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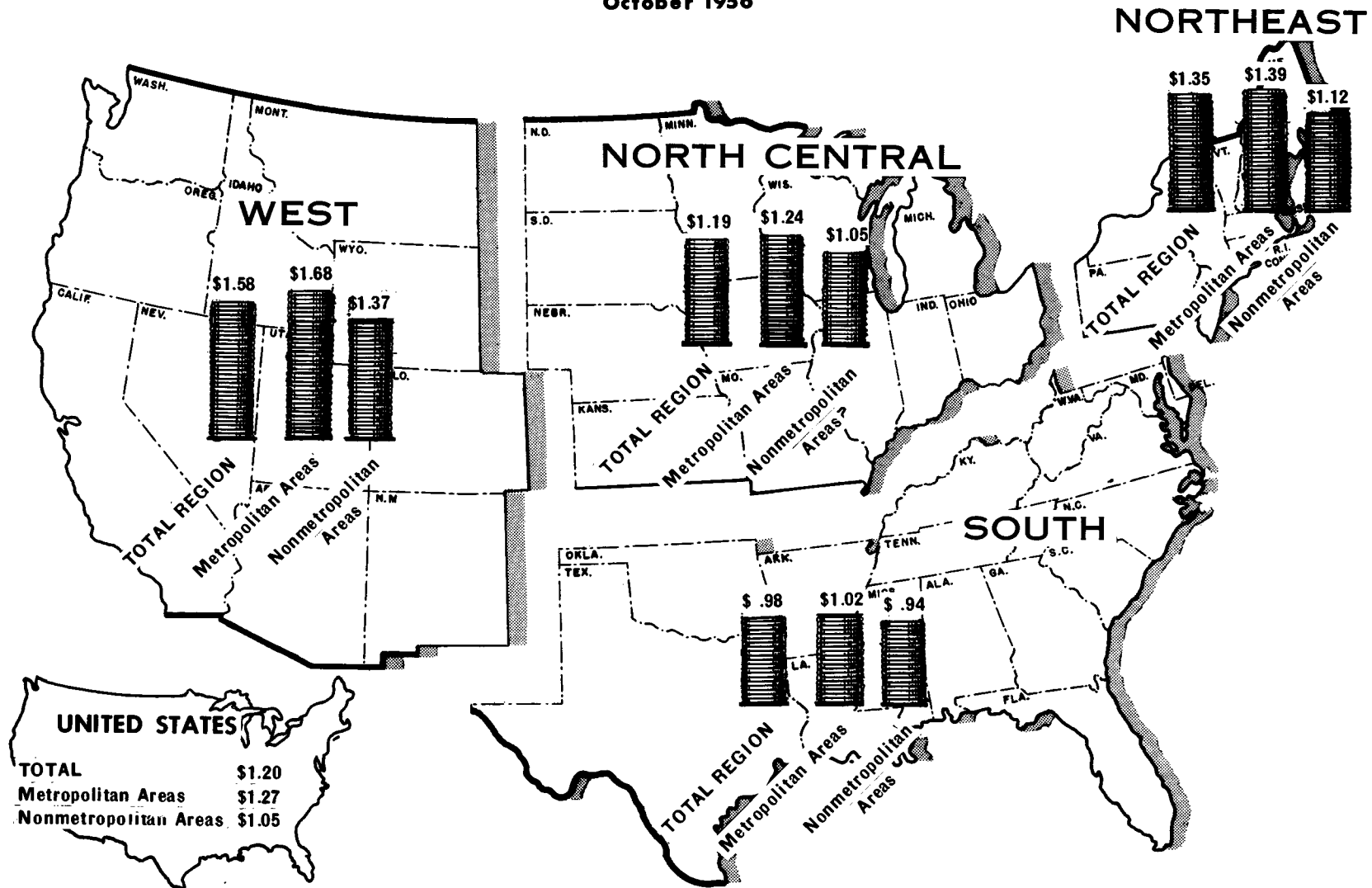
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# STRAIGHT-TIME AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES Drug Stores and Proprietary Stores

UNITED STATES AND REGIONS BY METROPOLITAN AND NONMETROPOLITAN AREA COUNTIES

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# Employee Earnings in Retail Trade in October 1956

## Drug Stores and Proprietary Stores\*

### Introduction

The U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics conducted a comprehensive study of the straight-time earnings of non-supervisory employees in retail trade (except eating and drinking places) for an October 1956 payroll period. This bulletin provides information on the hourly and weekly earnings of employees in drug stores and proprietary stores. Other publications relating to the broad study of retail trade are listed on the inside front cover.

The drug stores and proprietary stores group includes stores primarily engaged in selling any combination of such merchandise as prescription drugs, cosmetics, toiletries, tobacco, and novelty merchandise. These stores may operate a lunch and/or soda fountain in conjunction with their other retail activities. A complete definition of this retail trade industry group is provided in the appendix.

As shown in the accompanying tables, the survey provides information on the number of employees at various wage levels between 50 cents and \$3 an hour. In recognition of the wide variation that exists in weekly work schedules, distributions of employees by wage intervals are provided by hours worked in the payroll week. In addition to data for the United States and four broad regions, tabulations are provided by community size and by number of stores operated by company. Summary information on weekly earnings is also shown.

Located in all sections of the country, in small communities as well as in large metropolitan areas, the drug stores group is further characterized by a number of factors that affect the level and distribution of wages. For example, drug store enterprises differ materially in terms of employment; substantial proportions of both men and women are employed; and the work force is composed of employees ranging from highly trained pharmacists to sales and delivery personnel whose functions are largely routine and who require little training. These and other variable factors are reflected in the wide dispersion of individual earnings which range from less than 50 cents an hour to more than \$3.

Nationwide, drug stores and proprietary stores employed approximately 331,000 nonsupervisory employees in October 1956. As a group, these employees averaged \$1.20 an hour, excluding overtime pay but including commissions or bonuses (table 1). An estimated 78,000 employees, or 24 percent of the total, earned less than 75 cents

an hour; 161,000, or 49 percent, under \$1; and 227,000, or 69 percent, under \$1.25. About 22,000 employees, or 7 percent of the total, earned \$2.50 or more an hour. The largest concentrations in any 5-cent wage interval were as follows: \$1 and under \$1.05, 12 percent; and 75 cents and under 80 cents, 8 percent.

Substantial variation was noted in the hours worked by individual employees in the mid-October survey week. An estimated 113,000 employees (34 percent of the total) worked less than 35 hours a week. As a group, these employees averaged 99 cents an hour. About 80,000 employees worked from 35 to 40 hours a week and averaged \$1.31. An average of \$1.18 was recorded for the 52,000 employees who worked from 41 to 47 hours. Forty-eight or more hours were worked by 86,000 employees who averaged \$1.25.

### Earnings of Men and Women

Women accounted for 56 percent (186,000) of the employees in the drug store and proprietary store group, and averaged 95 cents an hour. Approximately 29 percent earned less than 75 cents an hour; 61 percent under \$1; and 83 percent under \$1.25. Comparatively few women (less than 1 percent) earned \$2.50 or more an hour. Thirteen percent of the women had hourly earnings of \$1 and under \$1.05.

The earnings of the 145,000 men in nonsupervisory jobs were at a considerably higher level than the average for women. Men as a group averaged \$1.54 an hour. Hourly earnings of less than 75 cents were recorded for 16 percent of the men; 32 percent earned less than \$1; and 50 percent earned less than \$1.25. Fourteen percent of the men earned \$2.50 or more an hour.

A larger proportion of men than of women worked on a part-time basis. These differences and the fact that both men and women employees working from 35 to 40 hours had higher hourly earnings than employees on either shorter or longer work schedules are illustrated in the tabulation below:

Hours worked in week	Men		Women	
	Percent of total	Straight-time average hourly earnings	Percent of total	Straight-time average hourly earnings
1 to 34 -----	39	\$ 1.10	30	\$ 0.89
35 to 40 -----	19	1.76	28	1.09
41 to 47 -----	12	1.66	19	.94
48 or more -----	30	1.61	22	.85

\* Prepared in the Division of Wages and Industrial Relations.

NOTE: See appendix, page 19, for definition of terms used in this bulletin.

### Earnings by Region

For purposes of this study, the 48 States and the District of Columbia were grouped into 4 broad regions. Total nonsupervisory employment in the drug store and proprietary store group was distributed among these regions as follows: Northeast - 9 States—75,000; South - 16 States and the District of Columbia—104,000; North Central - 12 States—107,000; and West - 11 States—46,000.

Average hourly earnings and the proportions of employees earning less than any given amount, particularly at the lower pay levels, varied widely among the regions as indicated below:

Region	Straight-time average hourly earnings	Percent with hourly earnings of less than—		
		\$ 0.75	\$ 1	\$ 1.25
United States .....	\$ 1.20	24	49	69
Northeast .....	1.35	16	39	61
South .....	.98	41	67	82
North Central .....	1.19	20	49	72
West .....	1.58	4	21	43

Proportions of men earning less than \$1 an hour ranged from 10 percent in the West to 50 percent in the South. Similarly, the proportions of women earning less than \$1 ranged from 29 percent in the West to 79 percent in the South.

Although the South accounted for only 31 percent of the total nonsupervisory employment in drug stores and proprietary stores, it accounted for 43 percent of the employees earning less than \$1 and 55 percent earning less than 75 cents an hour. By contrast, the West accounted for 14 percent of the total employment in the drug store and proprietary store group, 6 percent of those earning less than \$1, and 2 percent of those earning less than 75 cents an hour.

### Earnings by Community Size

Stores and auxiliary units were also classified according to location in metropolitan areas or in counties not included in such areas; in addition, separation was provided between central cities and other than central cities in metropolitan areas and between communities

with 5,000 or more and under 5,000 population in the case of nonmetropolitan area counties (tables 2 and 3). Nationwide, seven-tenths of the employment was concentrated in metropolitan areas—mostly in central cities. In the nonmetropolitan counties, employment in communities of 5,000 or more population was nearly 3 times that in smaller communities.

The relationship between community size and employee hourly earnings for the drug store and proprietary store group can be noted from the averages and the proportions of employees earning less than \$1 as shown in the following tabulation:

Size of community	Straight-time average hourly earnings	Percent earning less than \$1 an hour
Metropolitan areas .....	\$ 1.27	43
Central cities .....	1.23	45
Communities other than central cities .....	1.38	36
Nonmetropolitan areas .....	1.05	63
Communities of 5,000 or more .....	1.06	62
Communities of less than 5,000 .....	1.02	66

Although a generally similar relationship was noted within each region, the differences shown in nationwide comparisons reflect, in part, regional differences in general pay levels and in distributions of employment by community size. Thus, employment in metropolitan areas in the comparatively high-wage Northeast region exceeded that in nonmetropolitan areas in the ratio of 6 to 1; in the South, however, the ratio was 3 to 2.

### Earnings by Number of Stores Operated

Nationwide, 60 percent of the nonsupervisory employment in October 1956 was accounted for by companies operating single stores (table 3). Employers operating 11 or more stores accounted for 23 percent; 2 or 3 stores, 11 percent; and 4- to 10-store firms accounted for 6 percent. This pattern also held, with only minor variations, within each of the four broad regions.



Nationwide, employees of single stores averaged \$1.20 compared with \$1.12 for employees of companies operating 4 to 10 stores and \$1.21 for employees of chains of 11 or more stores. Highest average earnings of \$1.23 an hour were recorded for employees of companies operating 2 or 3 stores. The proportions of employees earning less than \$1 were as follows: Single stores, 49 percent; 2 or 3 stores, 49 percent; 4 to 10 stores, 53 percent; and 11 or more stores, 46 percent.

Part-time employees accounted for a larger proportion of employment in single stores than in the companies operating multiple-unit stores; 37 percent of the employees in single stores worked less than

35 hours a week—compared with 30 percent in the 2- or 3-store group, 20 percent in the 4- to 10-store group, and 32 percent in the 11 or more store group.

#### Weekly Earnings

Nationwide, weekly earnings varied according to hours worked during the payroll period studied as follows: 1 to 34 hours, \$19.19; 35 to 40 hours, \$51.30; 41 to 47 hours, \$51.55; and 48 or more hours, \$62.85 (table 4). Tabulations for the North Central, South, and West indicate a progressive increase in weekly earnings for each succeeding hours group; however, this relationship does not hold for the Northeast, where employees working 35 to 40 hours averaged \$57.39 a week compared with \$55.23 for employees working 41 to 47 hours a week.

Table 1: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

## DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - UNITED STATES: BY SEX

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees					Men					Women				
	Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week			
		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more
Under 50 -----	95	29	16	11	38	38	16	8	2	13	56	15	8	10	25
50 and under 55 -----	133	70	11	15	37	51	35	1	3	10	82	35	9	10	26
55 and under 60 -----	71	22	11	18	21	17	9		5	4	52	12	11	14	16
60 and under 65 -----	205	78	35	25	67	64	36	5	4	18	140	40	30	21	46
65 and under 70 -----	132	58	18	25	30	31	20	2	3	7	100	39	16	22	23
70 and under 75 -----	142	46	17	25	54	34	19	5	1	8	108	27	11	23	46
75 and under 80 -----	250	120	45	31	53	86	61	9	5	14	163	59	36	28	38
80 and under 85 -----	188	77	29	34	49	45	26	2	4	11	143	50	27	28	38
85 and under 90 -----	166	57	44	31	33	39	19	8	6	8	126	39	35	25	26
90 and under 95 -----	169	71	31	30	36	50	32	3	5	9	119	40	28	24	28
95 and under 100 -----	54	12	15	14	12	14	3	3	3	4	40	9	11	11	8
100 and under 105 -----	405	199	106	44	57	164	94	27	16	29	242	104	80	28	28
105 and under 110 -----	67	13	28	13	13	15	4	5	3	2	52	9	22	10	10
110 and under 115 -----	94	25	27	24	18	35	14	7	4	9	59	10	20	19	10
115 and under 120 -----	54	15	15	15	9	20	9	3	3	5	35	7	11	13	4
120 and under 125 -----	48	14	14	11	8	17	5	3	4	5	30	7	11	8	4
125 and under 130 -----	118	41	42	15	20	56	27	12	7	12	63	13	31	9	8
130 and under 135 -----	53	11	17	11	13	24	5	4	4	11	29	5	15	7	2
135 and under 140 -----	51	11	19	10	11	25	8	7	3	7	25	3	12	9	4
140 and under 145 -----	38	10	13	7	9	16	4	2	2	8	21	4	11	3	1
145 and under 150 -----	33	5	12	6	10	20	2	5	4	8	14	2	8	2	2
150 and under 160 -----	97	28	31	14	26	57	15	10	8	19	41	7	20	6	7
160 and under 170 -----	61	14	21	6	22	38	8	9	4	17	25	6	12	3	3
170 and under 180 -----	77	15	29	10	22	44	10	9	7	20	31	5	20	4	1
180 and under 190 -----	64	5	29	11	19	42	2	11	8	19	23	1	18	3	
190 and under 200 -----	26	2	6	5	14	22	1	3	4	13	5	1	2	2	1
200 and under 210 -----	76	24	13	10	29	67	21	10	9	27	8	3	2		1
210 and under 220 -----	32	3	14	5	11	25	2	9	4	9	7		5	1	
220 and under 230 -----	43	9	12	7	16	40	8	11	6	16	3				
230 and under 240 -----	28	3	11	3	11	25	3	8	3	10	3		2		
240 and under 250 -----	19	1	6	1	10	18	1	5	1	9	2				1
250 and under 260 -----	58	21	14	6	18	52	18	14	4	16	6	2		2	1
260 and under 270 -----	27	1	6	1	17	26	1	6	1	17					
270 and under 280 -----	24	2	7	7	8	23	2	7	7	8					
280 and under 290 -----	23		6	6	9	23		6	5	9	1			1	
290 and under 300 -----	8	1	2	2	3	8	1	2	2	3					
300 and over -----	80	21	25	12	22	76	19	24	12	20	5	2	1		2
Number of employees (in hundreds) -----	3309	1134	797	521	855	1447	564	265	176	434	1859	556	525	346	410
Average hourly earnings (dollars) -----	1.20	.99	1.31	1.18	1.25	1.54	1.10	1.76	1.66	1.61	.95	.89	1.09	.94	.85

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 1-A: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

## DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - NORTHEAST: BY SEX

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees					Men					Women				
	Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week			
		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more
Under 50 -----	8	5	2	1		5	3	1			3	2	1	1	
50 and under 55 -----	25	19	1	2	3	15	14				10	5	1	1	2
55 and under 60 -----	10	6	1	3	1	1	1				8	4	1	3	1
60 and under 65 -----	36	17	9	6	4	11	8		2	1	25	9	9	4	2
65 and under 70 -----	22	16	3	2	1	5	5				16	11	3	2	1
70 and under 75 -----	16	9	2	3	2	5	3	1			11	6		2	2
75 and under 80 -----	57	40	8	4	5	32	26	4	2	1	25	14	4	3	4
80 and under 85 -----	31	14	7	5	5	13	8		2	3	18	6	7	3	2
85 and under 90 -----	31	18	8	2	2	11	9	1	1	1	19	9	6	2	2
90 and under 95 -----	40	25	7	5	3	19	15		2	2	20	10	7	3	1
95 and under 100 -----	12	3	4	4	1	3		1		1	10	3	3	4	
100 and under 105 -----	114	66	28	13	7	52	35	8	5	4	62	31	20	8	3
105 and under 110 -----	9	1	6	1	1	2	1	1			7		5	1	
110 and under 115 -----	26	9	7	7	2	14	6	3	2	2	12	3	4	5	1
115 and under 120 -----	10	4	3	2	1	6	4	1		1	4		2	2	
120 and under 125 -----	8	2	3	2	1	3	1		1	1	4		2	2	
125 and under 130 -----	31	12	11	4	4	17	8	4	2	4	14	4	7	2	
130 and under 135 -----	12	1	5	2	4	8	1	2	1	4	5		4	1	
135 and under 140 -----	19	3	8	3	4	12	2	5	1	4	7	1	4	3	
140 and under 145 -----	8	2	5	1	1	2		1		1	6	1	4		
145 and under 150 -----	10		5	2	2	7		4	2	2	2		2		1
150 and under 160 -----	27	9	11	3	4	18	7	6	2	3	9	2	5	1	1
160 and under 170 -----	21	7	10		4	14	3	7		4	7	4	3		
170 and under 180 -----	14	2	5	2	5	11	2	3	2	4	3		2		
180 and under 190 -----	18	1	6	5	6	16		4	5	6	2		2		
190 and under 200 -----	10		2	2	6	10		2	2	6	1				
200 and under 210 -----	21	9	3	4	4	19	8	3	4	4	2	1	1		
210 and under 220 -----	15	2	9	1	3	12	2	6	1	3	3		3		
220 and under 230 -----	17	2	8	4	4	16	2	7	3	4	1				
230 and under 240 -----	16	2	9	1	4	14	2	7	1	4	2		2		
240 and under 250 -----	7	1	3	1	2	7	1	3	1	2					
250 and under 260 -----	12	4	5	1	3	11	4	5		3	1			1	
260 and under 270 -----	9		4		4	8		4		4					
270 and under 280 -----	6		4	1	1	6		4	1	1					
280 and under 290 -----	7		3		4	7		3		4					
290 and under 300 -----	1	1				1	1								
300 and over -----	11	1	5	1	4	10	1	4	1	4	1		1		
Number of employees (in hundreds) -----	747	313	220	100	112	423	183	105	46	88	320	126	115	54	23
Average hourly earnings (dollars) -----	1.35	.99	1.48	1.26	1.61	1.60	1.05	1.82	1.60	1.81	1.02	.90	1.14	.98	.89

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 1-B: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - SOUTH: BY SEX															
(Number of employees in hundreds)															
Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees					Men					Women				
	Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week			
		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more
Under 50 -----	75	19	14	10	32	30	10	7	2	12	45	10	7	9	20
50 and under 55 -----	81	33	7	11	30	24	12	1	2	9	57	21	6	9	21
55 and under 60 -----	45	10	8	11	15	11	5		3	4	33	5	8	9	11
60 and under 65 -----	100	24	19	12	45	34	12	4	1	16	66	11	15	11	28
65 and under 70 -----	59	16	9	13	20	16	8	1	1	6	43	9	8	12	14
70 and under 75 -----	68	11	7	14	35	16	6	1	1	8	52	5	6	14	27
75 and under 80 -----	87	31	17	15	23	30	18	3	1	9	57	13	15	15	14
80 and under 85 -----	70	19	9	16	26	18	9	2	2	5	52	10	8	14	21
85 and under 90 -----	58	13	18	13	14	16	3	6	2	5	42	11	12	10	9
90 and under 95 -----	36	8	6	8	13	14	6	1	1	5	22	2	5	6	9
95 and under 100 -----	15	3	4	4	4	7	2	2	2	1	9	1	2	3	3
100 and under 105 -----	97	32	28	12	26	47	19	9	4	16	51	13	19	8	10
105 and under 110 -----	18	1	7	5	5	4		2	1	1	14	1	5	4	4
110 and under 115 -----	19	1	6	5	7	6	1	1	1	4	13		5	4	3
115 and under 120 -----	13	4	4	3	2	6	2	1	2	1	7	2	2	2	1
120 and under 125 -----	9	1	2	2	3	5	1			2	4		2	2	1
125 and under 130 -----	17	6	4	1	6	9	4	2		4	8	2	3	1	2
130 and under 135 -----	11	1	1	3	6	7			1	5	4		1	1	1
135 and under 140 -----	5		2	1	3	4		1	1	2	1			1	1
140 and under 145 -----	5	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	2		2		
145 and under 150 -----	8		2	1	5	6		1	1	4	2		1		1
150 and under 160 -----	14	3	2	3	7	10	2		2	6	4		1	1	1
160 and under 170 -----	12	2	1	1	8	10	2		1	7	2		1		
170 and under 180 -----	14	3	3	1	6	11	2	2	1	6	3	1	1		
180 and under 190 -----	10		2	1	7	9		1	1	7	1		1		
190 and under 200 -----	6		2		4	6		1		4					
200 and under 210 -----	21	4	2	4	12	19	4	2	3	11	1				
210 and under 220 -----	5		2	1	3	4		1	1	2	1		1		
220 and under 230 -----	8	4			4	8	4			4					
230 and under 240 -----	5		1	1	4	4			1	3	1				
240 and under 250 -----	6		1		5	5		1		4	1				1
250 and under 260 -----	15	8			6	12	6			5	3	2			
260 and under 270 -----	4				4	4				4					
270 and under 280 -----	3				2	3				2					
280 and under 290 -----	4			1	2	4			1	2					
290 and under 300 -----	2		1		1	2		1		1					
300 and over -----	13	4	3	1	6	11	3	3	1	4	3	1			2
Number of employees (in hundreds) -----	1038	262	196	175	402	435	142	58	41	192	604	120	137	136	205
Average hourly earnings (dollars) -----	•98	•88	•97	•90	1.05	1.25	•96	1.23	1.25	1.33	•80	•78	•86	•80	•77

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 1-C: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

## DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - NORTH CENTRAL: BY SEX

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees					Men					Women				
	Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week			
		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more
Under 50 -----	11	5			6	3	3			1	8	3			5
50 and under 55 -----	27	18	3	2	4	12	9		1	1	15	9	2		3
55 and under 60 -----	14	6	2	2	5	3	3				11	3	2	2	4
60 and under 65 -----	67	36	7	7	18	18	15	1	1	1	48	20	6	6	16
65 and under 70 -----	40	16	6	10	8	10	7	1	2	1	30	9	5	8	7
70 and under 75 -----	56	25	8	8	16	13	10	3			43	15	5	7	16
75 and under 80 -----	91	42	16	10	23	19	13	2	2	3	71	29	14	8	19
80 and under 85 -----	67	37	10	11	10	11	8			2	56	28	10	10	8
85 and under 90 -----	64	21	16	13	15	10	6	1	2	2	54	15	15	11	13
90 and under 95 -----	67	31	13	14	10	12	8	1	1	2	56	23	12	13	8
95 and under 100 -----	22	6	5	6	5	3	1		1	1	18	5	5	4	4
100 and under 105 -----	139	75	33	16	16	48	31	5	6	6	91	43	28	10	10
105 and under 110 -----	32	11	10	6	5	7	3	1	2		25	8	8	4	5
110 and under 115 -----	31	9	9	7	7	11	4	2	1	3	21	4	7	5	4
115 and under 120 -----	24	6	4	9	5	7	2	1	1	3	18	4	3	8	2
120 and under 125 -----	20	6	6	5	3	7	3	2	2	1	13	3	5	3	2
125 and under 130 -----	39	15	13	7	4	20	11	3	3	3	19	3	10	5	1
130 and under 135 -----	22	6	7	5	2	7	3	1	2	2	14	3	7	4	1
135 and under 140 -----	16	4	6	4	2	7	4	1	1	1	9		5	3	1
140 and under 145 -----	16	3	3	4	6	8	2		1	5	7	1	2	3	
145 and under 150 -----	9	3	2	2	2	6	2		1	2	4	1	2	1	
150 and under 160 -----	34	9	8	4	14	20	6	2	2	9	15	2	6	2	5
160 and under 170 -----	13	4	3	2	5	10	3	1	2	4	4	1	2	1	1
170 and under 180 -----	18	2	4	5	7	12	2	1	3	7	5		3	2	
180 and under 190 -----	11	1	3	?	4	9		2	2	4	3		1	1	
190 and under 200 -----	6	1	1	2	2	4			2	2	2	1	1	1	
200 and under 210 -----	23	9	3	1	10	20	7	2	1	9	3	2			1
210 and under 220 -----	8	1	1	3	3	6		1	2	3	2		1	1	
220 and under 230 -----	12	3	3	3	4	11	2	3	3	4	1				
230 and under 240 -----	4			1	2	4				2					
240 and under 250 -----	3		1		2	3				2	1				
250 and under 260 -----	20	5	3	4	8	18	5	3	3	7	2			1	1
260 and under 270 -----	8		1	1	6	8			1	6					
270 and under 280 -----	9	1	1	5	2	8	1	1	5	2					
280 and under 290 -----	7		1	4	2	7		1	3	2	1			1	
290 and under 300 -----	2			1	1	2			1	1					
300 and over -----	15	2	5	3	4	15	2	5	3	4					
Number of employees (in hundreds) -----	1067	419	216	190	248	399	176	47	64	108	670	235	167	125	137
Average hourly earnings (dollars) -----	1.19	.95	1.18	1.27	1.28	1.60	1.05	1.72	1.79	1.76	.95	.89	1.04	1.01	.87

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 1-D: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - WEST: BY SEX															
(Number of employees in hundreds)															
Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees					Men					Women				
	Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week				Total	Hours worked in week			
		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more		1 to 34	35 to 40	41 to 47	48 or more
Under 50 -----	1														
50 and under 55 -----															
55 and under 60 -----	2			2		2			2						
60 and under 65 -----	2	1				1	1				1				
65 and under 70 -----	11	10									11	10		1	
70 and under 75 -----	2	1									2	1		1	
75 and under 80 -----	15	7	4	2	2	5	4			1	10	3	3	2	1
80 and under 85 -----	20	7	3	2	8	3	1			1	17	6	2	1	7
85 and under 90 -----	13	5	2	3	2	2	1		1		11	4	2	2	2
90 and under 95 -----	26	7	5	3	10	5	3	1	1		21	5	4	2	10
95 and under 100 -----	5		2		2	1				1	3		1		1
100 and under 105 -----	55	26	17	3	8	17	9	5	1	3	38	17	13	2	5
105 and under 110 -----	8		5	1	2	2		1		1	6		4	1	1
110 and under 115 -----	18	6	5	5	2	4	3	1			13	3	4	5	2
115 and under 120 -----	7	1	4	1	1	1	1				6	1	4	1	1
120 and under 125 -----	11	5	3	2	1	2		1	1	1	9	4	2	1	1
125 and under 130 -----	31	8	14	3	6	10	4	3	2	1	22	4	11	1	5
130 and under 135 -----	8	3	4	1	1	2	1	1			6	2	3	1	
135 and under 140 -----	11	4	3	2	2	2	2				8	2	3	2	2
140 and under 145 -----	9	4	3	1	1	3	1		1	1	6	2	3	1	1
145 and under 150 -----	6	2	3	1	1	1					6	1	3	1	
150 and under 160 -----	22	7	10	4	1	9	4	2	2	1	13	3	8	2	
160 and under 170 -----	15	1	7	3	5	4		1	1	2	12	1	6	2	2
170 and under 180 -----	31	8	17	2	4	10	4	3	1	3	20	4	14	2	1
180 and under 190 -----	25	3	18	2	2	8	2	4		2	17	1	14	2	
190 and under 200 -----	4	1	1	1	2	2	1			1	2		1	1	1
200 and under 210 -----	11	2	5	1	3	9	2	3	1	3	2		1		
210 and under 220 -----	4		2		2	3		1		1	1				
220 and under 230 -----	6		1		4	5		1		4	1				
230 and under 240 -----	3	1	1		1	3	1	1		1					
240 and under 250 -----	3		1		1	3		1		1					
250 and under 260 -----	11	4	6	1	1	11	3	6	1	1					
260 and under 270 -----	6	1	2		3	6	1	2		3					
270 and under 280 -----	6	1	2	1	3	6	1	2	1	3					
280 and under 290 -----	5		2	1	1	5		2	1	1					
290 and under 300 -----	3		1	1	1	3		1	1	1					
300 and over -----	41	14	12	7	8	40	13	12	7	8	1	1			
Number of employees (in hundreds) -----	457	140	165	56	93	190	63	55	25	46	265	75	106	31	45
Average hourly earnings (dollars) -----	1.58	1.33	1.67	1.61	1.60	2.08	1.71	2.24	2.11	2.11	1.24	1.07	1.39	1.24	1.09

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 2: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

## DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - UNITED STATES: BY SEX AND METROPOLITAN AND NONMETROPOLITAN AREA COUNTIES

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees						Men						Women					
	Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties		
	Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week	
		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more
Under 50	38	12	25	57	18	40	22	9	12	17	7	11	16	3	13	40	11	29
50 and under 55	65	33	30	67	35	32	30	21	8	20	14	7	35	12	22	47	21	25
55 and under 60	39	13	26	31	10	22	6	4	2	12	6	6	33	9	24	19	4	16
60 and under 65	110	42	69	93	35	58	37	20	18	27	17	10	73	22	51	66	18	48
65 and under 70	78	37	42	54	22	30	24	18	7	7	3	4	54	19	35	47	19	26
70 and under 75	82	31	49	61	13	46	25	15	8	9	3	6	57	16	41	52	10	40
75 and under 80	172	87	86	76	32	45	69	48	21	17	12	6	103	39	65	59	20	39
80 and under 85	125	65	59	63	13	51	29	21	7	16	6	10	96	44	52	47	7	41
85 and under 90	123	45	75	43	11	32	31	14	14	8	2	6	92	31	61	35	9	26
90 and under 95	120	56	64	50	15	34	40	25	13	11	5	4	80	31	51	39	10	30
95 and under 100	40	9	29	16	2	13	10	1	8	4	2	2	30	8	21	12		11
100 and under 105	299	150	147	105	48	57	127	74	52	35	19	17	172	76	95	70	29	40
105 and under 110	49	13	36	16		16	13	4	9				36	9	27	16		16
110 and under 115	70	21	48	24	3	20	26	12	14	9	2	7	44	9	34	15	1	13
115 and under 120	42	12	31	12	1	8	14	6	8	5	1	2	28	6	23	7		6
120 and under 125	41	12	27	6	1	6	16	5	10	1		1	25	7	17	5	1	5
125 and under 130	103	36	68	15	5	11	49	23	26	7	3	4	54	13	42	8	2	7
130 and under 135	44	10	31	9		9	18	5	12	6		6	26	5	19	3		3
135 and under 140	43	10	33	8	1	7	21	7	14	4	1	3	22	3	19	4		4
140 and under 145	30	7	24	8		7	11	3	9	5		5	19	4	15	3		2
145 and under 150	27	4	23	6		6	16	2	13	4		4	11	2	10	2		2
150 and under 160	78	24	54	19	3	15	44	18	26	13	3	10	34	6	28	6		5
160 and under 170	49	11	38	12	2	10	26	5	21	10	2	8	23	6	17	2		2
170 and under 180	58	12	45	17	2	16	30	8	22	14	1	13	28	4	23	3	1	3
180 and under 190	52	3	50	11		10	31	2	30	10		9	21	1	20	1		1
190 and under 200	20	2	19	7		7	15	1	14	7		7	5	1	5			
200 and under 210	64	21	41	11	3	9	56	18	38	10	3	8	8	3	3	1		1
210 and under 220	28	2	26	4		4	22	2	20	3		3	6		6	1		1
220 and under 230	34	7	26	9	1	7	32	7	25	9	1	7	2		1			
230 and under 240	23	2	20	3		3	20	2	17	3		3	3		3			
240 and under 250	15	1	13	2		2	13	1	12	2		2	2		1			
250 and under 260	46	16	29	13	6	7	42	16	26	11	4	7	4		3	2		2
260 and under 270	21		20	6	1	5	21		20	6	1	5						
270 and under 280	19	2	18	5		5	19	2	18	5		5						
280 and under 290	18		18	4		4	17		17	4		4	1		1			
290 and under 300	6	1	5	2		2	6	1	5	2		2						
300 and over	63	19	44	18	1	16	59	17	42	17	1	15	4	2	2	1		1
Number of employees (in hundreds)	2334	828	1488	963	284	672	1087	437	638	350	119	229	1247	391	850	613	165	443
Average hourly earnings (dollars)	1.27	1.04	1.33	1.05	.85	1.08	1.58	1.14	1.71	1.44	.97	1.54	1.02	.95	1.03	.82	.77	.83

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 2-A: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

## DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - NORTHEAST: BY SEX AND METROPOLITAN AND NONMETROPOLITAN AREA COUNTIES

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees						Men						Women						
	Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			
	Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		
		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more	
Under 50	7	5	2	1		1	5	3	1			2	2	1	1		1	1	
50 and under 55	18	14	3	7	5	3	12	11			3	3	1	6	3	3	4	2	2
55 and under 60	8	5	3	2	1	1	1	1			1	1		7	4	3	1		1
60 and under 65	26	12	14	10	5	5	9	6	3		2	2		17	6	11	8	3	5
65 and under 70	20	16	3	2	2	2	5	5						15	11	3	2		2
70 and under 75	13	8	4	3	1	2	5	3	1					8	5	3	3	1	2
75 and under 80	48	34	14	9	6	4	29	23	6		3	3	1	19	11	8	6	3	3
80 and under 85	18	10	8	13	5	9	5	4	1		6	4	4	13	6	7	5	1	5
85 and under 90	27	16	10	3	1	2	10	7	2		1	1		17	9	8	2		2
90 and under 95	32	20	12	8	4	3	17	12	4		3	2		15	8	8	5	2	3
95 and under 100	9	3	6	3		3	2		2					7	3	4	3		3
100 and under 105	97	58	39	16	8	8	45	30	15		6	4	2	52	28	24	10	4	6
105 and under 110	8	1	7	1		1	2	1	1					6		6	1		1
110 and under 115	23	9	14	3		3	13	6	7		1	1		10	3	7	2		2
115 and under 120	9	4	6				5	4	2					4		4			
120 and under 125	7	1	6				3	1	2					4		4			
125 and under 130	30	12	18	1		1	17	8	9					13	4	9	1		1
130 and under 135	13	1	10				8	1	6					5		4			
135 and under 140	17	3	14	3		3	10	2	8		2	2		7	1	6	1		1
140 and under 145	8	1	6				2		2					6	1	4			
145 and under 150	9		9				7		7					2		2			
150 and under 160	24	9	15	3		3	16	7	9		2	2		8	2	6	1		1
160 and under 170	20	7	13	1		1	13	3	10		1	1		7	4	3			
170 and under 180	11	2	10	2		2	9	2	8		2	2		2		2			
180 and under 190	16		16	2		1	14		14		2	1		2		2			
190 and under 200	9		9	2		2	8		8		2	2		1		1			
200 and under 210	20	9	11				18	8	10					2	1	1			
210 and under 220	15	2	13				12	2	10					3		3			
220 and under 230	16	2	14	1		1	15	2	13		1	1		1		1			
230 and under 240	15	2	12	1		1	13	2	10		1	1		2		2			
240 and under 250	6	1	5				6	1	5										
250 and under 260	12	4	8				11	4	7					1		1			
260 and under 270	8		8				8		8										
270 and under 280	6		6				6		6										
280 and under 290	7		7				7		7										
290 and under 300	1	1					1	1											
300 and over	8	1	7	3		3	8	1	7		2	2					1		1
Number of employees (in hundreds)	641	273	362	100	36	65	377	161	211	43	20	23	264	112	151	57	16	42	
Average hourly earnings (dollars)	1.39	1.01	1.52	1.12	.83	1.20	1.62	1.08	1.79	1.43	.84	1.63	1.05	.91	1.10	.90	.81	.92	

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.



Table 2-B: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

## DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - SOUTH: BY SEX AND METROPOLITAN AND NONMETROPOLITAN AREA COUNTIES

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees						Men						Women					
	Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties		
	Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week	
		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more
Under 50	26	5	20	49	14	36	16	5	11	14	5	10	10		9	35	9	26
50 and under 55	35	11	23	46	21	25	9	3	6	15	9	6	26	8	17	31	12	19
55 and under 60	23	4	19	21	6	15	3	1	2	8	4	4	20	3	17	13	2	11
60 and under 65	49	12	38	51	12	39	17	5	13	17	8	9	32	7	25	34	4	30
65 and under 70	36	10	26	23	6	16	10	6	4	6	2	4	26	4	22	17	4	12
70 and under 75	34	8	25	34	3	31	9	4	4	7	2	6	25	4	21	27	1	25
75 and under 80	58	24	34	28	7	21	24	14	10	6	4	2	34	10	24	22	3	19
80 and under 85	43	16	26	27	2	25	12	8	4	6	1	5	31	8	22	21	1	20
85 and under 90	43	11	31	16	2	14	11	2	8	5		5	32	9	23	11	2	9
90 and under 95	25	6	19	11	2	9	9	4	4	5	2	3	16	2	15	6		6
95 and under 100	10		8	6	2	4	4		3	3	2	1	6		5	3		3
100 and under 105	63	20	42	34	11	23	32	15	16	15	3	12	31	5	26	19	8	11
105 and under 110	12	1	11	6		6	4		4				8	1	7	6		6
110 and under 115	12	1	11	7		6	4	1	3	2		2	8		8	5		4
115 and under 120	11	2	9	2	1		4		4	2	1		7	2	5			
120 and under 125	7	1	5	2		2	4	1	2	1		1	3		3	1		1
125 and under 130	13	4	9	4	2	2	7	2	5	2	1	1	6	2	4	2	1	1
130 and under 135	5		4	6		6	2		2	5		5	3		2	1		1
135 and under 140	4		4	1		1	3		3	1		1	1		1			
140 and under 145	4	1	4	2		2	2	1	2	1		1	2		2	1		1
145 and under 150	4		4	4		4	3		3	3		3	1		1	1		1
150 and under 160	8	1	7	6	1	5	6	1	5	4	1	3	2		2	2		2
160 and under 170	6		5	6	1	5	5		4	5	1	4	1		1	1		1
170 and under 180	8	2	6	6		6	6	1	5	5		5	2	1	1	1		1
180 and under 190	6		6	4		4	5		4	4		4	1		1			
190 and under 200	2		2	4		4	2		2	4		4						
200 and under 210	15	3	11	7	1	6	14	3	11	6	1	5	1		1	1		1
210 and under 220	4		4	1		1	3		3	1		1	1		1			
220 and under 230	5	3	3	3	1	1	5	3	3	3	1	1	1		1			
230 and under 240	4		4	1		1	3		3	1		1	1		1			
240 and under 250	4		4	2		2	3		3	2		2	1		1			
250 and under 260	11	5	5	5	4	1	10	5	5	3	2	1	1			2	2	
260 and under 270	2		2	2		2	2		2	2		2						
270 and under 280	2		2	1		1	2		2	1		1	1		1			
280 and under 290	1		1	2		2	1		1	2		2	1		1			
290 and under 300	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		1						
300 and over	8	3	5	6	1	5	5	2	3	6	1	5	3	1	2			
Number of employees (in hundreds)	604	154	440	437	100	334	262	87	171	174	51	123	342	67	269	263	49	211
Average hourly earnings (dollars)	1.02	.93	1.03	.94	.79	.95	1.24	1.01	1.30	1.25	.87	1.31	.85	.83	.85	.73	.70	.73

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 2-C: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

## DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - NORTH CENTRAL: BY SEX AND METROPOLITAN AND NONMETROPOLITAN AREA COUNTIES

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees						Men						Women					
	Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties		
	Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week	
		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more
Under 50	5	2	3	7	4	3	1	1		3	2	1	4	1	3	4	2	2
50 and under 55	12	8	4	14	9	4	9	7	2	2	2		3	1	2	12	7	4
55 and under 60	8	4	4	6	3	4	2	2	1	1	1		6	2	4	5	2	4
60 and under 65	34	17	17	32	18	14	10	8	2	8	7	1	24	9	15	24	11	13
65 and under 70	21	11	12	19	6	12	9	7	3	1	1		12	4	9	18	5	12
70 and under 75	34	15	19	23	9	12	11	8	3	2	1		23	7	16	21	8	12
75 and under 80	59	25	35	31	16	15	13	8	5	6	4	2	46	17	30	25	12	13
80 and under 85	53	33	20	14	4	10	10	8	2	1	1		43	25	18	13	3	10
85 and under 90	48	17	31	16	4	12	9	5	4	1	1		39	12	27	15	3	12
90 and under 95	47	24	23	21	8	13	10	7	3	2	1		37	17	20	19	7	13
95 and under 100	18	6	12	4		4	3	1	2				15	5	10	4		4
100 and under 105	104	54	50	35	21	14	36	22	14	11	10	2	68	32	36	24	11	12
105 and under 110	26	11	15	5		5	6	3	3				20	8	12	5		5
110 and under 115	23	7	15	9	1	8	6	3	3	5	1	4	17	4	12	4		4
115 and under 120	17	6	12	8		6	4	2	2	3		2	13	4	10	5		4
120 and under 125	18	6	11	2		2	7	3	4				11	3	7	2		2
125 and under 130	34	13	21	5	1	4	17	10	7	3	1	2	17	3	14	2		2
130 and under 135	19	6	13	2		2	6	3	3	1		1	13	3	10	1		1
135 and under 140	14	3	11	2	1	1	6	3	3	1	1		8		8	1		1
140 and under 145	11	2	9	4		4	5	1	4	3		3	6	1	5	1		1
145 and under 150	8	3	6	1		1	5	2	3	1		1	3	1	3			
150 and under 160	30	8	22	4	1	3	16	6	10	4	1	3	14	2	12			
160 and under 170	10	3	8	3	1	2	6	2	5	3	1	2	4	1	3			
170 and under 180	12	2	9	6		6	7	2	5	5		5	5		4	1		1
180 and under 190	7		7	3		3	5		5	3		3	2		2			
190 and under 200	5	1	5	1		1	3		3	1		1	2	1	2			
200 and under 210	21	8	13	2	1	1	18	6	12	2	1	1	3	2	1			
210 and under 220	6		6	2		2	5		5	1		1	1		1	1		1
220 and under 230	10	2	7	2		2	9	2	7	2		2	1					
230 and under 240	3		3				3		3									
240 and under 250	3		2				2		2				1					
250 and under 260	18	5	13	2		2	16	5	11	2		2	2		2			
260 and under 270	6		6	2		2	6		6	2		2	2					
270 and under 280	7	1	6	2		2	7	1	6	2		2	2					
280 and under 290	7		7	1		1	6		6	1		1	1		1			
290 and under 300	2		2				2		2									
300 and over	11	2	9	4		4	11	2	9	4		4						
Number of employees (in hundreds)	771	305	468	294	108	181	307	140	169	87	37	48	464	165	299	207	71	133
Average hourly earnings (dollars)	1.24	1.01	1.30	1.05	.81	1.12	1.61	1.08	1.77	1.57	.91	1.75	1.00	.95	1.02	.83	.76	.85

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 2-D: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

## DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - WEST: BY SEX AND METROPOLITAN AND NONMETROPOLITAN AREA COUNTIES

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	All employees						Men						Women					
	Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties			Metropolitan area counties			Nonmetropolitan area counties		
	Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week	
		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more
Under 50 .....																		
50 and under 55 .....				2		2						2		2				
55 and under 60 .....							1	1							1	1	10	10
60 and under 65 .....	1	1																
65 and under 70 .....	1		1	10	10									1		1	1	
70 and under 75 .....	1		1	1		1								1		1	1	
75 and under 80 .....	7	4	3	8	3	5	3	3		2	1	1	4	1	3	6	2	4
80 and under 85 .....	11	6	5	9	2	7	2	1		1		1	9	5	5	8	2	6
85 and under 90 .....	5	1	3	8	4	4	1			1		1	4	1	3	7	4	3
90 and under 95 .....	16	6	10	10	1	9	4	2	2	1		1	12	4	8	9	1	8
95 and under 100 .....	3		3	3		2	1		1	1		1	2		2	2		1
100 and under 105 .....	35	18	16	20	8	12	14	7	7	3	2	1	21	11	9	17	6	11
105 and under 110 .....	3		3	4		4	1		1				2		2	4		4
110 and under 115 .....	12	4	8	5	2	3	3	2	1	1	1		9	2	7	4	1	3
115 and under 120 .....	5	4	4	2		2	1						4	4	4	2		2
120 and under 125 .....	9	4	5	2	1	2	2		2				7	4	3	2	1	2
125 and under 130 .....	26	7	20	5	2	4	8	3	5	2	1	1	18	4	15	3	1	3
130 and under 135 .....	7	3	4	1		1	2	1	1				5	2	3	1		1
135 and under 140 .....	8	4	4	2		2	2	2					6	2	4	2		2
140 and under 145 .....	7	3	5	2		1	2	1	1	1		1	5	2	4	1		1
145 and under 150 .....	6	1	4	1		1	1						5	1	4	1		1
150 and under 160 .....	16	6	10	6	1	4	6	4	2	3	1	2	10	2	8	3		2
160 and under 170 .....	13	1	12	2		2	2		2	1		1	11	1	10	1		1
170 and under 180 .....	27	6	20	3	2	2	8	3	4	2	1	1	19	3	16	1	1	1
180 and under 190 .....	23	3	21	2		2	7	2	6	1		1	16	1	15	1		1
190 and under 200 .....	4	1	3				2	1	1				2		2			
200 and under 210 .....	8	1	6	2	1	2	6	1	5	2	1	2	2		1			
210 and under 220 .....	3		3	1		1	2		2	1		1	1		1			
220 and under 230 .....	3		3	3		3	3		2	3		3	3		3			
230 and under 240 .....	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		1			
240 and under 250 .....	2		2				2		2									
250 and under 260 .....	5	2	3	6	2	4	5	2	3	6	2	4						
260 and under 270 .....	5		4	2	1	1	5		4	2	1	1						
270 and under 280 .....	4	1	4	2		2	4	1	4	2		2						
280 and under 290 .....	3		3	1		1	3		3	1		1						
290 and under 300 .....	2		2	1		1	2		2	1		1						
300 and over .....	36	13	23	5		4	35	12	23	5		4	1	1				
Number of employees (in hundreds) .....	318	96	218	132	40	92	141	49	87	46	11	35	177	47	131	86	29	57
Average hourly earnings (dollars) .....	1.68	1.43	1.73	1.37	1.11	1.42	2.13	1.69	2.24	1.95	1.76	1.98	1.34	1.20	1.37	1.04	.88	1.08

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 3: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: BY SIZE OF COMMUNITY AND NUMBER OF STORES OPERATED

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	United States																							
	Metropolitan area counties						Nonmetropolitan area counties						Single store			Two or three stores			Four to ten stores			Eleven or more stores		
	Central cities			Communities other than central cities			Communities of 5,000 or more population			Communities of less than 5,000 population			Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week	
	Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week			Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week			
		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more	1 to 34		35 or more	1 to 34		35 or more	1 to 34		35 or more	1 to 34	35 or more	
Under 50	32	9	23	6	4	2	51	12	38	6	4	1	64	25	38	16	3	13	14	1	13			
50 and under 60	83	33	48	21	12	9	75	31	45	24	15	10	139	66	73	23	7	15	12	3	9	31	15	16
60 and under 70	146	54	98	43	25	18	91	28	67	55	29	25	275	83	123	38	13	25	18	5	13	72	35	38
70 and under 80	200	85	114	56	34	22	103	40	64	35	7	27	243	112	131	44	14	29	28	11	17	77	31	47
80 and under 90	176	74	101	71	36	35	84	16	67	24	6	18	194	77	117	38	17	20	23	4	18	99	36	64
90 and under 100	111	42	70	47	23	24	44	15	31	20	4	16	123	48	76	21	10	10	10	2	8	68	22	46
100 and under 110	241	107	134	109	58	50	91	35	57	31	13	17	311	145	164	44	22	23	24	7	17	92	39	53
110 and under 120	77	22	56	37	13	23	27	4	22	8	1	7	67	17	52	16	5	12	9	1	8	55	17	36
120 and under 130	101	35	66	47	14	28	17	5	13	5	1	4	101	38	63	21	4	16	7	1	5	38	10	27
130 and under 140	60	17	44	26	4	22	16	1	14	2		2	54	11	43	9	1	6	8	1	7	34	9	27
140 and under 150	47	10	29	20	3	16	10	1	9	3	1	2	32	6	27	7	1	5	6		5	27	7	21
150 and under 170	87	25	62	42	12	29	23	4	19	8	1	6	92	32	60	19	2	18	9	1	8	37	5	32
170 and under 190	74	13	64	36	3	31	20	1	18	9		8	68	9	59	14	3	11	8		8	49	7	43
190 and under 210	55	19	37	28	5	23	17	2	13	3		2	69	21	48	10	2	8	8		7	14	2	13
210 and under 230	44	9	35	18	2	16	12	2	9	2		2	43	9	33	12	1	11	4		4	13		13
230 and under 250	29	2	27	9	1	8	6		6	2		2	22	3	18	6		6	3		3	17		16
250 and over	111	26	84	59	12	47	37	5	31	12	4	8	154	41	114	28	2	26	6		6	31	4	27
Number of employees (in hundreds)	1664	582	1087	670	261	403	724	202	518	249	86	157	1981	743	1239	366	107	254	197	37	156	754	239	519
Average hourly earnings (dollars)	1.23	1.04	1.28	1.38	1.03	1.48	1.06	.88	1.09	1.02	.80	1.08	1.20	1.01	1.25	1.23	.97	1.28	1.12	.87	1.14	1.21	.98	1.26
Northeast																								
Under 50	2	1	1	5	4	1	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			5	4	1	2	1	1						
50 and under 60	14	10	3	12	9	3	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			19	13	6	5	3	2				11	9	2
60 and under 70	24	13	11	22	15	7	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			22	15	7	7	4	3	1	1		27	13	14
70 and under 80	32	23	9	29	20	9	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			40	31	8	13	7	5	7	5	2	14	6	8
80 and under 90	18	10	7	27	16	11	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			38	21	17	10	5	4	4	1	2	11	5	6
90 and under 100	17	9	9	24	14	10	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			35	20	15	6	3	3	2	1	1	9	4	5
100 and under 110	50	30	19	56	29	27	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			93	53	39	14	9	5	4	2	2	12	3	9
110 and under 120	17	8	9	16	5	11	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			19	6	14	4	2	2	1	1		11	5	5
120 and under 130	20	8	12	17	5	12	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			27	11	16	3	1	2	2	1	1	7	1	5
130 and under 140	18	3	15	11	1	10	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			20	4	16	3		2	2		1	7		7
140 and under 150	8	1	8	9	1	7	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			8		8	1		1	1		1	8		6
150 and under 170	28	10	18	16	6	9	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			33	14	19	2	1	2	3	1	2	9	1	8
170 and under 190	15	1	14	13	1	11	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			21	2	20	2		1	2		2	6		6
190 and under 210	15	5	10	13	5	9	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			21	8	13	3	1	3	3		2	3		3
210 and under 230	20	3	17	11	1	10	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			21	3	18	2		2	2		2	5		5
230 and under 250	15	2	13	6	1	5	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			11	3	8	3		3	1		1	9		9
250 and over	21	4	16	21	2	19	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			Insufficient data to warrant presentation.			35	6	29	3		3	2		2	6		6
Number of employees (in hundreds)	334	141	191	308	135	171	72	25	46				468	214	254	83	37	44	37	12	22	155	49	104
Average hourly earnings (dollars)	1.43	1.06	1.55	1.34	.95	1.48	1.07	.78	1.15				1.40	1.05	1.53	1.21	.90	1.33	1.44	1.01	1.53	1.25	.81	1.35

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix. Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 3: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - UNITED STATES AND REGIONS: BY SIZE OF COMMUNITY AND NUMBER OF STORES OPERATED - Continued

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	South																																									
	Metropolitan area counties						Nonmetropolitan area counties						Single store			Two or three stores			Four to ten stores			Eleven or more stores																				
	Central cities			Communities other than central cities			Communities of 5,000 or more population			Communities of less than 5,000 population			Total			Total			Total			Total																				
	Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week																			
	1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more																			
Under 50	25	6	19	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.						45	10	34	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.						48	16	31	14	2	12	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.																	
50 and under 60	52	15	37							55	18	38							86	35	51	16	3	12							17	3	12	17	3	12	17	3	12	17	3	12
60 and under 70	71	17	55							54	11	43							109	31	79	19	2	17							24	7	18	27	6	21	16	2	14	24	7	18
70 and under 80	81	29	51							47	8	39							103	31	72	15	1	14							27	6	21	27	6	21	12	5	7	27	6	21
80 and under 90	62	18	44							36	3	33							80	21	59	12	5	7							16	2	17	16	2	14	12	5	7	16	2	14
90 and under 100	31	6	25							12	3	10							27	6	21	4	1	3							16	2	17	16	2	14	12	5	7	16	2	14
100 and under 110	61	14	47							30	7	23							74	19	55	5	1	4							28	11	17	28	11	17	5	1	4	28	11	17
110 and under 120	18	1	17							5	1	4							14	3	11	3	3	3							12	2	10	12	2	10	3	3	3	12	2	10
120 and under 130	19	5	14							5	2	4							12	4	8	3	3	3							8	2	6	8	2	6	2	2	2	8	2	6
130 and under 140	9	1	8							5	1	5							9	1	9	1	1	1							5	1	4	5	1	4	1	1	1	5	1	4
140 and under 150	7	1	7	5	1	5	5	1	5	2	2	2	5	1	4	5	1	4	2	2	2	5	1	4																		
150 and under 170	11	2	9	9	1	8	13	3	10	4	4	4	7	1	6	7	1	6	4	4	4	7	1	6																		
170 and under 190	12	3	10	8	1	8	16	2	13	2	2	2	3	1	3	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	1	3																		
190 and under 210	14	3	11	9	1	8	20	3	17	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2																		
210 and under 230	7	2	5	4	2	2	7	4	3	2	2	2	3	1	3	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	1	3																		
230 and under 250	7	1	7	2	1	2	5	1	5	1	1	1	4	1	3	4	1	3	1	1	1	4	1	3																		
250 and over	19	7	13	13	1	12	30	11	19	5	5	5	4	1	3	4	1	3	5	5	5	4	1	3																		
Number of employees (in hundreds)	506	130	379	344	67	278	92	34	57	658	189	468	110	15	93	85	11	74	184	44	142	184	44	142																		
Average hourly earnings (dollars)	1.02	.91	1.03	.94	.76	.95	.94	.84	.96	.98	.88	.99	.94	.76	.96	.95	.76	.96	1.05	.96	1.06	1.05	.96	1.06																		

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	North Central																																		
	Metropolitan area counties						Nonmetropolitan area counties						Single store			Two or three stores			Four to ten stores			Eleven or more stores													
	Central cities			Communities other than central cities			Communities of 5,000 or more population			Communities of less than 5,000 population			Total			Total			Total			Total													
	Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week												
	1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more												
Under 50	5	2	3	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.						5	2	3	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.						11	5	6	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.													
50 and under 60	17	8	8							3	3	11							7	4	32							18	14	4	2	2	3	3	1
60 and under 70	49	23	26							7	5	28							13	15	63							27	36	6	2	4	26	17	9
70 and under 80	81	30	51							13	10	41							23	18	89							44	45	8	2	6	38	17	21
80 and under 90	82	40	42							19	9	27							8	19	57							29	28	8	3	5	59	24	36
90 and under 100	51	23	28							14	6	19							8	12	48							20	28	3	3	3	31	12	19
100 and under 110	106	53	53							25	12	33							18	15	103							52	51	9	2	7	47	24	23
110 and under 120	31	11	21							8	2	14							2	12	20							4	17	4	1	3	29	9	19
120 and under 130	40	16	24							11	3	5							1	4	34							14	20	2	1	1	18	5	13
130 and under 140	23	9	15							9	1	5							1	3	15							4	11	3	1	3	17	6	12
140 and under 150	15	5	10	5	1	3	1	3	11	2	10	2	1	1	10	3	8																		
150 and under 170	30	8	22	11	3	5	2	3	27	9	18	2	2	2	12	2	10																		
170 and under 190	14	2	13	4	1	5	1	4	14	2	12	2	2	2	7	1	6																		
190 and under 210	19	9	11	7	6	3	1	1	21	8	13	1	1	1	5	1	4																		
210 and under 230	14	3	11	2	2	3	3	3	12	2	9	1	1	3	3	3	3																		
230 and under 250	4	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	2																		
250 and over	39	7	32	11	1	11	1	10	44	8	36	1	1	1	9	1	8																		
Number of employees (in hundreds)	620	249	374	151	55	93	219	88	130	78	24	53	604	248	357	87	33	55	57	13	43	316	125	194											
Average hourly earnings (dollars)	1.21	1.01	1.26	1.36	.97	1.47	1.09	.85	1.16	.97	.64	1.03	1.19	.95	1.26	1.36	.92	1.47	1.11	.85	1.15	1.13	.97	1.18											

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 3: Distribution of nonsupervisory employees by straight-time average hourly earnings and hours worked in week, October 1956

DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - UNITED STATES AND REGIONS; BY SIZE OF COMMUNITY AND NUMBER OF STORES OPERATED - Continued

(Number of employees in hundreds)

Average hourly earnings (in cents)	West																																						
	Metropolitan area counties						Nonmetropolitan area counties						Single store			Two or three stores			Four to ten stores			Eleven or more stores																	
	Central cities			Communities other than central cities			Communities of 5,000 or more population			Communities of less than 5,000 population			Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week																
	Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week			Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week		Total	Hours worked in week																		
		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more		1 to 34	35 or more	1 to 34		35 or more	1 to 34		35 or more	1 to 34		35 or more	1 to 34	35 or more																
Under 50	Insufficient data to warrant presentation.																																						
50 and under 60																																							
60 and under 70																			2	1	1	2	1	1	5	4	2	11	10	2	1	1		1	1		1	1	
70 and under 80																			6	3	3	2	1	1	8	2	5	11	6	6	4	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	1
80 and under 90																			14	6	8	2	1	1	8	2	5	19	6	13	9	5	4	9	5	4	2	1	1
90 and under 100																			12	4	8	6	2	3	7	2	5	13	2	12	4	1	2	4	1	2	12	4	8
100 and under 110																			24	10	15	14	9	5	20	5	16	41	21	19	13	3	10	13	3	10	5	1	4
110 and under 120																			11	2	9	7	3	3	6	2	4	14	4	10	6	2	5	6	2	5	3	1	2
120 and under 130																			22	6	16	13	5	8	6	2	4	28	9	19	10	2	7	10	2	7	5	2	3
130 and under 140																			10	4	6	5	2	3	4	4	4	10	3	7	3	1	2	3	1	2	5	2	4
140 and under 150																			7	3	4	5	2	4	2		1	8	4	4	3		2	3		2	4	1	3
150 and under 170																			18	5	13	12	2	10	6	1	5	19	6	13	7		7	7		7	9	1	8
170 and under 190																			33	7	27	17	2	15	5	1	4	17	3	14	5	3	3	5	3	3	33	5	28
190 and under 210																			7	2	5	5		5	3		2	7	2	5	3		2	3		2	4		4
210 and under 230																			3	1	2	3		3	4		3	3		3	4		4	4		4	2		2
230 and under 250	3		3				2		2	3		2	1		1	1		1	2		2																		
250 and over	32	8	23	23	8	15	11	3	7	45	16	30	13	2	11	13	2	11	12	2	10																		
Number of employees (in hundreds)	204	62	143	114	37	76	89	22	64	251	92	160	86	22	62	86	22	62	99	21	79																		
Average hourly earnings (dollars)	1.62	1.41	1.66	1.79	1.47	1.86	1.48	1.34	1.50	1.54	1.30	1.60	1.56	1.33	1.60	1.56	1.33	1.60	1.73	1.48	1.77																		

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.  
Absence of a column entry indicates less than 50 employees.

Because of rounding, sums of individual items do not necessarily equal totals.

Table 4: Number and straight-time average weekly earnings of nonsupervisory employees by hours worked in week, October 1956

DRUG STORES AND PROPRIETARY STORES - UNITED STATES AND REGIONS										
(Number of employees in hundreds)										
Item	United States		Northeast		South		North Central		West	
	Number of employees	Average weekly earnings	Number of employees	Average weekly earnings	Number of employees	Average weekly earnings	Number of employees	Average weekly earnings	Number of employees	Average weekly earnings
<b>All employees:</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	1134	\$19.19	313	\$19.10	262	\$17.32	419	\$17.76	140	\$27.19
35 to 40 hours -----	797	51.30	220	57.39	196	38.05	216	45.94	165	65.97
41 to 47 hours -----	521	51.55	100	55.23	175	39.59	190	55.40	56	69.96
48 or more hours -----	855	62.85	112	81.54	402	53.05	248	64.40	93	78.98
<b>Men:</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	564	20.28	183	19.58	142	18.77	176	18.15	63	31.76
35 to 40 hours -----	265	69.28	105	71.95	58	48.31	47	66.86	55	88.41
41 to 47 hours -----	176	73.06	46	70.31	41	55.03	64	79.23	25	91.77
48 or more hours -----	434	82.88	88	92.26	192	68.81	108	91.53	46	104.62
<b>Women:</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	556	18.09	126	18.40	120	15.63	235	17.46	75	23.42
35 to 40 hours -----	525	42.32	115	43.89	137	33.74	167	40.15	106	54.77
41 to 47 hours -----	346	41.11	54	42.81	136	35.21	125	43.59	31	53.86
48 or more hours -----	410	41.68	23	43.28	205	38.07	137	42.72	45	53.77
<b>Community size:</b>										
<b>Metropolitan area counties:</b>										
Total -										
1 to 34 hours -----	828	20.17	273	19.46	154	19.02	305	18.73	96	28.59
35 or more hours -----	1488	58.74	362	64.96	440	47.51	468	57.59	218	73.45
<b>Central cities -</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	582	20.26	141	20.83	130	18.85	249	18.70	62	28.38
35 or more hours -----	1087	56.51	191	66.50	379	47.31	374	55.52	143	69.90
<b>Communities other than central cities -</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	261	19.96	135	18.02	*	*	55	18.86	37	28.92
35 or more hours -----	403	64.76	171	63.24	*	*	93	65.81	76	80.19
<b>Nonmetropolitan area counties:</b>										
Total -										
1 to 34 hours -----	284	16.40	36	16.42	100	14.63	108	15.15	40	23.96
35 or more hours -----	672	49.67	65	53.04	334	44.42	181	50.93	92	63.60
<b>Communities of 5,000 or more population -</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	202	17.04	25	15.91	67	14.39	88	16.11	22	29.56
35 or more hours -----	518	49.67	46	51.34	278	44.24	130	52.15	64	66.47
<b>Communities of less than 5,000 population -</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	86	14.98	*	*	34	15.07	24	11.83	*	*
35 or more hours -----	157	49.67	*	*	57	45.27	53	47.92	*	*
<b>Number of stores operated by company:</b>										
<b>Single store:</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	743	19.13	214	19.69	189	16.87	248	17.75	92	26.23
35 or more hours -----	1239	56.39	254	66.66	468	45.67	357	56.99	160	70.11
<b>Two or three stores:</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	107	20.53	37	18.65	15	18.27	33	18.37	22	28.00
35 or more hours -----	254	59.32	44	59.96	93	46.70	55	68.79	62	69.06
<b>Four to ten stores:</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	37	17.43	12	18.29	11	15.63	13	18.01	*	*
35 or more hours -----	156	52.01	22	67.39	74	45.53	43	50.30	*	*
<b>Eleven or more stores:</b>										
1 to 34 hours -----	239	19.04	49	17.13	44	19.47	125	17.58	21	30.47
35 or more hours -----	519	54.24	104	54.94	142	47.80	194	50.86	79	73.62

NOTE: For definitions of terms used in this table, see Appendix.

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\* Insufficient data to warrant presentation.

## Appendix: Scope and Method of Survey

The October 1956 survey of employee earnings in all retail trade establishments (except eating and drinking places) conducted by the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics was designed to provide separate information for major retail industry groups as well as for selected specific lines of business.

### Industry Classification

This bulletin relates to Drug Stores and Proprietary Stores (group 591) as defined in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1949 edition, prepared by the Bureau of the Budget, Executive Office of the President.

The drug store and proprietary store group includes retail establishments primarily engaged in selling any combination of such lines of merchandise as prescription drugs, cosmetics, toiletries, patent medicines, tobacco, novelty merchandise; such establishments may or may not operate a lunch and/or soda fountain in conjunction with these retail activities.

### Sampling and Collection Procedure

The retail trade survey was conducted on a sample basis. Data were obtained from about 28,000 stores and auxiliary units, selected in accordance with line of business, location, and employment size. The sample design was such as to permit the publication of data for each of the major kind of business groups in retail trade (except eating and drinking places), but for only a few of the specific lines of business. The sample for the drug store and proprietary store group included 1,557 establishments.

The sample used in the retail trade study as a whole was selected from three different sources:

1. Large multiunit companies.—Current lists of stores and auxiliary units (such as warehouses and offices) were provided by 110 chains with the largest employment (chains operating a small number of large urban stores were not included in this group). Units in each of these lists were stratified by location and employment size. A systematic sample was then selected in accordance with a set of sampling ratios that varied by line of business.

In a few cases, company records for individual employees were available in groupings broader than store units; in these instances, a systematic sample of employees in all units was selected.

The 110 chains in this class were visited by Bureau representatives who explained the nature of the sample and the information needed. Actual compilation of the data was done by the company in the bulk of the cases. About 8,000 units were selected from these large companies.

2. State Unemployment Compensation Insurance listings.—The most currently available listings of the State Unemployment Insurance (U.I.) agencies provided the basis for selecting the largest number of sample units.

After units belonging to the large chains referred to above and establishments with fewer than eight employees (see item 3) were excluded, a sample of reporting units was selected in a systematic fashion from lists arranged by State and line of business. The sampling ratios varied by line of business and region and increased with employment size—all units of 500 or more employees were included.

All units thus selected and having 1,000 or more employees were visited by trained representatives of the Bureau. About 1,800 units were included in this part of the sample. The bulk of the respondents in this group were large urban department stores which were not considered as chains in the sampling design, even where a number of store units were under common ownership.

The remainder of the units selected from unemployment compensation lists were included in a mail canvass. A sample of those not replying to two mail requests was visited by Bureau representatives. Altogether, about 13,000 stores were covered in this group.

3. Single-unit stores with fewer than eight employees.—Data for single-unit stores with fewer than eight employees were collected by the Bureau of the Census in its monthly survey of retail trade. Two monthly samples of such stores were used, totaling about 5,000 stores.

### Estimating Procedure

Data for each sampling unit collected, whether store, group of stores, or individual employee, were weighted in accordance with the probability of selecting that unit. For instance, where 1 store out of 10 was selected from a chain, all data from that store were considered as representing itself and 9 other stores. Thus, each segment was given its appropriate weight in the total, despite the inclusion of all large stores and only a small proportion of small stores.

All estimated totals derived from this weighting process were further adjusted to the employment levels for October 1956, as given in the Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly employment series after



excluding eating and drinking places (6.7 million). The totals published in this survey differ from those in the monthly series since the latter include total instead of nonsupervisory employment. In order to derive these employment levels for the detailed line of business-regional groups presented in this report, the totals in the Bureau's employment series were broken down on the basis of the line of business-regional employment totals found in the 1954 Census of Business. For fluid milk pasteurizing and home delivery (included in this study but not in the Census of Business), data from the 1954 Census of Manufactures were used.

With very few exceptions, the adjustment of the survey totals to the predesignated totals was confined to that part of the survey which was collected by mail, or by personal visit to the nonrespondents thereto. Obviously, lists available from the U.I. omitted units opened after the effective date of the lists. Adjustment to predesignated totals was necessary to keep this sector from being underrepresented in the total. In the case of the census sample, the large store sample, and the chain store sample, the best unbiased estimates of totals were presumed to be the weighted-up sample totals, there being no problem of unrepresented business births in these groups.

#### Problems of Nonresponse

In that part of the survey conducted by mail canvass, estimates for the nonrespondent population were made from the field followup of a sample of the nonrespondents. In the estimating procedure this sample, therefore, carried larger weights than those received by mail. The response rate to the mail questionnaire portion of the survey was about 53 percent. About 30 percent of the remainder were followed up by personal visit, the ratio varying by kind of business. Analysis of the results showed that within each kind of business-regional class, the schedules obtained by personal visit averaged slightly less in earnings than those replying by mail.

In the part of the survey made by mail or personal visit to the nonrespondents thereto, the weight of unusable schedules and of refusals was imputed to the whole of this subuniverse. This was carried out in the process of adjusting to the predetermined totals for the regional kind of business groups.

In that part of the survey where collection was done by the Bureau of the Census representatives, less than 5 percent of the stores within scope of the survey failed to provide usable data. To compensate for the loss of these schedules, their weight was assigned to usable schedules in the same kind of business in the same or related areas.

The problems of response and unusable data were almost nonexistent in the large store and large chain samples.

#### Criteria for Publication of Estimates

Since the survey was done on a sample basis, the results of this survey differ from those that would have been obtained by a complete canvass of all retail activities. These differences may be substantial in those instances where the sample was small; it has not been possible, therefore, to present distributions and averages for all cases.

The following general criteria have been followed:

1. No distributions are shown for groupings of less than 50 stores; except department stores where the sample covered most of the large stores in the universe.
2. No data of any kind are shown for situations with less than 30 stores.
3. No published segment, regardless of number of stores involved, contains data from fewer than 10 distinct employers.

#### Definition of Terms

Establishment.—Data were reported for individual establishments rather than for companies. An establishment is generally defined as a single physical location where business is conducted. Where two or more activities were carried on at a single establishment, the entire establishment was classified on the basis of its major activity (in terms of sales); all data for such an establishment were included in that classification. Thus, earnings data for cafeteria employees of department stores and lunch-counter employees of drug stores were included, whereas employees of establishments classified as primarily eating places were excluded.

When two or more activities were carried on at a single location by separate business entities, each entity was treated as an establishment. Thus, a leased department in a department or clothing store was treated as a separate establishment and was included in these tabulations on the basis of its activities rather than as a part of the store within which it operated.

Data for auxiliary units of retail establishments (such as separate warehouses, administrative offices, etc.) were included in this report and classified on the basis of the major activity of the retail establishment serviced.

Nonsupervisory Employees.—The term "nonsupervisory employees," as used in this report, includes all full-time and part-time employees such as salespersons, shipping and receiving clerks, stock clerks, laborers, warehousemen, caretakers, office clerks, drivers, driver-salesmen, installation and repair men, demonstrators, alteration hands, elevator operators, porters, janitors, and watchmen, and other employees whose services are closely associated with those of employees listed above, including working supervisors. Excluded are officers and principal executives, such as buyers, department heads, and managers whose work is above the working supervisory level.

Earnings Data.—For purposes of this study, earnings data relate to straight-time earnings, excluding overtime premium pay. Commission and/or bonus earnings and special sales bonuses (such as PM's and Stims) paid quarterly or oftener are included. Bonuses paid less frequently than quarterly are excluded.

Individual average hourly earnings for employees not paid by the hour were obtained by dividing total earnings reported by the number of hours worked during the corresponding period.

Individual weekly earnings were obtained by multiplying the average hourly earnings, computed as above, by the number of hours worked during the selected week ending nearest October 15, 1956.

Group average hourly earnings published in this report were obtained by dividing total individual weekly earnings by total individual weekly hours worked.

Group average weekly earnings were computed by dividing the sum of the individual weekly earnings by the number of employees represented in the group total.

Hours Worked in Week.—Individual earnings data are tabulated in this report according to the number of hours worked by the employee during the selected week ending nearest October 15, 1956. Weeks containing nonworking holidays or other irregular work schedules were avoided.

Regions.—The regions used in this study are: Northeast—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont; South—Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,

Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia; North Central—Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; West—Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Metropolitan Areas.—The term "metropolitan area" used in this report refers to the Standard Metropolitan Areas established under the sponsorship of the Bureau of the Budget. Central cities of metropolitan areas include the largest city (over 50,000 inhabitants by definition of the term metropolitan area) and all other cities in the area with a population of 25,000 or more, provided each such city has a population amounting to at least one-third the population of the largest city. All other communities in the metropolitan area are included as "communities other than central cities."

Nonmetropolitan Areas.—All communities not in a metropolitan area were classified as to their population according to the 1950 census—those with 5,000 or more and those with less than 5,000.

Number of Stores Operated.—Data were tabulated in accordance with the number of retail stores reported as operated by the parent company, as follows: (a) Single store; (b) 2 or 3 stores; (c) 4 to 10 stores; and (d) 11 or more stores. Respondents were requested to indicate the number of stores operated by the parent company rather than by a subsidiary company. Thus, if the parent company operated a total of 12 stores through 2 subsidiary companies of 6 each, data for all stores were grouped according to the total of 12 (appearing in the group, 11 or more) rather than the 6 (4 to 10) operated by the subsidiary.