

the reports. Gross payrolls are reported for the various categories before deductions for income tax and social security contributions. Such payments as regular bonuses and for absences in the week surveyed as well as overtime earnings are included. Part-time, full-time and overtime hours worked and hours of paid absence are given.

From 1946, when the first inquiry in the present series was made, to 1956, average earnings have shown a steady rise, weekly wages increasing by 97.6 p.c. and salaries by 94.4 p.c. In both cases, the annual averages of earnings of women have usually risen at a somewhat higher percentage rate though by smaller amounts, than those of men. The shortening of the work week in the postwar period has resulted in a considerably greater advance in average hourly wages than in average weekly wages.

Table 9 shows average earnings and average hours worked in certain industries. Table 10 shows the average hourly earnings of wage-earners and the increases recorded from year to year for the two sexes. Tables 11 and 12 summarize the available averages of hours worked, hourly earnings and weekly earnings for male and female wage-earners and salaried staffs for the last week in October 1955 and 1956. Table 13 shows the proportion of women employees and also the proportion of their average earnings to men's earnings for 1954, 1955 and 1956.

9.—Average Hours and Earnings in Specified Industries and Areas 1955 and 1956

Industry, Province and Metropolitan Area	Average Hours Worked		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	No.	No.	cts.	cts.	\$	\$
Industry						
Mining.....	43.2	42.9	161.1	171.4	69.60	73.53
Metal mining.....	44.1	43.2	165.4	178.0	72.94	76.90
Coal mining.....	39.5	40.7	148.1	149.2	58.50	60.72
Manufacturing.....	41.0	41.1	144.5	151.5	59.25	62.27
Durable goods ¹	41.2	41.2	155.7	163.2	64.15	67.24
Non-durable goods ¹	40.8	40.9	132.7	138.6	54.14	56.69
Construction.....	39.9	41.1	150.9	163.9	60.21	67.36
Buildings and structures.....	39.5	41.0	162.5	176.5	64.19	72.37
Highways, bridges and streets.....	40.9	41.4	126.1	133.9	51.57	55.43
Service.....	40.4	40.3	85.6	89.0	34.58	35.87
Hotels and restaurants.....	40.8	40.4	85.2	88.8	34.76	35.88
Laundries and dry-cleaning plants.....	40.5	40.8	81.8	85.0	33.13	34.68
Province						
Newfoundland.....	41.5	41.6	136.8	141.5	56.77	58.86
Nova Scotia.....	40.9	40.9	126.4	133.2	51.70	54.48
New Brunswick.....	41.9	41.9	128.3	135.2	53.76	56.65
Quebec.....	42.2	42.3	130.0	136.2	54.86	57.61
Ontario.....	40.8	40.7	152.1	159.6	62.06	64.96
Manitoba.....	40.2	40.5	137.4	143.1	55.23	57.96
Saskatchewan.....	40.4	40.0	150.4	156.4	60.76	62.56
Alberta.....	40.1	40.1	150.8	156.1	60.47	62.60
British Columbia.....	38.3	38.2	173.1	180.6	66.30	68.99
Metropolitan Area						
Montreal.....	41.1	41.4	135.6	142.0	55.73	58.79
Toronto.....	40.4	40.6	151.9	157.6	61.37	63.99
Hamilton.....	40.3	40.6	163.1	174.2	65.73	70.73
Windsor.....	40.4	38.1	175.6	180.0	70.94	68.58
Winnipeg.....	39.9	40.3	135.2	140.3	53.94	56.54
Vancouver.....	38.0	38.2	169.9	176.9	64.56	67.58

¹ The durable goods group includes wood products, iron and steel products, transportation equipment, non-ferrous metal products, electrical apparatus and supplies, and non-metallic mineral products; the non-durable goods group includes all other manufacturing industries.