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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 for most of these items are available in the Portland area reports for June 1951, September 1952 and 1953, and April of each year since 1955. Most of the reports include data on shift differential provisions; minimum entrance rates for women office workers; scheduled weekly hours; paid holidays; paid vacations; and health, insurance, and pension plans. The 1953 report (BLS Bull. 1157-1) also provides a tabulation of the rate of pay for holiday work; the 1955 report, data on pay provisions for holidays falling on nonworkdays, and frequency of wage payment. Both the 1953 and 1958 reports provide data on overtime pay practices, wage structure characteristics, and labor-management agreements. A directory indicating date of study and the price of the reports, as well as reports for other major areas, is available upon request.

Current reports on occupational earnings and supplementary wage practices in the Portland area are also available for auto dealer repair shops (May 1958), and banking (June 1958). A report on occupational earnings is also available for the machinery industries (December 1958). Data for supplementary wage practices were included in the machinery industries report of December 1957. 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 and helpers.



## Introduction

This area is one of several important industrial centers in which the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics conducts surveys of occupational earnings and related wage benefits on an area basis.

The bulletin presents current occupational employment and earnings information obtained largely by mail from the establishments visited by Bureau field agents in the last previous survey for occupations reported in that earlier study. Personal visits were made to nonrespondents and to those respondents reporting unusual changes since the previous survey.

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>1</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 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 interestablishment 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.

<sup>1</sup> See table below for minimum-size establishment covered.

Table 1. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in Portland, Oreg.,<sup>1</sup> by major industry division,<sup>2</sup> April 1959

Industry division	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments	
	Within scope of study <sup>3</sup>	Studied	Within scope of study	Studied
All divisions	549	148	96,100	51,920
Manufacturing	227	65	49,100	26,210
Nonmanufacturing	322	83	47,000	25,710
Transportation (excluding railroads), communication, and other public utilities <sup>4</sup>	52	21	13,700	10,780
Wholesale trade <sup>5</sup>	95	20	7,500	2,610
Retail trade	86	20	15,400	7,450
Finance, insurance, and real estate <sup>5</sup>	46	10	6,600	3,400
Services <sup>5,6</sup>	43	12	3,800	1,470

<sup>1</sup> Portland Metropolitan Area (Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, Oreg., and Clark County, Wash.). 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> The 1957 revised edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual was used in classifying establishments by industry division. Major changes from the earlier edition used in previous surveys are the transfer of milk pasteurization plants and ready mixed concrete establishments from trade (wholesale or retail) to manufacturing, and the transfer of radio and television broadcasting from services to the transportation, communication, and other public utilities division.

<sup>3</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 theaters are considered as 1 establishment.

<sup>4</sup> Also excludes taxicabs, and services incidental to water transportation.

<sup>5</sup> This industry division is represented in estimates for "all industries" and "nonmanufacturing" in the Series A tables, although coverage was insufficient to justify separate presentation of data.

<sup>6</sup> Hotels; personal services; business services; automobile repair shops; motion pictures; nonprofit membership organizations; and engineering and architectural services.

## Wage Trends for Selected Occupational Groups

The table below presents indexes of salaries of office clerical workers and industrial nurses, and of average earnings of selected plant worker groups.

For office clerical workers and industrial nurses, the indexes 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 week-ends, holidays, and late shifts. The indexes 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. The industrial nurse data are based on women industrial nurses. 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 1953 and 1954 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 the base period (survey month, winter 1952-53) was computed and the result multiplied by the base year index (100) to get the index for the given year.

The indexes measure, 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 indexes 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 1958 for workers in 17 major labor markets appeared in BLS Bull. 1224-20, Wages and Related Benefits, 19 Labor Markets, Winter 1957-58.

Table 2. Indexes of standard weekly salaries and straight-time hourly earnings for selected occupational groups in Portland, Oreg., April 1959 and April 1958, and percents of increase for selected periods

Industry and occupational group	Indexes (September 1952 = 100)		Percent increases from—					
	April 1959	April 1958	April 1958 to April 1959	April 1957 to April 1958	April 1956 to April 1957	April 1955 to April 1956	September 1953 to April 1955	September 1952 to September 1953
All industries:								
Office clerical (women) .....	130.3	126.3	3.2	5.1	3.6	5.2	5.4	4.7
Industrial nurses (women) .....	131.8	124.0	6.3	7.4	2.1	4.3	6.9	1.6
Skilled maintenance (men) .....	134.0	128.3	4.4	5.8	5.5	4.9	3.9	5.5
Unskilled plant (men) .....	130.1	125.3	3.8	5.2	4.6	3.0	5.4	4.9
Manufacturing:								
Office clerical (women) .....	129.1	125.3	3.1	3.8	5.3	4.0	5.6	4.3
Industrial nurses (women) .....	131.3	123.4	6.3	7.5	.7	5.0	7.8	.8
Skilled maintenance (men) .....	135.4	129.9	4.2	6.2	6.2	5.1	4.7	4.6
Unskilled plant (men) .....	130.4	127.7	2.1	5.3	4.6	3.1	6.7	5.5

A: Occupational Earnings

Table A-1. Office Occupations

(Average straight-time weekly hours and earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis, by industry division, Portland, Oreg., April 1959)

Sex, occupation, and industry division	Number of workers	Averages		NUMBER OF WORKERS RECEIVING STRAIGHT-TIME WEEKLY EARNINGS OF—																		
		Weekly hours (Standard)	Weekly earnings (Standard)	\$ 40.00 and up to \$ 45.00	\$ 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	
				\$ 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	\$ 130.00	
<b>Men</b>																						
Clerks, accounting, class A	165	40.0	102.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	9	17	15	22	9	57	21	7	5	-	
Manufacturing	54	40.0	97.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	10	5	9	4	9	4	2	2	-	
Nonmanufacturing	111	40.0	104.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	10	13	5	48	17	5	3	-	
Public utilities*	40	40.0	103.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	11	3	5	5	5	3	-	
Clerks, order	211	40.0	96.50	-	1	-	-	2	5	2	8	6	59	34	28	1	16	14	18	7	10	
Manufacturing	78	40.0	102.00	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	-	6	25	2	18	1	3	11	9	4	5	
Nonmanufacturing	133	40.0	93.50	-	1	-	-	2	5	2	8	6	34	32	10	-	13	3	9	3	5	
Office boys	55	40.0	56.00	9	9	14	7	1	6	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing	32	40.0	50.50	9	9	8	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tabulating-machine operators	72	40.0	102.50	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	7	7	14	11	4	4	7	10	2	
Nonmanufacturing	46	40.0	104.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	10	9	3	-	6	7	1	
<b>Women</b>																						
Billers, machine (billing machine)	101	40.0	66.50	-	3	27	10	12	8	5	4	30	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing	28	40.0	72.00	-	-	3	-	-	7	5	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing	73	40.0	64.50	-	3	24	10	12	1	-	-	21	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Billers, machine (bookkeeping machine)	47	40.0	59.00	-	2	11	16	8	1	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing	39	40.0	56.50	-	2	11	16	8	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bookkeeping-machine operators, class A	60	40.0	80.00	-	-	3	-	-	1	15	17	6	5	8	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing	38	40.0	80.50	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	14	6	4	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	
Bookkeeping-machine operators, class B	473	39.5	61.50	-	35	53	120	117	97	19	10	19	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing	57	39.5	67.00	-	-	3	3	11	25	5	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing	416	39.5	60.50	-	35	50	117	106	72	14	1	19	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Retail trade	54	40.0	64.50	-	3	2	15	8	14	5	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Clerks, accounting, class A	162	40.0	81.00	-	-	-	-	5	38	5	40	21	15	17	6	6	8	1	-	-	-	
Manufacturing	65	40.0	83.00	-	-	-	-	-	14	5	5	17	7	4	3	5	5	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing	97	40.0	79.50	-	-	-	-	5	24	-	35	4	8	13	3	1	3	1	-	-	-	
Retail trade	41	40.0	73.00	-	-	-	-	1	16	-	23	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Clerks, accounting, class B	535	40.0	70.00	-	9	30	63	102	87	102	23	53	28	11	19	7	1	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing	131	40.0	71.50	-	-	2	21	14	35	21	6	13	4	9	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing	404	40.0	69.50	-	9	28	42	88	52	81	17	40	24	2	15	6	-	-	-	-	-	
Public utilities*	57	40.0	81.50	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	9	35	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Retail trade	193	40.0	65.50	-	1	11	19	69	35	55	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Clerks, file, class A	49	39.5	67.00	-	-	-	12	19	1	6	7	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing	45	39.5	67.00	-	-	-	9	19	1	6	6	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Clerks, file, class B	260	39.5	50.50	104	47	37	24	26	13	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manufacturing	39	40.0	57.50	4	7	7	4	9	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing	221	39.5	49.00	100	40	30	20	17	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Clerks, order	98	40.0	65.50	-	1	18	3	28	17	20	4	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nonmanufacturing	71	40.0	67.00	-	1	8	2	17	17	20	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

See footnotes at end of table.

Table A-1. Office Occupations—Continued

(Average straight-time weekly hours and earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis, by industry division, Portland, Oreg., April 1959)

Sex, occupation, and industry division	Number of workers	Averages		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	\$ 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
				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	130.00	
<b>Women—Continued</b>																					
Clerks, payroll .....	254	40.0	73.00	-	4	11	11	43	29	43	49	36	8	9	5	1	2	1	1	1	-
Manufacturing .....	116	40.0	74.00	-	-	7	8	7	14	18	33	13	8	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	138	40.0	72.00	-	4	4	3	36	15	25	16	23	-	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	-
Public utilities * .....	44	40.0	80.00	-	-	-	-	6	6	4	8	11	-	3	2	1	1	-	1	1	-
Retail trade .....	51	40.0	65.00	-	4	4	3	20	5	6	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Comptometer operators .....	389	40.0	70.00	3	3	41	9	56	56	100	62	32	6	2	9	8	2	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	129	40.0	72.50	-	-	1	1	17	14	38	46	8	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	260	40.0	69.00	3	3	40	8	39	42	62	16	24	6	1	9	7	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	81	40.0	64.00	3	3	22	1	6	6	36	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duplicating-machine operators (mimeograph or ditto) .....	34	40.0	61.50	-	6	-	8	11	4	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key-punch operators .....	219	40.0	70.50	-	-	20	14	46	39	30	25	7	19	14	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	75	40.0	65.50	-	-	19	5	14	17	8	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	144	39.5	73.50	-	-	1	9	32	22	22	19	5	15	14	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities * .....	56	40.0	72.00	-	-	-	2	6	18	9	13	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office girls .....	154	39.0	49.00	52	38	46	6	5	4	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	134	39.0	48.00	50	37	38	4	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Secretaries .....	575	39.5	83.00	-	-	3	9	31	57	62	124	74	58	46	40	12	25	8	18	2	6
Manufacturing .....	218	40.0	81.00	-	-	3	25	19	31	53	19	15	13	9	8	12	2	4	1	4	4
Nonmanufacturing .....	357	39.5	84.00	-	-	3	6	6	38	31	71	55	43	33	31	4	13	6	14	1	2
Public utilities * .....	102	40.0	92.00	-	-	-	2	9	5	4	10	11	20	15	3	13	5	2	1	2	2
Retail trade .....	75	40.0	74.00	-	-	-	1	4	16	14	27	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stenographers, general .....	884	39.5	71.50	-	9	39	85	115	184	115	150	81	38	39	22	6	1	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	249	40.0	73.50	-	-	6	21	34	53	18	47	27	14	18	9	2	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	635	39.5	71.00	-	9	33	64	81	131	97	103	54	24	21	13	4	1	-	-	-	-
Public utilities * .....	88	40.0	74.00	-	-	-	2	11	19	10	17	22	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operators .....	172	39.5	62.00	4	36	19	16	22	35	20	3	15	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	149	39.5	61.50	4	35	18	12	17	27	17	2	15	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities * .....	34	40.0	74.00	-	-	-	-	2	11	7	2	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade .....	26	40.0	53.00	4	-	14	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operator-receptionists .....	257	40.0	65.00	-	11	35	46	46	52	15	8	31	6	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	110	40.0	66.50	-	2	8	15	37	22	4	5	13	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	147	40.0	64.50	-	9	27	31	9	30	11	3	18	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tabulating-machine operators .....	37	40.0	82.50	-	-	-	-	1	6	7	3	8	4	2	2	1	-	1	1	-	1
Transcribing-machine operators, general .....	209	39.5	64.00	-	5	23	51	29	55	24	15	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing .....	45	40.0	69.50	-	-	2	8	8	5	7	11	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing .....	164	39.5	62.50	-	5	21	43	21	50	17	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table A-1. Office Occupations—Continued**

(Average straight-time weekly hours and earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis, by industry division, Portland, Oreg., April 1959)

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
<b>Women—Continued</b>																					
Typists, class A _____	256	39.5	\$ 65.50	-	12	15	48	58	53	18	29	10	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing _____	63	40.0	74.50	-	-	-	-	14	12	12	5	9	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing _____	193	39.5	62.50	-	12	15	48	44	41	6	24	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* _____	45	40.0	65.50	-	-	-	5	21	12	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists, class B _____	575	39.5	58.00	11	86	157	119	100	18	38	27	8	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing _____	145	40.0	62.50	-	-	34	34	34	4	19	11	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing _____	430	39.0	56.50	11	86	123	85	66	14	19	16	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* _____	94	40.0	65.00	-	-	16	19	14	10	19	10	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<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 2 workers at \$135 to \$140.  
 \* 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, by industry division, Portland, Oreg., April 1959)

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	\$ 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	\$ 125.00 130.00	\$ 130.00 135.00	\$ 135.00 140.00
<b>Men</b>																			
Draftsmen, senior _____	147	40.0	\$ 107.50	-	-	-	1	-	1	25	14	26	22	7	21	24	1	4	1
Manufacturing _____	112	40.0	108.50	-	-	-	1	-	1	18	13	12	14	6	20	24	1	1	1
Nonmanufacturing _____	35	40.0	104.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	14	8	1	1	-	-	3	-
Draftsmen, junior _____	51	40.0	91.50	-	-	-	11	7	8	4	10	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing _____	38	40.0	94.00	-	-	-	4	6	5	3	10	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Women</b>																			
Nurses, industrial (registered) _____	32	40.0	85.00	8	-	1	4	3	2	5	4	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-
Manufacturing _____	28	40.0	84.00	8	-	1	4	2	2	4	2	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-

<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.

Table A-3. Maintenance and Powerplant Occupations

(Average straight-time hourly earnings for men in selected occupations studied on an area basis, by industry division, Portland, Oreg., April 1959)

Occupation and industry division	Number of workers	Average hourly earnings <sup>1</sup>	NUMBER OF WORKERS RECEIVING STRAIGHT-TIME HOURLY EARNINGS OF—																	
			Under \$ 2.00	\$ 2.00 and under 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	\$ 2.90 3.00	\$ 3.00 3.10	\$ 3.10 3.20	\$ 3.20 3.30	\$ 3.30 3.40	\$ 3.40 3.50	\$ 3.50 3.60	\$ 3.60 3.70
Carpenters, maintenance	93	2.87	-	-	-	12	1	5	-	3	13	8	3	17	24	-	1	6	-	-
Manufacturing	58	2.81	-	-	-	12	1	5	-	2	3	8	3	3	17	-	-	4	-	-
Nonmanufacturing	35	2.97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	-	-	14	7	-	1	2	-	-
Electricians, maintenance	279	2.96	-	-	-	-	24	16	-	4	40	83	-	2	37	28	-	5	30	<sup>2</sup> 10
Manufacturing	268	2.94	-	-	-	-	24	15	-	4	40	83	-	2	34	26	-	5	30	5
Engineers, stationary	209	2.74	-	-	-	-	-	40	4	24	19	102	17	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Manufacturing	175	2.74	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	10	15	91	17	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Nonmanufacturing	34	2.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	14	4	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Firemen, stationary boiler	96	2.32	4	8	33	6	12	8	4	8	9	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	81	2.26	4	8	33	4	12	8	4	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Helpers, trades, maintenance	124	2.23	5	17	13	66	13	2	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	103	2.21	5	17	13	49	13	2	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Machine-tool operators, toolroom	77	2.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	20	6	28	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	77	2.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	20	6	28	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Machinists, maintenance	199	2.91	-	-	-	-	-	12	15	5	40	70	-	9	15	8	-	18	-	7
Manufacturing	180	2.92	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	5	30	70	-	9	9	8	-	18	-	7
Mechanics, automotive (maintenance)	537	2.65	-	-	-	9	-	45	115	21	311	6	14	10	6	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	147	2.58	-	-	-	8	-	34	55	1	36	6	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing	390	2.68	-	-	-	1	-	11	60	20	275	-	13	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities*	332	2.68	-	-	-	1	-	6	54	18	240	-	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mechanics, maintenance	435	2.85	-	7	-	-	37	7	21	8	70	157	21	12	54	1	-	40	-	-
Manufacturing	418	2.85	-	7	-	-	35	7	21	-	70	157	15	12	54	-	-	40	-	-
Millwrights	173	2.85	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	1	-	131	4	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	173	2.85	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	1	-	131	4	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Oilers	70	2.32	5	1	5	28	8	1	18	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	70	2.32	5	1	5	28	8	1	18	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Painters, maintenance	63	2.94	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	5	25	9	7	5	4	5	-	-	-
Manufacturing	49	2.90	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	25	9	-	4	2	2	-	-	-
Pipefitters, maintenance	88	2.86	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	2	62	1	-	17	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	87	2.86	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	62	1	-	17	-	-	-	-	-
Sheet-metal workers, maintenance	35	2.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	24	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts.<sup>2</sup> Includes 1 worker at \$3.70 to \$3.80.

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

Table A-4. Custodial and Material Movement Occupations

(Average straight-time hourly earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis,  
by industry division, Portland, Oreg., April 1959)

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--																						
			\$ 1.00 and under	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.20	\$ 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	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.20
			1.10	1.20	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	3.00	3.10	3.20	
Elevator operators, passenger (women) -----	141	1.34	19	27	13	26	2	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	141	1.34	19	27	13	26	2	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	48	1.27	9	-	13	24	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners (men) -----	1,022	1.75	-	24	32	35	40	132	153	171	149	76	96	47	16	43	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	453	1.90	-	3	15	8	28	10	19	59	58	64	91	31	16	43	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	569	1.64	-	21	17	27	12	122	134	112	91	12	5	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* -----	112	1.84	-	-	-	-	3	2	12	2	78	8	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	196	1.63	-	-	16	12	1	21	32	104	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners (women) -----	227	1.50	3	8	9	5	109	63	6	15	5	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	26	1.68	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	8	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	201	1.47	3	8	9	4	109	60	-	7	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* -----	47	1.63	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	7	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laborers, material handling -----	1,164	2.18	-	1	7	-	16	-	12	26	9	222	61	289	91	230	133	46	1	20	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	496	2.11	-	-	-	1	-	10	22	8	192	53	33	40	25	88	4	1	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	668	2.24	-	1	7	-	15	-	2	4	1	30	8	256	51	205	45	42	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* -----	269	2.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	2	30	205	8	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	78	1.83	-	-	7	-	15	-	2	4	1	25	5	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Order fillers -----	682	2.16	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	8	19	47	3	493	28	11	12	-	52	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	136	2.23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	16	41	-	5	-	8	12	-	51	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	546	2.15	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	5	3	6	3	488	28	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	142	2.13	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	5	-	6	-	94	25	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Packers, shipping -----	195	2.13	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	12	-	2	7	126	19	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	175	2.17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	126	19	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receiving clerks -----	114	2.26	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	5	4	5	4	18	38	9	5	-	2	16	-	3	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	48	2.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	-	2	-	4	6	5	2	-	2	16	-	3	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	66	2.17	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	4	14	32	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	36	2.09	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	4	14	2	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shipping clerks -----	158	2.36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	8	10	63	20	9	13	9	2	9	-	7	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	68	2.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	1	2	17	9	7	7	2	9	-	6	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	90	2.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	9	61	3	-	6	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Shipping and receiving clerks -----	212	2.25	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	12	13	6	21	70	30	26	14	1	1	-	7	-	-	1	-
Manufacturing -----	80	2.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	-	2	-	17	16	12	-	1	-	7	-	-	1	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	132	2.22	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	6	19	70	13	10	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	47	2.32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers <sup>3</sup> -----	2,373	2.40	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	9	-	2	22	74	262	1211	525	36	28	141	54	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	528	2.40	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	9	-	22	57	77	35	201	30	16	28	51	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	1,845	2.41	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	2	-	17	185	1176	324	6	12	113	3	-	-	-	-
Public utilities* -----	1,302	2.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	128	1086	78	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade -----	225	2.40	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	55	18	135	2	6	-	3	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, light (under 1½ tons) -----	81	2.18	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	8	-	7	13	16	23	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing -----	41	2.12	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	7	11	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing -----	40	2.24	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	16	12	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Table A-4. Custodial and Material Movement Occupations—Continued

(Average straight-time hourly earnings for selected occupations studied on an area basis,  
by industry division, Portland, Oreg., April 1959)

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—																					
			\$ 1.00 and under 1.10	\$ 1.10 1.20	\$ 1.20 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	\$ 2.90 3.00	\$ 3.00 3.10	\$ 3.10 3.20
<b>Truckdrivers:<sup>3</sup>—Continued</b>																								
Truckdrivers, medium (1½ to and including 4 tons)	1,281	2.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	15	59	182	881	63	12	4	20	40	-	-	-
Manufacturing	176	2.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	15	44	28	4	27	10	4	2	40	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing	1,105	2.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	15	154	877	36	2	-	18	-	-	-	-
Public utilities*	923	2.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117	804	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail trade	87	2.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	16	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, heavy (over 4 tons, trailer type)	694	2.47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	176	373	14	21	72	9	-	-	-
Manufacturing	247	2.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	20	164	12	9	12	6	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing	447	2.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	156	209	2	12	60	3	-	-	-
Public utilities*	200	2.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	156	38	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, heavy (over 4 tons, other than trailer type)	273	2.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	30	131	76	8	3	21	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	55	2.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	25	-	7	8	3	10	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing	218	2.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	131	69	-	-	11	-	-	-	-
Public utilities*	158	2.36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	126	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truckers, power (forklift)	461	2.26	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	13	35	14	63	195	51	14	56	8	-	-	6	-	-
Manufacturing	288	2.25	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	13	35	14	54	54	38	14	46	8	-	-	6	-	-
Nonmanufacturing	173	2.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	141	13	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public utilities*	73	2.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truckers, power (other than forklift)	31	2.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	31	2.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	-
Watchmen	208	1.87	-	5	3	-	-	7	38	39	6	14	82	6	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	164	1.90	-	5	3	-	-	2	32	34	6	14	67	4	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmanufacturing	44	1.77	-	5	-	-	-	5	6	5	6	-	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<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 : Occupational 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:

Billers, 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.

Billers, 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 shipments 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 21 major labor markets during late 1958 and early 1959. These bulletins, numbered 1240-1 through 1240-21, when available, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., or from any of the BLS regional sales offices shown below.

A summary bulletin (1240-22) containing data for all labor markets, except Lawrence, Mass., combined with additional analysis will be issued early in 1960.

Bulletins for the areas listed below are now available.

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 St. Louis, Mo., October 1958 – BLS Bull. 1240-4, price 15 cents  
 Dallas, Tex., October 1958 – BLS Bull. 1240-5, price 25 cents  
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 Denver, Colo., December 1958 – BLS Bull. 1240-7, price 20 cents  
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