

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 1955-64, there was little change in average weekly hours but average hourly and weekly wages rose substantially. For the most part, upward wage-rate revisions in all industries were responsible for the increases. Technological changes, which in many cases involve the employment of more highly skilled workers at the expense of those in the lower-paid occupations, also contributed to the advance of average hourly earnings. From 1955 to 1964, average weekly wages rose 39.4 p.c. in manufacturing, 40.1 p.c. in mining and 52.9 p.c. in building and general engineering. Average hourly earnings increased 39.3 p.c. in manufacturing, 43.5 p.c. in mining and 50.9 p.c. in building and general engineering. In manufacturing, 1964 average hourly earnings of \$2.02 and average weekly wages of \$82.90 represented increases of 3.6 p.c. and 4.4 p.c., respectively, over the 1963 levels.

12.—Annual Average Weekly Hours and Earnings of Hourly Rated Wage-Earners in Specified Industries, 1955-64, and Monthly Averages 1964

Year	All Manufactures			Mining			Building and General Engineering		
	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—									
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
1964.....	41.0	2.02	82.90	42.2	2.31	97.61	40.1	2.46	98.55
1964—									
January.....	41.2	1.99	81.99	42.9	2.27	97.38	39.6	2.42	96.03
February.....	41.2	1.99	82.03	42.5	2.28	97.17	40.5	2.43	98.37
March.....	40.7	2.01	81.84	42.4	2.34	99.07	36.6	2.43	88.82
April.....	41.1	2.01	82.75	42.0	2.29	96.05	40.0	2.44	97.38
May.....	41.4	2.02	83.55	42.0	2.30	96.55	41.1	2.43	99.62
June.....	41.2	2.02	83.22	42.3	2.30	97.04	39.9	2.43	96.83
July.....	40.9	2.00	82.05	42.6	2.31	98.25	41.4	2.44	100.95
August.....	41.3	2.02	83.31	41.6	2.30	95.53	41.8	2.45	102.20
September....	41.7	2.03	84.77	42.7	2.31	98.64	42.2	2.48	104.61
October.....	41.6	2.03	84.35	43.0	2.33	100.29	42.4	2.52	106.73
November....	41.2	2.04	84.04	43.0	2.34	100.68	41.2	2.52	103.83
December....	38.8	2.08	80.65	39.9	2.37	94.59	32.1	2.51	80.65