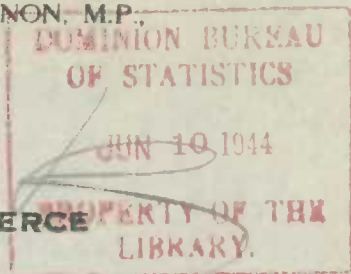


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WEEKLY EARNINGS OF MALE AND FEMALE WAGE-EARNERS EMPLOYED  
IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF CANADA,  
CLASSIFIED BY INCOME GROUPS, 1940

The present report embodies the results, in summary form, of the survey made for the year 1940 of weekly earnings, classified by income groups. A more detailed report giving statistics by industries and cities will be published at a later date when the statistics of earnings in January, 1944, which are now being collected, are compiled.

For the purpose of this report each manufacturer was required to give a break-down of his payroll for one week in the month of highest employment. The actual amount paid by each person, including room and board when provided, formed the basis of classification. Practically all manufacturers are included and the survey covers a total of 752,048 wage-earners, 581,546 males and 170,502 females. A week in the month of highest employment was chosen for the survey as it was thought that in such a week most of the workers would be working on full-time. This method unfortunately does not eliminate short-time employment due to illness or other reasons, and the average weekly earnings are, therefore, slightly understated.

In addition to the break-down of wage-earners into income groups, manufacturers were also required to report the total wage bill for the week. Average weekly earnings were obtained by dividing the amount of wages paid by the number of persons employed. For this reason the average weekly earnings shown in this report differ slightly from the calculated weekly earnings obtained by multiplying the mean of each group by the number of employees in each group and dividing the calculated earnings by the total number of employees in all the groups.

Average weekly earnings of male wage-earners employed in the manufacturing industries of Canada amounted to \$24.78 in 1940, an increase of \$2.55 or 11 per cent as compared with 1939, the year preceding the war. However, due to an increase of 2.8 hours in the average number of hours worked per week, average hourly earnings advanced from 46.2 cents in 1939 to 48.7 cents in 1940, an increase of nearly 5.4 per cent. Annual earnings also advanced from \$1,076 in 1939 to \$1,202 in 1940, an increase of 11.7 per cent.

Female wage-earners received on an average \$13.49 in 1940, an increase of 71 cents or 5.6 per cent. Hourly earnings advanced by 0.7 per cent and annual earnings by 5.7 per cent. For details of average hourly, weekly and annual earnings since 1934, see Table 1.

The following summary of Table 2 which gives the cumulative percentage distribution of wage-earners by income groups, gives additional information on the improvement in weekly earnings in 1940 as compared with 1936.

Percentage Distribution of Wage-earners by Income Groups.

Wage Group	Male		Female	
	1940	1936	1940	1936
Under \$6.00 .....	1.7	2.2	5.1	5.6
\$6.00 to \$ 9.99 .....	4.7	8.1	18.1	24.4
\$10.00 to \$14.99 .....	11.7	16.4	43.5	49.1
\$15.00 to \$19.99 .....	17.2	23.7	24.5	16.5
\$20.00 to \$29.99 .....	36.7	35.4	6.4	3.9
\$30.00 to \$39.99 .....	18.8	10.6	1.6	0.4
\$40.00 and over .....	9.2	3.6	0.8	0.1
TOTAL .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, 1940

Table 1. - Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings of Male and Female Wage-earners, 1934 - 1940

Year	Average Earnings			Hours Worked per Week	Average Earnings			Hours Worked per Week
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly		Annual	Weekly	Hourly	
	\$	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$	No.
	M A L E				F E M A L E			
1934 ..	930	20.31	0.407	49.9 1/	539	11.80	0.251	46.9 1/
1935 ..	966	20.41	0.413	49.4 1/	570	12.04	0.259	46.5 1/
1936 ..	995	20.92	0.423	49.4 1/	577	12.20	0.262	46.5 1/
1938 ..	1,055	21.52	0.455	47.3	594	12.11	0.271	44.6
1939 ..	1,076	22.23	0.462	48.1	619	12.78	0.283	45.2
1940 ..	1,202	24.78	0.487	50.9	654	13.49	0.285	47.3

1/ Estimated on the basis of hours worked by female wage-earners in 1938 and 1939 as compared with those worked by male wage-earners in those years.

Table 2. - Cumulative Percentage Distribution of Wage-earners in the Manufacturing Industries of Canada, by Income Groups, 1936 and 1940.

Wage Group	C A N A D A			
	M a l e		F e m a l e	
	1 9 4 0	1 9 3 6	1 9 4 0	1 9 3 6
Under \$6.00 .....	1.7	2.2	5.1	5.6
\$ 6.00 to \$ 9.99 .....	6.4	10.3	23.2	30.0
\$10.00 to \$ 14.99 .....	18.1	26.7	66.7	79.1
\$15.00 to \$ 19.99 .....	35.3	50.4	91.2	95.6
\$20.00 to \$ 24.99 .....	55.4	71.9	97.6	98.8
\$25.00 to \$ 29.99 .....	72.0	85.8	99.2	99.5
\$30.00 to \$ 34.99 .....	83.5	92.9	99.7	99.8
\$35.00 to \$ 39.99 .....	90.8	96.4	99.9	99.9
\$40.00 to \$ 44.99 .....	94.8	98.1	)	)
\$45.00 to \$ 49.99 .....	97.0	99.0	100.0 )	100.0 )
\$50.00 and over .....	100.0	100.0	)	)

For actual numbers, see Tables 3, 4 and 5.

WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, 1940

Table 3. - Average Weekly Earnings of Male and Female Wage-earners,  
Classified by Wage Groups, 1936 and 1940.

Wage Group	C A N A D A			
	M a l e		F e m a l e	
	1 9 4 0	1 9 3 6	1 9 4 0	1 9 3 6
1. Under \$6.00 .....	9,901	10,301	8,733	8,393
2. \$ 6.00 - \$ 6.99 .....	4,697	7,956	4,110	6,074
3. \$ 7.00 - 7.99 .....	5,836	8,005	6,637	8,170
4. \$ 8.00 - 8.99 .....	6,696	8,843	9,408	9,840
5. \$ 9.00 - 9.99 .....	9,964	13,062	10,715	12,147
6. \$10.00 - 10.99 .....	12,051	13,696	13,315	13,744
7. \$11.00 - 11.99 .....	9,778	11,098	13,271	15,202
8. \$12.00 - 12.99 .....	18,516	19,889	18,750	19,214
9. \$13.00 - 13.99 .....	13,683	15,040	14,721	12,939
10. \$14.00 - 14.99 .....	14,007	16,287	14,077	11,846
11. \$15.00 - 15.99 .....	20,452	24,091	12,328	9,207
12. \$16.00 - 16.99 .....	18,617	22,236	9,793	5,950
13. \$17.00 - 17.99 .....	16,915	19,037	7,836	4,034
14. \$18.00 - 18.99 .....	23,065	23,669	7,152	3,341
15. \$19.00 - 19.99 .....	21,227	20,935	4,622	2,054
16. \$20.00 - 20.99 .....	23,009	23,133	3,545	1,797
17. \$21.00 - 21.99 .....	23,818	22,603	2,587	1,056
18. \$22.00 - 22.99 .....	25,005	20,526	2,153	816
19. \$23.00 - 23.99 .....	21,062	14,299	1,455	555
20. \$24.00 - 24.99 .....	24,173	19,370	1,176	482
21. \$25.00 - 25.99 .....	20,899	17,239	963	436
22. \$26.00 - 26.99 .....	23,425	12,018	596	232
23. \$27.00 - 27.99 .....	17,739	14,386	455	208
24. \$28.00 - 28.99 .....	17,955	12,101	369	152
25. \$29.00 - 29.99 .....	17,331	8,846	338	102
26. \$30.00 - 34.99 .....	66,347	33,107	889	407
27. \$35.00 - 39.99 .....	42,884	16,342	283	135
28. \$40.00 - 44.99 .....	23,384	8,024	127	55
29. \$45.00 - 49.99 .....	12,654	4,004	44	12
30. \$50.00 and over .....	17,656	4,464	54	28
<b>Total wage-earners .....</b>	<b>581,546</b>	<b>464,505</b>	<b>170,502</b>	<b>148,628</b>
<b>Average weekly earnings .....</b>	<b>\$24.78</b>	<b>\$20.92</b>	<b>\$13.49</b>	<b>\$12.20</b>

WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, 1940.

Table 4. - Average Weekly Earnings of Male and Female Wage-earners Employed in the Manufacturing Industries of Canada,  
Classified by Wage and Industrial Groups, 1940.

Wage Group	All Groups	Vegetable Products	Animal Products	Textile Products	Wood and Paper	Iron and its Products	Non-ferrous Metals	Non-metallic Minerals	Chemical Products	Miscellaneous Products
	<b>M A L E</b>									
Under \$ 6.00 .....	9,901	2,976	784	777	2,750	1,244	347	336	434	253
\$ 6.00 - \$ 9.99 .....	27,193	4,417	2,556	3,662	10,990	2,654	853	428	807	826
\$10.00 - 14.99 .....	68,035	10,106	4,452	10,287	26,910	8,713	2,621	1,394	1,910	1,642
\$15.00 - 19.99 .....	100,276	16,206	6,346	15,270	29,840	18,662	4,800	3,759	3,523	1,870
\$20.00 - 24.99 .....	117,067	18,052	7,072	11,976	29,508	30,001	7,614	5,109	5,975	1,760
\$25.00 - 29.99 .....	96,349	11,079	5,711	7,980	21,793	29,704	10,727	4,235	3,989	1,231
\$30.00 - 34.99 .....	66,347	5,485	3,077	4,647	11,110	29,043	7,196	2,690	2,361	738
\$35.00 - 39.99 .....	42,684	2,823	1,541	2,687	7,421	20,966	4,357	1,373	1,137	379
\$40.00 - 44.99 .....	23,384	1,190	741	1,697	4,679	11,791	1,811	758	524	193
\$45.00 - 49.99 .....	12,654	510	295	1,001	2,861	6,496	947	227	258	59
\$50.00 and over .....	17,656	648	313	1,237	4,134	9,740	970	277	248	89
Total wage-earners .....	581,546	73,492	32,888	61,121	151,996	169,014	42,243	20,586	21,166	9,040
Average weekly earnings ....	\$24.78	\$21.25	\$21.98	\$21.79	\$22.10	\$30.00	\$27.45	\$24.90	\$24.16	\$20.82
	<b>F E M A L E</b>									
Under \$ 6.00 .....	8,733	4,276	641	2,319	753	152	164	37	249	142
\$ 6.00 - \$ 9.99 .....	30,870	8,915	3,303	12,806	2,523	620	740	201	924	838
\$10.00 - 14.99 .....	74,134	17,450	5,121	33,574	6,335	2,559	3,396	754	3,364	1,581
\$15.00 - 19.99 .....	41,731	7,990	2,867	20,828	3,124	2,062	2,708	166	1,115	875
\$20.00 - 24.99 .....	10,916	1,328	1,053	5,941	645	736	654	52	225	282
\$25.00 - 29.99 .....	2,721	235	280	1,580	174	233	107	10	45	57
\$30.00 - 34.99 .....	889	51	100	512	58	130	16	3	6	13
\$35.00 - 39.99 .....	283	8	58	153	28	19	9	-	4	4
\$40.00 - 44.99 .....	127	2	19	79	19	4	2	-	2	-
\$45.00 - 49.99 .....	44	-	5	34	5	-	-	-	-	-
\$50.00 and over .....	54	1	5	37	8	1	2	-	-	-
Total wage-earners .....	170,502	40,256	13,452	77,863	13,672	6,516	7,798	1,223	5,934	3,792
Average weekly earnings ....	\$13.49	\$12.02	\$14.05	\$14.02	\$12.86	\$15.87	\$14.62	\$12.81	\$12.76	\$13.47

WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, 1940.

Table 5. - Average Weekly Earnings of Male and Female Wage-earners Employed in the Manufacturing Industries of Canada, Classified by Wage Group and Province, 1940.

Wage Group	CANADA	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and Northwest Territories
	<b>M A L E</b>										
Under \$ 6.00 .....	9,901	20	386	335	3,513	4,544	283	233	109	479	-
\$ 6.00 - \$ 9.99 .....	27,193	95	2,099	1,122	12,152	9,243	794	554	325	809	-
\$10.00 - 14.99 .....	68,035	210	3,996	3,189	27,497	25,237	2,393	1,252	1,827	2,433	1
\$15.00 - 19.99 .....	100,276	157	3,309	3,816	34,781	44,461	3,127	980	2,329	7,316	-
\$20.00 - 24.99 .....	117,067	321	2,098	2,344	33,580	58,133	4,198	1,280	2,938	12,164	11
\$25.00 - 29.99 .....	96,349	88	1,539	1,895	23,142	53,083	3,629	1,005	1,921	10,035	12
\$30.00 - 34.99 .....	66,347	28	1,087	1,144	17,234	35,999	3,509	543	1,259	5,542	2
\$35.00 - 39.99 .....	42,684	42	628	810	10,195	25,181	1,373	244	543	3,068	-
\$40.00 - 44.99 .....	23,384	4	258	276	4,517	15,037	596	145	301	2,248	2
\$45.00 - 49.99 .....	12,654	-	181	120	3,137	7,982	237	45	100	851	1
\$50.00 and over .....	17,656	8	276	315	5,132	10,560	395	53	84	820	13
Total wage-earners .....	581,546	973	15,856	15,366	174,880	289,460	20,534	6,334	11,736	46,365	42
Average weekly earnings .	\$24.78	<sup>x</sup> \$19.91	\$20.47	\$20.54	\$22.75	\$26.63	\$24.30	\$20.67	\$22.53	\$26.00	\$35.81
	<b>F E M A L E</b>										
Under \$6.00 .....	8,733	57	296	171	3,543	4,003	205	58	52	348	-
\$ 6.00 - \$ 9.99 .....	30,870	60	1,139	858	16,743	10,344	677	75	229	745	-
\$10.00 - 14.99 .....	74,134	37	1,430	969	32,322	33,697	2,215	180	679	2,604	1
\$15.00 - 19.99 .....	41,731	5	396	323	13,257	24,576	1,080	93	325	1,676	-
\$20.00 - 24.99 .....	10,916	1	128	91	3,849	6,086	282	14	144	319	2
\$25.00 - 29.99 .....	2,721	-	11	27	963	1,488	100	1	36	94	1
\$30.00 - 34.99 .....	889	-	10	9	292	518	27	1	19	13	-
\$35.00 - 39.99 .....	283	-	-	1	121	143	16	-	1	1	-
\$40.00 - 44.99 .....	127	-	-	1	52	63	9	1	-	1	-
\$45.00 - 49.99 .....	44	-	-	1	19	22	2	-	-	-	-
\$50.00 and over .....	54	-	-	-	16	31	4	-	1	2	-
Total wage-earners .....	170,502	160	3,410	2,451	71,177	80,971	4,617	423	1,486	5,803	4
Average weekly earnings .	\$13.49	\$7.71	\$11.19	\$11.64	\$12.70	\$14.37	\$13.60	\$11.61	\$14.19	\$13.60	\$21.25

<sup>x</sup> Actual earnings in manufacturing are only \$15.31. This amount includes a few hundred employees in non-manufacturing operations reported in error by one firm.

WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, 1940.

Table 6. - Average Weekly Earnings of Male and Female Wage-earners Employed in the Manufacturing Industries of Canada,  
Classified by Wage and Industrial Groups, 1936.

Wage Group	All Groups	Vegetable Products	Animal Products	Textile Products	Wood and Paper	Iron and its Products	Non-ferrous Metals	Non-metallic Minerals	Chemical Products	Miscellaneous Products
<b>M A L E</b>										
Under \$ 6.00 .....	10,301	1,808	1,894	1,045	3,236	608	251	378	186	395
\$ 6.00 - \$ 9.99 .....	37,766	4,625	5,359	5,982	15,575	2,258	886	1,133	558	1,135
\$10.00 - 14.99 .....	76,008	10,517	9,161	13,398	22,677	9,822	2,703	3,230	1,724	1,923
\$15.00 - 19.99 .....	109,968	16,449	11,881	14,493	28,846	20,364	5,382	5,465	3,080	2,489
\$20.00 - 24.99 .....	99,931	14,359	10,727	9,648	21,188	24,489	8,016	4,523	2,885	2,274
\$25.00 - 29.99 .....	64,590	7,403	6,176	5,478	9,718	22,349	6,093	2,685	1,667	1,422
\$30.00 - 34.99 .....	33,107	2,798	2,497	2,994	6,235	11,363	2,823	1,482	763	893
\$35.00 - 39.99 .....	16,342	1,033	1,034	1,582	4,146	5,314	1,095	741	360	373
\$40.00 - 44.99 .....	8,024	419	483	920	2,552	2,343	329	316	144	209
\$45.00 - 49.99 .....	4,004	155	200	542	1,666	907	130	143	61	89
\$50.00 and over .....	4,464	230	231	615	1,898	843	146	235	77	121
<b>Total wage-earners .....</b>	<b>464,505</b>	<b>59,796</b>	<b>49,643</b>	<b>56,697</b>	<b>117,737</b>	<b>100,660</b>	<b>27,854</b>	<b>20,331</b>	<b>11,505</b>	<b>11,323</b>
<b>Average weekly earnings ...</b>	<b>\$20.92</b>	<b>\$19.29</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>	<b>\$19.33</b>	<b>\$19.71</b>	<b>\$24.15</b>	<b>\$23.31</b>	<b>\$21.23</b>	<b>\$21.14</b>	<b>\$20.46</b>
<b>F E M A L E</b>										
Under \$ 6.00 .....	8,393	3,186	2,638	1,766	471	46	72	20	45	143
\$ 6.00 - \$ 9.99 .....	36,231	10,468	5,018	15,121	2,863	447	726	105	849	627
\$10.00 - 14.99 .....	72,945	16,406	6,446	35,331	5,842	1,809	3,455	571	2,024	1,055
\$15.00 - 19.99 .....	24,586	4,681	2,558	12,382	1,812	982	1,155	116	402	498
\$20.00 - 24.99 .....	4,706	699	657	2,439	296	327	140	22	63	60
\$25.00 - 29.99 .....	1,130	48	153	764	80	37	12	7	7	21
\$30.00 - 34.99 .....	407	13	62	271	47	4	-	1	7	2
\$35.00 - 39.99 .....	135	4	23	93	11	1	1	-	2	-
\$40.00 - 44.99 .....	55	1	6	39	8	1	-	-	-	-
\$45.00 - 49.99 .....	12	-	5	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
\$50.00 and over .....	28	-	2	12	13	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Total wage-earners .....</b>	<b>148,628</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>17,568</b>	<b>68,221</b>	<b>11,447</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>5,561</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>2,406</b>
<b>Average weekly earnings ...</b>	<b>\$12.20</b>	<b>\$11.21</b>	<b>\$11.20</b>	<b>\$12.78</b>	<b>\$12.21</b>	<b>\$14.22</b>	<b>\$13.17</b>	<b>\$12.65</b>	<b>\$11.94</b>	<b>\$12.15</b>



WEEKLY EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, 1940

Table 7. - Average Weekly Earnings of Male and Female Wage-earners Employed in the Manufacturing Industries of Canada,  
Classified by Wage Group and Province, 1936.

Wage Group	CANADA	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunsw- wick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and Northwest Territories
	<b>M A L E</b>										
Under \$ 6.00 .....	10,301	258	876	379	4,651	2,990	257	234	196	460	-
\$ 6.00 - \$ 9.99 .....	37,766	403	3,446	2,742	16,916	11,373	752	481	550	1,103	-
\$10.00 - 14.99 .....	76,008	261	4,113	3,717	26,943	31,330	2,507	1,123	2,000	4,014	-
\$15.00 - 19.99 .....	109,968	164	3,275	3,186	31,837	51,938	3,638	1,279	2,947	11,704	-
\$20.00 - 24.99 .....	99,931	68	2,265	1,720	23,227	53,282	3,799	927	2,190	12,453	-
\$25.00 - 29.99 .....	64,590	23	1,199	1,196	15,424	34,983	4,138	478	1,801	5,348	-
\$30.00 - 34.99 .....	33,107	9	582	401	7,322	19,666	1,340	281	677	2,829	-
\$35.00 - 39.99 .....	16,342	2	289	213	3,124	9,280	1,321	138	488	1,487	-
\$40.00 - 44.99 .....	8,024	1	128	119	1,697	4,448	340	76	233	982	-
\$45.00 - 49.99 .....	4,004	-	77	60	890	2,408	120	19	53	377	-
\$50.00 and over .....	4,464	-	105	84	1,161	2,401	150	28	71	464	-
<b>Total wage-earners .....</b>	<b>464,505</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>16,355</b>	<b>13,817</b>	<b>133,192</b>	<b>224,099</b>	<b>18,362</b>	<b>5,064</b>	<b>11,206</b>	<b>41,221</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Average weekly earnings</b>	<b>\$20.92</b>	<b>\$11.03</b>	<b>\$16.35</b>	<b>\$16.72</b>	<b>\$18.99</b>	<b>\$22.27</b>	<b>\$22.93</b>	<b>\$18.63</b>	<b>\$21.10</b>	<b>\$22.60</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>F E M A L E</b>										
Under \$ 6.00 .....	8,393	375	558	780	3,694	2,329	182	72	41	362	-
\$ 6.00 - \$ 9.99 .....	36,231	507	2,174	1,589	18,962	10,819	897	94	221	968	-
\$10.00 - 14.99 .....	72,945	37	959	814	25,836	37,509	2,474	278	876	4,162	-
\$15.00 - 19.99 .....	24,586	4	212	241	7,213	14,361	674	78	345	1,458	-
\$20.00 - 24.99 .....	4,706	2	19	24	1,575	2,672	157	1	34	222	-
\$25.00 - 29.99 .....	1,130	-	4	1	379	674	31	1	2	38	-
\$30.00 - 34.99 .....	407	-	1	4	113	275	2	1	-	11	-
\$35.00 - 39.99 .....	135	-	2	1	45	75	2	-	-	10	-
\$40.00 - 44.99 .....	55	-	-	-	16	31	4	-	-	4	-
\$45.00 - 49.99 .....	12	-	-	-	6	2	1	-	1	2	-
\$50.00 and over .....	28	-	-	-	6	12	8	-	-	2	-
<b>Total wage-earners .....</b>	<b>148,628</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>3,454</b>	<b>57,845</b>	<b>68,759</b>	<b>4,432</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>7,239</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Average weekly earnings ..</b>	<b>\$12.20</b>	<b>\$6.38</b>	<b>\$9.02</b>	<b>\$8.72</b>	<b>\$11.44</b>	<b>\$13.15</b>	<b>\$12.51</b>	<b>\$11.36</b>	<b>\$12.90</b>	<b>\$13.01</b>	<b>-</b>

