

## Section 4.—Wage Rates, Hours of Labour and Other Working Conditions

Statistics on occupational wage rates by industry and region or city and on standard weekly hours of labour are compiled by the federal Department of Labour and published in the annual report *Wage Rates, Salaries and Hours of Labour*. The statistics published are based on an annual survey covering some 23,000 establishments in most industries and apply to the last normal pay period preceding Oct. 1.

Average wage rates of time workers and average straight-time earnings of piece workers and other incentive workers in a given occupation are shown separately but are combined in the calculation of index numbers. Predominant ranges of rates for each occupation used are also given. Overtime pay is excluded.

The industry index numbers measure changes in wage rates for non-office employees below the rank of foreman. They do not, however, provide a basis for comparing the level of wages in one industry with that in another. More detailed information on concepts and methods of developing these statistics is given in the annual report.

### 19.—Index Numbers of Average Wage Rates for Certain Main Industrial Groups, 1950-59

(1949=100)

NOTE.—Indexes back to 1901 may be obtained from the Department of Labour publication *Wage Rates, Salaries and Hours of Labour 1959*.

Year	Logging	Coal Mining	Metal Mining	Manufacturing			Con-struction	Rail-ways	Tele-phone	Per-sonal Service	General Average
				Dur-able Goods	Non-durable Goods	All Manu-facturing					
1950.....	97.0	102.8	106.8	106.6	105.6	106.1	104.8	105.1	104.8	102.9	105.5
1951.....	109.6	111.1	121.6	121.7	118.8	120.3	118.6	121.9	115.7	110.6	119.1
1952.....	133.3	124.0	130.1	130.2	126.5	128.4	128.6	136.8	128.4	117.6	127.7
1953.....	135.5	124.0	132.3	136.3	132.8	134.6	136.2	137.2	136.6	123.3	133.6
1954.....	138.0	123.5	136.7	140.0	136.9	138.5	140.0	137.8	147.6	128.6	137.9
1955.....	138.2	122.8	140.3	143.7	140.7	142.2	145.4	137.8	152.8	132.3	141.7
1956.....	160.8	123.6	150.8	151.2	148.3	149.8	150.7	146.8	157.6	136.1	148.7
1957.....	168.4	137.4	156.2	160.7	156.3	158.6	160.7	153.3	165.9	138.9	156.5
1958.....	172.0	147.6	160.8	166.1	162.2	164.2	171.0	153.3	175.4	143.5	162.6
1959.....	176.5	147.8	165.5	172.1	167.7	169.9	180.7	165.7	178.7	144.9	169.5

### 20.—Index Numbers of Average Wage Rates, by Industry, 1955-59

(1949=100)

Industry	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
<b>Logging</b> .....	<b>138.2</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>168.4</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>176.5</b>
Eastern Canada.....	136.9	163.0	169.5	173.6	177.0
British Columbia, coastal.....	143.7	151.2	163.6	165.2	174.5
<b>Mining</b> .....	<b>134.9</b>	<b>142.4</b>	<b>150.4</b>	<b>156.7</b>	<b>160.0</b>
Metal mining.....	140.3	150.8	156.2	160.8	165.5
Gold mining.....	126.0	141.4	143.4	145.4	149.9
Other metal mining.....	149.1	156.6	164.1	170.3	175.0
Coal mining.....	122.8	123.6	137.4	147.6	147.8