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## Summary

Basic wage rates of union streetcar and bus operators averaged $\$ 1.10$ an hour for 72 cities on July 1, 1946, an increase of 17.2 percent over July 1,1945 . The increase reflects the inclusion of many wartime bonus arrangements as part of the basic rate structure along with the postwar negotiated increases. Ninety-seven percent of the union members received rate increases. Two-fifths of those benefiting advanced by 15 to 20 percent. Shortening of time intervals between automatic wage increases benefited 6 percent of the workers. The highest rates were reported in Detroit where operators of one-man cars had a rate of $\$ 1.32$ an hour after 1 year of service, with 10 cents additional for owl runs.

Overtime payments after a specified number of hours of work and the 40 -hour straight-time week are becoming increasingly prevalent. All of the workers studied were covered by agreements providing paid vacations, and 57 percent received 2 weeks' vacation after 1 year of service.

## Scope of Study

This survey, first conducted in 1921, is part of the Bureau of Labor Statistics program of making Nation-wide annual studies of union wage scales and related matters in various trades. ${ }^{1}$ Union scales herein reported for the various classifications covering organized streetcar, bus, and subway operating employees working on local city transit services were those in effect on July 1, 1946. A union scale may be defined as the minimum rates or maximum number of hours of work at straight-time agreed upon by the employer and the union for a particular trade in a given locality. Scales negotiated subsequent to

[^0]the survey date were reexamined wherever possible to insure inclusion of wage changes retroactive to July $1,1946$.

Operators of municipally owned intracity transit systems were included in the survey if unions acted as bargaining agents for the employees. Trackmen and maintenance workers were excluded. Of the 75 cities surveyed, 72 reported effective union agreements covering 102,164 local transit operating employees.

## Trend of Hourly Wage Rates ${ }^{2}$

The index of hourly wage rates for union streetcar and bus operators stood at 143.1 on July 1, 1946, an increase of 17.2 percent from the preceding study (July 1, 1945). During war years many agreements in this industry provided for payment of bonuses, ranging from 2 to 7 cents an hour in different cities in addition to the basic hourly rate. During the past year most of the collective bargaining agreements in the industry made the average bonus payments a part of the basic wage structure, and provided additional increases over and above previous rates plus bonus. The bonuses were not included in previous studies as they were not a part of the rate structure although they were actually being paid. The 17.2 -percent increase mentioned above, therefore, actually includes, in addition to negotiated rate increases, the bonus payments effective in war years but not recorded in the Bureau's earlier studies. Wage rates in this industry have shown gradual improvement since 1934. The most pronounced changes occurred in 1942 when a 7.3 -percent increase from the preceding year was recorded.

Table 1.-Indexes of hourly wage rates of local transit operating employees, 1929-46
[1939=100]

| Year | Index | Year | Index | Year | Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1929 | 91.6 | 1935. | 91.4 | 1941. | 104.8 |
| 1930 | 92.5 | 1936. | 92.1 | 1942 | 112.5 |
| 1931 | 92.5 | 1937. | 96.4 | 1943. | 119.8 |
| 1932 | 90.6 | 1938 | 99.2 | 1944 | 120.8 |
| 1933 | (1) | 1939. | 100.0 | 1945 | 122.1 |
| 1934. | 88.0 | 1040. | 101.1 | 1946. | 143.1 |

1 Not available.

[^1]Increases in average basic scales between July 1, 1945, and July 1, 1946, and incorporation of bonuses in these scales were mainly responsible for the upward movement in rates. Nevertheless, approximately 6 percent of the total membership concentrated in seven widely scattered cities benefited by rate adjustments brought about by the reduction of time intervals between automatic wage increases under contracts providing for graduated scales.

## Hourly Wage Rates, July 1, 1946

Organized streetcar and bus operators in 72 cities averaged $\$ 1.10$ an hour on July 1, 1946. Fifty-five percent of the workers received between $\$ 1$ and $\$ 1.15$, and of these a majority had hourly rates ranging from $\$ 1.10$ to $\$ 1.15$. Less than 7 percent of the workers had hourly rates below the July 1, 1945, national average of 94.4 cents. Rates of at least $\$ 1$ an hour were reported by 8 of every 10 members in contrast to 2 out of 10 revealed in the preceding survey. Twentythree percent of the workers reported scales of at least $\$ 1.20$, but of these a majority did not receive as much as $\$ 1.25$.

As previously indicated, the comparisons between 1945 and 1946 are necessarily limited to the basic rate structures in effect on the survey dates, and do not include additions to basic scales, such as the various wartime bonus arrangements existing in 30 covered cities last year. These increments, varying from pay period to pay period, served to increase operators' hourly earnings. Bonus plans approved by the War Labor Board could not exceed 7 cents per hour. However, plans in operation before the War Labor Board's order were not affected. In one city (Binghamton, N. Y.), the bonus plan provided an additional 17 cents to the operators' hourly rate. This bonus, plus an additional 6 cents per hour, was incorporated into the basic rate structure by the time of the current survey.

Streetcar and bus operators were usually paid on a graduated scale based on the employee's length of service with the company. The period between rate changes varied considerably among different cities ranging from $1 \frac{1}{2}$ months for some classifications in Philadelphia to as long as 1 year in several cities. Most agreements stipulated an entrance, an intermediate, and a maximum rate. ${ }^{3}$ Most frequently, the latter applied after completion of 1 or 2 years' service, though some agreements had such provisions ranging from 6 months (Jackson, Miss.) to 4 years (New York City) and as many as seven progression steps from entrance rate through the maximum rate. There

[^2]was great variance in the differences between entrance and maximum rates among cities and among companies operating within a city. Although the differentials were generally 5,8 , or 10 cents, differences of from 2 to as much as 27 cents an hour were reported.

Rates for operators and conductors on two-man cars, reported by 20 cities, were lower than those effective for operators of one-man vehicles in those cities. Although the maximum rate was generally about 10 cents an hour higher for the one-man car and bus operators, differences of 5 and 7 cents were also frequent.
Entrance rates for one-man vehicle operators ranged from 68 cents an hour in Nashville, Tenn., to $\$ 1.24$ in Chicago, while for operators and conductors on two-man cars entrance rates ranged from 79 cents in Omaha, Nebr., to $\$ 1.12$ in Detroit, Mich. In those cities where two-man vehicles are utilized no wage differential exists between the rate applying to conductors and motormen. In many instances the conductor may be a low seniority man and consequently fall within the lower bracket of the same scale progression. Generally the two classifications are interchangeable.

Maximum rates for one-man vehicle operators varied from 80 cents in Madison, Wis., Wichita, Kans., and York, Pa., to $\$ 1.32$ in Detroit, Mich., where an additional 10 cents an hour was paid for work on owl runs. For two-man vehicle operators, the maximum hourly rate ranged from 86 cents in Omaha, Nebr., to $\$ 1.22$ in Detroit ( 10 cents additional for owl runs).

Table 2.-Percentage distribution of union operating employees in the local transit industry by hourly wage rates, July 1, 1946

| Hourly wage rates | Percent of union members by occupation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All workers | Operators <br> of 1-man <br> cars and busses | Motormen and conductors of 2 man surface cars | $\begin{gathered} \text { Elevated } \\ \text { and subway } \\ \text { operators } \end{gathered}$ |
| Under 80 cents | 0.6 | 1.1 |  |  |
| 80 and under 85 cents. | .9 | 1.4 | 0.2 |  |
| 85 and under 90 cents. | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 |  |
| 90 and under 95 cents. | 3.6 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 0.2 |
| 95 cents and under $\$ 1.00$ | 9.5 | 7.8 | 12.8 | 9.3 |
| \$1.00 and under \$1.05 | 13.1 | 16.8 | 6.7 | 10.5 |
| \$1.05 and under \$1.10. | 13.3 | 18.5 | 4.4 | 10.5 |
| \$1.10 and under \$1.15 | 28.8 | 13.8 | 58.1 | 27.0 |
| \$1.15 and under \$1.20 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 7.5 | 9.0 |
| \$1.20 and under \$1.25 | 12.2 | 16.8 | 6.3 | 3.5 |
| \$1.25 and under \$1.30 | 5.2 <br> 3 | 7.5 |  | 7.7 |
| \$1.30 and under \$1.35. | 3.7 2.2 | 5.8 .1 | . 6 | .9 21.4 |

[^3]Almost all ( 97 percent) of the organized local transit workers received increases in basic rates after July 1, 1945. Two-fifths of the members reported increases of 15 to 20 percent, and almost a third benefited by gains of 20 to 30 percent. Although the July 1, 1945, study revealed but 2 percent of the members as having secured improvement in basic rates to the extent of 10 percent or more, considerably over 90 percent of the members had registered gains at or above this level by July 1, 1946.

Among about 55 percent of the one-man car operators, increases for balf of them ranged from 10 to 15 percent and for the others from 15 to 20 percent. Most of the remaining operators in this category benefited by rates ranging from 20 to 30 percent higher than in the previous year. Nearly 6 of every 10 motormen and conductors on two-man vehicles reported gains of 15 to 20 percent, while threequarters of those engaged in subway and elevated operations had raises of 15 to 25 percent. All of the remaining members in the latter group reported basic wage gains of at least 25 percent. It must be remembered that these increases include in many cases the addition of previously effective bonus payments to the basic rate structure.

Table 3.- Extent of changes in wage rates for local transit operating employees and percent of members affected by increases between July 1, 1945, and July 1, 1946

| Trade | Percent of members having- |  | Percent of members having increase of- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { change } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { In- } \\ \text { crease } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Less } \\ & \text { than } \\ & 5 \\ & \text { per- } \\ & \text { cent } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 5 } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { under } \\ \text { per- } \\ \text { pent } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ \text { and } \\ \text { under } \\ \text { 15 } \\ \text { per- } \\ \text { cent } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ \text { and } \\ \text { under } \\ 20 \\ \text { per- } \\ \text { cent } \end{gathered}$ | 20 and under 25 per- cent | $\begin{gathered} 25 \\ \text { and } \\ \text { under } \\ \text { 30 } \\ \text { per- } \\ \text { cent } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ \text { and } \\ \text { under } \\ 35 \\ \text { per- } \\ \text { cent } \end{gathered}$ | 35 per- cent and over |
| All local transit operating employees.- | 3.1 | 96.9 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 23.1 | 39.6 | 16.6 | 12.6 | 1.3 | (1) |
| Operators of 1-man cars and busses...- | 4.3 | 95.7 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 27.0 | 28.4 | 19.9 | 13.8 | . 7 | (1) |
| Motormen and conductors of 2 -man surface cars | 2.0 | 98.0 |  | 1.4 | 24.0 | 58.1 | 5.1 | 6.7 | 2.6 | 0.1 |
| Elevated and subway lines .-..-------- |  | 100.0 |  |  |  | 40.9 | 34.3 | 24.2 | .4 | . 2 |

1 Less than 0.05 of 1 percent.

## Post Survey Rate Changes

Rate increases in the local transit industry have become effective since July 1, 1946, in at least 12 cities, according to limited available information. Basic rate advances of at least 20 cents an hour were reported for bus operators in Chicago and New York. Members in Wichita effected a reduction in the time interval between rate pro-
gressions and benefited by 20 cents an hour if employed 18 months. Increases of 11, 12, and 13 cents, respectively, were reported for Staten Island bus operators, Columbus streetcar operators, and Salt Lake City bus operators. Among the cities for whom higher scales were reported for operators of one-man vehicles were Scranton ( 8 cents) and Rock Island and Spokane ( 5 cents). Smaller increases were reported in several other cities.

## Weehly Hours and Overtime Rates ${ }^{4}$

The payment of overtime rates after a specified number of hours, regardless of the length of the run, is becoming increasingly prevalent. Previous Bureau of Labor Statistics reports revealed that one-third of the union members tabulated in 1944 worked under agreements providing for a limit on straight-time hours. The following year this proportion increased to three-quarters, and by July 1, 1946, almost 9 of every 10 union workers were covered by such hour limitations.

A run may be defined as a definite number of trips over a given route. Many runs are "swing runs," operated during the morning and afternoon rush hours, with a layoff of 4 or 5 hours in the middle of each day. Straight-time hours on swing runs are usually limited to specific periods spread over a wide time interval, with overtime pay at time-and-a-half required after a span of 12 or 13 hours a day. Unions have for many years steadfastly worked to keep swing runs at a minimum, and this has been accomplished by contract stipulations requiring a large percentage of straight runs guaranteeing 40 or 48 hours' pay per week. Because an operator's take-home pay is dependent on the run, most union agreements provide for periodic selection of runs, usually every 3 or 6 months, on a seniority basis. Swing runs and trippers are generally operated by low-seniority or "extra" men.

## Table 4.-Distribution of union local transit operating employees by weekly hours,

 July 1, 1946|  | Percentage of workers with straight-time weekly hours of - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Occupation | 40 | Over 40 and under 44 | 44 | 45 | 48 | Over 48 and 51 | 51 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 51 \end{gathered}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Limit- } \\ \text { ed } \\ \text { only by } \\ \text { length } \\ \text { of run } \end{gathered}\right.$ |
| All occupations........................ | 31.6 | 4.0 | 22.0 | 0.2 | 27.0 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 11.5 |
| Operators of 1-man cars and busses... | 27.5 | 4.8 | 19.0 | . 3 | 25.9 | . 6 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 16.1 |
| Motormen and conductors of 2 -man surface cars | 43.3 | 1.8 | 34.1 |  | 14.3 |  |  | . 2 | 6.3 |
| Elevated and subway lines. | 18.2 | 6.3 | 2.6 |  | 72.4 |  |  |  | . 5 |

[^4]Although the Fair Labor Standards Act specifically exempted the street-railway industry from its penalty overtime provisions, because of the nature of local transit operations, overtime pay after 40 hours is receiving increasing acceptance. Whereas in 1944 but few members received overtime after 40 hours, the current study revealed over 30 percent of the membership covered by such contract provisions.

Straight-time hour limitations varied from 40 to 57 hours a week. About three-fifths of the members had a straight-time workweek of 44 hours or less and most of the remaining members with straighttime hour limitations received overtime after 48 hours a week. During the study interval approximately 1 of every 10 members received a reduction in the straight-time workweek. Should opportunity for overtime work exist these workers would be entitled to premium payment after the performance of fewer hours than formerly. Though few members working on two-man cars received hour reductions, over 25 percent of the subway and elevated workers and about 12 percent of the operators of one-man vehicles were so affected.

Virtually all of the workers engaged in local transit operations were covered by contracts providing for the payment of time and a half for work performed either beyond the specified straight-time hours or on the completion of a definite run.

## Vacations

All the agreements in the 72 cities included in the survey provided for paid vacations. Well over a majority of the members received a 2 weeks' vacation after 1 year and almost a third received at least 1 week's vacation after 1 year. About one-eleventh of the members were covered by contracts providing other than standard vacation clauses, such as 1 week after 1,280 hours' service and 2 weeks after 1,800 hours' service in Los Angeles, or 1 week's vacation for service ranging from 160 to 192 working days and 2 weeks after 192 working days in Worcester.

All the agreements containing other than customary vacation clauses provided for at least 1 week of vacation after 1 year and several granted additional days for a specified number of subsequent years of service.

## Rates Paid in Each City

The union rates per hour in effect on July 1, 1946, and July 1, 1945, by city, are shown in table 5.

[^5]Table 5.-Union wage rates of local transit operating employees, July 1, 1946, and July 1, 1945, by cities

| City and classification | Rates of wages per hour |  | Hours per week |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 |
| Atlanta, Ga. |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars and feeder busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months. | \$0.930 | \$0.720 |  |  |
| 7-12 months.- | . 980 | . 770 |  |  |
| After 1 year | 1.010 | . 800 |  |  |
| 1-man First 6 months.... | . 990 | . 790 |  |  |
| 7-12 months | 1.040 | . 840 |  |  |
| After 1 year. | 1.070 | . 870 |  |  |
| Baltimore, Md. |  |  |  |  |
| ars <br> First 3 months | . 980 |  | 44 |  |
|  | 1. 010 |  | 44 |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: | 1.030 |  | 44 |  |
| First 3 months..-- | 1.030 |  | 44 |  |
| 4-12 months. | 1.050 |  | 44 |  |
| After 1 year | 1.080 |  | 44 |  |
| Binghamton, N. Y. |  |  |  |  |
| asses: |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{4}^{\text {First }}$ m months. | . 895 | . 665 |  |  |
| 4-12 months. | . 979 | . 715 |  |  |
| Birmingham, Ala. |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars: ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months. | . 945 | . 745 |  |  |
| Aiter 1 year...- | . 995 | . 795 |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months | 1.020 | . 820 |  |  |
| 7-12 months... | 1.040 1.070 | . 840 |  |  |
| Boston, Mass. |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | . 900 | . 665 | 42 | 44 |
| 4-12 months --- | 1.000 | . 755 | 42 | 44 |
| After 1 year | 1.150 | . 915 | 42 |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months.- | 1.000 1.100 | . 7855 | 42 | 44 |
| After 1 year. | 1.250 | 1.015 | 42 | 44 |
| Rapid Transit Lines: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | . 900 | . 665 | 42 | 44 |
| 4-12 months... | 1.000 | . 755 | 42 | 44 |
| After 1 year | 1. 150 | . 915 | 42 | 44 |
| Motormen..- | 1. 200 | . 965 | 42 | 44 |
| Busses: Buffalo, N. Y. |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | 930 | 930 |  |  |
| 4-12 months... | . 960 | . 960 |  |  |
| After 1 year | . 980 | . 980 |  |  |
| Busses Butte, Mont. | 1.000 | 920 | 48 | 48 |
| Charleston, S. C. |  |  |  |  |
| Busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | . 860 | . 760 |  | 54 |
| 4-12 months. | . 880 | . 780 | 54 | 54 |
| After 1 year | . 900 | . 800 | 54 | $54$ |
| Charlotte, N. C. |  |  |  |  |
| Busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | . 700 | . 600 | 57 | --..........- |
| $4-6$ months.-. | . 750 | -650 | 57 | -----....... |
| 7-12 months. | . 800 | . 750 | 57 |  |
| After 15 months. | . 900 | . 800 | 57 |  |

Table 5.-Union wage rates of local transit operating employees, July 1, 1946, and July 1, 1945, by cities-Continued

| Oity and classification | Rates of wages per hour |  | Hours per week |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 |
| 2-Chicago, Ill. |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months... | $\$ 1.090$ 1.120 | \$0.910 |  | 40 |
| After 1 year..... | 1. 140 | .960 | 40 | 40 |
| Night cars. | 1.160 | . 980 | 40 | 40 |
| 1-man cars and busses: | 1.240 | 1.040 | 40 | 40 |
| Night............ | 1. 260 | 1.060 | 40 | 40 |
| Elevated Railways: Motormen: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | 1.097 | . 917 | 40 | 4 |
| 4-12 months... | 1. 106 | . 926 | 40 | 44 |
| After 1 year | 1.151 | . 971 | 40 | 44 |
| Conductors..-- | 1.106 | . 926 | 40 | 44 |
| Guards (regular) | 1. 088 | . 908 | 40 | 44 |
| Quards (extra): <br> First 3 months. | 1.060 | . 880 |  | 44 |
| 4-12 months..- | 1.070 | . 890 | 40 | 44 |
| After 1 year. | 1.079 | . 899 | 40 | 44 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars: |  |  |  |  |
| 4-12 months...- | 1.030 | .870 | 40 | 40 |
| After 1 year... | 1.050 | . 890 | 40 | 40 |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | 1.070 | . 910 | 40 | 40 |
| 4-12 months... | 1.100 1.120 | . 960 | 40 40 | 40 40 |
| Cleveland, Ohio |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars: | 1080 | 945 |  |  |
| 4-12 months. | 1.110 | . 975 | 44 | 44 |
| After 1 year. | 1.130 | . 995 | 44 | 44 |
| Busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | 1.140 | 1.015 | 44 | 44 |
| A-12 months | 1.180 1.200 | 1.045 | 44 44 | 44 44 |
| Columbus, Ohio |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars, busses, and coaches: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months | . 900 | . 810 |  |  |
| 4-12 months..... <br> After 1 year | .930 .950 | . 8860 | 48 | $\stackrel{54}{54}$ |
| Dallas, Tex. |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First year------- | . 920 | . 780 | 54 | 54 |
| Dayton, Ohio |  |  |  |  |
| City Railway Co.: |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months | . 910 | . 800 | 51 | 51 |
| After 1 year | . 950 | .850 | 51 | 51 |
| Peoples' Transit Co.: |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months.- | . 910 | . 820 | 51 | 51 |
| 4-12 months | . 930 | . 840 | 51 | 51 |
| After 1 year.- | . 950 | . 860 | 51 | 51 |
| Denver, Colo. |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | . 940 | . 840 | 51 | 51 |
| 4-12 months.... | . 950 | . 850 | 51 | 51 |
| 13-18 months..- | . 960 | . 860 | 51 | 51 |
| After 2 years..- | .970 .980 | . 8880 | 51 51 51 | ${ }_{5}^{51}$ |

Table 5.-Union wage rates of local transit openating employees, July 1, 1946, and July 1, 1945, by cities-Continued

| City and classification | Rates of wages per hour |  | Hours per week |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 |
| Denver, Colo.-Continued |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars, busses, and trolley coaches: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months...-..... | \$0.990 | \$0.890 | 51 | 51 |
| 4-12 months.... | 1.000 | .900 .910 | 51 51 | 51 51 |
| 19-24 months... | 1.020 | . 920 | 51 | 51 |
| After 2 years.- | 1.030 | . 930 | 51 | 51 |
| Des Moines, Jowa |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months | . 9665 | . 785 |  |  |
| After 9 months. | 1. 040 | . 810 |  |  |
| 2 Detroit, Mich. |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars: |  | 950 | 44 | 44 |
| 7-12 months... | 1.160 | . 980 | 44 | 44 |
| After 1 year. | 1. 220 | 1. 050 | 44 | 44 |
| Night cars. | 1.320 | 1. 150 | 44 | 44 |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months. | 1. 220. | 1. 050 | 44 | 44 |
| 7-12 months -- | 1. 2850 | 1.090 1.150 | 44 44 | 44 44 |
| After 1 year--- | 1.320 1.420 | 1. 1550 | 44 44 | 44 44 |
| Busses: Duluth, Minn. |  |  |  |  |
| First year... | . 840 | . 790 | 40 | 40 |
| Second year. | . 900 | . 850 | 40 | 40 |
| El Paso, Tex. |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months.. | . 750 | . 650 | 50 |  |
| 4-9 months.-- | . 800 | . 750 | 5 | ${ }_{50}^{50}$ |
| After 1 year... | .850 .900 | .750 .800 | 50 50 | 50 50 |
| Busses: Erie, Pa. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 7-12 months... | 1.010 1.080 | . 870 | 40 |  |
| After 1 year | 1.110 | . 900 | 40 |  |
| Grand Rapids, Mich. |  |  |  |  |
| Indianapolis, Ind. |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: $\quad 1$First year |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-2 years. | 1.098 | . 850 | 40 | 44 |
| After 2 years. | 1.050 | . 900 | 40 | 44 |
| Busses: Jackson, Miss. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| After 6 months. | . | . 780 | - |  |
| Busses: Jacksonville, Fla. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 7-12 months... | . 900 | . 810 |  |  |
| After 1 ycar. | 1.000 | . 850 |  |  |
| Kansas City, Mfo. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-12 months.. | 989 | . 863 | 51 | ............ |
| 13-24 months | 975 | . 875 | 51 | -....-...-- |
| After 2 years | 1.000 | . 900 | 51 |  |

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| City and classification | Rates of wages per hour |  | Hours per week |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 |
| Busses: Mobile, Ala. | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 0.930 \\ .980 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 0.800 \\ .850 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| First 6 months. |  |  |  |  |
| After 6 months. |  |  | --.............. |  |
| Busses. Nashville, Tenn. |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | . 680 | . 650 |  |  |
| 4-12 months.. | . 730 | . 700 |  |  |
| 13-18 months. | . 760 | . 730 |  |  |
| After 2 years.-- | .800 .830 | . 770 |  |  |
| Newark, N. J. |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-12 months. | 1. 115 | . 935 | 48 | 48 |
| After 1 year | 1. 135 | . 950 | 48 | 48 |
| Ironbound Transit Co.: Busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months. | . 750 | . 700 |  | . |
| 7-12 months. | . 800 | . 750 |  | - |
| After 1 year. | . 850 | 800 |  |  |
| New HIaven, Conn. |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-12 months | 1. 020 | 1.000 | 48 | 48 |
| After 1 year | 1. 060 | 1.040 | 48 | 48 |
| 2-man cars: New Orleans, La. |  |  |  |  |
|  | . 950 | . 720 | 48 | 48 |
| 7-12 months. | . 980 | . 750 | 48 | 48 |
| After 1 year.... | 1.010 | . 780 | 48 | 48 |
| Busses: |  |  |  |  |
| 7-12 months. | 1.050 | . 820 | 48 | 48 |
| After 1 year . | 1.080 | . 870 | 48 | 48 |
| Subways: <br> New York, N. Y. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First year... | 1.300 | 1. 100 | 48 | 48 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First year | 1.150 | . 950 | 48 |  |
| Conductors:First position: |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First year | 1.050 | . 850 | 48 | 48 |
| After 1 year | 1. 100 | . 900 | 48 | 48 |
| Second position | 1.000 | . 800 | 48 | 48 |
| Platform: |  |  |  |  |
| First year--- | . 950 | . 750 | 48 | 48 |
| Surface cars: Third A venue Transit System: |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months .............. | . 790 | . 700 | 48 | 48 |
| 7-12 months. | . 840 | . 750 | 48 | 48 |
| 13-18 months. | . 890 |  | 48 |  |
| 19-24 months. | . 940 |  | 48 | . |
| After 2 years. | 1.040 |  | 48 |  |
| Brooklyn-Queens Transit Lines: |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months | 1.000 | . 800 | 48 |  |
| 7-18 months | 1. 100 | . 900 | 48 | 48 |
| 19-30 months. | 1. 150 | . 950 | 48 | 48 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 7-12 months.. | . 880 | . 770 | 48 | 48 |
| 13-24 months. | . 940 | . 800 | 48 | 48 |
| Aiter 2 years | 1.040 | . 870 | 48 |  |

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|  | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 |
| New York, N. Y.--Continued |  |  |  |  |
| Busses-Continued <br> Third A venue Railway Transit System: |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$0.790 | \$0.700 | 48 | 48 |
| 7-12 months-- | . 849 | . 750 | 48 |  |
| 18-24 months.- | . 940 |  | 48 |  |
| After 2 years | 1.040 |  | 48 |  |
| Tri-Boro Coach Corp.: |  |  |  |  |
| First year-...- | . 870 | . 720 | 48 |  |
| Second year | . 940 | . 780 | 48 | 48 |
| Third year--- | 1.020 1.100 | . 8750 | 48 48 | 48 |
| Norfolk, Va. |  |  |  |  |
| l-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | . 820 | . 700 |  |  |
| 4-12 months. | . 870 | . 750 |  |  |
| Oklahoma City, okla. |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months | . 720 | . 720 |  |  |
| 7-12 months. | . 750 | . 750 |  |  |
| 13-24 months... | . 790 | . 790 |  |  |
| After 2 years.-. | . 850 | . 850 |  |  |
| Omaha, Nebr. |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars: |  |  |  |  |
| 7-12 months.... | .8820 | . 710 | 54 | 54 |
| After 1 year | . 860 | . 750 | 54 | 54 |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months | . 840 | . 730 | 54 | 54 |
| After 1 year-.-- | . 810 |  | 54 54 | $\stackrel{54}{54}$ |
| Peoria, Ill. |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 9 months. | 1.015 |  | 44 | --.------.-- |
| 10-18 months | 1.035 |  | 44 |  |
| After 18 month | 1.055 |  | 44 | ------- |
| Philadelphia, Pa. |  |  |  |  |
| Subway, elevated and high-speed lines: Operators: |  |  |  |  |
| First $11 / 2$ months......... | . 970 |  | 44 |  |
| 11/2-3 months. | . 995 |  | 44 | --7.------ |
| 3-41/2 months | 1.020 |  | 44 |  |
| 41/2-6 months. | 1.045 |  | 44 | ----- |
| After 6 months. | 1.070 |  | 44 |  |
| Conductors: |  |  |  |  |
| First 11/2 months. | . 890 |  | 44 |  |
| 11/2-3 months- | . 940 | --....-- | 44 |  |
| 43/2-2 months | . 965 |  | 44 |  |
| After 6 months. | . 990 |  | 44 |  |
| 2-man cars: |  |  |  |  |
| First $11 / 2$ months. | . 890 |  | 44 |  |
| 11/2-3 months... | . 915 |  | 44 |  |
| 3-41/2 months... | . 940 |  | 44 |  |
| 41/2-6 months.-. | . 965 | --. | 44 |  |
| After 6 months.-.-. | . 990 |  | 44 |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: First $11 / 2$ months. | . 970 |  | 44 |  |
| 11/2-3 months.. | . 995 |  | 44 |  |
| 3-41/2 months... | 1.020 | - | 44 | -------.-.- |
| 41/2-6 months | 1.045 |  | 44 | ---.-...-- |
| After 6 months. | 1.070 |  | 44 |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 | July 1, 1946 | July 1, 1945 |
| Toledo, Ohio |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months. | \$1.070 | \$0.880 |  |  |
| 7-12 months.- | 1. 090 | .900 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Washington, D. C. |  |  |  |  |
| 2-man cars: <br> First 3 months... | 1. 020 | . 770 | 40 | 40 |
| 4-12 months. | 1. 060 | . 810 | 40 | 40 |
| After 1 year | 1. 100 | . 850 | 40 | 40 |
| 1-man cars and busses: First 3 months | 1.120 | . 870 | 40 | 40 |
| 4-12 months..- | 1. 160 | . 910 | 40 | 40 |
| After 1 year...- | 1. 200 | . 950 | 40 | 40 |
| Busses. Wichita, Kans. |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months. | . 700 | . 700 | .- |  |
| 7-12 months... | . 765 | . 765 |  |  |
| After 1 year --.-- | . 800 | . 800 |  |  |
| Worcester, Mass. |  |  |  |  |
| 1-man cars and busses: |  |  |  |  |
| First 3 months. | 1.000 | . 870 | 40 |  |
| 4-12 months. | 1.050 | . 9270 | 40 | 48 |
| After 1 year |  |  |  |  |
| York, Pa. |  |  |  |  |
| First 6 months. | . 720 | . 720 | 40 |  |
| 7-12 months... | . 760 | . 760 | 40 | 40 |
| After 1 year... | . 800 | . 800 | 40 | 40 |
| Youngstown, Ohio |  |  |  |  |
| First year... | 1.060 | . 900 | 44 |  |
| After 1 year...... | 1.110 | . 950 | 44 | --------- |


[^0]:    1 The data upon which this report is based were collected by field representatives of the Bureau from officials of the local trade unions in 75 principal cities of the United States. Wherever adequate membership break-down at the various rate levels was unobtainable at the union office, the data were secured from company officials.

[^1]:    2 In computing the index series $(1939=100)$, the annual percentage change from year to year is derived from aggregates of union quotations for identical classifications in 2 successive years. The membership weights in both of the aggregates used for each year to year comparison are those reported for the second year. To obtain the index for the current year, the total of the current aggregates is divided by the previous year's aggregates and the ratio thus obtained is multiplied by the previous year's index number. The indexes are computed on this basis in order to minimize the effect of changes in union membership which might obscure the real changes in wages. The index series, rather than the actual averages of rates in this and previous reports, should be used to determine the trend of hourly wage rates. Changes in coverage and shifts in union membership distort a direct comparison of average rates in two periods.

[^2]:    ${ }^{8}$ This so-called "maximum rate" is actually the minimum union scale after a specified period of employment with the company, and is not a maximum rate in the sense that the company may not pay more.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ Less than 0.05 of 1 percent.

[^4]:    4 Weekly hours considered here refer to the maximum number of hours a week permitted by union agreements before overtime rates become effective. The actual number of hours worked in any 1 week may be greater or less than the weekly hours discussed.

[^5]:    739879-47-2

