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## Preface

### The Community Wage Survey Program

The Bureau of Labor Statistics regularly conducts areawide wage surveys in a number of important industrial centers. The studies, made from late fall to early spring, relate to occupational earnings and related supplementary benefits. A preliminary report is available on completion of the study in each area, usually in the month following the payroll period studied. This bulletin provides additional data not included in the earlier report. A consolidated analytical bulletin summarizing the results of all of the year's surveys is issued after completion of the final area bulletin for the current round of surveys.

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\* NOTE: Similar tabulations are available in the Seattle area reports for September 1951 and August 1956. The reports also include data on shift differential provisions; scheduled weekly hours; paid holidays; paid vacations; and health, insurance, and pension plans. The 1951 report also includes non-production bonuses; the 1956 report, minimum entrance rates for women office workers.

Union scales, indicative of prevailing pay levels are available for the following trades or industries: Building construction, printing, local-transit operating employees, and motortruck drivers.



# Occupational Wage Survey - Seattle, Wash.\*

## Introduction

The Seattle area is one of several important industrial centers in which the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics conducts surveys of occupational earnings and related wage benefits. Although data are normally obtained by personal visits of Bureau field agents to representative establishments, data in this report were obtained chiefly by telephone. Current occupational employment and earnings information was provided by the establishments visited in August 1956, for occupations reported in that earlier study. Current information on related wage benefits was not collected.<sup>1</sup>

In each area, data are obtained from representative establishments within six broad industry divisions: Manufacturing; transportation (excluding railroads), communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services. Major industry groups excluded from these studies, besides railroads, are government operations and the construction and extractive industries. Establishments having fewer than a prescribed number of workers are omitted also because they furnish insufficient employment in the occupations studied to warrant inclusion.<sup>2</sup> Wherever possible, separate tabulations are provided for each of the broad industry divisions.

These surveys are conducted on a sample basis because of the unnecessary cost involved in surveying all establishments. To obtain appropriate

\* This report was prepared in the Bureau's regional office in San Francisco, Calif., by William P. O'Connor, under the direction of John L. Dana, Regional Wage and Industrial Relations Analyst.

<sup>1</sup> Data for August 1956 are available in BLS Bull. 1202-1, Occupational Wage Survey, Seattle, Wash., for scheduled hours; shift differentials; minimum entrance rate for women office workers; holiday and vacation pay provisions; and health, insurance, and pension plans.

<sup>2</sup> See footnote 2 to table 1 for minimum-size establishment covered.

accuracy at minimum cost, a greater proportion of large than of small establishments is studied. In combining the data, however, all establishments are given their appropriate weight. Estimates based on the establishments studied are presented, therefore, as relating to all establishments in the industry grouping and area, except for those below the minimum size studied.

## Occupations and Earnings

The occupations selected for study are common to a variety of manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries. Occupational classification is based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of inter-establishment variation in duties within the same job (see appendix for listing of these descriptions). Earnings data are presented (in the A-series tables) for the following types of occupations: (a) Office clerical; (b) professional and technical; (c) maintenance and powerplant; and (d) custodial and material movement.

Occupational employment and earnings data are shown for full-time workers, i. e., those hired to work a regular weekly schedule in the given occupational classification. Earnings data exclude premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Nonproduction bonuses are excluded also, but cost-of-living bonuses and incentive earnings are included. Where weekly hours are reported, as for office clerical occupations, reference is to the work schedules (rounded to the nearest half hour) for which straight-time salaries are paid; average weekly earnings for these occupations have been rounded to the nearest half dollar.

Occupational employment estimates represent the total in all establishments within the scope of the study and not the number actually surveyed. Because of differences in occupational structure among establishments, the estimates of occupational employment obtained from the sample of establishments studied serve only to indicate the relative importance of the jobs studied. These differences in occupational structure do not materially affect the accuracy of the earnings data.

Table 1. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in Seattle, Wash.,<sup>1</sup> by major industry division, August 1957

Industry division	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments	
	Within scope of study <sup>2</sup>	Studied	Within scope of study	Studied
All divisions .....	514	133	167, 100	119, 690
Manufacturing .....	167	46	100, 700	83, 910
Nonmanufacturing .....	347	87	66, 400	35, 780
Transportation (excluding railroads), communication, and other public utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	45	22	16, 100	12, 680
Wholesale trade .....	79	13	9, 100	2, 370
Retail trade .....	113	26	24, 000	13, 430
Finance, insurance, and real estate .....	58	13	10, 300	4, 870
Services <sup>4</sup> .....	52	13	6, 900	2, 430

<sup>1</sup> The Seattle Metropolitan Area (King County). The "workers within scope of study" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis of comparison with other area employment indexes to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the pay period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum-size limitation (51 employees). All outlets (within the area) of companies in such industries as trade, finance, auto repair service, and motion-picture theatres are considered as 1 establishment.

<sup>3</sup> Also excludes taxicabs, and services incidental to water transportation. Since Seattle's electric utilities and local transit facilities are municipally operated, they are also excluded, by definition, from the scope of the studies.

<sup>4</sup> Hotels, personal services, business services, automobile repair shops, radio broadcasting and television, motion pictures, nonprofit membership organizations, and engineering and architectural services.

### Wage Trends for Selected Occupational Groups

The table below presents percents of change in salaries of women office clerical workers, and in average earnings of selected plant worker groups.

For office clerical workers, the percents of change relate to average weekly salaries for normal hours of work, that is, the standard work schedule for which straight-time salaries are paid. For plant worker groups, they measure changes in straight-time hourly earnings, excluding premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. The percentages are based on data for selected key occupations and include most of the numerically important jobs within each group. The office clerical data are based on women in the following 18 jobs: Billers, machine (billing machine); bookkeeping-machine operators, class A and B; Comptometer operators; clerks, file, class A and B; clerks, order; clerks, payroll; key-punch operators; office girls; secretaries; stenographers, general; switchboard operators; switchboard operator-receptionists; tabulating-machine operators; transcribing-machine operators, general; and typists, class A and B. Men in the following 10 skilled maintenance jobs and 3 unskilled jobs were included in the plant worker data: Skilled—carpenters; electricians; machinists; mechanics; mechanics, automotive; millwrights; painters; pipefitters; sheet-metal workers; and tool and die makers; unskilled—janitors, porters, and cleaners; laborers, material handling; and watchmen.

Average weekly salaries or average hourly earnings were computed for each of the selected occupations. The average salaries or hourly earnings were then multiplied by the average of September 1951 and August 1956 employment in the job. These weighted earnings for individual occupations

were then totaled to obtain an aggregate for each occupational group. Finally, the ratio of these group aggregates for a given year to the aggregate for other years was computed and the differences between the result and 100 is the percent of change from one period to another.

The percent of change measures, principally, the effects of (1) general salary and wage changes; (2) merit or other increases in pay received by individual workers while in the same job; and (3) changes in the labor force such as labor turnover, force expansions, force reductions, and changes in the proportion of workers employed by establishments with different pay levels. Changes in the labor force can cause increases or decreases in the occupational averages without actual wage changes. For example, a force expansion might increase the proportion of lower paid workers in a specific occupation and result in a drop in the average, whereas a reduction in the proportion of lower paid workers would have the opposite effect. The movement of a high-paying establishment out of an area could cause the average earnings to drop, even though no change in rates occurred in other area establishments.

The use of constant employment weights eliminates the effects of changes in the proportion of workers represented in each job included in the data. Nor are the percents of change influenced by changes in standard work schedules or in premium pay for overtime, since they are based on pay for straight-time hours.

Indexes for the period 1953 to 1957 for workers in 14 major labor markets appeared in BLS Bull. 1202, Wages and Related Benefits, 17 Labor Markets, 1956-57.

Table 2. Percent changes in standard weekly salaries for office clerical and straight-time hourly earnings for selected plant occupational groups in Seattle, Wash., for selected periods

Industry and occupational group	Percent increases from—		
	August 1956 to August 1957	September 1951 to August 1956	September 1951 to August 1957
<b>All industries:</b>			
Office clerical (women) .....	5.0	23.6	29.8
Skilled maintenance (men) .....	4.7	21.0	26.6
Unskilled plant (men) .....	4.9	23.0	29.0
<b>Manufacturing:</b>			
Office clerical (women) .....	3.9	22.2	27.0
Skilled maintenance (men) .....	4.0	20.8	25.7
Unskilled plant (men) .....	5.3	15.2	21.2

# A: Occupational Earnings

## Table A-1: Office Occupations

(Average straight-time weekly hours and earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis in Seattle, Wash., by industry division, August 1957)

Sex, occupation, and industry division	Number of workers	AVERAGE		NUMBER OF WORKERS RECEIVING STRAIGHT-TIME WEEKLY EARNINGS OF--																	
		Weekly hours (Standard)	Weekly earnings (Standard)	\$ 40.00 and under 45.00	\$ 45.00 50.00	\$ 50.00 55.00	\$ 55.00 60.00	\$ 60.00 65.00	\$ 65.00 70.00	\$ 70.00 75.00	\$ 75.00 80.00	\$ 80.00 85.00	\$ 85.00 90.00	\$ 90.00 95.00	\$ 95.00 100.00	\$ 100.00 105.00	\$ 105.00 110.00	\$ 110.00 115.00	\$ 115.00 120.00	\$ 120.00 125.00	\$ 125.00 and over
<b>Men</b>																					
Clerks, accounting, class A .....	200	39.5	93.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	17	22	31	50	38	31	5	-	2	2	1
Manufacturing .....	69	40.0	92.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	12	10	13	11	4	4	-	1	2	1
Nonmanufacturing .....	131	39.5	93.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	10	21	37	27	27	1	-	1	-	-
Public utilities* .....	30	40.0	89.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	12	11	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
Clerks, accounting, class B .....	29	40.0	85.00	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	12	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks, order .....	192	40.0	87.50	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	30	83	23	19	5	16	1	3	6	1	3
Nonmanufacturing .....	176	40.0	86.00	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	30	83	19	15	5	16	-	3	3	-	-
Clerks, payroll .....	38	40.0	88.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	12	1	4	2	1	3	2	1	1	-
Office boys .....	130	39.5	55.00	9	27	37	9	23	24	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	42	40.0	63.50	-	2	-	2	16	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	88	39.0	51.00	9	25	37	7	7	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tabulating-machine operators .....	104	40.0	83.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	4	51	17	12	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	31	40.0	87.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	10	9	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Women</b>																					
Billers, machine (billing machine) .....	123	40.0	60.50	-	3	2	46	47	19	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	107	40.0	60.00	-	3	2	42	45	9	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* .....	28	40.0	65.00	-	-	-	7	7	8	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	36	40.0	56.00	-	3	2	25	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Billers, machine (bookkeeping machine) .....	63	40.0	68.50	-	-	-	6	14	4	31	6	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	41	40.0	68.50	-	-	-	6	5	1	28	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bookkeeping-machine operators, class A .....	130	40.0	72.50	-	-	-	6	33	29	9	23	4	17	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	123	40.0	72.50	-	-	-	5	33	29	4	23	3	17	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bookkeeping-machine operators, class B .....	479	40.0	58.00	20	40	110	127	97	48	16	19	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	30	40.0	67.50	-	-	-	4	10	5	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	449	40.0	57.50	20	40	110	123	87	43	10	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	45	40.0	63.50	-	-	-	14	11	14	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks, accounting, class A .....	338	40.0	74.00	-	-	12	44	11	51	35	64	71	26	13	10	1	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	68	40.0	86.00	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	6	20	26	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	270	40.0	71.00	-	-	12	44	9	51	33	58	51	-	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* .....	88	40.0	75.50	-	-	-	-	-	24	14	10	39	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	90	40.0	65.00	-	-	12	43	1	5	1	13	5	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks, accounting, class B .....	802	39.5	62.50	6	63	148	130	150	108	93	61	35	4	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	123	40.0	72.00	-	-	13	7	10	4	35	23	25	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	679	39.5	61.00	6	63	135	123	140	104	58	38	10	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* .....	75	40.0	65.50	-	-	11	11	6	23	19	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	218	40.0	58.00	6	35	70	25	33	24	23	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks, file, class A .....	156	39.5	67.50	-	-	17	25	18	25	27	32	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	91	39.0	61.50	-	-	17	25	18	24	2	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

See footnote at end of table.

\* Transportation (excluding railroads), communication, and other public utilities.

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Sex, occupation, and industry division	Number of workers	AVERAGE		NUMBER OF WORKERS RECEIVING STRAIGHT-TIME WEEKLY EARNINGS OF—																	
		Weekly hours <sup>1</sup> (Standard)	Weekly earnings <sup>1</sup> (Standard)	\$ 40.00 and under 45.00	\$ 45.00 50.00	\$ 50.00 55.00	\$ 55.00 60.00	\$ 60.00 65.00	\$ 65.00 70.00	\$ 70.00 75.00	\$ 75.00 80.00	\$ 80.00 85.00	\$ 85.00 90.00	\$ 90.00 95.00	\$ 95.00 100.00	\$ 100.00 105.00	\$ 105.00 110.00	\$ 110.00 115.00	\$ 115.00 120.00	\$ 120.00 125.00	\$ 125.00 and over
<b>Women - Continued</b>																					
Clerks, file, class B .....	633	39.5	\$ 54.50	<sup>a</sup> 131	141	94	56	73	96	37	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	201	40.0	66.00	-	-	9	2	69	89	27	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	432	39.0	49.00	<sup>a</sup> 131	141	85	54	4	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* .....	36	40.0	58.00	-	-	20	5	3	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	73	40.0	52.00	-	21	41	8	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks, order .....	223	40.0	65.50	4	2	36	12	37	74	9	36	11	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Manufacturing .....	41	40.0	68.00	-	-	8	-	13	-	9	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	182	40.0	65.00	4	2	28	12	24	74	-	28	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	77	40.0	58.00	4	2	28	10	8	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks, payroll .....	255	40.0	71.00	-	3	9	11	43	62	48	33	16	11	15	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Manufacturing .....	109	40.0	75.00	-	-	7	3	10	16	22	20	10	8	9	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	146	40.0	68.50	-	3	2	8	33	46	26	13	6	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* .....	27	40.0	70.50	-	-	-	4	6	2	5	5	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	61	40.0	68.00	-	-	2	4	6	29	16	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Comptometer operators .....	603	40.0	66.00	-	-	48	75	133	204	42	66	21	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	120	40.0	70.00	-	-	-	3	23	41	9	37	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	483	40.0	65.00	-	-	48	72	110	163	33	29	16	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	248	40.0	64.00	-	-	42	39	23	114	29	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duplicating-machine operators (mimeograph or ditto) .....	58	39.0	54.50	9	-	16	14	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	54	39.0	54.00	9	-	16	10	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key-punch operators .....	295	39.5	65.50	-	21	33	26	30	84	61	29	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	152	40.0	67.50	-	4	19	5	3	64	28	21	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	143	39.5	63.50	-	17	14	21	27	20	33	8	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* .....	50	40.0	70.00	-	-	2	5	7	3	25	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office girls .....	155	40.0	55.50	16	40	28	11	16	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	66	40.0	62.50	4	3	3	3	13	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	89	40.0	50.00	12	37	25	8	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Secretaries .....	1,026	39.5	82.00	-	-	-	5	63	124	65	192	211	161	94	37	28	25	2	14	2	3
Manufacturing .....	525	40.0	86.00	-	-	-	-	5	16	6	77	156	122	78	29	22	10	-	1	-	3
Nonmanufacturing .....	501	39.5	77.50	-	-	-	5	58	108	59	115	55	39	16	8	6	15	2	13	2	-
Public utilities* .....	109	40.0	85.50	-	-	-	2	5	10	7	31	16	7	3	2	1	15	-	8	2	-
Retail trade .....	87	40.0	72.50	-	-	-	-	18	34	6	11	10	4	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Stenographers, general .....	1,755	39.5	69.50	1	14	71	144	176	438	522	249	100	13	22	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	1,039	40.0	72.00	-	-	10	15	20	300	433	188	71	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	716	39.5	66.00	1	14	61	129	156	138	89	61	29	13	22	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* .....	115	40.0	70.00	-	-	1	8	26	22	31	12	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	49	40.0	63.00	-	-	3	11	17	7	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stenographers, technical .....	63	39.5	71.50	-	-	-	-	8	13	22	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operators .....	286	40.0	64.50	-	3	16	66	73	61	36	18	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	86	40.0	70.00	-	-	2	3	13	23	22	15	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	200	40.0	62.00	-	3	14	63	60	38	14	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	59	40.0	62.00	-	-	5	25	10	10	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operator-receptionists .....	292	39.5	64.00	-	8	29	52	81	69	33	12	2	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	71	40.0	65.50	-	-	2	9	27	19	8	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	221	39.5	63.00	-	8	27	43	54	50	25	10	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* .....	58	40.0	66.00	-	2	5	10	11	7	17	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	49	40.0	64.50	-	-	-	12	9	21	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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(Average straight-time weekly hours and earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis in Seattle, Wash., by industry division, August 1957)

Sex, occupation, and industry division	Number of workers	AVERAGE		NUMBER OF WORKERS RECEIVING STRAIGHT-TIME WEEKLY EARNINGS OF—																	
		Weekly hours (Standard)	Weekly earnings <sup>1</sup> (Standard)	\$ 40.00 and under	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 125.00 and over
				45.00	50.00	55.00	60.00	65.00	70.00	75.00	80.00	85.00	90.00	95.00	100.00	105.00	110.00	115.00	120.00	125.00	and over
<b>Women - Continued</b>																					
Tabulating-machine operators .....	87	39.5	\$ 73.50	-	-	9	-	8	8	26	7	20	4	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	52	39.5	68.50	-	-	9	-	8	8	15	4	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transcribing-machine operators, general .....	138	38.5	61.00	-	-	51	8	36	29	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	135	38.5	61.00	-	-	51	7	34	29	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists, class A .....	639	39.5	65.00	-	1	69	91	77	277	94	24	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	344	40.0	68.50	-	-	7	9	14	222	73	16	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	295	39.0	61.00	-	1	62	82	63	55	21	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities * .....	33	40.0	62.50	-	-	1	19	5	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists, class B .....	840	39.0	54.50	83	226	124	167	180	45	5	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	204	40.0	61.50	-	11	20	13	120	34	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	636	39.0	52.00	83	215	104	154	60	11	-	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities * .....	40	40.0	57.00	-	-	13	18	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	144	40.0	58.50	1	3	28	63	40	3	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Standard hours reflect the workweek for which employees receive their regular straight-time salaries and the earnings correspond to these weekly hours.<sup>2</sup> Includes 20 workers at \$35 and under \$40.

\* Transportation (excluding railroads), communication, and other public utilities.

Table A-2: Professional and Technical Occupations

(Average straight-time weekly hours and earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis in Seattle, Wash., by industry division, August 1957)

Sex, occupation, and industry division	Number of workers	AVERAGE		NUMBER OF WORKERS RECEIVING STRAIGHT-TIME WEEKLY EARNINGS OF—																	
		Weekly hours <sup>1</sup> (Standard)	Weekly earnings <sup>1</sup> (Standard)	\$ 60.00 and under	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 145.00 and over
				65.00	70.00	75.00	80.00	85.00	90.00	95.00	100.00	105.00	110.00	115.00	120.00	125.00	130.00	135.00	140.00	145.00	and over
<b>Men</b>																					
Draftsmen, leader .....	99	40.0	\$ 112.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	20	32	14	6	5	2	1	-	1
Draftsmen, senior .....	648	40.0	96.50	-	-	-	3	128	92	133	90	73	30	51	11	8	14	3	8	-	4
Manufacturing .....	586	40.0	95.50	-	-	-	3	120	92	129	84	70	29	15	11	8	14	3	8	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	62	40.0	107.00	-	-	-	-	8	-	4	6	3	1	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Draftsmen, junior .....	1,101	40.0	73.50	20	370	346	197	84	6	54	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	986	40.0	72.00	20	362	333	196	60	3	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Women</b>																					
Nurses, industrial (registered) .....	95	40.0	89.00	-	-	4	2	7	6	74	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	86	40.0	90.00	-	-	-	-	6	6	72	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Standard hours reflect the workweek for which employees receive their regular straight-time salaries and the earnings correspond to these weekly hours.Occupational Wage Survey, Seattle, Wash., August 1957  
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Table A-3: Maintenance and Powerplant Occupations

(Average hourly earnings for men in selected occupations studied on an area basis in Seattle, Wash., by industry division, August 1957)

Occupation and industry division	Number of workers	Average hourly earnings	NUMBER OF WORKERS RECEIVING STRAIGHT-TIME HOURLY EARNINGS OF—															
			\$ 1.60 and under 1.70	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.90	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.10
Carpenters, maintenance .....	156	2.49	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	91	41	5	7	3	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	99	2.46	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	71	20	2	1	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing .....	57	2.55	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	20	21	3	6	3	-	-	-	
Public utilities * .....	33	2.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	19	10	-	-	2	-	-	-	
Electricians, maintenance .....	211	2.62	-	-	-	-	2	8	-	13	133	15	9	2	25	2	2	
Manufacturing .....	181	2.59	-	-	-	-	2	8	-	7	131	15	6	9	1	2	-	
Nonmanufacturing .....	30	2.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	3	2	16	1	-	
Engineers, stationary .....	244	2.44	-	-	-	6	5	56	69	57	8	7	4	10	13	-	9	
Manufacturing .....	194	2.41	-	-	-	6	5	48	59	43	3	7	-	10	13	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing .....	50	2.55	-	-	-	-	-	8	10	14	5	-	4	-	-	-	9	
Firemen, stationary boiler .....	99	2.13	-	-	-	19	11	27	40	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing .....	77	2.16	-	-	-	11	-	24	40	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Helpers, trades, maintenance .....	275	2.04	8	5	34	124	11	32	54	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing .....	263	2.04	8	5	34	118	11	30	54	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Machinists, maintenance .....	174	2.61	-	-	-	-	-	5	14	6	101	2	5	33	2	4	2	
Manufacturing .....	164	2.61	-	-	-	-	-	4	14	-	101	2	4	33	-	4	2	
Mechanics, automotive (maintenance) .....	544	2.56	1	-	-	-	1	8	21	89	89	307	27	1	-	-	-	
Manufacturing .....	115	2.46	-	-	-	-	1	4	12	71	11	15	-	1	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing .....	429	2.59	1	-	-	-	-	4	9	18	78	292	27	-	-	-	-	
Public utilities * .....	331	2.59	1	-	-	-	-	4	9	1	78	228	10	-	-	-	-	
Retail trade .....	74	2.57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	57	-	-	-	-	-	
Mechanics, maintenance .....	315	2.55	-	-	-	1	12	11	13	23	193	29	29	-	2	2	-	
Manufacturing .....	275	2.57	-	-	-	1	12	-	12	2	193	27	27	-	2	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing .....	40	2.41	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	21	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	
Millwrights .....	148	2.44	-	-	-	-	5	26	24	46	18	11	18	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing .....	148	2.44	-	-	-	-	5	26	24	46	18	11	18	-	-	-	-	
Oilers .....	104	2.14	-	-	2	11	73	13	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing .....	104	2.14	-	-	2	11	73	13	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Painters, maintenance .....	121	2.51	-	-	-	-	2	-	34	5	67	4	5	4	-	-	-	
Manufacturing .....	57	2.42	-	-	-	-	2	-	33	1	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing .....	64	2.58	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	47	3	5	4	-	-	-	
Pipefitters, maintenance .....	101	2.45	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	87	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	
Manufacturing .....	94	2.44	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	82	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Tool and die makers .....	210	2.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	94	12	-	
Manufacturing .....	210	2.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	94	12	-	

<sup>1</sup> Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts.  
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Table A-4: Custodial and Material Movement Occupations

(Average hourly earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis  
in Seattle, Wash., by industry division, August 1957)

Occupation <sup>1</sup> and industry division	Number of workers	Average hourly earnings	NUMBER OF WORKERS RECEIVING STRAIGHT-TIME HOURLY EARNINGS OF—																
			\$ 1.20 and under 1.30	\$ 1.30 1.40	\$ 1.40 1.50	\$ 1.50 1.60	\$ 1.60 1.70	\$ 1.70 1.80	\$ 1.80 1.90	\$ 1.90 2.00	\$ 2.00 2.10	\$ 2.10 2.20	\$ 2.20 2.30	\$ 2.30 2.40	\$ 2.40 2.50	\$ 2.50 2.60	\$ 2.60 2.70	\$ 2.70 2.80	\$ 2.80 2.90
Elevator operators, passenger (women) -----	241	1.45	1	92	19	128	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	241	1.45	1	92	19	128	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	72	1.38	1	50	17	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guards -----	372	2.01	1	-	7	-	6	41	31	3	231	45	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	338	2.03	-	-	-	-	-	34	30	3	223	45	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	34	1.80	1	-	7	-	6	7	1	-	8	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners (men) -----	1,401	1.66	10	57	202	290	431	121	86	63	115	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	548	1.79	-	-	8	8	257	77	36	38	100	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	853	1.58	10	57	194	282	174	44	50	25	15	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities * -----	79	1.75	2	-	4	4	9	16	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	254	1.53	-	56	111	30	20	6	1	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners (women) -----	513	1.57	5	40	28	247	159	31	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	331	1.50	5	40	28	245	11	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	45	1.40	1	31	8	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laborers, material handling -----	1,853	2.02	-	3	4	78	11	56	174	677	244	433	53	22	64	6	-	-	28
Manufacturing -----	821	2.01	-	-	-	66	5	20	95	229	232	116	20	-	4	6	-	-	28
Nonmanufacturing -----	1,032	2.03	-	3	4	12	6	36	79	448	12	317	33	22	60	-	-	-	-
Public utilities * -----	258	2.14	-	-	4	6	6	4	2	1	11	205	7	-	12	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	349	2.02	-	3	-	6	-	32	17	202	1	-	22	18	48	-	-	-	-
Order fillers -----	956	2.05	4	-	-	-	-	5	30	251	358	160	147	-	1	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	186	2.14	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	25	28	1	127	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	770	2.03	4	-	-	-	-	-	30	226	330	159	20	-	1	-	-	-	-
Packers, shipping (men) -----	310	1.96	-	-	-	18	17	19	12	125	35	80	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	145	1.98	-	-	-	18	7	19	12	-	6	79	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	165	1.95	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	125	29	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Packers, shipping (women) -----	233	1.70	-	1	4	85	24	71	33	2	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	130	1.62	-	1	4	85	20	12	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receiving clerks -----	519	1.91	-	-	1	12	-	143	215	18	89	31	5	1	2	-	-	1	1
Manufacturing -----	397	1.88	-	-	-	-	-	141	214	-	19	15	5	1	-	-	-	1	1
Nonmanufacturing -----	122	2.00	-	-	1	12	-	2	1	18	70	16	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	73	1.98	-	-	-	11	-	-	1	12	36	11	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Shipping clerks -----	154	2.11	-	-	-	11	-	-	2	20	51	25	23	12	3	2	3	1	1
Manufacturing -----	42	2.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	5	7	3	12	-	1	-	1	1
Nonmanufacturing -----	112	2.08	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	10	46	18	20	-	3	1	3	-	-
Retail trade -----	53	2.02	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	10	14	7	5	-	3	-	3	-	-
Shipping and receiving clerks -----	114	2.12	1	-	-	-	5	2	-	21	22	15	26	13	2	7	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	70	2.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	15	19	11	2	6	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	44	2.02	1	-	-	-	5	2	-	4	22	-	7	2	-	1	-	-	-
Truckdrivers <sup>3</sup> -----	2,282	2.32	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	1	49	566	626	458	142	277	117	32	9
Manufacturing -----	498	2.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	37	138	6	277	2	31	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	1,784	2.29	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	1	49	559	589	320	136	-	115	1	9
Public utilities * -----	1,084	2.22	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	1	1	559	484	12	5	-	16	1	-
Retail trade -----	280	2.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	14	108	125	-	6	-	9
Truckdrivers, light (under 1½ tons) -----	90	2.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	8	22	6	6	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	78	2.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	8	22	-	-	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

\* Transportation (excluding railroads), communication, and other public utilities.

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Table A-4: Custodial and Material Movement Occupations - Continued

(Average hourly earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis  
in Seattle, Wash., by industry division, August 1957)

Occupation <sup>1</sup> and industry division	Number of workers	Average hourly earnings <sup>2</sup>	NUMBER OF WORKERS RECEIVING STRAIGHT-TIME HOURLY EARNINGS OF--																	
			\$ 1.20 and under 1.30	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.90 and over
			1.40	1.50	1.60	1.70	1.80	1.90	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.30	2.40	2.50	2.60	2.70	2.80	2.90		
<b>Truckdrivers<sup>3</sup> - Continued</b>																				
Truckdrivers, medium (1½ to and including 4 tons) -----	744	2.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	556	126	30	5	-	6	21	-	-
Manufacturing -----	85	2.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	31	28	-	-	-	21	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	659	2.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	551	95	2	5	-	6	-	-	-
Public utilities * -----	570	2.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	551	12	2	5	-	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, heavy (over 4 tons, trailer type) -----	476	2.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	137	234	11	-	74	11	9	-
Manufacturing -----	53	2.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	39	-	-	2	10	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	423	2.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	195	11	-	72	1	9	-
Public utilities * -----	162	2.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	10	-	-	16	1	-	-
Truckdrivers, heavy (over 4 tons, other than trailer type) -----	395	2.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	70	165	119	2	37	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	46	2.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	42	-	2	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	349	2.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	123	119	-	37	-	-	-
Truckers, power (forklift) -----	543	2.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	233	56	93	139	8	10	-	-	4	-
Manufacturing -----	404	2.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	233	34	25	94	8	6	-	-	4	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	139	2.16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	68	45	-	4	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	38	2.17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	23	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truckers, power (other than forklift) -----	153	2.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	10	21	35	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	147	2.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	10	21	29	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Watchmen -----	108	1.87	-	-	9	5	-	27	14	13	22	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	89	1.87	-	-	8	-	-	27	12	9	17	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Data limited to men workers, except where otherwise indicated.<sup>2</sup> Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts.<sup>3</sup> Includes all drivers regardless of size and type of truck operated.

\* Transportation (excluding railroads), communication, and other public utilities.

## Appendix: Job Descriptions

The primary purpose of preparing job descriptions for the Bureau's wage surveys is to assist its field staff in classifying into appropriate occupations workers who are employed under a variety of payroll titles and different work arrangements from establishment to establishment and from area to area. This is essential in order to permit the grouping of occupational wage rates representing comparable job content. Because of this emphasis on interestablishment and interarea comparability of occupational content, the Bureau's job descriptions may differ significantly from those in use in individual establishments or those prepared for other purposes. In applying these job descriptions, the Bureau's field representatives are instructed to exclude working supervisors, apprentices, learners, beginners, trainees, handicapped workers, part-time, temporary, and probationary workers.

### Office

#### BILLER, MACHINE

Prepares statements, bills, and invoices on a machine other than an ordinary or electromatic typewriter. May also keep records as to billings or shipping charges or perform other clerical work incidental to billing operations. For wage study purposes, billers, machine, are classified by type of machine, as follows:

Biller, machine (billing machine) - Uses a special billing machine (Moon Hopkins, Elliott Fisher, Burroughs, etc., which are combination typing and adding machines) to prepare bills and invoices from customers' purchase orders, internally prepared orders, shipping memoranda, etc. Usually involves application of predetermined discounts and shipping charges and entry of necessary extensions, which may or may not be computed on the billing machine, and totals which are automatically accumulated by machine. The operation usually involves a large number of carbon copies of the bill being prepared and is often done on a fanfold machine.

Biller, machine (bookkeeping machine) - Uses a bookkeeping machine (Sundstrand, Elliott Fisher, Remington Rand, etc., which may or may not have typewriter keyboard) to prepare customers' bills as part of the accounts receivable operation. Generally involves the simultaneous entry of figures on customers' ledger record. The machine automatically accumulates figures on a number of vertical columns and computes and usually prints automatically the debit or credit balances. Does not involve a knowledge of bookkeeping. Works from uniform and standard types of sales and credit slips.

#### BOOKKEEPING-MACHINE OPERATOR

Operates a bookkeeping machine (Remington Rand, Elliott Fisher, Sundstrand, Burroughs, National Cash Register, with or without a typewriter keyboard) to keep a record of business transactions.

#### BOOKKEEPING-MACHINE OPERATOR - Continued

Class A - Keeps a set of records requiring a knowledge of and experience in basic bookkeeping principles and familiarity with the structure of the particular accounting system used. Determines proper records and distribution of debit and credit items to be used in each phase of the work. May prepare consolidated reports, balance sheets, and other records by hand.

Class B - Keeps a record of one or more phases or sections of a set of records usually requiring little knowledge of basic bookkeeping. Phases or sections include accounts payable, payroll, customers' accounts (not including a simple type of billing described under biller, machine), cost distribution, expense distribution, inventory control, etc. May check or assist in preparation of trial balances and prepare control sheets for the accounting department.

#### CLERK, ACCOUNTING

Class A - Under general direction of a bookkeeper or accountant, has responsibility for keeping one or more sections of a complete set of books or records relating to one phase of an establishment's business transactions. Work involves posting and balancing subsidiary ledger or ledgers such as accounts receivable or accounts payable; examining and coding invoices or vouchers with proper accounting distribution; requires judgment and experience in making proper assignments and allocations. May assist in preparing, adjusting, and closing journal entries; may direct class B accounting clerks.

Class B - Under supervision, performs one or more routine accounting operations such as posting simple journal vouchers, accounts payable vouchers, entering vouchers in voucher registers; reconciling bank accounts; posting subsidiary ledgers controlled by general ledgers. This job does not require a knowledge of accounting and bookkeeping principles but is found in offices in which the more routine accounting work is subdivided on a functional basis among several workers.

CLERK, FILE

Class A - Responsible for maintaining an established filing system. Classifies and indexes correspondence or other material; may also file this material. May keep records of various types in conjunction with files or supervise others in filing and locating material in the files. May perform incidental clerical duties.

Class B - Performs routine filing, usually of material that has already been classified, or locates or assists in locating material in the files. May perform incidental clerical duties.

CLERK, ORDER

Receives customers' orders for material or merchandise by mail, phone, or personally. Duties involve any combination of the following: Quoting prices to customers; making out an order sheet listing the items to make up the order; checking prices and quantities of items on order sheet; distributing order sheets to respective departments to be filled. May check with credit department to determine credit rating of customer, acknowledge receipt of orders from customers, follow up orders to see that they have been filled, keep file of orders received, and check shipping invoices with original orders.

CLERK, PAYROLL

Computes wages of company employees and enters the necessary data on the payroll sheets. Duties involve: Calculating workers' earnings based on time or production records; posting calculated data on payroll sheet, showing information such as worker's name, working days, time, rate, deductions for insurance, and total wages due. May make out paychecks and assist paymaster in making up and distributing pay envelopes. May use a calculating machine.

COMPTOMETER OPERATOR

Primary duty is to operate a Comptometer to perform mathematical computations. This job is not to be confused with that of statistical or other type of clerk, which may involve frequent use of a Comptometer but, in which, use of this machine is incidental to performance of other duties.

DUPLICATING-MACHINE OPERATOR (MIMEOGRAPH OR DITTO)

Under general supervision and with no supervisory responsibilities, reproduces multiple copies of typewritten or handwritten matter, using a mimeograph or ditto machine. Makes necessary adjustment such as for ink and paper feed counter and cylinder speed. Is not required to prepare stencil or ditto master. May keep file of used stencils or ditto masters. May sort, collate, and staple completed material.

KEY-PUNCH OPERATOR

Under general supervision and with no supervisory responsibilities, records accounting and statistical data on tabulating cards by punching a series of holes in the cards in a specified sequence, using an alphabetical or a numerical key-punch machine, following written information on records. May duplicate cards by using the duplicating device attached to machine. Keeps files of punch cards. May verify own work or work of others.

OFFICE BOY OR GIRL

Performs various routine duties such as running errands, operating minor office machines such as sealers or mailers, opening and distributing mail, and other minor clerical work.

SECRETARY

Performs secretarial and clerical duties for a superior in an administrative or executive position. Duties include making appointments for superior; receiving people coming into office; answering and making phone calls; handling personal and important or confidential mail, and writing routine correspondence on own initiative; taking dictation (where transcribing machine is not used) either in shorthand or by stenotype or similar machine, and transcribing dictation or the recorded information reproduced on a transcribing machine. May prepare special reports or memoranda for information of superior.

STENOGRAPHER, GENERAL

Primary duty is to take dictation from one or more persons, either in shorthand or by stenotype or similar machine, involving a normal routine vocabulary, and to transcribe this dictation on a typewriter. May also type from written copy. May also set up and keep files in order, keep simple records, etc. Does not include transcribing-machine work (see transcribing-machine operator).

STENOGRAPHER, TECHNICAL

Primary duty is to take dictation from one or more persons, either in shorthand or by stenotype or similar machine, involving a varied technical or specialized vocabulary such as in legal briefs or reports on scientific research and to transcribe this dictation on a typewriter. May also type from written copy. May also set up and keep files in order, keep simple records, etc. Does not include transcribing-machine work.

SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR

Operates a single- or multiple-position telephone switchboard. Duties involve handling incoming, outgoing, and intraplant or office calls. May record toll calls and take messages. May give information to persons who call in, or occasionally take telephone orders. For workers who also act as receptionists see switchboard operator-receptionist.

SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR-RECEPTIONIST

In addition to performing duties of operator, on a single position or monitor-type switchboard, acts as receptionist and may also type or perform routine clerical work as part of regular duties. This typing or clerical work may take the major part of this worker's time while at switchboard.

TABULATING-MACHINE OPERATOR

Operates machine that automatically analyzes and translates information punched in groups of tabulating cards and prints translated data on forms or accounting records; sets or adjusts machine; does simple wiring of plugboards according to established practice or diagrams; places cards to be tabulated in feed magazine and starts machine. May file cards after they are tabulated. May, in addition, operate auxiliary machines.

TRANSCRIBING-MACHINE OPERATOR, GENERAL

Primary duty is to transcribe dictation involving a normal routine vocabulary from transcribing machine records. May also type from written copy and do simple clerical work. Workers transcribing dictation involving a varied technical or specialized vocabulary such as legal briefs or reports on scientific research are not

TRANSCRIBING-MACHINE OPERATOR, GENERAL - Continued

included. A worker who takes dictation in shorthand or by stenotype or similar machine is classified as a stenographer, general.

TYPIST

Uses a typewriter to make copies of various material or to make out bills after calculations have been made by another person. May do clerical work involving little special training, such as keeping simple records, filing records and reports, or sorting and distributing incoming mail.

Class A - Performs one or more of the following: Typing material in final form from very rough and involved draft; copying from plain or corrected copy in which there is a frequent and varied use of technical and unusual words or from foreign-language copy; combining material from several sources, or planning layout of complicated statistical tables to maintain uniformity and balance in spacing; typing tables from rough draft in final form. May type routine form letters, varying details to suit circumstances.

Class B - Performs one or more of the following: Typing from relatively clear or typed drafts; routine typing of forms, insurance policies, etc.; setting up simple standard tabulations, or copying more complex tables already set up and spaced properly.

Professional and TechnicalDRAFTSMAN, JUNIOR

(Assistant draftsman)

Draws to scale units or parts of drawings prepared by draftsman or others for engineering, construction, or manufacturing purposes. Uses various types of drafting tools as required. May prepare drawings from simple plans or sketches, or perform other duties under direction of a draftsman.

DRAFTSMAN, LEADER

Plans and directs activities of one or more draftsmen in preparation of working plans and detail drawings from rough or preliminary sketches for engineering, construction, or manufacturing purposes. Duties involve a combination of the following: Interpreting blueprints, sketches, and written or verbal orders; determining work procedures; assigning duties to subordinates and inspecting their work; performing more difficult problems. May assist subordinates during

DRAFTSMAN, LEADER - Continued

emergencies or as a regular assignment, or perform related duties of a supervisory or administrative nature.

DRAFTSMAN, SENIOR

Prepares working plans and detail drawings from notes, rough or detailed sketches for engineering, construction, or manufacturing purposes. Duties involve a combination of the following: Preparing working plans, detail drawings, maps, cross-sections, etc., to scale by use of drafting instruments; making engineering computations such as those involved in strength of materials, beams and trusses; verifying completed work, checking dimensions, materials to be used, and quantities; writing specifications; making adjustments or changes in drawings or specifications. May ink in lines and letters on pencil drawings, prepare detail units of complete drawings, or trace drawings. Work is frequently in a specialized field such as architectural, electrical, mechanical, or structural drafting.

NURSE, INDUSTRIAL (REGISTERED)

A registered nurse who gives nursing service to ill or injured employees or other persons who become ill or suffer an accident on the premises of a factory or other establishment. Duties involve a combination of the following: Giving first aid to the ill or injured; attending to subsequent dressing of employees' injuries; keeping records of patients treated; preparing accident reports for compensation or other purposes; conducting physical examinations and health evaluations of applicants and employees; and planning and carrying out programs involving health education, accident prevention, evaluation of plant

NURSE, INDUSTRIAL (REGISTERED) - Continued

environment, or other activities affecting the health, welfare, and safety of all personnel.

TRACER

Copies plans and drawings prepared by others, by placing tracing cloth or paper over drawing and tracing with pen or pencil. Uses T-square, compass, and other drafting tools. May prepare simple drawings and do simple lettering.

Maintenance and PowerplantCARPENTER, MAINTENANCE

Performs the carpentry duties necessary to construct and maintain in good repair building woodwork and equipment such as bins, cribs, counters, benches, partitions, doors, floors, stairs, casings, and trim made of wood in an establishment. Work involves most of the following: Planning and laying out of work from blueprints, drawings, models, or verbal instructions; using a variety of carpenter's handtools, portable power tools, and standard measuring instruments; making standard shop computations relating to dimensions of work; selecting materials necessary for the work. In general, the work of the maintenance carpenter requires rounded training and experience usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience.

ELECTRICIAN, MAINTENANCE

Performs a variety of electrical trade functions such as the installation, maintenance, or repair of equipment for the generating, distribution, or utilization of electric energy in an establishment. Work involves most of the following: Installing or repairing any of a variety of electrical equipment such as generators, transformers, switchboards, controllers, circuit breakers, motors, heating units, conduit systems, or other transmission equipment; working from blueprints, drawings, layout, or other specifications; locating and diagnosing trouble in the electrical system or equipment; working standard computations relating to load requirements of wiring or electrical equipment; using a variety of electrician's handtools and measuring and testing instruments. In general, the work of the maintenance electrician requires rounded training and experience usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience.

ENGINEER, STATIONARY

Operates and maintains and may also supervise the operation of stationary engines and equipment (mechanical or electrical) to supply the establishment in which employed with power, heat, refrigeration, or air conditioning. Work involves: Operating and maintaining equipment such as steam engines, air compressors, generators, motors, turbines, ventilating and refrigerating equipment, steam boilers and boiler-fed water pumps; making equipment repairs; keeping a record of operation of machinery, temperature, and fuel consumption. May also supervise these operations. Head or chief engineers in establishments employing more than one engineer are excluded.

FIREMAN, STATIONARY BOILER

Fires stationary boilers to furnish the establishment in which employed with heat, power, or steam. Feeds fuels to fire by hand or operates a mechanical stoker, gas, or oil burner; checks water and safety valves. May clean, oil, or assist in repairing boiler-room equipment.

HELPER, TRADES, MAINTENANCE

Assists one or more workers in the skilled maintenance trades, by performing specific or general duties of lesser skill, such as keeping a worker supplied with materials and tools; cleaning working area, machine, and equipment; assisting worker by holding materials or tools; performing other unskilled tasks as directed by journeyman. The kind of work the helper is permitted to perform varies from trade to trade: In some trades the helper is confined to supplying, lifting, and holding materials and tools, and cleaning working areas; and in others he is permitted to perform specialized machine operations, or parts of a trade that are also performed by workers on a full-time basis.

MACHINE-TOOL OPERATOR, TOOLROOM

Specializes in the operation of one or more types of machine tools, such as jig borers, cylindrical or surface grinders, engine lathes, or milling machines in the construction of machine-shop tools, gauges, jigs, fixtures, or dies. Work involves most of the following: Planning and performing difficult machining operations; processing items requiring complicated setups or a high degree of accuracy; using a variety of precision measuring instruments; selecting feeds, speeds, tooling and operation sequence; making necessary adjustments during operation to achieve requisite tolerances or dimensions. May be required to recognize when tools need dressing, to dress tools, and to select proper coolants and cutting and lubricating oils. For cross-industry wage study purposes, machine-tool operators, toolroom, in tool and die jobbing shops are excluded from this classification.

MACHINIST, MAINTENANCE

Produces replacement parts and new parts in making repairs of metal parts of mechanical equipment operated in an establishment. Work involves most of the following: Interpreting written instructions and specifications; planning and laying out of work; using a variety of machinist's handtools and precision measuring instruments; setting up and operating standard machine tools; shaping of metal parts to close tolerances; making standard shop computations relating to dimensions of work, tooling, feeds and speeds of machining; knowledge of the working properties of the common metals; selecting standard materials, parts, and equipment required for his work; fitting and assembling parts into mechanical equipment. In general, the machinist's work normally requires a rounded training in machine-shop practice usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience.

MECHANIC, AUTOMOTIVE (MAINTENANCE)

Repairs automobiles, buses, motortrucks, and tractors of an establishment. Work involves most of the following: Examining automotive equipment to diagnose source of trouble; disassembling equipment and performing repairs that involve the use of such handtools as wrenches, gauges, drills, or specialized equipment in disassembling or fitting parts; replacing broken or defective parts from stock; grinding and adjusting valves; reassembling and installing the various assemblies in the vehicle and making necessary adjustments; alining wheels, adjusting brakes and lights, or tightening body bolts. In general, the work of the automotive mechanic requires rounded training and experience usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience.

MECHANIC, MAINTENANCE

Repairs machinery or mechanical equipment of an establishment. Work involves most of the following: Examining machines and mechanical equipment to diagnose source of trouble; dismantling or partly dismantling machines and performing repairs that mainly involve the use of handtools in scraping and fitting parts; replacing broken or defective parts with items obtained from stock; ordering the production of a replacement part by a machine shop or sending of the machine to a machine shop for major repairs; preparing written specifications for major repairs or for the production of parts ordered from machine shop; reassembling machines; and making all necessary adjustments for operation. In general, the work of a maintenance mechanic requires rounded training and experience usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience. Excluded from this classification are workers whose primary duties involve setting up or adjusting machines.

MILLWRIGHT

Installs new machines or heavy equipment and dismantles and installs machines or heavy equipment when changes in the plant layout are required. Work involves most of the following: Planning and laying out of the work; interpreting blueprints or other specifications; using a variety of handtools and rigging; making standard shop computations relating to stresses, strength of materials, and centers of gravity; alining and balancing of equipment; selecting standard tools, equipment, and parts to be used; installing and maintaining in good order power transmission equipment such as drives and speed reducers. In general, the millwright's work normally requires a rounded training and experience in the trade acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience.

OILER

Lubricates, with oil or grease, the moving parts or wearing surfaces of mechanical equipment of an establishment.

PAINTER, MAINTENANCE

Paints and redecorates walls, woodwork, and fixtures of an establishment. Work involves the following: Knowledge of surface peculiarities and types of paint required for different applications; preparing surface for painting by removing old finish or by placing putty or filler in nail holes and interstices; applying paint with spray gun or brush. May mix colors, oils, white lead, and other paint ingredients to obtain proper color or consistency. In general, the work of the maintenance painter requires rounded training and experience usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience.

PIPEFITTER, MAINTENANCE

Installs or repairs water, steam, gas, or other types of pipe and pipefittings in an establishment. Work involves most of the following: Laying out of work and measuring to locate position of pipe from drawings or other written specifications; cutting various sizes of pipe to correct lengths with chisel and hammer or oxyacetylene torch or pipe-cutting machine; threading pipe with stocks and dies; bending pipe by hand-driven or power-driven machines; assembling pipe with couplings and fastening pipe to hangers; making standard shop computations relating to pressures, flow, and size of pipe required; making standard tests to determine whether finished pipes meet specifications. In general, the work of the maintenance pipefitter requires rounded training and experience usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience. Workers primarily engaged in installing and repairing building sanitation or heating systems are excluded.

PLUMBER, MAINTENANCE

Keeps the plumbing system of an establishment in good order. Work involves: Knowledge of sanitary codes regarding installation of vents and traps in plumbing system; installing or repairing pipes and fixtures; opening clogged drains with a plunger or plumber's snake. In general, the work of the maintenance plumber requires rounded training and experience usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience.

SHEET-METAL WORKER, MAINTENANCE

Fabricates, installs, and maintains in good repair the sheet-metal equipment and fixtures (such as machine guards, grease pans, shelves, lockers, tanks, ventilators, chutes, ducts, metal roofing) of an establishment. Work involves most of the following: Planning

SHEET-METAL WORKER, MAINTENANCE - Continued

and laying out all types of sheet-metal maintenance work from blueprints, models, or other specifications; setting up and operating all available types of sheet-metal-working machines; using a variety of handtools in cutting, bending, forming, shaping, fitting, and assembling; installing sheet-metal articles as required. In general, the work of the maintenance sheet-metal worker requires rounded training and experience usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience.

TOOL AND DIE MAKER

(Diemaker; jig maker; toolmaker; fixture maker; gauge maker)

Constructs and repairs machine-shop tools, gauges, jigs, fixtures or dies for forgings, punching and other metal-forming work. Work involves most of the following: Planning and laying out of work from models, blueprints, drawings, or other oral and written specifications; using a variety of tool and die maker's handtools and precision measuring instruments; understanding of the working properties of common metals and alloys; setting up and operating of machine tools and related equipment; making necessary shop computations relating to dimensions of work, speeds, feeds, and tooling of machines; heat-treating of metal parts during fabrication as well as of finished tools and dies to achieve required qualities; working to close tolerances; fitting and assembling of parts to prescribed tolerances and allowances; selecting appropriate materials, tools, and processes. In general, the tool and die maker's work requires a rounded training in machine-shop and toolroom practice usually acquired through a formal apprenticeship or equivalent training and experience.

For cross-industry wage study purposes, tool and die makers in tool and die jobbing shops are excluded from this classification.

Custodial and Material MovementELEVATOR OPERATOR, PASSENGER

Transports passengers between floors of an office building, apartment house, department store, hotel or similar establishment. Workers who operate elevators in conjunction with other duties such as those of starters and janitors are excluded.

GUARD

Performs routine police duties, either at fixed post or on tour, maintaining order, using arms or force where necessary. Includes gatemen who are stationed at gate and check on identity of employees and other persons entering.

JANITOR, PORTER, OR CLEANER

(Sweeper; charwoman; janitress)

Cleans and keeps in an orderly condition factory working areas and washrooms, or premises of an office, apartment house, or commercial or other establishment. Duties involve a combination of the following: Sweeping, mopping or scrubbing, and polishing floors; removing chips, trash, and other refuse; dusting equipment, furniture, or fixtures; polishing metal fixtures or trimmings; providing supplies and minor maintenance services; cleaning lavatories, showers, and restrooms. Workers who specialize in window washing are excluded.

LABORER, MATERIAL HANDLING

(Loader and unloader; handler and stacker; shelver; trucker; stockman or stock helper; warehouseman or warehouse helper)

A worker employed in a warehouse, manufacturing plant, store, or other establishment whose duties involve one or more of the following: Loading and unloading various materials and merchandise on or from freight cars, trucks, or other transporting devices; unpacking, shelving, or placing materials or merchandise in proper storage location; transporting materials or merchandise by hand truck, car, or wheelbarrow. Longshoremen, who load and unload ships are excluded.

ORDER FILLER

(Order picker; stock selector; warehouse stockman)

Fills shipping or transfer orders for finished goods from stored merchandise in accordance with specifications on sales slips, customers' orders, or other instructions. May, in addition to filling orders and indicating items filled or omitted, keep records of outgoing orders, requisition additional stock, or report short supplies to supervisor, and perform other related duties.

PACKER, SHIPPING

Prepares finished products for shipment or storage by placing them in shipping containers, the specific operations performed being dependent upon the type, size, and number of units to be packed, the type of container employed, and method of shipment. Work requires the placing of items in shipping containers and may involve one or more of the following: Knowledge of various items of stock in order to verify content; selection of appropriate type and size of container; inserting enclosures in container; using excelsior or other material to prevent breakage or damage; closing and sealing container; applying labels or entering identifying data on container. Packers who also make wooden boxes or crates are excluded.

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING CLERK

Prepares merchandise for shipment, or receives and is responsible for incoming shipment of merchandise or other materials. Shipping work involves: A knowledge of shipping procedures, practices, routes, available means of transportation and rates; and preparing records of the goods shipped, making up bills of lading, posting weight and shipping charges, and keeping a file of shipping records. May direct or assist in preparing the merchandise for shipment. Receiving work involves: Verifying or directing others in verifying the correctness of shipments against bills of lading, invoices, or

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING CLERK - Continued

other records; checking for shortages and rejecting damaged goods; routing merchandise or materials to proper departments; maintaining necessary records and files

For wage study purposes, workers are classified as follows:

Receiving clerk  
Shipping clerk  
Shipping and receiving clerk

TRUCKDRIVER

Drives a truck within a city or industrial area to transport materials, merchandise, equipment, or men between various types of establishments such as: Manufacturing plants, freight depots, warehouses, wholesale and retail establishments, or between retail establishments and customers' houses or places of business. May also load or unload truck with or without helpers, make minor mechanical repairs, and keep truck in good working order. Driver-salesmen and over-the-road drivers are excluded.

For wage study purposes, truckdrivers are classified by size and type of equipment, as follows: (Tractor-trailer should be rated on the basis of trailer capacity.)

Truckdriver (combination of sizes listed separately)  
Truckdriver, light (under 1½ tons)  
Truckdriver, medium (1½ to and including 4 tons)  
Truckdriver, heavy (over 4 tons, trailer type)  
Truckdriver, heavy (over 4 tons, other than trailer type)

TRUCKER, POWER

Operates a manually controlled gasoline- or electric-powered truck or tractor to transport goods and materials of all kinds about a warehouse, manufacturing plant, or other establishment.

For wage study purposes, workers are classified by type of truck, as follows:

Trucker, power (forklift)  
Trucker, power (other than forklift)

WATCHMAN

Makes rounds of premises periodically in protecting property against fire, theft, and illegal entry.



## Occupational Wage Surveys

Occupational wage surveys are being conducted in 17 major labor markets during late 1957 and early 1958. Bulletins, when available, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., or from any of the regional sales offices shown.



