

17.—Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, by Industrial Group, 1939-52, and Monthly Averages, 1951 and 1952

Year and Month	Forestry (chiefly Logging)	Mining	Manufacturing	Construction	Transportation, Storage and Communication	Public Utility Operation	Trade	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	Service ¹	Industrial Composite
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Averages—										
1939.....	17.37	28.69	22.79	18.83	28.68	29.53	21.83	29.59	16.33	23.44
1940.....	17.30	30.24	24.48	22.71	29.72	30.20	22.53	29.70	16.74	24.94
1941.....	19.18	32.64	26.73	23.78	30.34	31.88	22.81	30.00	17.43	26.65
1942.....	20.70	34.81	28.99	27.29	31.70	34.16	24.07	31.46	18.21	28.62
1943.....	24.78	36.09	31.39	30.83	33.15	35.70	25.24	32.48	19.42	30.79
1944.....	26.54	38.05	32.49	30.63	34.62	37.01	26.21	33.61	20.25	31.85
1945.....	26.90	38.61	32.46	30.66	36.05	36.91	26.85	34.77	20.71	32.04
1946.....	29.03	39.21	32.27	31.62	37.53	38.17	28.45	36.11	21.90	32.48
1947.....	35.42	43.03	36.34	34.85	41.23	41.05	31.29	38.34	23.48	36.19
1948.....	39.11	48.77	40.67	37.99	45.51	45.16	34.38	40.08	25.87	40.06
1949.....	40.62	51.49	43.97	41.28	48.39	48.14	36.97	42.22	28.05	42.96
1950.....	42.01	53.95	46.21	43.27	49.15	51.14	38.61	43.90	29.50	44.84
1951.....	48.40	59.82	51.25	48.36	53.76	55.93	42.71	46.26	31.61	49.61
1952.....	55.72	65.56	56.11	55.21	56.59	61.95	46.10	49.17	34.07	54.13
1951—										
Jan. 1.....	42.58	54.08	46.60	40.82	51.07	52.76	39.55	44.78	30.23	45.27
Feb. 1.....	42.45	58.22	49.64	46.56	52.55	53.48	40.91	45.35	30.97	47.87
Mar. 1.....	44.94	58.85	49.56	47.56	52.53	54.85	41.58	45.28	31.45	48.19
Apr. 1.....	45.76	57.56	50.03	46.59	53.05	54.57	41.60	45.91	31.50	48.43
May 1.....	48.74	59.20	50.84	46.99	53.03	55.36	42.51	46.16	31.79	49.17
June 1.....	49.54	58.74	50.90	47.15	53.72	55.57	42.77	46.23	31.77	49.34
July 1.....	51.66	60.32	51.70	48.81	54.12	56.22	43.53	46.23	31.60	50.17
Aug. 1.....	47.49	60.77	51.68	49.48	54.20	56.32	43.85	46.27	31.21	50.16
Sept. 1.....	48.15	60.77	52.37	50.44	54.74	56.03	43.74	46.40	31.28	50.66
Oct. 1.....	50.83	63.01	53.31	51.95	55.06	57.79	44.17	47.11	32.07	51.59
Nov. 1.....	54.14	62.74	53.89	51.60	55.35	58.47	44.34	47.72	32.59	52.05
Dec. 1.....	54.47	63.60	54.44	52.34	55.71	59.73	43.91	47.65	32.84	52.41
1952—										
Jan. 1.....	51.60	60.42	51.82	46.14	55.73	59.65	44.25	47.50	32.69	50.42
Feb. 1.....	52.87	63.55	55.36	54.37	55.45	61.05	45.61	47.75	33.41	53.19
Mar. 1.....	57.04	64.20	55.73	55.81	56.43	61.56	45.93	48.42	33.97	53.95
Apr. 1.....	59.96	65.83	56.55	56.06	55.04	62.02	45.82	49.40	33.81	54.32
May 1.....	56.38	65.09	56.55	55.35	56.70	61.82	45.91	49.65	34.22	54.34
June 1.....	53.24	65.40	56.10	54.96	56.43	61.92	46.43	49.62	34.06	54.08
July 1.....	53.47	65.76	55.95	54.56	56.49	61.04	46.57	49.57	33.74	53.96
Aug. 1.....	54.21	65.24	55.71	53.91	57.06	61.49	46.89	49.50	33.64	53.89
Sept. 1.....	56.31	66.22	56.36	56.05	57.15	61.80	46.61	49.51	33.92	54.55
Oct. 1.....	56.61	67.41	57.09	57.45	57.23	62.18	46.53	49.54	34.69	55.12
Nov. 1.....	56.88	68.14	57.66	58.66	57.70	63.93	46.58	49.85	35.23	55.65
Dec. 1.....	60.01	69.40	58.46	59.15	57.69	64.89	46.26	49.77	35.47	56.12

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

Since 1944, a monthly series of statistics on man-hours, hourly earnings and weekly wages in industries where employers keep count of hours actually worked has been prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In manufacturing, the proportion of total workers included in the monthly surveys on these subjects is high, amounting to approximately 80 p.c. of all wage-earners in Canada. Table 18 summarizes the recent data. In general, the trend towards a shorter working week continued during 1952, with many of the listed industries showing fractional reductions in average weekly hours worked. Construction was again an exception, with an increase in the average work week from 40.3 hours to 41.7 hours between 1951 and 1952. In all industries and areas for which statistics are available there have been successive increases in recent years in the averages of hourly earnings and weekly wages.