

### 11.—Annual Average Weekly Wages and Salaries by Industrial Group 1950-59, and Monthly Averages 1958 and 1959—concluded

Year and Month	Forestry (chiefly logging)	Mining	Manu- factur- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion, Storage and Comm- unica- tion	Public Utility Oper- ation	Trade	Finance, Insur- ance and Real Estate	Serv- ice <sup>1</sup>	Indus- trial Compo- site
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1959—										
January.....	65.93	89.85	75.16	75.62	76.93	86.52	62.44	67.60	49.63	72.34
February.....	70.80	93.21	75.59	76.38	77.91	87.10	62.98	68.36	50.14	73.11
March.....	74.59	91.65	75.22	73.11	77.64	87.38	62.68	69.04	50.01	72.60
April.....	78.20	90.70	75.69	75.45	78.27	87.56	63.20	69.38	50.34	73.26
May.....	70.55	89.37	76.20	77.96	79.69	87.25	63.46	69.33	50.23	73.82
June.....	70.96	89.64	75.96	76.71	80.18	87.29	63.75	69.40	49.63	73.71
July.....	69.78	90.08	75.56	78.47	80.47	86.93	63.83	69.47	49.29	73.76
August.....	68.57	89.19	75.27	77.92	80.51	87.38	63.34	68.78	49.36	73.42
September.....	71.88	91.27	76.43	79.79	81.02	88.96	63.05	68.97	50.42	74.30
October.....	74.12	91.89	77.07	79.20	81.69	89.38	63.28	68.30	51.32	74.66
November.....	73.56	93.24	76.86	78.24	81.10	90.25	62.60	68.41	51.44	74.23
December.....	70.58	89.07	75.13	69.78	80.42	90.97	62.87	68.75	51.45	72.41

<sup>1</sup> Mainly hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry-cleaning establishments and business and recreational services.

### Subsection 3.—Hours and Hourly Earnings, 1959

Since the end of 1944, the monthly survey of employment and payrolls has also obtained, for wage-earners, statistics of hours worked and paid for during periods of absence, with corresponding totals of gross wages paid to the wage-earners for whom records of hours are maintained. These are mainly hourly rated or production workers; the necessary information on hours is frequently not kept by employers for ancillary workers or, in many establishments, for any wage-earners. Salaried employees are excluded by definition from this series. In a number of industries, precise records of hours worked are lacking, with the result that data are available for fewer industries than are covered in the employment and average weekly wage and salary statistics.

The questionnaire used in the monthly survey calls for entry of the gross wage payments in the reported pay periods, before deduction for income tax and unemployment insurance deductions, etc. They include such items as payments for premium overtime work, shift differentials, production, incentive and cost-of-living bonuses where paid, as well as straight-time wages including the earnings of wage-earners employed for only part of the pay periods covered by the monthly surveys.

The general movement of average hourly earnings and weekly wages has been upward throughout the postwar years, while the work week has been shortened in most industries. In highway, bridge and street construction, however, average hours have risen since 1945, when labour and materials were in short supply. The changes from 1945 to 1959 are summarized in Table 12.

The percentage increases in earnings in manufacturing in the period have been notable, particularly in the non-durable goods component. Above-average expansion in recent years in employment in the relatively high-pay groups of that division, such as oil refining,