

gross remuneration for services rendered and paid absences in the period specified, including salaries, commissions, piecework and time work payments, and such items as shift premiums, and regularly paid production, incentive and cost-of-living bonuses. The statistics on hours relate to the straight and overtime hours worked by those wage-earners for whom records of hours are maintained, and also to hours credited to wage-earners absent on paid leave during the reported period. If the reported period exceeds one week, the payroll and hours data are reduced to weekly equivalents.

Subsection 1.—Employment and Weekly Wages and Salaries

Following the end of the War, the composite index of employment (1949=100) showed successive gains each year, except for 1954, until 1957 when a peak of 122.6 was reached. During the next four years the index did not vary greatly but fluctuated at levels some 3 p.c. to 4 p.c. below the 1957 point. However, in 1962 the index again approached the 1957 level and in 1963, at 124.6, greatly exceeded it.

A general recovery in employment commenced in the second quarter of 1961 and continued through 1963. Employment rose substantially in all the goods-producing industries and in the service-producing industrial divisions. Construction, which was at a fairly low level in early 1961, began an upward trend in the second quarter of that year which continued into 1962 but was reversed slightly in 1963. In both forestry and mining, however, the long-term trend toward reduced levels of employment in particular areas or segments within the division continued in 1963.

6.—Annual Average Index Numbers of Employment by Industrial Division, 1954-63, and Monthly Indexes 1963

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated as at the last pay period of each month, on the base 1949=100. Comparable averages for significant years 1921-53 are given in the 1963-64 Year Book, p. 717.

Year and Month	Forestry (chiefly logging)	Mining	Manufacturing	Construction	Transportation, Storage and Communication	Public Utility Operation	Trade	Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	Service ¹	Industrial Composite
Averages—										
1954.....	96.3	110.4	107.3	110.6	109.0	116.1	114.8	128.0	111.7	109.9
1955.....	102.9	113.7	109.8	115.0	110.8	119.2	118.7	132.1	115.0	112.9
1956.....	113.2	122.7	115.8	131.8	118.3	126.3	126.3	137.1	125.1	120.7
1957.....	99.3	127.2	115.8	135.7	120.4	133.6	121.8	145.0	131.9	122.6
1958.....	75.9	123.5	109.8	126.2	115.5	137.6	131.6	149.3	135.1	117.9
1959.....	78.9	123.4	111.1	130.3	114.3	138.7	135.3	153.2	139.3	119.7
1960.....	84.0	120.1	109.5	125.7	111.1	137.8	136.7	156.7	143.2	118.7
1961.....	71.5	116.5	108.9	121.7	108.6	138.3	137.8	163.1	148.9	118.1
1962.....	70.9	116.4	113.3	124.3	108.3	141.6	140.6	170.1	156.5	121.5
1963.....	69.7	114.4	116.4	124.0	109.2	144.0	146.0	178.9	166.7	124.6
1963—										
January.....	66.6	112.7	111.6	103.3	103.7	133.1	139.9	175.1	152.7	117.9
February.....	57.0	112.5	112.2	100.5	103.3	137.6	138.0	175.2	153.5	117.3
March.....	44.1	111.9	112.8	103.7	103.6	137.6	139.3	175.4	155.4	117.8
April.....	34.3	109.9	113.7	112.4	105.4	141.1	141.1	175.4	158.8	119.5
May.....	51.8	113.7	116.3	126.7	109.5	145.6	142.3	176.5	165.1	123.7
June.....	77.1	117.3	118.9	133.7	112.0	148.7	146.1	178.1	173.7	127.7
July.....	79.5	118.0	116.9	138.8	113.9	151.7	145.1	179.5	176.6	127.8
August.....	84.5	118.0	120.0	144.4	113.9	151.0	146.2	181.8	180.8	130.3
September....	88.5	116.7	120.3	143.2	112.8	147.0	149.5	181.5	175.2	130.3
October.....	89.2	115.4	119.3	138.3	111.9	145.0	151.0	182.4	172.0	129.4
November....	86.9	113.7	118.6	131.1	110.6	144.2	155.5	182.7	169.7	128.6
December....	74.5	112.4	115.9	111.6	108.7	141.0	157.5	183.1	166.9	125.1

¹ Consists mainly of hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry-cleaning establishments and recreational and business services.