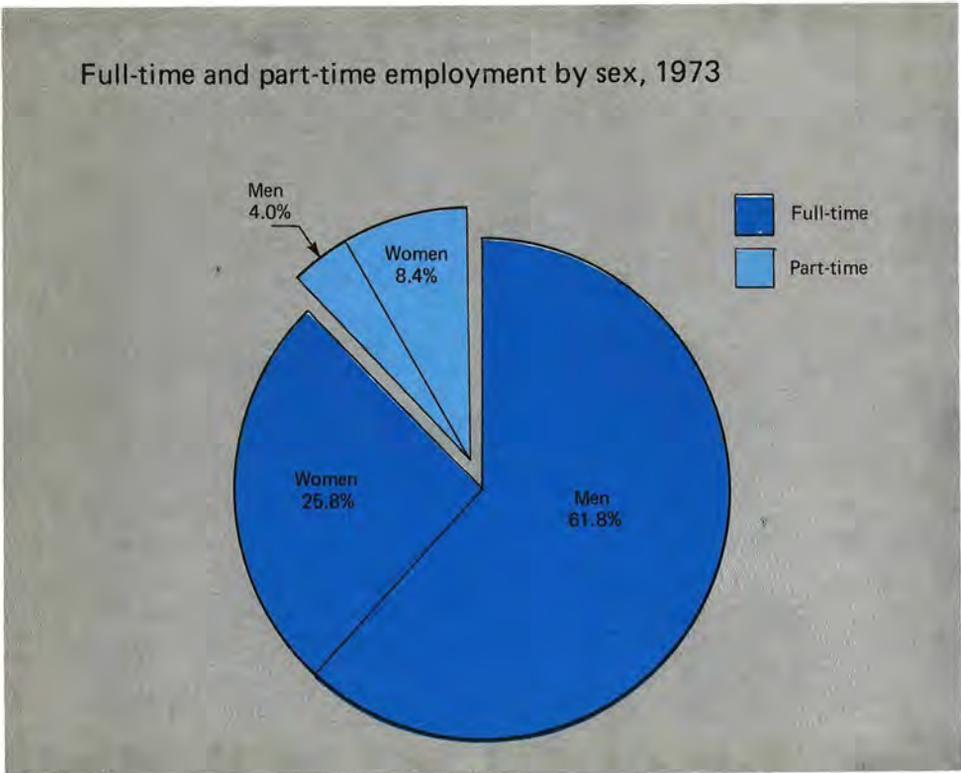


Full-time and part-time employment by sex, 1973



the 1959-62 period. In the recent period, gains have been 8.5% in 1971 and 8.4% in 1972. Annual index numbers of employment and average weekly earnings for 1970-72 are presented by industry, province and urban area in Table 8.16. Table 8.17 shows annual average weekly earnings by industrial division for the years 1968-72 and monthly averages for 1972 and 1973.

**Hours and earnings of hourly rated wage-earners.** The monthly survey of employment and payrolls covers 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 earnings statistics.

During the period 1967-72 average weekly hours declined while average hourly earnings 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. As indicated in Table 8.18 from 1967 to 1972 average hourly earnings rose by 65.1% in construction, by 52.8% in mining and by 47.5% in manufacturing. During the same period, average weekly hours declined by 3.8% in mining, 2.9% in construction and 0.7% in manufacturing. Comparing 1972 to 1971 average hourly earnings increased by 8.4% in construction, by 7.9% in manufacturing and 7.4% in mining; weekly hours dropped 0.3% in mining and increased by 0.8% in manufacturing and by 2.3% in construction. Table 8.19 presents average weekly hours and hourly earnings in specified industries and selected urban areas for 1970-72.