

Average Earnings of Production Workers.—In comparing earnings by provinces or groups, consideration should be given to the type of industries in each case since the distribution of industries has a very definite regional significance. In some industries a labour force possessing deftness and speed or the ability to exercise muscular strength is necessary, in others the labour force must exercise craftsmanship or possess a high degree of technical knowledge. Workers in the latter industries naturally command relatively higher wages than those in industries where employees are routine workers.

The ranking of provinces and industries as regards annual earnings is often different from that of weekly or hourly earnings since the factors of number of weeks worked per year and number of hours worked per week enter into the calculation.

20.—Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings of Male and Female Production Workers Employed in Manufacturing Industries 1946-55

NOTE.—Figures 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.

Year	Average Earnings			Average Hours Worked per Week
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	No.
	\$	\$	cents	No.
Male Production Workers—				
1946.....	1,702	36.23	80.7	44.9
1947.....	1,909	41.35	92.1	44.9
1948.....	2,175	45.73	102.3	44.7
1949.....	2,291	47.33	106.6	44.4
1950.....	2,419	50.93	114.2	44.6
1951.....	2,693	56.46	131.3	43.0
1952.....	2,915	60.85	140.2	43.4
1953.....	3,082	62.71	147.1	42.6
1954.....	3,145	63.98	151.3	42.3
1955.....	3,267	66.86	156.6	42.7
Female Production Workers—				
1946.....	943	20.08	50.2	40.0
1947.....	1,067	23.11	58.2	39.7
1948.....	1,233	25.91	65.1	39.8
1949.....	1,315	27.18	68.3	39.8
1950.....	1,376	29.00	72.5	40.0
1951.....	1,492	31.27	82.5	37.9
1952.....	1,638	34.17	86.3	39.6
1953.....	1,723	35.07	91.0	38.5
1954.....	1,764	35.90	93.3	38.5
1955.....	1,833	37.52	95.2	39.4
All Production Workers—				
1946.....	1,516	32.38	74.1	43.7
1947.....	1,713	37.19	85.1	43.7
1948.....	1,960	41.25	94.6	43.6
1949.....	2,067	42.61	98.4	43.3
1950.....	2,183	45.94	105.6	43.5
1951.....	2,434	51.32	122.2	42.0
1952.....	2,647	55.17	129.5	42.6
1953.....	2,792	56.75	135.9	41.7
1954.....	2,853	57.99	139.8	41.5
1955.....	2,963	60.53	144.2	42.0