

8.—Annual Average Weekly Earnings by Industrial Group 1945-54 and Monthly Averages 1953 and 1954

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—										
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	38.81	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.....	55.31	65.35	56.11	55.37	56.48	61.66	45.89	49.13	34.05	54.13
1953.....	58.11	68.70	59.01	60.57	61.09	65.16	48.26	51.64	36.87	57.30
1954.....	59.86	70.48	60.94	61.04	62.62	67.76	50.60	53.78	38.87	58.88
1953—										
Jan. 1.....	57.59	65.46	54.92	51.51	59.58	63.45	46.29	50.06	34.83	53.81
Feb. 1.....	56.30	68.59	58.82	59.97	59.79	64.95	47.22	50.26	36.16	56.72
Mar. 1.....	61.12	67.70	59.25	61.50	60.77	65.31	47.81	50.32	36.55	57.40
Apr. 1.....	59.22	67.06	59.43	61.11	60.11	64.83	47.90	51.79	36.75	57.33
May 1.....	58.23	68.08	59.43	59.99	61.21	64.64	48.37	52.06	37.31	57.52
June 1.....	56.75	68.87	59.43	61.08	61.87	65.70	48.45	52.01	37.23	57.72
July 1.....	57.94	68.23	59.16	60.94	61.80	64.71	48.80	51.94	36.80	57.57
Aug. 1.....	59.21	68.54	58.93	61.34	61.35	65.01	49.05	52.07	36.76	57.52
Sept. 1.....	59.45	69.28	58.83	61.93	61.45	64.80	49.03	52.16	36.66	57.61
Oct. 1.....	55.08	70.23	59.69	63.32	61.93	65.98	49.03	52.09	37.38	58.11
Nov. 1.....	56.86	70.30	59.98	62.29	61.92	65.73	48.90	52.44	37.86	58.14
Dec. 1.....	59.58	72.01	60.29	61.81	61.31	66.76	48.27	52.50	38.11	58.13
1954—										
Jan. 1.....	59.38	68.04	58.24	55.34	61.40	66.97	49.24	52.69	37.83	56.56
Feb. 1.....	56.15	70.91	60.60	61.48	61.86	68.61	50.06	52.75	38.27	58.47
Mar. 1.....	60.52	70.71	61.13	63.81	62.51	69.24	50.51	53.20	38.80	59.22
Apr. 1.....	62.30	69.43	61.19	62.85	61.91	67.99	50.68	53.53	38.65	59.06
May 1.....	62.23	70.00	61.30	61.33	62.70	68.06	50.70	54.11	39.04	59.15
June 1.....	59.68	70.38	60.54	59.13	62.02	67.22	50.68	54.27	38.62	58.42
July 1.....	60.69	70.03	61.07	61.81	62.75	67.00	51.38	54.20	38.49	59.17
Aug. 1.....	60.95	69.65	60.87	60.99	62.83	66.85	51.09	53.92	38.17	58.93
Sept. 1.....	58.60	71.26	61.39	61.34	63.31	67.22	50.85	53.91	39.04	59.25
Oct. 1.....	60.58	72.56	61.89	61.61	64.09	68.48	50.93	54.17	39.73	59.78
Nov. 1.....	60.58	72.56	61.89	61.61	64.09	68.48	50.93	54.17	39.73	59.78
Dec. 1.....	60.49	72.73	62.07	61.35	63.46	68.09	50.11	54.29	40.09	59.59

¹ Mainly hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaning establishments and business and recreation service.

Man-Hours and Hourly Earnings.—A monthly series of statistics of man-hours, hourly earnings and weekly wages* has been computed since 1944 for those establishments covered by the survey which keep a record of hours worked by their wage earners. Because salaried employees are purposely excluded from the series and also because some establishments do not keep the necessary records, the coverage is lower than in the employment and payrolls inquiry. Monthly data are obtained for over 80 p.c. of the total production workers reporting to the annual Census of Industry and Merchandising which surveys practically all establishments, irrespective of size.

Average hours worked per week by factory wage earners have fallen steadily since the end of the War and showed a further slight decrease in 1954. In some factories the lower figure may be related to a decline in industrial activity resulting in less overtime work and some short time. However average hours were also lower in groups, such as paper products and chemical products, where activity increased during the year, largely because of a reduction in standard hours per week. The only significant advances from 1953 in average hours worked per week were recorded in coal mining and printing, publishing and allied industries.

* DBS Bulletin *Man-Hours and Hourly Earnings with Average Weekly Wages*.