

Subsection 2.—Hours and Earnings of Hourly Rated Wage-Earners

Since 1945, the monthly survey of employment and payrolls has covered statistics of hours of work and paid absence of those wage-earners for whom records of hours are maintained, together with the corresponding totals of gross wages paid. These wage-earners are mainly hourly rated production workers; information on hours is frequently not kept by employers for ancillary workers, nor in many industries and establishments, for any wage-earners. Salaried employees are excluded by definition from the series. As a result of these exclusions, data are available for fewer industries and workers than are covered in the employment and average weekly wage and salary statistics.

During the ten-year period 1954-63, there has been little change in the standard work week but average hourly and weekly wages have risen substantially. Upward wage-rate revisions have been the main cause of these advances but other factors have contributed, such as the employment of more highly skilled workers in the face of technological changes and the relatively greater expansion taking place in industries that pay rates higher than the general level. From 1954 to 1963, average weekly wages rose 38.3 p.c. in manufacturing, 40.2 p.c. in mining and 46.1 p.c. in construction. Average hourly earnings increased 38.3 p.c. in manufacturing, 41.8 p.c. in mining and 45.3 p.c. in construction. In manufacturing the 1963 average hourly earnings stood at \$1.95 and the average weekly wage at \$79.40, both 3.7 p.c. higher than in 1962.

12.—Annual Average Weekly Hours and Earnings of Hourly Rated Wage-Earners in Specified Industries, 1954-63, and Monthly Averages 1963

Year	All Manufactures			Mining			Building and Structures		
	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Weekly Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
Averages—									
1954.....	40.7	1.41	57.43	42.6	1.58	67.14	39.9	1.61	64.08
1955.....	41.0	1.45	59.45	43.2	1.61	69.68	39.5	1.63	64.46
1956.....	41.0	1.52	62.40	42.8	1.73	73.92	41.0	1.77	72.73
1957.....	40.4	1.61	64.96	42.3	1.88	79.35	41.3	1.90	78.47
1958.....	40.2	1.66	66.77	41.5	1.96	81.30	40.5	1.94	78.37
1959.....	40.7	1.72	70.16	41.5	2.04	84.80	39.6	2.01	79.59
1960.....	40.4	1.78	71.96	41.7	2.09	87.26	40.1	2.12	84.85
1961.....	40.6	1.83	74.27	41.8	2.13	89.08	39.9	2.17	86.39
1962.....	40.7	1.88	76.55	41.7	2.18	91.22	39.7	2.25	89.37
1963.....	40.8	1.95	79.40	42.0	2.24	94.12	40.0	2.34	93.64
1963—									
January.....	40.7	1.92	78.26	42.6	2.21	94.16	38.6	2.32	89.66
February.....	40.7	1.93	78.45	42.4	2.23	94.59	39.5	2.34	92.59
March.....	40.9	1.93	79.01	41.1	2.24	92.32	40.0	2.34	93.62
April.....	41.0	1.95	80.05	42.2	2.23	93.90	39.9	2.34	93.32
May.....	41.2	1.95	80.25	42.2	2.22	93.83	40.7	2.32	94.49
June.....	40.9	1.94	79.64	41.7	2.24	93.22	40.4	2.32	93.68
July.....	40.7	1.93	78.38	42.4	2.24	94.91	41.3	2.30	95.20
August.....	40.9	1.93	78.82	41.9	2.24	93.70	41.5	2.33	96.70
September....	41.3	1.94	80.29	42.6	2.24	95.45	42.3	2.36	99.73
October.....	41.4	1.96	80.93	42.6	2.25	95.65	42.0	2.36	99.08
November....	41.5	1.98	81.91	42.6	2.25	95.94	40.8	2.36	96.07
December....	38.0	2.02	76.53	40.2	2.28	91.67	30.6	2.40	73.29