

Table 23 gives summary data on working conditions of plant and office employees in manufacturing industries for the years 1956 to 1960. The percentages in this table denote the proportions which employees—plant or office—of establishments reporting specific items bear to the total number of all such employees in all establishments replying to the survey; they are not necessarily the proportions of employees actually covered by the various items.

It will be noted that for the years 1956, 1957 and 1958 the number of establishments shown as having plant employees is identical with the number having office employees, while for 1959 and 1960 these numbers differ. The explanation is that in 1959 separate counts of establishments having plant workers and establishments having office employees were obtained, while in previous years counts of establishments were obtained without distinguishing between those with both plant and office employees and those with either one or the other only. Year-to-year differences in coverage for 1956, 1957 and 1958 are attributed to differences in rates of response or to the fact that all the establishments included in the survey did not necessarily operate in all years.

23.—Summary of Selected Working Conditions of Plant and Office Employees in Manufacturing Industries, 1956-60

Item	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
COVERAGE					
Plant Employees— Reporting establishments..... No.	6,166	6,105	6,240	7,902	8,028
Employees..... "	799,365	804,953	758,943	819,401	809,736
Office Employees— Reporting establishments..... No.	6,166	6,105	6,240	7,658	7,732
Employees..... "	204,881	224,941	226,973	229,233	234,618
PERCENTAGES OF PLANT EMPLOYEES					
Standard Weekly Hours—					
40 and under.....	62	66	70	70	70
Over 40 and under 44.....	11	11	9	9	10
44.....	6	5	4	5	4
45.....	9	9	8	8	8
Over 45 and under 48.....	2	2	2	1	1
48.....	6	4	4	4	4
Over 48.....	4	3	3	3	3
Employees on a five-day week.....	86	88	88	89	90
Vacation with Pay—					
Two weeks with pay.....	92	95	95	94	86 ¹
After: 1 year or less.....	15	18	23	23	20
2 years.....	11	13	14	14	14
3 years.....	28	30	28	28	26
4 - 5 years.....	34	31	28	26	25
Other periods.....	4	3	2	3	1
Three weeks with pay.....	63	68	73	71	72 ¹
After: Less than 10 years.....	1	1	4	5	6
10 years.....	3	5	8	8	11
11 - 14 years.....	1	2	4	4	4
15 years.....	47	51	50	47	45
20 years.....	6	5	4	3	2
Other periods.....	5	4	3	4	4
Four weeks with pay.....	10	12	16	26	31 ¹
After: 25 years.....	7	10	12	22	25
Other periods.....	3	2	4	4	6
Vacations that do not vary with length of service.....	1	1	1	1	12 ¹
1 week.....	..	..	..	..	5
2 weeks.....	..	..	..	..	7

For footnote, see end of table, p. 754.