

Since the end of 1944, a monthly statistical series has been maintained for manufacturing and a few other industries, showing average hours and average hourly and weekly wages for wage-earners for whom employers keep records of hours actually worked. In 1945, the annual average of hourly earnings in factories was 69.4 cents, and each succeeding year experienced a step-up until a high of 151.5 cents was reached in 1956. Other industries in which payment by the hour is typical followed the same upward trend. For example, the average in construction advanced from 73.5 cents an hour in 1945 to a new peak of 163.9 cents in 1956. Increases in hourly earnings were attended by decreases in the average hours worked in most reporting industries. In manufacturing, the average weekly hours fell from 44.3 in 1945 to 41.1 in 1956.

### 3.—Annual Average Index Numbers of Employment by Industrial Group 1947-56 and Monthly Indexes 1955 and 1956

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated as at the first day of each month, on the base 1949=100.

| Year  | Forestry<br>(chiefly<br>logging) | Mining | Manu-<br>factur-<br>ing | Con-<br>struc-<br>tion | Trans-<br>porta-<br>tion,<br>Storage<br>and<br>Com-<br>muni-<br>cation | Public<br>Utility<br>Opera-<br>tion | Trade | Finance,<br>Insur-<br>ance,<br>Real<br>Estate | Serv-<br>ice <sup>1</sup> | Indus-<br>trial<br>Com-<br>posite |
|---|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Averages—</b>                                      |                                  |        |                         |                        |  |                                     |       |   |                           |                                   |
| 1947.....   | 149.6                            | 88.6   | 97.2                    | 85.6                   | 95.4   | 76.7                                | 90.2  | 91.5  | 94.6                      | 95.7                              |
| 1948.....   | 138.4                            | 97.2   | 100.1                   | 95.4                   | 99.0   | 89.0                                | 96.3  | 96.0  | 99.1                      | 99.7                              |
| 1949 <sup>2</sup> .....                               | 100.0                            | 100.0  | 100.0                   | 100.0                  | 100.0  | 100.0                               | 100.0 | 100.0   | 100.0                     | 100.0                             |
| 1950.....   | 100.8                            | 105.5  | 100.9                   | 102.4                  | 99.9   | 101.3                               | 103.2 | 105.4   | 101.0                     | 101.5                             |
| 1951.....   | 138.6                            | 110.6  | 108.0                   | 110.2                  | 106.1  | 103.4                               | 107.4 | 115.2   | 103.1                     | 108.8                             |
| 1952.....   | 123.9                            | 116.8  | 109.3                   | 122.5                  | 110.9  | 107.5                               | 109.9 | 121.9   | 106.6                     | 111.6                             |
| 1953.....   | 100.0                            | 111.7  | 113.3                   | 118.6                  | 111.3  | 112.1                               | 113.2 | 122.4   | 108.7                     | 113.4                             |
| 1954.....   | 95.1                             | 109.8  | 107.7                   | 110.7                  | 109.0  | 115.7                               | 114.6 | 127.4   | 111.4                     | 109.9                             |
| 1955.....   | 101.8                            | 113.4  | 109.3                   | 114.9                  | 110.5  | 118.9                               | 118.1 | 132.0   | 114.5                     | 112.5                             |
| 1956.....   | 113.3                            | 122.0  | 115.4                   | 130.8                  | 117.7  | 125.7                               | 125.5 | 136.4   | 124.4                     | 120.1                             |
| <b>1955—</b>  |                                  |        |                         |                        |  |                                     |       |   |                           |                                   |
| Jan. 1.....   | 122.2                            | 110.8  | 103.2                   | 104.2                  | 107.7  | 116.5                               | 121.9 | 130.9   | 109.3                     | 109.1                             |
| Feb. 1.....   | 106.6                            | 110.2  | 103.6                   | 91.1                   | 104.3  | 113.2                               | 112.7 | 131.2   | 108.6                     | 105.8                             |
| Mar. 1.....   | 92.5                             | 110.0  | 105.7                   | 87.0                   | 103.6  | 113.4                               | 111.7 | 131.2   | 108.0                     | 105.6                             |
| Apr. 1.....   | 68.3                             | 110.0  | 106.5                   | 88.3                   | 104.3  | 113.4                               | 112.8 | 131.6   | 108.6                     | 105.7                             |
| May 1.....  | 54.0                             | 109.0  | 107.3                   | 99.2                   | 107.7  | 114.8                               | 114.8 | 131.7   | 111.0                     | 107.4                             |
| June 1.....   | 81.5                             | 111.9  | 109.3                   | 115.2                  | 111.4  | 119.1                               | 116.9 | 132.3   | 113.7                     | 111.7                             |
| July 1.....   | 101.3                            | 115.5  | 111.6                   | 125.8                  | 113.9  | 123.3                               | 118.1 | 132.7   | 118.6                     | 115.3                             |
| Aug. 1.....   | 98.3                             | 116.5  | 111.4                   | 132.2                  | 115.9  | 124.5                               | 117.7 | 133.6   | 121.2                     | 116.1                             |
| Sept. 1.....  | 104.5                            | 117.4  | 114.0                   | 138.9                  | 116.0  | 125.8                               | 118.2 | 133.8   | 121.6                     | 118.3                             |
| Oct. 1.....   | 119.7                            | 116.5  | 113.4                   | 138.2                  | 115.1  | 121.9                               | 121.5 | 131.7   | 119.6                     | 118.5                             |
| Nov. 1.....   | 133.8                            | 116.6  | 112.8                   | 134.0                  | 113.6  | 120.5                               | 123.5 | 131.9   | 117.9                     | 118.2                             |
| Dec. 1.....   | 139.5                            | 116.5  | 112.3                   | 125.2                  | 112.7  | 120.1                               | 127.8 | 132.0   | 116.3                     | 117.9                             |
| <b>1956—</b>  |                                  |        |                         |                        |  |                                     |       |   |                           |                                   |
| Jan. 1.....   | 134.4                            | 114.4  | 109.8                   | 105.1                  | 111.3  | 119.8                               | 129.0 | 132.0   | 115.4                     | 114.6                             |
| Feb. 1.....   | 115.6                            | 114.4  | 110.2                   | 102.9                  | 109.4  | 119.3                               | 119.1 | 132.3   | 115.2                     | 112.3                             |
| Mar. 1.....   | 109.5                            | 115.9  | 112.3                   | 101.9                  | 110.0  | 118.6                               | 118.7 | 133.9   | 115.9                     | 113.2                             |
| Apr. 1.....   | 84.2                             | 117.3  | 113.4                   | 101.4                  | 111.2  | 118.4                               | 121.1 | 134.6   | 117.8                     | 113.5                             |
| May 1.....  | 66.6                             | 116.9  | 114.1                   | 115.0                  | 114.3  | 121.4                               | 122.0 | 135.1   | 120.1                     | 115.2                             |
| June 1.....   | 95.2                             | 123.0  | 115.4                   | 133.1                  | 118.5  | 125.2                               | 124.0 | 135.6   | 124.7                     | 119.7                             |
| July 1.....   | 112.2                            | 126.1  | 118.0                   | 151.5                  | 121.3  | 128.8                               | 126.0 | 136.8   | 130.9                     | 124.2                             |
| Aug. 1.....   | 114.0                            | 128.2  | 117.9                   | 156.3                  | 124.9  | 132.0                               | 125.2 | 137.5   | 134.4                     | 125.4                             |
| Sept. 1.....  | 116.8                            | 128.6  | 118.0                   | 156.6                  | 124.7  | 134.4                               | 125.8 | 137.7   | 134.4                     | 125.9                             |
| Oct. 1.....   | 127.2                            | 126.5  | 118.6                   | 152.2                  | 123.2  | 131.3                               | 129.4 | 140.5   | 129.0                     | 125.7                             |
| Nov. 1.....   | 137.9                            | 126.9  | 118.6                   | 151.5                  | 121.9  | 129.9                               | 131.1 | 140.4   | 127.8                     | 126.2                             |
| Dec. 1.....   | 145.8                            | 125.4  | 118.0                   | 142.5                  | 121.5  | 129.2                               | 135.0 | 140.5   | 126.8                     | 125.7                             |
| Percentage distribution in<br>1956 <sup>3</sup> ..... | 2.9                              | 4.0    | 44.2                    | 9.7                    | 13.4   | 1.9                                 | 14.9  | 4.7   | 4.3                       | 100.0                             |

<sup>1</sup> Consists mainly of hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry-cleaning establishments and business and recreation service. <sup>2</sup> Newfoundland included from 1949. <sup>3</sup> The proportion of employees reported in the industries to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada (12-month average).