

19.—Total and Average Annual Salaries and Wages Paid in Manufacturing Industries, Significant Years, 1917-50

NOTE.—The averages of wage-earners and earnings for the years 1933-45 are strictly comparable with those for the years up to 1924 but not with those for the intervening years. The figures for the latest years—as for the earliest—represent the earnings for complete man-years of work, with no allowance for periods of unemployment. The difference amounts to about 3 or 4 p.c. in the total figures and affects chiefly the seasonal industries.

Year	Annual Salaries				Annual Wages			
	Salaried Employees		Total Salaries	Average Salaries	Wage-Earners		Total Wages	Average Wages
	Male	Female			Male	Female		
	No.	No.	\$	\$	No.	No.	\$	\$
1917.....	64,918		85,353,667	1,315	541,605		412,448,177	762
1920.....	78,334		141,837,361	1,811	520,559		575,656,515	1,106
1922.....	71,586		129,836,831	1,814	384,670		359,560,399	935
1924.....	54,379	15,641	130,344,822	1,862	322,719	94,871	404,122,853	998
1926.....	58,245	17,092	142,353,900	1,890	374,244	109,580	483,328,342	999
1929.....	67,731	21,110	175,553,710	1,976	454,768	122,922	601,737,507	1,042
1933.....	67,875	18,761	139,317,946	1,608	287,266	94,756	296,929,878	777
1939.....	98,165	26,607	217,839,334	1,746	415,488	117,854	519,971,819	975
1940.....	104,267	31,493	241,599,761	1,780	491,439	135,045	679,273,104	1,084
1941.....	117,251	41,693	286,336,861	1,801	626,825	175,409	978,525,782	1,220
1942.....	123,125	54,062	334,870,793	1,890	732,319	242,585	1,347,934,049	1,383
1943.....	128,679	64,516	388,857,505	2,013	762,854	285,019	1,598,434,879	1,525
1944.....	126,858	65,700	418,065,594	2,171	744,635	285,689	1,611,555,776	1,564
1945.....	128,601	62,106	417,857,619	2,191	680,620	248,045	1,427,915,830	1,538
1946.....	127,002	54,004	410,875,776	2,270	662,699	214,451	1,329,811,478	1,516
1947.....	135,248	55,852	474,693,800	2,484	721,407	219,243	1,611,232,166	1,713
1948.....	141,082	57,197	532,702,476	2,687	738,956	218,771	1,877,107,315	1,960
1949.....	157,516	64,035	628,427,937	2,836	732,457	217,199	1,963,462,720	2,067
1950.....	164,475	66,578	692,633,349	2,998	736,477	215,767	2,078,634,086	2,183

Ontario has a larger proportion of females among its salaried employees than any of the other provinces. This situation prevails in Quebec with regard to wage-earners owing, no doubt, to the textile industries of the Province. The importance of the textile industries in providing employment for females is strikingly illustrated by the fact that, of all female wage-earners engaged in the manufacturing industries of Canada in 1950, 44 p.c. were classed in the textile group.

The average salary in 1950 amounted to \$2,998 which was \$1,252 or 72 p.c. higher than in 1939. Salaried employees in Ontario with \$3,150 were the highest paid, those in Quebec second with \$2,981, followed by British Columbia with \$2,871 and Manitoba with \$2,818. The location of head offices of many large corporations at Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver tends to raise the average salaries in the provinces in which these cities are located.

The average wage in 1950 amounted to \$2,183 which was \$1,208 or 124 p.c. higher than in 1939. The manufacturing industries of Newfoundland paid the highest average wage of \$2,626, displacing British Columbia which formerly occupied the premier position. British Columbia followed with \$2,393, Ontario with \$2,328, Saskatchewan with \$2,115 and Alberta with \$2,113. The high figures shown for the Yukon and Northwest Territories in regard to average wages reflect the unusual conditions under which industry is carried on in these regions and are not representative. Statistics of the distribution of employees by province and by industrial group, together with average annual earnings, are given in Table 20.