,874	2,788
16 Clothing, men's factory.....	2,651	1,549	15,842,107	3,772	8,701	18,985	51,736,607	1,869
17 Rubber goods, incl. footwear.....	3,576	1,453	20,002,690	3,977	12,355	3,510	47,473,715	2,992
18 Motor vehicle parts.....	2,717	973	16,437,344	4,455	12,716	1,957	49,103,099	3,346
19 Shipbuilding.....	1,987	547	10,065,754	3,972	16,710	112	55,190,789	3,281
20 Clothing, women's factory.....	2,107	1,494	14,638,167	4,065	5,820	17,922	46,810,261	1,972
21 Sheet metal products.....	2,826	1,022	16,152,834	4,198	12,560	1,641	45,291,941	3,189