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## EMPLOYMENT AND PAY ROLLS

## Summary of Developments in August

ORDINARILY the volume of private employment in August remains close to midsummer levels. This year, however, industrial employment advanced sharply. Reports received by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from the more important manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries indicate that approximately 160,000 more workers were employed in August than in the month preceding in the industries reporting. Corresponding pay-roll disbursements in August were $\$ 7,800,000$ a week more than in July.

For manufacturing industries employment in August was 2.8 percent above the July level and weekly wage disbursements advanced 6.6 percent. Although factory employment characteristically increases in August, the improvement this year was unusually vigorous, having been exceeded only twice (1922 and 1933) during the past 16 years. The improvement, moreover, was shared by 66 of the 90 manufacturing industries included in the survey.

The gains in factory employment were partly offset by reduced employment in some of the nonmanufacturing industries. In spite of substantial increases in bituminous-coal mining and private building construction, coupled with smaller increases in metal mining, quarrying and nonmetallic mining, crude-pretroleum producing, telephoneand telegraph, power and light utilities, wholesale trade, year-round hotels, banks and brokerage houses, the aggregate employment in the nonmanufacturing industries covered shows a net reduction of 25,000 workers in comparison with July. The decline was due principally to a seasonal recession in retail trade and a sharp curtailment in anthracite mining.

A substantial increase occurred in public employment during the month. As against 999,386 workers employed in the regular agencies of the Federal Government in July, $1,046,674$ were on pay rolls in. August. This increase was largely accounted for by expansion in themilitary and executive branches, but a small advance was also reported in the legislative service. On the other hand, employment in the judicial service declined slightly. Employment on construction. projects financed by Federal funds moved irregularly, a sharp increase on projects financed by regular governmental appropriations being
largely offset by decreases on projects financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Public Works Administration. The first monthly statistics for The Works Program showed over 143,000 workers employed.

Employment on relief work declined sharply during the month.

# Part I.-Private Employment 

## Manufacturing Industries

The increase of 2.8 percent in factory employment in August brings the index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics to 81.7 percent of the 1923-25 average. At the same time the index of factory pay rolls rose from 65.3 to 69.6 . Both indexes are now at the highest point since last April. Compared with the corresponding month of last year the employment index shows an increase of 2.8 percent and the index of pay rolls a gain of 11.9 percent.

Gains over the month interval were widely distributed, 66 of the 90 manufacturing industries surveyed showing increases in employment and 72 having larger weekly wage disbursements. Of the 14 major groups surveyed, 12 showed increases in employment and a like number in weekly pay rolls. The largest estimated increase in number of workers ( 83,100 or 5.8 percent) was in the textile group. The food group showed a gain of 37,100 workers or 5.4 percent, this being the fifth successive monthly increase. The lumber group added 31,300 workers to pay rolls, a 6.6 percent gain; the iron and steel group reported an increase of 16,400 workers ( 2.7 percent); and the machinery group indicated an increase of 14,900 wage earners, a rise of 2.0 percent. The leather group added 9,100 workers to the pay rolls, the nonferrous metals group added 5,700, the stone-clay-glass group 4,200, the chemical group 3,600, the paper group 2,100, the rubber group 800, and the tobacco group 400. There were declines of 20,900 wage earners ( 4.2 percent) in the transportation group and 3,400 ( 1.3 percent) in the railroad repair-shop group. The durablegoods industries had net gains of 1.6 percent in employment and 5.9 percent in pay rolls, and the nondurable-goods industries showed increases of 3.9 percent in employment and 7.1 percent in pay rolls.

The largest percentage gains in employment from July to August were in industries which are normally affected by seasonal influences at this time of year. Employment in the beet-sugar industry increased 63.3 percent; millinery, 36.2 percent; canning and preserving, 30.5 percent; women's clothing, 28.2 percent; cottonseed oil-cake-meal, 27.6 percent; radios and phonographs, 15.6 percent; rubber boots and shoes, 12.9 percent; and fur-felt hats, 11.6 percent. Other industries in which substantial seasonal gains were reported were: Silk and rayon goods, 10.6 percent; jewelry, 8.4 percent; men's furnishings, 7.1 per-
cent; silverware, 6.9 percent; knit goods, 6.3 percent; furniture, 6.2 percent; men's clothing, 5.3 percent; and boots and shoes, 3.9 percent. A number of industries, allied to the building construction industry, reported gains in employment, among which were sawmills, 7.8 percent; steam and hot-water heating apparatus and supplies, 7.2 percent; lighting equipment, 7.2 percent; millwork, 5.9 percent; plumbers' supplies, 3.4 percent; glass, 3.2 percent; and brick, 2.7 percent. The steel works, rolling mills, and blast furnace industry reported a gain of 2.8 percent in number of workers coupled with a gain of 17.4 percent in pay rolls. Employment in the agricultural-implement and machinetool industries continued upward. The gain of 3.3 percent in employment in the machine-tool industry brings the level of employment to the highest point recorded since January 1931, and the gain of 0.9 percent in employment in the agricultural-implement industry raised the employment index to the maximum reached since May 1930.

The largest percentage decline in employment (6.4) was in the cement industry. Automobile establishments reported a 5.5 percent reduction in number of workers, reflecting a slowing down in a number of plants preparatory to production on new models. Among the remaining 22 industries in which decreases were reported over the month interval were cane-sugar refining, 5.1 percent; tools, 3.7 percent; paints and varnishes, 2.8 percent; ice cream, 2.0 percent; hardware, 1.9 percent; steam railroad repair shops, 1.4 percent; slaughtering and meat packing, 1.3 percent; chemicals, 1.2 percent; and cotton goods, 0.9 percent.

The indexes of factory employment and pay rolls are computed from reports supplied by representative establishments in 90 manufacturing industries, the 3 -year average 1923-25 being taken as the base or 100. In August, reports were received from 23,615 establishments employing $3,863,668$ wage earners whose earnings in the week ending nearest August 15 were $\$ 80,536,645$.

Per capita weekly earnings in all manufacturing industries combined were $\$ 20.84$ in August, a gain of 3.8 percent compared with July. Seventy-two of the separate manufacturing industries surveyed showed gains over the month interval, the increases ranging from 0.1 percent to 27.2 percent. These per capita weekly earnings reflect the influence of part-time and over-time worked and should not be confused with full-time weekly rates of pay.

Some of the establishments that report employment and pay-roll totals do not report man-hours. Consequently, average hours and average hourly earnings are computed from data supplied by a smaller number of establishments than are used in computing per capita weekly earnings and indexes of employment and pay rolls. Average hours worked per week in all manufacturing industries combined showed a gain of 4.0 percent, but average hourly earnings fell 0.2
percent. Seventy-three of the industries for which man-hour data are published showed gains in average hours worked per week and 34 showed higher average hourly earnings. Man-hour data are not published for any industry for which available information covers less than 20 percent of all employees in that industry.

Indexes of employment and pay rolls, average hours worked per week, average hourly earnings and per capita weekly earnings in manufacturing industries in August are presented in table 1. Percentage changes from July 1935 to August 1935 and from August 1934 to August 1935 are also given in this table.

Table 1.-Employment, Pay Rolls, and Earnings in Manufacturing Industries, August 1935

| Industry | Employment |  |  | Pay roll |  |  | Per capita weekly earnings ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | A verage hours worked per week ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | A verage hourly earnings ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Index } \\ \text { August } \\ \text { 1935 (3- } \\ \text { year } \\ \text { aver- } \\ \text { age } \\ 1923-25 \\ =100) \end{gathered}$ | Percentage change from- |  | IndexAngust1935 (3-yearaver-age$1923-25$$=100)$ | Percentage change from - |  | Average in August 1935 | Percentage change from- |  | Average in August 1935 | Percentage change from- |  | Average in August 1935 | Percentage change from- |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{1935}^{\text {July }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Au- } \\ & \text { gust } \\ & 1934 \end{aligned}$ |  | July 1935 | Au- gust 1934 |  | July | Au- gust 1934 |  | July | Au- gust 1934 |  | July | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Au- } \\ & \text { gust } \\ & 1934 \end{aligned}$ |
| All industries ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 81.7 | +2.8 | +2.8 | 69.6 | +6.6 | +11.9 | \$20.84 | +3.8 | +9.0 | 36.6 | +4.0 | +7.3 | Cents 56.8 | -0.2 | +1.5 |
| Durable goods | 70.4 | +1.6 | +6.5 | 58.9 | +5.9 | +17.8 | 22.55 | +4.8 | +10.7 | 33.0 | +4.8 | +8.9 | 60.7 | -0.3 | +1.2 |
| Nondurable goods ${ }^{3}$ | 94.0 | +3.9 | . 0 | 83.2 | +7.1 | +6.8 | 19.27 | +3.0 | +6.9 | 36.2 | +2.8 | +5.9 | 63.4 | $-.2$ | +2.3 |
| Durable goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron and steel and their products, not including machinery | 73.2 | +2.7 | +6.7 | 59.6 | +12.9 | +31.0 | 22.10 | +9.9 | +22.8 | 35.8 | +9.1 | +19.7 | 61.1 | +. 2 | +. 7 |
| Blast furnaces, steel works, and roling mills..-- | 73.7 | +2.8 | +5.7 | 61.6 | +17.4 | +40.0 | 23.05 | +14.3 | +32.4 | 34.9 | +14.1 | $+30.5$ | 66.0 | +. 5 | +. 3 |
| Bolts, nuts, washers, and rivets................ | 77.1 | +2.2 | $-8.8$ | 61.3 | +13.2 | +15.0 | 20.72 | +10.7 | +15.4 | 36.2 | +11.0 | +15.8 +18 | 57.2 | -. 3 | $-1.5$ |
| Cast-iron pipe..--.-.-.-........ | 51.7 | +.2 | $-3.9$ | 29.6 | +4.6 | +1.4 | 16. 28 | +4.4 | $+5.8$ | 32.2 | +3.9 | +4.6 | 50.0 | +. 2 | $-.3$ |
| Cutlery (not including silver and plated cutlery), and edge tools | 75.6 | +6.2 | -2.7 | 57.1 | +5.7 | +7.7 | 19.54 | -. 5 | +10.7 | 36.5 | +3.4 | +9.5 | 53.3 | $-3.8$ | $+.5$ |
| Forgings, iron and steel | 57.9 | +1.7 | +11.6 | 42.3 | +9.7 +9.9 | +21.9 | 21.52 | +8.0 | +9.0 | 35.3 | +7.0 | +5. 0 | 61.1 | +1.3 | +5.7 |
| Hardware-.-...-.-.-- | 48.5 | $-1.9$ | -5.5 | 39.4 | -2.3 | +4.0 | 19.11 | $-.4$ | +10.8 | 34.9 | $-0.9$ | $+13.6$ | 55.0 | -. 5 | $-4.5$ |
| Plumbers' supplies | 93.4 | +3.4 | +54.4 | 58.7 | +9.8 | +72.6 | 20.84 | $+6.3$ | +11.7 | 38.1 | $+6.7$ | $+16.3$ | 54.6 | -. 4 | -3.8 |
| Steam and hot-water heating apparatus and steam fittings. | 53.0 | +7.2 | +9.1 | 36.4 | +12.9 | +20.1 | 21.88 | +5.2 | +9.6 | 37.3 | +5.1 | +7.3 | 58.6 | -. 2 | +1.2 |
| Stoves.......---.-.-.- | 102.0 | +3.9 | +16.3 | 80.4 | +12.0 | +39.3 | 21.96 | +7.8 | +19.6 | 39.0 | +6.6 | +14.4 | 55.5 | -. 4 | +2.8 |
| Structural and ornamental metalwork | 57.9 | +1.8 | -1.9 | 43.9 | +4.0 | +5.0 | 20.99 | +2.2 | +6.7 | 36.1 | +3.1 | +5.1 | 58.2 | -. 9 | +1.3 |
| Tin cans and other tinware | 104.0 | +4.0 | +4.9 | 103.6 | +6.1 | +10.7 | 21.02 | +2.0 | +5.5 | 40.3 | +2.3 | +6.2 | 52.2 | . 0 | . 5 |
| Tools (not including edge tools, machine tools, files, and saws) | 60.0 | -3.7 | +4.5 | 55.2 | $+.3$ | $+12.7$ | 20.81 | +4.2 | +7.2 | 38. 2 | +3.5 | $+1.8$ | 54.1 | +. 6 | $+6.5$ |
|  | 118.7 | +1.9 | +2.1 | 105.1 | $-1.2$ | +16.6 | 17.67 | -3.1 | +14.4 | 32.0 | $+.6$ | +10.8 | 55.3 | -2.3 | +3.2 |
| Machinery, not including transportation equipment. | 87.3 | +2.0 | +10.6 | 71.8 | +5.5 | +22.5 | 23.26 | +3.4 | $+10.9$ | 38.0 | +4.1 | +9.9 | 60.3 | -. 5 | +. 5 |
| Agricultural implements. | 117.8 | +.9 | $+76.3$ | 137.5 | +1.7 | +101.3 | 24.82 | +.8 | +14.0 | 40.0 | +. 3 | +5.3 | 62.4 | +.5 | +7.1 |
| Cash registers, adding machines, and calculating machines. | 102.0 | -. 7 | -3.5 | 85.8 | +. 2 | +2.1 | 27.60 | $+.9$ | +5.8 | 40.0 | +. 8 | +2.8 | 69.6 | . 0 | +1.9 |
| Electrical machinery, apparatus, and supplies. | 70.4 | +1.2 | $+7.8$ | 57.8 | +5.6 | +15.1 | 22.71 | +4.3 | +6.7 | 36.8 | +4.8 | +8.4 | 61.1 | -. 3 | -2.0 |

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| Industry | Employment |  |  | Pay roll |  |  | Per capita weekly earnings ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Average hours worked per week ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Average hourly earnings ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Index } \\ \text { August } \\ 1935(3- \\ \text { year } \\ \text { aver- } \\ \text { age } \\ 1923-25 \\ =100) \end{gathered}$ | Percentage change from- |  | IndexAugust 1935 (3year aver-1923-25 $=100$ ) | Percentage change from- |  | Average in August1035 | Percentage change from- |  | Average in Au${ }_{1035}^{\text {gust }}$ 1935 | Percentage change from- |  | Average in August 1935 | Percentage change from- |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{1935}^{\text {July }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Au- } \\ & \text { gust } \\ & 1934 \end{aligned}$ |  | July | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Au- } \\ & \text { gust } \\ & 1934 \end{aligned}$ |  | July | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Au- } \\ & \text { gust } \\ & 1934 \end{aligned}$ |  | July | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Au- } \\ & \text { gust } \\ & 1934 \end{aligned}$ |  | July 1935 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Au- } \\ & \text { gust } \\ & 1934 \end{aligned}$ |
| Con |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Machinery, not including transportation equipment-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cents |  |  |
| Engines, turbines, tractors, and water wheels. | 101. 1 | ${ }^{(4)}$ | +40.8 | 73.9 | $+1.9$ | +54.3 | \$26. 28 | +1.9 | +9.1 | 38.9 | $+1.0$ | $+3.9$ | 67.5 | +0.7 | +4.5 |
| Machine tools........................ | 74.0 91.9 | +.8 +3.3 | +7.2 +39.0 | 60.5 | +6.8 | +19.3 +64.3 | 22. 24 | +1.9 +2.0 +2.8 | +11.5 +18.0 | 42.1 | +1.2 +3.2 +3 | +9.5 +17.8 | 59.7 62.5 | -. 2 | +1.6 $+\quad .6$ |
| Radios and phonographs. | 213.8 | +15.6 | -1.7 | 133.9 | +18.6 | +8.8 | 19.12 | +2.7 | +10.9 | 37.2 | +6.3 | +11.9 | 51.4 | -3.6 | +5. 5 |
| Textile machinery and parts | 62.6 | -1.4 | $-5.9$ | 50.5 | -1.4 | +2.4 | 22.48 | +. 1 | $+10.5$ | 36.5 | . 0 | +9.3 | 61.9 | $+.3$ | +1.1 |
| Typewriters and parts. | 97.6 | $+5$ | -2.1 | 80.0 | +.8 | $-7.6$ | 20.98 | +. 3 | $-5.6$ | 36.7 | +1.1 | -5.9 | 57.1 | -1.0 | +. 6 |
| Transportation equipment | 83.5 | $-4.2$ | $-.2$ | 71.6 | -4.1 | +1.7 | 25.06 | . 0 | +1.9 | 33.4 | -. 6 | -1.4 | 74.8 | +. 5 | +4.4 |
| Aircraft---...... | 453.4 | +4.8 | $+36.0$ | 378.4 | +10.1 | +25.4 | 25. 52 | +5. 1 | $-7.7$ | 40.7 | +3.3 | -1.4 | 63.4 | $+.3$ | -. 7 |
| Automobiles. | 95.1 | $-5.5$ | +28 +37 | 80.6 | -5.9 | +5.4 | 25.30 | $-{ }^{-1}$ | +2.4 | 33.2 | +1.2 | -2.1 | 76.1 | +.7 | $+3.8$ |
| Cars, electric- and steam | 32.2 | +1.7 | -37. 7 | 30.4 | +8.7 | -40.6 | 19.82 | +6.8 | -4.2 | 33.1 | +6.8 | -5.8 | 60.2 | $+.2$ | $+.6$ |
| Locomotives.-.-.---.- | 21.5 | +7.7 | -44.2 | 9.1 | +11.2 | -48.6 | 22.20 | +3.3 | -7.8 | 33.9 | +2.4 | $-10.2$ | 65.4 | +. 6 | +1.5 |
| Shipbuilding | 72.4 | +1.5 | +1.7 | 61.5 | +3.6 | $+9.0$ | 24. 64 | +2.0 | +7.5 | 32.8 | $+{ }^{+}$ | +5.5 | 73.9 | +.8 | $+2.0$ |
| Railroad repair shop | 52.8 | -1.3 | $-4.3$ | 49.0 | +1.7 | +1.0 | 26. 31 | +3.0 | +5.6 | 38.7 | +2.9 | $-2.3$ | 67.5 | -. 1 | +6.7 |
| Electric railroad. | 65.3 | +. 2 | -1.1 | 59.6 | +1.4 | +1.9 | 27.18 | +1.2 | +3.1 | 44. 2 | +1.4 | +1.1 | 61.0 | -. 3 | +1.3 |
| Steam railroad | 51.9 | -1.4 | -4.6 | 48.3 | $+1.6$ | + | 26.10 | $+3.1$ | +5.9 | 38.2 | +3.2 | -2.3 | 68.1 | -. 1 | $+7.2$ |
| Nonferrous metals and their products | 80.0 | +2.6 | +9.0 + | 64.6 | +8.4 | +21.4 | 21.02 | +5.8 | +11.4 | 38.4 | +6.4 | +11.1 | 54.4 | -. 7 | +2.1 |
| Aluminum manufactures .-.-- | 75.5 | +1.1 | +12.0 | 65.8 | +12.8 | +59.7 | 21.08 | +11.5 | +49.7 | 39.1 | +13.0 | +62.1 | 53.9 | $-1.3$ | $-5.4$ |
| Brass, bronze, and copper products--.------ | 78.2 | +1.1 | +7.6 | 61.1 | +6.2 | $+19.3$ | 22.64 | +5.0 | +11.1 | 38.7 | +5.2 | +9.8 | 58.6 | 0 | +1.9 |
| Clocks and watches and time-recording devices | 80.7 | +. 8 | +17.1 | 68.8 | +10.1 | +26.7 | 19.28 | +9.2 | +8.5 | 39.3 | +10.1 | +5.9 | 49.1 | -. 8 | +3.0 |
| Jewelry- | 72.5 | +8.4 | +10.4 | 54.8 | +14.7 | +10.3 | 19.69 | +5.8 | +.3 | 37.2 | +9.7 | +3.5 | 53.2 | -3.4 | +1.5 |
| Lighting equipment | 73.9 | $+7.2$ | +19.4 | 66.6 | +13.0 | +38.2 | 21.14 | $+5.4$ | +15.8 | 40.3 | +7.5 | +16.1 | 52.3 | -1.3 | +. 6 |
| Silverware and plated ware ------.-.-....- | 69.8 | +6.9 | $+7$ | 52.0 | +8.1 | +7.7 | 21. 24 | +1.0 | +6.7 | 36.6 | $+8$ | $+6.7$ | 57.7 | . 0 | $+.4$ |
| Smelting and refining-copper, lead, and zinc- | 80.8 101.9 | +.7 +1.5 | +14.6 +4.6 | 53.2 82.3 | +.3 +11.3 | + 24.3 +18.4 | 21. 23 19.02 | -9.4 | +8.5 +13.3 | 37.8 38.0 | .0 +10.8 | +3.8 +11.3 | 55.9 49.8 | -. 5 | +4.8 +2.2 |
| Stamped and enameled ware- | 101.9 | +1.5 | +4.6 | 82.3 | +11.3 | +18.4 | 19.02 | $+9.7$ | +13.3 | 38.0 | +10.8 | +11.3 | 49.8 | -. 8 | +2.2 |



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| Industry | Employment |  |  | Pay roll |  |  | Per capita weekly earnings ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Average hours worked per week ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | A verage hourly earnings ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | IndexAugust 1935 (3yearaver-$\underset{1923-25}{\text { age }}$ $=100$ ) | Percentage change from- |  | IndexAugust1935 (3-yearaver-age$1923-25$$=100)$ | Percentage change from - |  | Average in $\mathrm{Au}-$ gust 1935 | Percentage change from- |  | Average in August 1935 | Percentage change frem- |  | Average in $\mathrm{Au}-$ gust 1935 | Percentage change from- |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{1935}^{\text {July }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Au- } \\ & \text { gust } \\ & 1934 \end{aligned}$ |  | July 1935 | $\underset{\substack{\text { Au- } \\ \text { gust } \\ 1934}}{\text { a }}$ |  | July | $\xrightarrow[\text { Au- }]{\substack{\text { gust } \\ 1934}}$ |  | July | Au- gust 1934 |  | July 1935 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Au- } \\ \text { gust } \\ 1934 \end{gathered}$ |
| Nondurable goods-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cents |  |  |
| Paper and printing | 95.9 | +0.4 | +2.2 | 83.0 | +2.0 | +5.9 | \$24. 18 | +1.5 | +3.5 | 37.4 | +2.2 | +3.0 | 68.4 | -0.6 | +2.2 |
| Boxes, paper | 85.3 | +2.4 | +1.4 | 78.7 | +6.5 | $+5.6$ | 18.88 | +3.9 | +3.8 | 37.9 | +5.3 | +3.9 | 49.9 | -1.2 | +. 2 |
|  | 108.8 | -. 1 | +3.8 | 87.2 | +2.5 | +10.7 | 20.19 | +2.5 | +6.5 | 38.2 | +3.0 | +4.9 | 52.8 | -. 6 | +1.8 |
| Printing and publishing: Book and job | 87.6 | +1.1 | +3.1 | 76.5 | +. 9 | +6.8 | 26.94 | -. 3 | +3.6 | 37.1 | +1.1 | +4.0 | 73.0 | -1.4 | +1.9 |
| Newspapers and periodicals | 96.5 | -. 5 | $-.1$ | 86.3 | +1.1 | +1.6 | 32.64 | +1.6 | +1.5 | 36.5 | +.6 | -. 2 | 89.8 | +.6 | +4.5 |
| Chemicals and allied products, and petro- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ieum refining...........-....................... | 107.9 | +1.0 | +.9 +1.5 | 97.0 95.4 | +1.7 +1.7 | +7.8 +8.7 | 23. 64 | +.7 +6 | +6.8 +7.0 | 37.8 38 | +1.3 +1.6 | +4.4 +5.1 | 62.7 55.9 | -. 9.9 | +3.4 +2.5 |
| Other than petroleum refining | 106.9 107.7 | $\begin{array}{r}+1.1 \\ +1.2 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | +1.5 +2.9 | 95.4 100.8 | +1.7 $+\quad 8$ | +8.7 +4.5 | 21.57 25.97 | +.6 +.4 | +6.8 +7.0 +7.3 | 38.9 40.3 | +1.6 +1.6 +1.5 | +6.1 +6.3 | 55.9 64.5 | -1.2 -.9 | +2.5 +.2 |
| Cottonseed---oil, cake, and meal | 59.6 | +27.6 | -17.7 | 62.5 | +29.5 | $-8.6$ | 10. 03 | +1.5 | +11.2 | 42.9 | +3.6 | +18.8 | 23.6 | -2.5 | -5.2 |
| Druggists' preparations.-.- | 97.3 | +2.3 | $-1.3$ | 92.0 | -. 3 | +2.3 | 20.32 | $-2.6$ | $+3.4$ | 36.9 | $-3.7$ | -1.8 | 54.9 | $-.4$ | +.2 |
| Explosives. | 86.5 | +.4 | -4. 4 | 76. 9 | +10.0 | +5.5 | 24.91 | $+9.7$ | +10.8 | 36.3 | +9.3 | +5.0 | 65.6 | $-1.2$ | +4.4 |
| Fertilizers | 69.5 | $+2.2$ | -4. 1 | 63.3 | +2.1 | +10.1 | 13.47 | -. 1 | +14.4 | 34.5 | +. 3 | +10.1 | 39.0 | -. 8 | +3.7 |
| Paints and varnishes | 105.5 | -2.8 | +6.5 | 87.8 | $-1.3$ | +12.7 | 23.17 | +1.5 | +5.9 | 39.3 | +1.0 | +3.0 | 59.0 | +. 3 | +3.1 |
| Rayon and allied products. | 340.3 | +3.8 | +11.9 | 253.4 | +5.5 | +18.9 | 19.70 | +1.7 | +6.3 | 38.3 | $+1.6$ | +4.6 | 51.4 | . 0 | +1.4 |
| Soap...------------ | 98.0 | -1.3 | -. 6 | 93.8 | -. 6 | +8.9 | 23.16 | +. 7 | +9.7 | 37.8 | +1.1 | $-4.3$ | 61.4 | -. 5 | +13.9 |
| Petroleum refining. | 112.2 | +.9 | -1.1 | 102.5 | +2.0 | +5.5 | 28. 07 | +1.1 | $+6.6$ | 35.0 | +1.4 | +3.3 | 80.9 | -. 1 | +5.8 |
| Rubber products.- | 77. 9 | $+8$ | -3.5 | 64.3 | +4.9 | +9.4 | 22.65 | $+4.0$ | +13.2 | 33.7 | +4.0 | +9.4 | 68.6 | -. 4 | +3.6 |
| Rubber boots and shoes ---------------------- | 51.2 | +12.9 | -7.2 | 49.4 | +18.6 | -2.2 | 19.00 | +5.1 | +5.6 | 36.6 | +5.8 | +1.6 | 51.9 | -. 8 | +3.4 |
| Rubber goods, other than boots, shoes, tires, and inner tubes. | 117.1 | -. 4 | $+1.0$ | 98.6 | $+3.9$ | $+10.3$ | 19. 42 | +4.3 | +9.1 | 37.0 | +3.6 | +6.8 | 52.8 | -. 2 | +. 7 |
| Rubber tires and inner tubes... | 69.7 | -. 9 | $-5.7$ | 55.8 | $+3.0$ | +11.8 | 25.59 | +3.9 | +18.3 | 30.5 | +3.4 | +12.1 | 84.4 | +. 1 | +6.3 |

1 Per capita weekly earnings are computed from figures furnished by all reporting establishments. Percentage changes over year computed from indexes. Percentage changes over month in the groups and in "All industries" also computed from indexes. ${ }_{2}$ Computed from available man-hour data-all reporting establishments do not furnish man-hours. Percentage changes over year computed from indexes. The average hours and average hourly earnings in the groups and in "AII industries" are weighted.

3 June-July average hours w
4 Less than $1 / 0$ of 1 percent.

Revised Average Hours and Average Hourly Earnings, July 1935 and July 1934


Indexes of employment and pay rolls for all manufacturing industries combined, for the durable-goods group, and for the non-durable-goods group, by months from January 1934 to August 1935, inclusive, are given in table 2. Estimates of employment and weekly pay rolls for all manufacturing industries combined are also given in this table.

The diagram on page 11 indicates the trend of factory employment and pay rolls from January 1919 to August 1935.

Table 2.-Indexes and Estimates of Employment and Pay Rolls in All Manufacturing Industries Combined and Indexes of Employment and Pay Rolls in the Durable- and Nondurable-Goods Groups :
[Indexes based on 3-year average, 1923-25=100.0]

| Year and month | Estimated number of wage earners | Estimated pay rolls (1 week) | Indexes |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | All manufacturing industries combined |  | Durable-goods group |  | Nondurablegoods group |  |
|  |  |  | Em-ployment | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pay } \\ & \text { rolls } \end{aligned}$ | Em-ployment | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pay } \\ & \text { rolls } \end{aligned}$ | Em-ployment | Pay rolls |
| January 193: | 6, 146, 000 | \$109, 806, 000 | 73.3 | 54.0 | 59.8 | 41.6 | 87.9 |  |
| February | 6, 514, 200 | 123, 395, 000 | 77.7 | 60.6 | 63.5 | 47.9 | 93.0 | 76.9 |
| March. | 6,770, 100 | 131, 852, 000 | 80.8 | 64.8 | 67.1 | 52.8 | 95.4 | 80.1 |
| April. | 6,906,100 | 136, 962, 000 | 82.4 | 67.3 | 70.0 | 57.4 | 95.8 | 80.0 |
| May. | 6,912, 600 | 136.575, 000 | 82,5 | 67.1 | 71.5 | 58.6 | 94.3 | 78.1 |
| June | 6, 799,900 | 132,040, 000 | 81.1 | 64.9 | 70.8 | 56.9 | 92.3 | 75.1 |
| July | 6, 593, 500 | 123,011, 000 | 78.7 | 60.5 | 67.4 | 49.9 | 90.8 | 73.9 |
| August | 6, 666, 200 | 126, 603, 000 | 79.5 | 62.2 | 66.1 | 50.0 | 94.0 | 77.9 |
| September | 6, 351, 900 | 118, 089, 000 | 75.8 | 53.0 | 64.2 | 45.5 | 88.2 | 74.0 |
| October-. | 6, 569, 500 | 124, 138, 000 | 78.4 | 61.0 | 62.8 | 46.4 | 95.1 | 79.6 |
| November | 6, 435, 000 | 121, 085, 000 | 76.8 | 59.5 | 62.2 | 46.1 | 92.4 | 76.6 |
| December | 6, 536, 100 | 128, 593, 000 | 78.0 | 63.2 | 64, 3 | 50.4 | 92.7 | 79.5 |
| A verage | 6, 600, 100 | 126, 012, 000 | 78.8 | 61.9 | 65.8 | 50.3 | 92.7 | 76.8 |
| January | 6, 595,700 | 130, 503, 000 | 78.7 | 64.1 | 66.1 | 52.5 | 92.3 | 79.0 |
| February | 6, 809, 000 | 140, 618, 000 | 81.2 | 69.1 | 69.3 | 58.6 | 94.1 | 82.5 |
| March | 6,906, 300 | 143, 927, 000 | 82.4 | 70.7 | 70.8 | 60.5 | 94.8 | 83.8 |
| April | 6,906, 100 | 144, 075, 000 | 82.4 | 70.8 | 71.6 | 61.8 | 94.0 | 82.3 |
| May | 6, 795,500 | 139, 325, 000 | 81.1 | 68.5 | 71.3 | 60.1 | 91.6 | 79.1 |
| June | 6, 669, 200 | 135, 044, 000 | 79,6 | 66.4 | 69.5 | 57.6 | 90.4 | 77.6 |
| July | 6, 664, 700 | 132, 886, 000 | 79.5 | 65.3 | 69.3 | 55.6 | 90.5 | 77.7 |
| August | 6,850,900 | 141, 596, 000 | 81.7 | 69.6 | 70.4 | 58.9 | 94.0 | 83.2 |

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Trade, Public Utility, Mining, and Service Industries, and Private Building Construction

Gains in employment from July to August were reported in 11 of the 17 nonmanufacturing industries surveyed monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and pay rolls increased in 8. The most pronounced increase in employment was in bituminous-coal mining; the 4.8 percent gain in this industry indicates that approximately 15,600 wage earners were added to pay rolls. Wholesale trade showed a gain of 0.9 percent, which represents an increase of about 11,200 employees. Private building construction firms reported 3.6 percent more wage earners and a 4.4 percent increase in weekly wage disbursements.

The most pronounced decreases in employment were in anthracite mining (21.7 percent), dyeing and cleaning (2.8 percent) and retail trade ( 1.8 percent). The estimated equivalents in number of workers represented by these declines were $15,200,1,400$, and 54,000 , respectively. In the aggregate, there were approximately 25,000 fewer workers on the pay rolls of the 17 nonmanufacturing industries surveyed, and $\$ 900,000$ less paid in weekly wages.

Indexes of employment and pay rolls, per capita weekly earnings, average hours worked per week, and average hourly earnings in August for 13 of the trade, public utility, mining and service industries, together with percentage changes from July 1935 and August 1934, are shown in table 3. Similar information, except indexes of employment and pay rolls, is also presented for private building construction. Man-hour data and indexes of employment and pay rolls are not available for banking, brokerage, or insurance establishments, but the table shows percentage changes in employment, pay rolls, and per capita weekly earnings for these three industries.

Table 3.-Employment, Pay Rolls, Hours, and Earnings, August 1935

| Industry | Employment |  |  | Pay roll |  |  | Per capita weekly earnings ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | A verage hours worked per week ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | A verage hourly earnings ${ }^{\text {' }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Index } \\ \text { Aug. } \\ \text { 1935 } \\ \text { (aver- } \\ \text { age } \\ 1929= \\ 100 \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | Percentage change from- |  | Index Aug. 1935 (average $1929=$ 100) | Percentage change from- |  | Average in Aug.1935 | Percentage change from- |  | Average in Aug.1935 | Percentage change from- |  | Average in ${ }_{1935}^{\text {Aug. }}$ | Percentage change from - |  |
|  |  | July | ${ }_{1934}$ Aug. |  | July 1935 | Aug. |  | July | $\underset{1934}{ }$ |  | ${ }^{\text {July }} 1935$ | Aug. |  | July | $\underset{1934}{\text { Aug. }}$ |
| Coal mining: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cents |  |  |
| Anthracite | 38.7 | $-21.7$ | -21.8 | 28.3 | -24.6 | $-28.7$ | \$21. 28 | $-3.8$ | -8.9 | 24.1 | -10.1 | -11.8 | 83.2 | +0.8 | -0.5 |
| Bituminous | 73.4 | +4.8 | -4.8 | 45.8 | $+27.6$ | -9.1 | 15.97 | +21.8 | -4.6 | 21.8 | +19.8 | $-2.7$ | 73.7 | + 0 | $+1.1$ |
| Metalliferous mining--.-.-..-.--- | 46.3 | +2.5 | +8.4 | 33.4 | +7.4 | +23.7 +8.8 | 22.32 | + +4.7 | +14.1 | 38.0 | +4.1 | +7.7 +9.7 | 58.0 | $\pm .3$ | +7.6 |
| Quarrying and nonmetallic mining | 51.0 78.9 | +.2 +1.9 | -6.8 | 36.3 61.1 | +5.6 +1.9 | +6.8 -.2 | 17.58 28.53 | +5.3 +.1 | +14.5 +4.6 | 37.5 36.4 | +5.3 +6.6 | +9.7 -1.2 | 47.0 76.7 | -. 6 | +3.8 |
| Pu ${ }^{2}$ lic utilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | +. | -1.2 |  |  |  |
| Telephone and telegraph..---.......-.....-- | 70.5 | $+3$ | -. 7 | 75.5 | -. 2 | $+2.0$ | 28.38 | -. 6 | +2.8 | 38.6 | +1.3 | -. 3 | 76.0 | -1.4 | +6.1 |
| Electric light and power and manufactured gas. | 85.7 | +1.1 | $+1$ | 81.5 | -( ${ }^{(2)}$ | +2.0 | 29.77 | -1.1 | +1.9 | 39.4 | $+.5$ | +1.8 | 74.9 | -1.6 | +2.2 |
| Electric-railroad and motor-bus operation and maintenance | 71.2 | -. 4 | -2.2 | 63.3 | -. 2 | $+.8$ | 28.30 | +. 2 | +3.0 | 44, 8 | +. 2 | +1.1 | 61.9 | -. 2 | +1.6 |
| Trade: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $+.2$ | +1.1 | 61.5 | -. 2 |  |
| Wholesale. | 82.8 | $+.9$ | +. 4 | 64.8 | $+3$ | +3.3 | 26.93 | $-6$ | $+3.0$ | 41.5 | +. 2 | $+2.1$ | 64.5 | -1.1 | $\pm .9$ |
| Retail. | 77.7 | -1.8 | $-1$ | 59.2 | -2.1 | +1.4 | 20.42 | -. 2 | +1.5 | 42.0 | $+.2$ | +4.9 | 51.7 | -. 2 | -. 5 |
| General merchandising | 81.7 | -3.4 | +. 6 |  | -3.8 | +3.1 | 17.79 | -. 4 | +2.5 | 38.4 | +. 3 | +2.2 | 48.2 | -. 6 | -. 3 |
| Other than general merchandising | 76.7 | -1.3 | $-3$ | 57.2 | -1.5 | +1.1 | 22.41 | -. 2 | +1.4 | 43.0 | +. 2 | +5.4 | 52.7 | -. 2 | -. 8 |
| Hotels (cash payments only) ${ }^{3}$ | 80.7 | +. 5 | +9 +8 | 62.0 | -2. 1 | +3.0 | 13.26 | -2. | +2.0 +3.3 | 47.8 | .0 -1.2 | +1.7 +4 | 27.5 | .0 -5 | .0 -5 |
| Laundries. ${ }^{\text {D y ing and cleaning. }}$ | 84.2 79.4 | -2.3 | +6 +1.0 | 69.2 58.2 | -2.4 | +3.9 +3.6 +2.6 | 15.56 <br> 17.98 | -2.1 | +3.3 +1.7 | 41.3 41.4 | -1.2 -.7 | +4.4 -2.7 | 36.3 43.1 | --1.8 | -1.1 |
| Banks......---...- | (1) | +.3 | +1.7 | (4) | +. 3 | +1.3 | 31.77 | +(1) | $-1.4$ | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) |
| Brokerage.- | (4) | +3.4 | $-3.9$ | (4) | +4.6 | -2.4 | 35. 60 | $+1.1$ | +1.6 | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) |
| Insurance-...-......... | (4) | -.2 +3.6 | +1.1 +7.6 | (4) | -5.0 +4.4 | +1.5 +16.8 | 35.76 25.06 | -4.8 +.8 | +.4 +8.7 |  | $\stackrel{(4)}{+} .3$ |  | (4) 80.8 |  | $\stackrel{(1)}{+2.1}$ |
| Building construction | (4) | +3.6 | +7.6 | ${ }^{4}$ | +4.4 | +16.8 | 25.06 | $+.8$ | +8.7 | 31.0 | +. 3 | +9.1 | 80.8 | +. 7 | +2.1 |

${ }^{1}$ Per capita weekly earnings are computed from figures furnished by all reporting establishments. A verage hours and average hourly earnings are computed from data furnished by a smaller number of establishments as some firms do not report man-hour information. Percentage changes over year computed from indexes.
${ }_{3}{ }^{3}$ Thess additional value of board, room, and tips cannot be computed.
${ }^{4}$ Not available.

Indexes of Employment and Pay Rolls in Trade, Public Utility, Mining, Service Industries, and Building Construction, January 1934 to August 1935

Indexes of employment and pay rolls in 13 trade, public utility, mining, and service industries and 2 subdivisions under retail trade are shown by months in table 4 for the period, January 1934 to August 1935.

Table 4. -Indexes of Employment and Pay Rolls, January 1934 to August $1935^{1}$
[12-month average, 1929=100.0]

| Month | Anthracite mining |  |  |  | Bituminous-coalmining |  |  |  | Metalliferous mining |  |  |  | Quarrying and non-metallic mining |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Employment |  | Pay rolls |  | $\underset{\text { Employ. }}{\text { Ement }}$ |  | Pay rolls |  | $\underset{\text { ment }}{\text { Employ. }}$ |  | Pay rolls |  | Employment |  | Pay rolls |  |
|  | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 |
| January | 64.1 | 62.9 | 73.2 | 57.5 | 75.8 | 80.0 | 51.3 | 59.6 | 39.6 | 44.3 | 25.4 | 30.1 | 39.7 | 36.9 | 21.3 | 20.8 |
| February | 63.2 | ${ }^{64.4}$ | ${ }_{88}^{65.8}$ | ${ }_{38}^{64.3}$ | 76.1 | ${ }^{81.1}$ | 54.6 | 66.1 | 40.3 | 45.3 | 25.0 | 29.9 | 38.8 | 37, 3 | ${ }^{21 .} 1$ | ${ }_{22} 22$ |
| A pril. | 58.2 | 52.6 | 51.7 | 49.9 | 72.8 | 74. 3 | 51.4 | 45.0 | 41.7 | 46.0 | 27.2 | 31. | 48.7 | 45.3 | 29.9 | 24.9 |
| May. | 63.8 | 53.5 | 64.0 | 49.5 | 76.7 | 75.3 | 54.4 | 49.1 | 40.8 | 44.4 | 25.6 | 31.4 | 54.3 | 49.5 | 35.0 | 32.8 |
| June. | 57.5 | 56.8 | 53.3 | 66.0 | 76.7 | 77.9 | 55.1 | 64.7 | 41.0 | 46.0 | 26.7 | 31.5 | 56.6 | 50.4 | 37.0 | 33.8 |
| July- | 53.6 | 49.4 | 42.3 | ${ }^{37.5}$ | 77.0 | 70.0 | 49.7 | 35.9 | 39.9 | 45. 2 | 25.1 | ${ }^{31.1}$ | 55.6 | 50.9 | 35.0 | 34.4 |
| August | 49.5 | 38.7 | 39.7 | 28.3 | 77.1 | 73.4 | 50.4 | 45.8 | 42.7 | 46.3 | 27.0 | 33.4 | 54. 7 | 51.0 | 34.0 | 36.3 |
| September | 58.9 |  | 48.3 |  | 78.3 |  | 51.6 |  | 43.3 |  | 28.2 |  | 51.8 |  | ${ }_{32.1}$ |  |
| November | 60.7 |  | 51.2 |  | 79.8 |  | 58.3 |  | 43.2 |  | 28.5 |  | 49.5 |  | 29.4 |  |
| December | 61.6 |  | 52.3 |  | 79.7 |  | 57.0 |  | 44.4 |  | 29.4 |  | 42.1 |  | 23.6 |  |
| A verag9- | 59.6 |  | 55.9 |  | 77.2 |  |  |  | 6 |  | 26.7 |  | 48.9 |  | 29.6 |  |
| Month | Crude-petroleum producing |  |  |  | Telephone and telegraph |  |  |  | Electric light and power and manufactured gas |  |  |  | Electric-railroad and motor-bus opera tion and mainte nance ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
|  | Employment |  | Pay rolls |  | Employment |  | Pay rolls |  | Employ- |  | Pay rolls |  | $\underset{\substack{\text { Employ- } \\ \text { ment }}}{ }$ |  | Pay rolls |  |
|  | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 |
| January | 73.2 | 74.9 | 53.0 | 55.5 | 70.2 | 70.5 | 69.0 | 73.9 | 82.2 | 82.7 | 73.8 | 78.0 | 70.5 | 71.2 | 59.2 | 62.9 |
| February | 72.4 | 74.2 | 50.5 | 54.9 | 69.8 | 70.0 |  | 72.9 | 81.2 | 82.2 | 74.4 | 78.3 | ${ }^{71.0}$ | 71.0 | ${ }^{60.1}$ | 63. 1 |
| April. | 74.0 | 74.9 | 53.4 | 56.7 | 70.2 | 69.7 | 68.8 | 73.1 | 82.4 | 82.6 | 76.8 | 79.0 | 72.2 | 71.4 | 62.9 | 63. 3 |
| May. | 76.7 | 76.0 | 56.4 | 57.8 | 70.2 | 70.0 | 71.4 | 73.7 | 83.1 | 83.2 | 77.6 | 79.8 | 72.6 | 71.6 | 63.0 | 63.6 |
| June. | 80.0 | 376.7 | 56.9 | 359.2 | 70.4 | 70.2 | 71.3 | 74.4 | 84.0 | 83.8 | 77.8 | 79.8 | 73.2 | 71.7 | 63.2 | 63.9 |
| July | 81.6 | ${ }^{3} 77.4$ | 60.0 | ${ }^{359.9}$ | 71.0 | 70.3 | 72.3 | 75.7 | 85.0 | 84.7 | 81.1 | 81.5 | 73.1 | 71.5 | 63. | 63.4 |
| August | 82.7 | 78.9 | 61.2 | 61.1 | 71.0 | 70.5 | 74.0 | 75.5 | 85.6 | 85.7 | 79.9 | 81.5 | 72.8 | 71.2 | 62.8 | 63.3 |
| September..-- | 81.8 |  | 59.7 |  | 70.9 |  | 72.2 |  | 85.8 |  | 79.3 |  | 72.5 |  | 62.4 |  |
| October. | 79.5 |  | 60.8 |  | 70.3 |  | 74.9 |  | 85.8 |  | 80.6 |  | 72.2 |  | 63.0 |  |
| November | 78.8 |  | 59.0 |  | 69.9 |  | 72.2 |  | 85.5 |  | 79.6 |  | 71.8 |  | 61.8 |  |
| December... | 78.7 |  | 59.5 |  | 69.7 |  | 73.2 |  | 83.6 |  | 78.3 |  | 71.0 |  | 62.3 |  |
| Averace. | 77.7 |  | 56.9 |  | 70.3 |  | 71.5 |  | 83.8 |  | 77. |  | 72. |  | 62.2 |  |

[^1]Table 4.-Indexes of Employment and Pay Rolls, January 1934 to August $1935^{1-}$-Continued

| Month | Wholesale trade |  |  |  | Total retail trade |  |  |  | Retail trade-general merchandising |  |  |  | Retail trade-other than general merchandising |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Employment |  | Pay rolls |  | Employment |  | Pay rolls |  | Employment |  | Pay rolls |  | $\underset{\text { Employ- }}{\text { Emp }}$ |  | Pay rolls |  |
|  | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 |
| J anuary. | 80.6 | 84.2 | 60.3 | 63.9 | 79.8 | 79.5 | 59.0 | 59.7 | 86.6 | 87.3 | 71.1 | 73.5 | 78.0 | 77.4 | 56.5 | 56.9 |
| February | 81.2 | 84.6 | 61.0 | 64.6 | 79.6 | 79.2 | 58.8 | 59.3 | 85.0 | 86.2 | 68.9 | 72.3 | 78.2 | 77.3 | 56.7 | 56.6 |
| March | 81.8 | 84.0 | 62.0 | 65.2 | 81.5 | 80.2 | 59.8 | 60.4 | 90.1 | 88.7 | 71.5 | 74.1 | 79.3 | 78.0 | 57, 4 | 57.6 |
| April. | 82.1 | 83. 2 | 63.1 | 64.8 | 82.5 | 83.6 | 61. 2 | 62.5 | 91.0 | 94.5 | 74.0 | 77.5 | 80.3 | 80.7 | 58.5 | 59.4 |
| May | 82.8 | 82.5 | 62.6 | 64.6 | 82.9 | 82.2 | 61.5 | 62.0 | 92.0 | 91.4 | 74. 5 | 76.3 | 80.5 | 79.8 | 58.8 | 59.0 |
| June | 82.3 | 82.1 | 62.8 | 64.6 | 82.6 | 82.1 | 61. 4 | 62.4 | 90.6 | 90.7 | 73.9 | 76.3 | 80.5 | 79.8 | 58.8 | 59.5 |
| July | 82. 2 | 82.1 | 63.8 | 64.6 | 79.0 | 70. 1 | 60. 1 | ${ }^{60.5}$ | 83.0 | 84. 5 | 69.5 | 71.8 | 77.9 | 77.7 | 58.2 | 58. 1 |
| August | 82.5 | 82.8 | 62. 7 | 64.8 | 77.8 | 77.7 | 58.4 | 59.2 | 81. 2 | 81.7 | 66.9 | 69.0 | 76.9 | 76.7 | 56.6 | 57.2 |
| September---- | 83.5 |  | 63.6 |  | 81.7 |  | 60.6 | -... | 91.5 |  | 74.0 |  | 79. 1 |  | 57.8 |  |
| October- | 84.3 |  | 64.5 |  | 82.6 |  | 61.9 | --- | 94.2 |  | 77.3 |  | 79.5 |  | 58.7 |  |
| November | 85.1 |  | 64.2 |  | 83.7 |  | 61.9 |  | 99.9 |  | 80.2 |  | 79.4 |  | 58.1 |  |
| December | 85.0 |  | 64.8 |  | 91.1 |  | 66.2 |  | 128.4 |  | 99.0 |  | 81.3 |  | 59.4 |  |
| A verage | 82.8 |  | 63.0 |  | 82.1 |  | 60.9 |  | 92.8 |  |  |  | 79.2 |  |  |  |
|  | Month |  |  |  | Year-round hotels |  |  |  | Laundries |  |  |  | Dyeing and cleaning |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Employ- } \\ \text { ment } \end{gathered}$ |  | Pay rolls |  | Employment |  | Pay rolls |  | Employment |  | Pay rolls |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 | 1934 | 1935 |
| January |  |  |  |  | 76.4 | 80.3 | 57.2 | 62. 2 | 78.5 | 79.6 | 61.7 | 63.9 | 68.1 | 70.3 | 46.8 | 504 |
| February |  |  |  |  | 78.9 | 81.1 | 60.9 | 63.5 | 78.4 | 79.6 | 61.7 | 64.1 | 68.1 | 69.6 | 46.3 | 49.8 |
| March. |  |  |  |  | 80.4 | 80.8 | 62. 2 | 63.9 | 79.2 | 79.7 | 62.7 | 64.6 | 72.4 | 72.5 | 51.7 | 53.5 |
| April |  |  |  |  | 81.5 | 81.1 | 62.7 | 63. 6 | 80.5 | 80.0 | 64.4 | 65. 5 | 79.9 | 79.9 | 60.8 | 61.9 |
| May |  |  |  |  | 81.8 | 81.6 | 62. 9 | 63.7 | 82.1 | 81.1 | 66.9 | 66.6 | 84.3 | 80.9 | 65.1 | 61.7 |
| June |  |  |  |  | 81.9 | 81. 3 | 62. 9 | 63.5 | 84. 0 | 82.3 | 68.3 | 68.2 | 84.9 | 83.6 | 64.1 | 657 |
| July |  |  |  |  | 80.4 | 80.3 | 61.5 | 62.1 | 84. 6 | 84. 4 | 68.2 | 70.9 | 80.5 | 81.7 | 58. 9 | 61.5 |
| August |  |  |  |  | 80.0 | 80. 7 | 60.2 | 620 | 83.7 | 84.2 | 66.6 | 69.2 | 78.6 | 79.4 | 56.7 | 58.2 |
| September |  |  |  |  | 80.0 |  | 61.0 |  | 82.9 |  | 65.9 |  | 80.0 |  | 59.0 |  |
| October. |  |  |  |  | 80.9 |  | 62.7 |  | 81.7 |  | 64.8 |  | 80.3 |  | 59.1 |  |
| November |  |  |  |  | 80.6 |  | 62.4 |  | 80.3 |  | 63.7 |  | 75.8 |  | 53.9 |  |
| December |  |  |  |  | 80.0 |  | 62.2 |  | 79.5 |  | 63.3 |  | 72.4 |  | 51.1 |  |
| A verage |  |  |  |  | 80.2 |  | 61.6 |  | 81.3 |  | 64.9 |  | 77.1 |  | 56.1 |  |

${ }^{1}$ See footnote on P. 14.

## Employment on Class I Railroads

According to preliminary reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission there were 999,066 workers exclusive of executives and officials employed in August by class I railroads-that is, roads having operating revenues of $\$ 1,000,000$ or over. This represents a decrease of 0.7 percent in comparison with the $1,006,495$ workers employed in July. Information concerning pay rolls in August was not a vailable at the time this report was prepared. The total compensation of all employees except executives and officials in July was $\$ 134,992,051$ compared with $\$ 131,887,181$ in June, a gain of 2.4 percent.

The Commission's preliminary ir dexes of employment, taking the 3 -year average, $1923-25$ as 1000 , are 57.0 for July and 56.6 for August. The fnal June index is 56.8 .

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## Trend of Employment by States

Changes in employment and pay rolls from July to August 1935 are shown by States in table 5 for all groups combined (except building construction) and for all manufacturing industries combined. Data for nonmanufacturing groups which were formerly published in this table are omitted from this printed report but are available in the office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The percentage changes shown in the table, unless otherwise noted, are unweighted. That is, the industries included in the manufacturing group and in the grand total have not been weighted according to their relative importance.

Table 5.-Comparison of Employment and Pay Rolls in Identical Establishments in July and August 1935, by Geographic Divisions and by States
[Figures in italics are not compiled by the Burean of Labor Statistics but are taken from reports issued by cooperating State organizations]


See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5.-Comparison of Employment and Pay Rolls in Identical Establishments in July and August 1935, by Geographic Divisions and by States-Con.
[Figures in italics are not compiled bv the Bureau of Labor Statistics but are taken from reports issued by cooperating State organizations]

| Geographic division and State | Total-All groups |  |  |  |  | Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of estab-lishments | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { on pay } \\ & \text { roll } \\ & \text { August } \\ & 1935 \end{aligned}$ | Per-centage change from July 1035 | Amount of pay roll (1 week) August 1935 | Per-centage change from July 1935 | Number of estab-lishments | Number on pay roll August 1935 | Per-centage change from July 1935 | Amount of pay roll (1 week) August 1935 | Per-centage change from July 1935 |
| East South Central | 4,363 | 218,851 | $+2.7$ | \$3, 989, 698 | +6.1 | 916 | 117,324 | +4.5 | 82,265,417 | +8.1 |
| Fentucky | 1,369 | 83, 482 | $+3.3$ | 1, 454, 958 | $+9.1$ | 282 | 33,952 | +6, | 618,459 | +10.2 |
| Pennessee | 1, 211 | 81, 379 | $+1.3$ | 1,345, 751 | +4.0 | 306 | 57, 343 | +2.1 | 902, 862 | $+5.7$ |
| Alabama. | 1,196 | 68, 444 | $+2.9$ | 963, 554 | +3.9 | 235 | 46,914 | +4.3 | fi:30,599 | $+7.5$ |
| Mississippi...- | 587 | 15,546 | --7.2 | 225, 435 | +9.4 | 95 | 9,115 | +12.9 | 113,497 | $+20.7$ |
| West Suuth Central | 4,401 | 166,026 | $+8$ | 3,390, 834 | +1.2 | 951 | 82,488 | +1.1 | 1, 683,876 | +2.6 |
| Arkansas. - | 9735 | 25,940 | +. 1 | 421, 181 | $-.1$ | 296 | 17, 786 | -. | 261,521 | $-1.4$ |
| Louisiana | 971 | 40,928 | +. 2 | 734, 926 | +1.2 | 214 | 20, 245 | $-.2$ | 320,090 | $+2.6$ |
| Oklahoma. | 1,452 | 38,491 | $+1.1$ | 821, 182 | -. 1 | 130 | 9,593 | $+3.5$ | 200, 150 | $-4.0$ |
| Texas | 1,243 | 60,667 | +1. ${ }^{\text {B }}$ | 1,419,545 | +2.4 | 311. | 34,894 | $+1.9$ | 8 82,115 | +.6 |
| Mountain | 4, 404 | 114,492 | +.3 | 2,570,202 | +2.0 | 551 | 35, 185 | -3. 5 | :51,278 | +-. 9 |
| Montana | 804 | 16, 903 | $+3.0$ | 446, 712 | +4.7 | 71 | 4, 185 | $+3.1$ | 105, 839 | $+9.5$ |
| Idaho. | 448 | 9,080 | -2.9 | 198,254 | +5.6 | 54 | 3,782 | -6.8 | 86, 283 | +6. 7 |
| W yoming | 358 | 8,565 | +6.3 | 208,025 | +1.6 | 42 | 1,827 | $+2.5$ | 50, 050 | $+2.2$ |
| Colorado. | 1,055 | 49, 440 | +3.5 | 881,752 | +3.6 | 179 | 14,687 | +4.7 | 309,669 | $+5.9$ |
| New Mexico.-- | 372 | 6. 572 | $+.3$ | 122, 987 | +2.3 | 25 | 645 | -. 3 | 10,350 | +4.1 |
| Arizona. | 502 | 11,353 | $-1.6$ | 252, 163 | +2.4 | 45 | 2,462 | $-6.5$ | 50, 026 | $+2.9$ |
| Utah | 609 | 18,396 | $-8.0$ | 376, 184 | $-5.8$ | 101 | 6,812 | $-19.3$ | 116,929 | $-19.1$ |
| Nevada | 246 | 3, 183 | -. 7 | 83, 825 | $+1.0$ | 31. | 7817 | -3.2 | 5, 22,132 | - 6.6 |
| Pacific. | 5,963 | 406, 273 | $+8.8$ | 9, 930,086 | +9.4 +9.4 | 1,690 | 231, 453 | +14.8 | 5,466, 143 | +17.7 |
| Washingto | 3,056 | 87,352 | $+9.7$ | 1,992,927 | $+14.3$ | 478 | 45, 434 | $+18.5$ | 983, 737 | $+31.3$ |
| Oregon | 1,255 | 49, 917 | +4.7 | 1, 127, 749 | +6.8 | 256 | 28, 391 | +4.7 | 610, 53s | +12.2 |
| California | 101,652 | 269,004 | $+9.3$ | 6,809,410 | $+8.5$ | 956 | 157,628 | +15.8 | 3,871, 868 | +15.6 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes construction, municipal, agricultural, and office employment, amusement and recreation professional services, and trucking and handling.
${ }^{2}$ Includes laundering and cleaning, but does not include food, canning, and preserving.
${ }^{3}$ Inclu les laundries.
${ }^{4}$ Includes miscellaneous services, building and contracting, and restaurants.
Includes construction, but does not inelude hotels and restaurants, and public works.
${ }^{6}$ Weighted percentage change.
${ }^{7}$ Less than 1,10 of 1 percent.
${ }^{8}$ Includes construction, miscellaneous services (theaters), and restaurants.

- Includes automobile dealers and garages, and sand, gravel, and building stone.
${ }^{10}$ Includes banks, insurance, and office employment.


## Employment and Pay Rolls in Principal Cities

A comparison of August employment and pay-roll totals with July totals in 13 cities of the United States having a population of 500,000 or over is made in table 6 . The changes are computed from reports received from identical establishments in each of the months considered.

In addition to reports included in the several industrial groups regularly covered in the survey of the Bureau, reports have also been secured from establishments in other industries for inclusion in these city totals. As information concerning employment in building construction is not available for all cities at this time, figures for this industry have not been included in these city totals.

Table 6.-Fluctuations In Employment and Pay Rolls in August 1935 as Compared With July 1935

| Cities | Number of establishments reporting in both months | Number on pay rolls |  | Percentage change from July 1935 | Amount of pay roll (1 week) |  | Per-centagechangefromJuly1935 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | July 1935 | ${ }_{1935}$ |  | July 1935 | ${ }_{1935}^{\text {August }}$ |  |
| New York City | 13, 668 | 538, 769 | 550, 190 | +2.1 | \$13, 951, 771 | \$14, 507, 222 | +4.0 |
| Chicago, Ill. | 2,620 | 328, 836 | 326, 549 | -. 7 | 8, 168,948 | 8, 116, 612 | -. 6 |
| Philadelphia, Pa | 2,709 | 210,847 | 211, 560 | $+.3$ | 4,857, 146 | 4,985, 997 | +2.7 |
| Detroit, Mich . | 1,482 | 287, 907 | 280, 216 | -2.7 | 7,207, 793 | 7,099, 325 | -1.5 |
| Los Angeles, Calif | 2,449 | 114, 713 | 116,870 | +1.9 | 2,784,608 | 2, 854, 334 | +2.5 |
| Cleveland, Ohio.. | 1,825 | 125,508 | 125, 347 | -. 1 | 2,889, 955 | 2, 923, 378 | +1.2 |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 1,787 | 117,033 | 118, 307 | +1.1 | 2,632, 874 | 2, 650, 062 | +.7 |
| Baltimore, Md | 1,342 | 77, 722 | 78,995 | +1.6 | 1,672, 000 | 1,719,764 | $+2.9$ |
| Boston, Mass. | 3,792 | 152,420 | 155, 107 | +1.8 | 3, 588, 532 | 3,689, 404 | +2.8 |
| Pittsburgh, Pa | 1,362 | 147, 171 | 149,801 | +1.8 | 3, 036, 872 | 3,326, 890 | $+9.5$ |
| San Francisco, Ca | 1,543 | 78, 398 | 82, 225 | +4.9 | 2,079, 773 | 2, 165, 034 | +4.1 |
| Buffalo, N. Y | 1,030 | 62, 281 | 62,829 | +. 9 | 1,407,337 | 1,481, 873 | +5.3 |
| Milwaukee, Wis. | 700 | 68,580 | 68, 836 | +. 4 | 1,586, 102 | 1,625,061 | +2.5 |

## Part II.-Public Employment

Five of the various classes of public employment showed increases during August. The largest relative gain, 41.5 percent, was in construction projects financed by regular governmental appropriations. A large increase in employment was also registered in emergency conservation work in August. The greatest decrease, 27.3 percent, occurred in the emergency-work program. Small losses were shown in the judicial service, Public Works Administration construction projects, and on construction projects financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The first monthly statistics for The Works Program revealed over 143,000 workers employed. Of this number, approximately 113,000 were working on projects operated by the Works Progress Administration. The remaining workers were employed by the various Federal agencies receiving allotments from the Works Progress fund.

A sumnary of employment and pay rolls financed in whole or in part by Federal funds is given in table 7 for August.

Table 7.-Summary of Employment and Pay Rolls Financed in Whole or in Part by Federal Funds, August 1935
[Preliminary figures]

| Class | Employment |  | Percentage change | Pay roll |  | Percentage change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Angust | July |  | August | July |  |
| Federal service: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Executive | 12770,336 | ${ }^{3} 731,539$ | +5.3 | \$115, 789, 800 | \$111, 110, 248 | +4.2 |
| Judicial | 1,732 | 1,766 | $-1.9$ | 470, 939 | 473, 044 | -. 4 |
| Legislative | 5,147 | 5,014 | +2.7 | 1,204, 204 | 1, 181, 349 | +1.9 |
| Military----------1.-.-. | 269,459 | 261,067 | +3.2 | 20, 846, 275 | 20,689, 446 | +. 8 |
| Construction projects financed by P. W. A... | 394, 509 | 405, 332 | -2.7 | 25, 292, 656 | 24, 968, 785 | +1.3 |
| Construction projects financed by R. F. C. | 9,415 | 9,581 | $-1.7$ | 1,020,208 | 1,001,653 | $+1.9$ |
| Construction projects financed by regular governmental appropriations. | 36, 491 | 25,788 | +41.5 | 2, 694, 822 | 1, 890, 209 | +42.6 |
|  | 143, 094 |  |  | 4, 340, 749 |  |  |
| Relief work: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency work program. | 1,401,394 | 3 1,928, 789 | $-27.3$ | 37, 823, 716 | 3 53, 136, 834 | -28.8 |
| Emergency conservation work... | 4588, 582 | 8480, 586 | +22.5 | ${ }^{4} 26,168,439$ | ${ }^{5} 22,074,577$ | +18.5 |

[^2]
## Executive, Legislative, Military, and Judicial Services of the Federal Government

Employment increased during August in the executive, legislative, and military services of the Federal Government. The judicial branch, however, showed a decline of 1.9 percent. The total pay roll for all branches of the Federal service amounted to over $\$ 138,000,000$, an increase of about $\$ 5,000,000$ in comparison with July.

The information concerning employment in the executive departments is collected by the Civil Service Commission from the different departments and offices of the United States Government. The figures are tabulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data for the legislative, judical, and military services are collected and tabulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
A comparison of the number of employees in the executive departments of the Federal Government in August with the number employed in July and the corresponding month of last year is shown in table 8. Data for employees working in the District of Columbia are shown separately.

Table 8.-Employees in the Executive Service of the United States, August 1934, July 1935, and August 1935


[^3]In August 38,797 more employees were working in the executive branches of the Federal Government than in the previous month. Compared with the corresponding month of last year Federal employment showed an increase of 13.5 percent in the District of Columbia and 10.9 percent outside the District. For the service as a whole employment in August was 11.3 percent higher than in August 1934.

The gain in Federal employment during the month was largely accounted for by the transfer of employees from several State emergency relief administrations to the Works Progress Administration. Apart from the Works Progress Administration, the Resettlement Administration with 4,145 more employees in August than in July showed the greatest increase. Substantial gains in employment, however, were also reported by the Departments of Labor, Agriculture, Interior, and War. On the other hand, the personnel of the Commerce Department was reduced by approximately 2,000 . The staffs of the National Recovery Administration, the Post Office Department, and the Tennessee Valley Authority were also reduced during the month.

## Construction Projects Financed by Public Works Acministration

More than 394,000 people were working at the site of Public Works Administration construction projects in August. ${ }^{1}$ Compared with July this is a decrease of approximately 10,000 wage earners.

Pay-roll disbursements for the month were in excess of $\$ 25,000,000$ and with the exception of June were the highest for any month of the current year. Over $37,000,000$ man-hours at the sites were worked and the average hourly earnings were 68 cents. During the month orders were placed for construction materials valued at more than $\$ 47,000,000$.

Details concerning employment, pay rolls, and man-hours worked during August on construction projects financed by Public Works Administration funds are given, by type of project, in table 9.

Table 9.-Employment and Pay Rolls on Construction Projects Financed from Public Works Funds, August 1935


[^4]Compared with July, employment on Federal construction projects decreased by 18,794 . The principal factor contributing to this decline was the reduction of 16,848 workers employed on publicroad construction. Moderate increases in employment were shown in naval vessel construction, reclamation projects, and in river, harbor, and flood-control work.

On non-Federal construction projects 8,500 wage earners were added to the pay rolls in August. Reports for the month showed gains in the number of men employed in every type of non-Federal project with the exception of railroad construction.

On Federal projects earnings per hour averaged 63 cents. Average hourly earnings ranged from 82 cents in forestry work to 52 cents paid on public-road projects. On non-Federal projects the average hourly wage was 79 cents; the highest average wage, 91 cents, was paid to workers on building-construction projects.

Federal construction projects are financed entirely by allotments made by the Public Works Administration to the various agencies and departments of the Federal Government. The work is performed either by commercial firms, which have been awarded contracts, or by day labor hired directly by the Federal agencies.

Non-Federal projects are financed by allotments made by the Public Works Administration to a State or one of its political subdivisions, but occasionally allotments are made to commercial firms. In making allotments to the States or their political subdivisions, but not to commercial enterprises, the Public Works Administration makes a direct grant of not more than 30 percent of the total construction cost. The remaining 70 percent or more of the cost is financed by the recipient. The Public Works Administration, in some instances, provides the additional financing by means of a loan; in other cases the loan is procured from outside sources. Loans made by the Public Works Administration carry interest charges and have a definite date of maturity.

Grants are not made to commercial firms, though loans are made. For the most part, commercial allotments have been made to railroads. Railroad work financed by loans made by the Public Works Administration falls under three headings: First, construction work in the form of electrification, the laying of rails and ties, repairs to buildings, bridges, etc.; second, the building and repairing of locomotives and passenger and freight cars in shops operated by the railroads; and third, locomotive and passenger- and freight-car building in commercial shops.

Information concerning the first type of railroad work, i.e., construction, is shown in table 9, page 21. Employment in car and locomotive shops owned by the railroads and in commercial car and locomotive shops is shown in a separate table. (See table 11, page 24.)

## Comparisons by Geographic Divisions

Employment, pay rolls, and man-hours worked on construction projects financed by the Public Works Administration fund in August 1935 are shown, by geographic divisions, in table 10.

Table 10.-Employment and Pay Rolls on Construction Projects Financed from Public Works Funds, August 1935
[Subject to revision]

| Geographic division | Wage earners |  | Amount of pay rolls | Number of man-hours worked | Average earnings per hour | Value of material orders placed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Maximum number employed ${ }^{1}$ | Weekly average |  |  |  |  |
|  | Federal projects |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 254, 201 | 245, 664 | \$15, 822, 109 | 25, 145, 753 | \$0.629 | 3 \$27, 445, 335. |
| New England | 14, 420 | 14,098 | 1, 191, 342 | 1,683, 434 | 708 | 989, 696 |
| Middle Atlantic | 27,590 | 26,497 | 2,084, 400 | 2,992, 025 | . 697 | 1,835, 376 |
| East North Central | 33, 295 | 32, 143 | 1,954, 048 | 2,808, 014 | . 696 | 1, 346, 717 |
| West North Central | 41,287 | 39,948 | 1,620,302 | 2,893, 974 | . 560 | 925,484 |
| South Atlantic | 41,737 | 40, 172 | 2, 537,043 | 4, 246, 784 | . 597 | 2, 578, 574 |
| East South Central | 32,577 | 32, 216 | 2, 129, 910 | 3,864, 514 | . 551 | 827, 740 |
| West South Central | 22,510 | 22, 180 | 869,001 | 1,927, 991 | . 451 | 196, 332 |
| Mountain. | 22, 630 | 21,348 | 1,815,972 | 2, 597, 131 | . 699 | 2, 269,347 |
| Pacific. | 14,809 | 14,087 | 1,420, 259 | 1,754,869 | . 809 | 2, 857, 323 |
| Outside continental United States. | 3,344 | 2,973 | 199, 712 | 376, 897 | . 530 | 268, 672 |
|  | Non-Federal projects |  |  |  |  |  |
| All divisions. | 134, 673 | 112,008 | \$8,881, 558 | 11,223, 005 | \$0.791 | \$20, 191, 024 |
| New England | 12,298 | 10, 161 | 793,035 | 1,059,445 | . 749 | 1,637, 522 |
| Middle Atlantic. | 28,643 | 23, 661 | 2, 326, 401 | 2, 544, 070 | . 914 | 6, 370, 805 |
| East North Central | 21, 631 | 18, 201 | 1, 369, 311 | 1,623, 997 | . 843 | 3, 407, 906 |
| West North Central | 23, 444 | 19,763 | 1, 462, 729 | 1,955, 007 | . 748 | 3, 512, 137 |
| South Atlantic. | 14,672 | 12,391 | 869, 766 | 1,333, 949 | . 652 | 984, 121 |
| East South Central | 4,974 | 4, 107 | 250, 749 | 402, 801 | . 623 | 520, 443. |
| West South Central | 11,096 | 8,661 | 534, 408 | 849, 424 | . 629 | 1, 200, 356 |
| Mountain.. | 3,816 | 3,085 | 238, 644 | 288, 975 | . 826 | 768,527 |
| Pacific. | 13,470 | 11, 489 | 998, 316 | 1, 110,693 | . 899 | 1, 726,879 |
| Outside continental United States- | 629 | 489 | 38, 199 | 54, 644 | . 699 | 62, 328 |

${ }^{1}$ Maximum number employed during any 1 week of the month by each contractor and Government. agency doing force-account work. Includes weekly average for public-road projects.
${ }^{2}$ Includes data for 2 wage earners which cannot be charged to any specific ceographic division.
3 Includes $\$ 13,350,000$ estimated value of material orders placed for public-road projects which cannot be charged to any specific geographic division.

During August there was a decline in employment on Federal Public Works Administration construction projects in all geographic divisions. The most drastic decrease involving 4,516 employees occurred in the Middle Atlantic States. On non-Federal projects, however, six of thegeographic divisions showed increased employment. Taking Federal and non-Federal construction projects as a whole the West North Central States had the greatest number of employees.
Average hourly earnings on Federal projects were highest in the Pacific States and lowest in the West South Central States. On
non-Federal projects the highest average earnings per hour were paid in the Middle Atlantic States and the lowest in the East South Central States.

Table 11 shows employment, pay rolls, and man-hours worked during August 1935 in railway-car and locomotive shops on projects financed from the Public Works Administration fund, by geographic divisions.

Table 11.--Employment and Pay Rolls in Railway-Car and Locomotive Shops on Work Financed from Public Works Administration Funds, August 1935
[Subject to revision]

| Gengraphic division | Wage earners |  | ```Amount of pay rolls``` | Number of manhours worked | Average earnings per hour | Value of material orders placed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Maximum number employed ${ }^{1}$ | Semimonthly average |  |  |  |  |
| Total, railroad and commercial shops. | 5,635 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{3} \mathbf{\$ 5 8 8 , 9 8 9}$ | 4765,231 | \$0.726 | (2) |
|  | Railroad shops |  |  |  |  |  |
| All divisions. | 1,079 | 1,009 | 3 \$95, 029 | 487,069 | \$0.709 | \$8,355 |
| New England <br> Middle Atlantic | 142 937 | 142 867 | 7,983 $\mathbf{8 7}, 046$ | 9,882 477,187 | .808 .697 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,500 \\ & 6,855 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Commercial shops |  |  |  |  |  |
| All divisions................-.......-- | 4,556 | (2) | \$493, 960 | 678, 162 | \$0.728 | (2) |
| New England..........--------.-- | 4 | (2) | 187 | 352 | . 531 | (2) |
| Middle Atlantic.. | 4,025 | (2) | 446, 478 | 606, 497 | . 736 | (2) |
| East North Central | 464 | (2) | 41, 434 | 61,098 | . 678 | (2) |
| West North Central.-.-.-.------- | 63 | (2) | 5,861 | 10, 215 | . 574 | (2) |

${ }^{1}$ Maximum number employed during either semimonthly period by each shop.
${ }^{2}$ Data not available
3 Includes $\$ 33,358$ paid to certain wage earners in an adjustment of piece rates.
4 Includes 105 hours involved in an adjustment of earnings.
Compared with the previous month there was a decrease of more than 500 in the number of workers under Public Works Administration contracts engaged in building and repairing locomotives and passenger and freight cars in August.

## Monthly Trend

Employment, pay rolls, and man-hours worked at the site of Public Works Administration construction projects from the beginning of the program in July 1933 to August 1935, are shown in table 12.

Table 12.-Employment and Pay Rolls, July 1933 to August 1935 Inclusive, on Projects Financed from Public-Works Funds
[Subject to revision]

| Month and year | Maximum number of wage earners ${ }^{1}$ | Amount of pay rolls | Number of man-hours worked | Average earnings per hour | Value of material orders placed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| July 1933 to August 1935, inclusive ${ }^{2}$ |  | \$511, 032, 059 | 840.729, 642 | \$0.608 | \$970, 508, 317 |
| 1933 |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | 4,719 | 131,937 | 206, 990 | . 637 | 202, 100 |
| September | 39, 535 | 1, 784,996 | 3,296, 162 | . 542 | 1,628,537 |
| October- | 146, 747 | 6, 353, 835 | 12,029,751 | . 528 | ${ }^{2} 23,351.150$ |
| November | 255, 512 | 11,552, 547 | 21, 759,245 | . 531 | 24, 568, 577 |
| December. | 300,758 | 13, 091, 587 | 24, 391, 546 | . 537 | 25, 702, 750 |
| 1934 |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 298, 069 | 12, 646, 241 | 23, 409, 908 | . 540 | 24, 206, 352 |
| February | 311, 381 | 14, 348, 094 | 26, 544,346 | . 541 | 25, 269, 537 |
| March | 307, 274 | 14, 113, 247 | 25,501,446 | . 553 | - 69, 766, 559 |
| April. | 382, 220 | 18, 785, 405 | 32,937, 649 | . 570 | ${ }^{4} 68,526,223$ |
| May | 506, 056 | 25, 942, 387 | 46, 052, 698 | . 563 | ${ }^{4} 50,468,427$ |
| June. | 610, 752 | 33, 808, 429 | 59, 873, 309 | . 565 | 4 60, 797, 939 |
| July. | 644, 729 | 34. 845, 461 | 60, 736, 768 | . 574 | ${ }^{4} 53,377,997$ |
| August ${ }^{2}$ | 629, 907 | 36, 480, 027 | 61. 925.300 | . 589 | 4 54, 192,443 |
| September | 575, 655 | 32, 758, 795 | 53, 427, 096 | . 613 | ${ }^{4} 50,878,000$ |
| October. | 507, 886 | 29, 289, 216 | 46, 632, 214 | . 628 | 4 40, 234, 495 |
| November | 470, 467 | 28, 791, 297 | 46, 454, 108 | . 620 | 54, 228, 457 |
| December | 382, 594 | 22, 443, 944 | 34, 955, 156 | . 642 | 4 45, 683, 081 |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |  |
| January_ | 304, 723 | 18, 462, 677 | 27, 478, 022 | . 672 | 4 30, 746, 857 |
| February | 272, 273 | 16, 896, 475 | 25, 144, 558 | . 672 | 29, 264, 484 |
| March. | 281, 461 | 17, 400, 798 | 26, 008, 063 | . 669 | 27, 276, 566 |
| April. | 333, 045 | 20,939, 741 | 31, 387, 712 | . 667 | 31, 645, 166 |
| May. | 394, 875 | 24, 490, 087 | 36, 763, 164 | . 667 | $436,893,840$ |
| June. | 414, 306 | 25, 386, 962 | 38, 800, 178 | . 654 | ${ }^{2}$ 42, 017, 642 |
| July | 405, 332 | 24, 968, 785 | 37, 845, 047 | 660 | ${ }^{2} 41,936,424$ |
| August | 394, 509 | 25, 292, 656 | 37, 133, 989 | . 681 | 47, 644, 714 |

1 Maximum number employed during any 1 week of the month by each contractor and Government agency doing force-account work. Includes weekly average for public-road projects.
${ }_{2}$ Revised.
8 Includes orders placed for material for naval vessels prior to October 1933.

- Includes orders placed by railroads for new equipment.

In the aggregate more than $\$ 511,000,000$ has been paid in wages for work at the site of Public Works Administration construction projects. Hourly earnings have averaged 61 cents. Since July 1933 the value of material orders placed has amounted to more than $\$ 970,000,000$.

## Value of Material Orders Placed

The value of materials for which orders have been placed from the beginning of the Public Works program to August 1935, by type of material, is shown in table 13.

Table 13.-Value of Material Orders Placed for Public-Works Projects, by Type of Material and Industry Groups
[Subject to revision]


Table 13.-Value of Material Orders Placed for Public-Works Projects, by Type of Material and Industry Groups-Continued

| Type of material | Value of material ordersplaced- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | From begin ning of pro${ }_{\substack{\text { nam } \\ \text { natat to }}}$ July 15, 1935 |  |
| Machinery, not including transportation equipment: |  |  |
| Electrical machinery, apparatus, and supplies | \$43,720,464 1 | \$1, 256, 227 |
| Engines. turbines, tractors, and water wheels- | 12, 1236,041 | 2,149, ${ }^{\text {a }} 181$ |
| Foundry and machine-shop products, not elsewhere classifed | - | 5, 113,187 |
| Meters (gas, water, etc.) and gas generators | , 558,063 | 35,249 |
| ${ }_{\text {Pumps and }}$ pumping | 11, 4838,083 |  |
| Transportation equipment, air, land, and |  |  |
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|  | - 429,443 |  |
| Miscellaneous: |  |  |
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|  | 884, 859 | ${ }_{46,786}$ |
| Theatrical scenery and stage equipment | 43, 129 | 2,127 |
| Other mate | 39,311, 168 | 1,536,889 |

Since the inception of the Public Works program orders have been placed for materials valued at over $\$ 970,000,000$. It is estimated that in fabricating this material approximately $3,170,000$ man-months of labor have been or will be created in the fabricating establishments. Materials for which orders were placed during August will create about 153,000 man-months of labor. This accounts only for labor required in the fabrication of material in the form in which it is to be used. In fabricating steel rails, for example, the only labor counted is that occurring in the rolling mills. An estimate is not made for the labor created in mining, smelting, and transporting the ore; nor for the labor in the blast furnaces, the open-hearth furnaces, nor the blooming mills.

In obtaining information concerning man-months of labor created in fabricating materials, each firm receiving a material order which is to be financed from the Public Works fund, from the United States

Government, or from State governments or their political subdivisions is sent a questionnaire. It is requested that the manufacturer fill in this form estimating the number of man-hours created in the plant in manufacturing the material specified in the contract. In the case of materials purchased directly by contractors, the Bureau estimates the man-months of labor created. This estimate is made by using the experience of manufacturing plants as shown by the Census of Manufactures, 1933.

## The Works Program

Work was started during August on a considerable number of construction projects financed from the Emergency Relief Act of 1935. These construction projects, under what is officially known as The Works Program, provided employment during the month ending August 15 for more than 143,000 persons. Of this number, 113,553 were working on projects operated by the Works Progress Administration. The remaining workers were employed by the various Federal agencies receiving allotments from the Works Progress fund. Data are not available concerning the types of projects on which the workers under the supervision of the Works Progress Administration were engaged.

Data concerning employment and pay rolls on the construction projects administered by the Federal departments and agencies on which allotments were received from the Emergency Relief Act of 1935 are given in table 14, by type of project.

Table 14.-Employment and Pay Rolls on Federal Construction Projects Financed by The Works Program, August $1935^{1}$
[Subject to revision]

| Type of project | Wage earners |  | Amount of pay rolls | Number of man-hours worked | Average earnings per hour | Value of material orders placed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maxi- } \\ & \text { mum } \\ & \text { number } \\ & \text { employ- } \\ & \text { ed }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Weekly average |  |  |  |  |
| All projects. | 29, 541 | ${ }^{3} 27,424$ | \$1, 064, 871 | 2, 564,979 | \$0. 415 | \$1, 414, 575 |
| Building construction. | 4,346 | 3, 728 | 157, 248 | 327, 055 | 481 | 189,967 |
| Electrification.-.----- | 54 | 54 | 1,378 | 3,154 | . 437 | 10, 662 |
| Forestry - | 10,903 | (1) | 389, 825 | 1, 034, 487 | . 377 |  |
| Public road: | 56 | 56 | 412 | 966 | . 427 | 752 |
| Reclamation | 37 | 33 | 1, 399 | 3,028 | . 462 | 9,970 |
| River, harbor, and flood con | 2, 675 | 2,344 | 84, 118 | 189,841 | . 443 | 993, 052 |
| Streets and roads | 1,372 | 1,225 | 70, 764 | 117,062 | . 605 | 178, 593 |
| W ater and sewerage | 163 | 161 | 2,776 | 7, 061 | . 393 | 5, 034 |
| Miscellaneous. | 9,935 | 8,920 | 356,951 | 882, 325 | . 405 | 26,545 |

[^5]Of the 29,541 people working on this program, approximately 11,000 were engaged in forestry work. Building construction employed over 4,000.

Hourly earnings averaged $41 \frac{1}{2}$ cents, ranging from less than 38 cents for forestry projects to 60 cents for street and road paving. The relatively high hourly earnings shown for street and road work was caused by the high rates paid in Alaska where 269 road workers averaged 80 cents an hour.

Employment and pay rolls on Federal construction projects financed by the Works Progress Administration are shown in table 15, by geographic divisions.

Table 15.-Employment and Pay Rolls on Federal Construction Projects Financed by The Works Program, August $1935{ }^{1}$
[Subject to revision]

| Geographic division | Wage earners |  | Amount of pay rolls | Number of man-hours worked | Average earnings per hour | Value of material orders placed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maxi- } \\ & \text { mum } \\ & \text { number } \\ & \text { em- } \\ & \text { ployed } \end{aligned}$ | Weekly average ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |
| All divisions. | 29,541 | 27, 424 | \$1, 064, 871 | 2, 564, 979 | \$0. 415 | \$1, 414, 575 |
| New England | 1,887 | 1,721 | 69, 650 | 171,367 | . 406 | 15,382 |
| Middle Atlantic. | 6, 074 | 5, 398 | 318, 311 | 726, 033 | . 438 | 127, 663 |
| East North Central | 2,462 | 2,183 | 65, 604 | 156, 387 | . 419 | 433, 836 |
| West North Central | 3, 286 | 3, 033 | 121, 030 | 330, 372 | . 366 | 143, 613 |
| South Atlantic. | 4,352 | 4, 055 | 156, 318 | 393, 077 | . 398 | 115, 220 |
| East South Central | 1,436 | 1, 385 | 49,839 | 136, 909 | . 364 | 15, 913 |
| West South Central | 1,510 | 1,352 | 38, 613 | 113, 014 | . 342 | 18, 478 |
| Mountain... | 5,305 | 5, 243 | 138, 018 | 334,686 | . 412 | 413, 975 |
| Pacific. | 2,960 | 2,785 | 60,650 | 144,585 | . 419 | 24, 881 |
| Outside continental United Sta | 269 | 269 | 46,838 | 58, 549 | . 800 | 105, 614 |

[^6]The value of materials for which orders have been placed from the beginning of the program to August 15 is given in table 16.

In addition to the materials shown in this table, orders were placed for materials valued at $\$ 3,202,000$ for use on work projects operated directly by the Works Progress Administration. Data are not yet available concerning the types of materials purchased for this part of the program.

Table 16.-Value of Material Orders Placed for Federal Projects of The Works Program, by Type of Material and Industry Groups
[Subject to revision]

| Type of material | Value of material orders placed from beginning of program to Aug. 15, 1935 |
| :---: | :---: |
| All materials | \$1, 414, 575 |
| Textiles and their products: |  |
| Cordage and twine. | 427 |
| Waste | 79 |
| Forest products: |  |
| Lumber and timber products, not elsewhere classified Planing-mill products | $\begin{array}{r} 140,136 \\ 8,570 \end{array}$ |
| Window and door screens and weatherstrip | 34 |
| Chemicals and allied products: |  |
| Chemicals, miscellaneous. | 36 |
| Compressed and liquefied gases | 131 |
| Explosives. | 4,967 |
| Paints and varnishes. | 24,997 |
| Stone, clay, and glass products: |  |
| Brick, hollow tile, and other clay products. | 10,913 |
| Cement. | 619,345 |
| Concrete products | 19, 419 |
| Crushed stone | 18, 595 |
| Glass. | 1,637 |
| Lime....- | 19 |
| Marble, granite, slate, and other stone products | 20,933 |
| Sand and gravel | 197, 456 |
| Tiling, floor and wall, and terrazzo | 1,612 |
| Wall plaster, wall board, insulating board, and floor composition | 3,196 |
| Iron and steel and their products, not including machinery: |  |
| Bolts, nuts, washers, etc.-- | 3,939 |
|  | 14, 484 |
| Doors, shutters, and window sash and frames, molding and trim ( | 4,026 |
| Forgings, iron and steel | 647 |
| Hardware, miscellaneous. | 11,391 |
| Heating and ventilating equipment | 7,293 |
| Nails and spikes. | 2,200 |
| Rail fas:enings, excluding spikes | 3, 095 |
| Steel-works and rolling-mill products, not elsewhere classified | 11, 683 |
| Structural and reinforcing steel. | 54,417 |
| Tools, other than machine tools. | 6, 019 |
| Wire products, not elsewhere classified | 9,810 |
| Wrought pipe. | 1,392 |
| Nonferrous metals and their products: |  |
| Nonferrous metal alloys and products, not elsewhere classified. Sheet-metal products | 61 724 |
| Machinery, not including transportation equipment: |  |
| Electrical machinery, apparatus, and supplies. | 16,659 |
| Engines, turbines, tractors, and water wheels | 4,734 |
| Foundry and machine-shop products, not elsewhere classifled | 82, 976 |
| Machine tools (bending machinies, lathes, planers, etc.) | 234 |
| Pumps and pumping equipment- | 10,203 |
| Refrigerators and refrigerating and ice-making apparatus. | 103 |
| Transportation equipment-air, land, and water: Boats, steel and wooden (small). | 301 |
| Miscellaneous: |  |
| Coal. | 2, 428 |
| Electric wiring and fixtures | 8,409 |
| Furniture, including store and office fixtures. | 236 |
| Instruments, professional and scientific... | 475 |
| Models and patterns. | 259 |
| Paper products | 90 |
| Paving materials and mixtures, not elsewhere classifled | 24, 067 |
| Petroleum products...------ | 22,331 |
| Photographic apparatus and materials. | 89 |
| Plumbing supplies, not elsewhere classified | 9,538 |
| Roofing, built-up and roll, asphalt shingles, and roof coatings | 7,303 |
| Rubber goods. | 224 |
| Steam and other packing, pipe and boiler covering, and gasket | 137 |
| Other materials. | 20,006 |

## Emergency Work Program

A sharp decline occurred in the number of workers employed on the emergency work program of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration between the week ended July 25 and the week ended August 29. The 800,000 workers employed during the week ended August 29 was nearly 513,000 less than in the week ended July 25. Pay-roll disbursements, also, showed a drop. The total pay roll of about $\$ 7,000,000$ was 43 percent less than in the week ending July 25.

Table 17 gives the number of workers and the amounts of pay rolls for the emergency work program for the weeks ending July 25 and August 29, by geographic divisions.

Table 17.-Employment and Pay Rolls for Workers on Emergency Work Program, Weeks Ending July 25 and August 29, 1935
[Subject to revision]

| Geographic division | Number of employees week ending- |  | Amount of pay roll week ending- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | August 29 | July 25 | August 29 | July 25 |
| All divisions | 800, 108 | 1,312,891 | \$7, 143, 194 | \$12, 493, 222 |
| Percentage change | -39.06 |  | -42. 82 |  |
| New England | 131, 896 | 144, 441 | 1, 482, 722 | 1,776,698 |
| Middle Atlantic | 93, 262 | 155,982 | 1, 559, 577 | 2, 781, 291 |
| East North Central | 95, 235 | 208, 757 | 1, 033, 854 | 2,043,638 |
| West North Central | 76,068 | 173,023 | 503, 766 | 1,327, 842 |
| South Atlantic. | 153, 806 | 203, 170 | 814, 036 | 1, 043, 108 |
| East South Central | 58, 120 | 104, 779 | 287, 806 | 464,307 |
| West South Central | 120,407 | 135,313 | 554, 617 | 775, 132 |
| Mountain | 35, 111 | 52, 643 | 362, 470 | 537, 607 |
| Pacific. | 36,203 | 134,783 | 544, 346 | 1, 743,599 |

Decreases in the number of workers occurred in all nine geographic divisions. Three divisions, the East North Central, the West North Central, and the Pacific accounted for approximately three-fifths of the total drop in the number of employees. The New England States, with a decrease of 12,545 employees, showed the smallest loss of any of the geographic divisions.

Table 18 shows the number of employees and amounts of pay rolls on the emergency work program, by months, from the beginning of the program through August 1935.

Table 18.-Employment and Pay Rolls for Workers on Emergency Work Program, March 1934 to August 1935

| Month | Number of employees | Amount of pay roll | Month | Number of employees | Amount of pay roll |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1934 |  |  | 1935 |  |  |
| March | 22,934 | \$842, 000 | January | 2, 472, 091 | 1\$71, 683, 578 |
| April. | 1,176, 818 | 38,970,679 | February | 1 2, 461, 730 | $163,621,526$ |
| May | 1,362,648 | 42, 702, 606 | March | $12,402,018$ | ${ }^{1} 62,865,956$ |
| June | 1,504, 838 | 42, 423, 574 | April.. | 1 2, 308, 838 | 62, 344, 399 |
| July . | 1,725, 517 | 47, 367, 349 | May | ${ }^{1} 2,228,545$ | 64, 559, 740 |
| August | 1,924, 173 | 54, 921,432 | June. | 2,021, 060 | 54, 260, 051 |
| September | 1,950,227 | 50, 289, 798 | July_ | ${ }^{1} 1,928,789$ | ${ }^{1} 53,136,833$ |
| October- | 1,996, 716 | 53, 902, 023 | August. | ${ }^{2} 1,401,394$ | $237,823,716$ |
| November | 2, 159, 145 | 62, 849, 769 |  |  |  |
| December | 2, 315, 753 | 61,925,877 |  |  |  |

The number of workers employed on the emergency work program has fallen every month of the current year. According to preliminary figures, the decline continued in August; the estimated employment for that month was $1,401,394$. This does not mean, however, that during any given week this total was reached. Because of the fact that a limit is placed on the earnings of employees, not more than 70 percent of the total are working at any one time.

## Emergency Conservation Work

The number of men in Civilian Conservation camps increased by nearly 108,000 during August. All classes of employees shared in the gain. The pay-roll disbursements for the month were in excess of $\$ 26,000,000$, of which the enrolled personnel received more than $\$ 16,000,000$. The number of workers employed and the amount of pay rolls were higher in August than for any month since the program began.

Table 19 gives the employment and pay-roll statistics for each of the groups of workers engaged in emergency conservation work for July and August 1935.

Table 19.-Employment and Pay Rolls in Emergency Conservation Work, July and August 1935

| Group | Number of employees | Amount of pay rolls |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

1 Included in executive service table.
${ }^{2}$ Includes carpenters, electricians, and laborers.
${ }^{3} 41,957$ employees and pay roll of $\$ 5,526,184$ included in executive service table.
${ }^{4} 39,034$ employees and pay roll of $\$ 4,988,968$ included in executive service table.
The employment and pay-roll data for emergency conservation workers are collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from the War Department, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Treasury Department, and the Department of the Interior. The monthly pay of the enrolled personnel is distributed as follows: Five percent are paid $\$ 45 ; 8$ percent, $\$ 36$; and the remaining 87 percent, $\$ 30$. The enrolled men, in addition to their pay, are provided with bocurd, clothing, and medical services.

## State-Road Projects

Employment and pay-roll disbursements for construction and maintenance of State roads during August were the highest for any month since November 1934. Compared with the previous month, employ-
ment increased 12.0 percent on new road construction and 10.4 percent on maintenance work. Of the 204,090 workers employed during the month, 19.7 percent were engaged in new road construction and 80.3 percent in maintenance work.

Table 20 shows the number of workers employed and the pay-roll disbursements in building and maintaining State roads during July and August 1935, by geographic divisions.

Table 20.-Employment on Construction and Maintenance of State Roads by Geographic Divisions, July and August $1935{ }^{1}$

| Geographic division | New roads |  |  |  | Maintenance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of employees |  | Amount of pay roll |  | Number of employees |  | Amount of pay roll |  |
|  | Angust | July | August | July | August | July | August | July |
| All divisions ......... Percentage change | 40, 130 | 35, 826 | \$1, 907, 601 | \$1, 543, 619 | 163, 960 | 148, 575 | \$7, 155, 503 | 86,688,970 |
|  | +12.0 |  | $\begin{array}{r}+23.6 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | +10.4 |  | +7.0 |  |
| New England | 11, 812 | 8, 64, 2 | 668, 726 | 370, 538 | 18, 578 | 12,716 | 924,499 | 677, 448 |
| Middle Atlantic | 1,824 | 1, 893 | 145, 118 | 157, 268 | 28,721 | 27,422 | 1, 131, 523 | 1, 098, 817 |
| East North Central.- | 7. 234 | 6,522 | 433, 814 | 385, 746 | 24,713 | 22, 864 | 1,265, 313 | 1, 148, 199 |
| West North Central. | 2, 748 | 3,047 | 108, 764 | 102,512 | 22,549 | 18,745 | 764,367 | 718, 614 |
| South Atlantie. | 8,205 | 7, 341 | 143,989 | 137, 149 | 31,543 | 29, 165 | 1,026, 321 | 1,080,981 |
| Gast South Central | 2,426 | 2,300 | 86, 991 | 86,042 | 10,700 | 9,046 | 3¢2, 174 | 334, 894 |
| West South Central | 3, 092 | 2, 045 | 116, 424 | 62, 449 | 14,291 | 14, 835 | 770, 225 | 681, 428 |
| Mountain. | 1, 299 | 1,962 | 85, 747 | 98, 906 | 7,017 | 7,000 | 427, 643 | 459, 568 |
| Pacific. | 1. 490 | 2, 074 | 118,028 | 113, 009 | 5,678 | 6,613 | 470,423 | 474,385 |
| Outside continental United States. |  |  |  |  | 170 | 169 | 13,015 | 14,636 |

${ }^{1}$ Excluding employment furnished by projects financed from public-works fund.
Five of the 9 geographic divisions showed increases over the previous month in the number of workers employed on new road construction in August. In maintenance work 7 of the 9 geographic divisions and the area outside continental United States registered increases in the number of employees. The New England States, with an increase of 9,032 workers employed in both new road construction and maintenance work, accounted for nearly half of the total gain for the month. The total pay roll for August was $\$ 830,515$ greater than in July.

## Construction Projects Financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation

The number of workers employed on Reconstruction Finance Corporation construction projects declined slightly during August. Pay rolls for the month, however, increased over those for July.

Statistics covering employment, pay rolls, and man-hours worked on construction projects financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation during August are given in table 21, by type of project.

Table 21.-Employment and Pay Rolls on Projects Financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, by Type of Project, August 1935
[Subject to revision]

| Type of project | Number of wage earners | Amount of pay rolls | Number of man-hours worked | Average earnings per hour | Value of material orders placed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All projects. | 9,415 | \$1, 020, 208 | 1,367, 071 | \$0. 746 | \$965, 174 |
| Bridges. | 2,267 | 217,725 | 240, 632 | 905 | 450,520 |
| Building construction | 92 | 6, 076 | 5,642 | 1. 077 | 3,779 |
| Railroad construction. | 41 | 4, 717 | 6,611 | . 714 | 401 |
| Reclamation. | 397 | 24, 273 | 49,672 | . 489 | 9,361 |
| Water and siwerage | 5,057 | 597,960 | 917,441 | . 732 | 470, 935 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,561 | 169,457 | 247, 073 | . 686 | 30, 177 |

Decreases in employment occurred in 5 of the 6 types of construction promoted by this program. Hourly earnings for workers employed on projects financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation averaged 75 cents. The range of average hourly earnings, however, was from $\$ 1.08$ for workers engaged on building construction projects to 49 cents for workers on reclamation projects.

The number of employees, the amounts of pay rolls, and the manhours worked on construction projects financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation during August are shown in table 22, by geographic divisions.

Table 22.-Employment and Pay Rolls on Projects Financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, by Geographic Division, August 1935
[Subject to revision]

| Geographic division |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |

Compared with the previous month, employment in August shows a decline in all geographic divisions except the Pacific. Average earnings per hour ranged from 49 cents in the Mountain States to $\$ 1.08$ in the East North Central States. To some degree the range in hourly earnings may be accounted for by the various types and stages of work under way.

The value of materials for which orders have been placed since March 15, 1934, by contractors working on Reconstruction Finance Corporation construction projects is shown, by type of material, in table 23.

Table 23.-Value of Material Orders Placed for Projects Financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, by Type of Material

|  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Type of material | Value of material orders |
| placed |  |
|  |  |

Since March 15, 1934, materials have been ordered to cost more than $\$ 43,000,000$. Nearly half of this total has been expended for steel-works and rolling-mill products. Other types of materials which have accounted for expenditures in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$ are lumber and timber products; explosives; cement; concrete products;
structural and reinforcing steel; copper products; electrical machinery, apparatus, and supplies; and foundry and machine-shop products. The value of orders placed for wire and wirework between July 15 and August 15 was over $\$ 90,000$ in excess of all previous orders for that type of material.

## Construction Projects Financed from Regular Governmental Appropriations

More than 36,000 workers were employed in August at the site of construction projects financed by appropriations made by Congress. direct to the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. This is an increase of approximately 11,000 in comparison with employment in July and was the highest for any month since August 1934. Pay-roll disbursements during the month totaled nearly $\$ 2,700,000$.

The following tables present data concerning construction projects. on which work has started since July 1, 1934. The Bureau does not have statistics covering projects which were under way previous to that date.

Detailed statistics of employment, pay rolls, and man-hours worked in August on construction projects financed from direct appropriations made to the various Federal departments and agencies are shown in table 24, by type of project.

Table 24.-Employment on Construction Projects Financed from Regular Governmental Appropriations, by Type of Project, August 1935

| Type of project | [Subject to revision] |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wage earners. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Amount } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { nav rolls } \end{aligned}$ | Number of manhours worked | A verage earnings per hour | Value of material orders placed |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maxi- } \\ & \text { mumb } \\ & \text { number } \\ & \text { em- } \\ & \text { ployed } \end{aligned}$ | Weekly average |  |  |  |  |
| All projects. | ${ }^{2} 36,491$ | 33, 010 | \$2, 694, 822 | 4, 137,008 | \$0.651 | \$4, 459, 551 |
| Building construction. | 8, 112 | 6, 475 | 542, 361 | 692, 179 | . 784 | 733, 483 |
| Naval vessels | 6,971 | 6,744 | 830, 295 | 1, 038,366 | . 800 | 1,942, 641 |
| Public roads ${ }^{3}$ | (1) | 8,645 | 560, 494 | 875, 159 | . 640 | 1, 144, 373 |
| Reclamation. | 389 | 325 | 23, 633 | 43,435 | . 544 | 26, 313 |
| River, harbor, and flood cont | 8, 720 | 7, 783 | 589, 120 | 1, 178,947 | . 500 | 431, 277 |
| Streets and roads.... | 2, 181 | 1, 814 | 83, 496 | 196, 541 | . 425 | 55, 066 |
| Water and sowerage | 67 | 50 | 3,709 | 4,693 | 790 | 5,375 |
| Miscellaneous. | 1, 406 | 1, 174 | 61, 714 | 107,688 | . 573 | 121,023 |

[^7]Increases in employment occurred during August on all types of construction projects with the exception of water and sewerage work. The most pronounced gains in employment were registered in publicroad projects and in river, harbor, and flood-control work. Earnings. per hour averaged 65 cents in August as compared with $68 \frac{1}{2}$ cents during the previous month.

Statistics of employment, pay rolls, and man-hours worked in August on construction projects financed from regular governmental appropriations are given in table 25, by geographic divisions.

Table 25.-Employment on Construction Projects Financed from Regular Governmental Appropriations, by Geographic Division, August 1935
[Subject to revision]


1 Maximum number employed during any 1 week of the month by each contractor and Government agency doing force-account work.
${ }_{2}$ Includes $\$ 1,144,373$, estimated value of orders placed for public-roads projects which cannot be charged. to any specific geographic division.

All geographic divisions registered increases in employment in August on projects financed by regular Federal appropriations. The largest gains occurred in the West South Central States and in the West North Central States. Average earnings per hour ranged from 83 cents in the Middle Atlantic States to 45 cents in the East South Central States. The greatest number of man-hours worked during the month, 947,842 , occurred in the South Atlantic States.

The value of materials for which orders have been placed for use on construction projects financed from direct governmental appropriations for the period July 1, 1934, to August 15, 1935, is shown in table 26 , by type of material.

Table 26.-Value of Material Orders Placed for Use on Construction Projects Financed from Regular Governmental Appropriations, by Type of Material and Industry Groups
[Subject to revision]

| Type of material | Value of material orders placed- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { From July 1, } \\ \text { 1934, to July } \\ 15,1935 \end{array}$ | During period July 15 to Aug. 15, 1935 |
| All materials | \$26, 419, 292 | \$4, 459, 551 |
| Textiles and their products: |  |  |
| Cordage and twine...-- | 9,582 | 1,218 |
| Cotton goods. | 1,503 1,618 | 1,353 |
| Forest products: |  |  |
| Cork products. | 5,157 |  |
| Lumber and timber products not elsewhere classified | 1,330, 964 | 107, 249 |
|  | 167,634 | 25, 625 |
| Chemicals and allied products: |  |  |
| Compressed and liquefled gases |  | 1,730 |
| Explosives-...-- | 43, 128 | 11, 789 |
| Paints and varnishes | 178, 794 | 18, 585 |
|  |  |  |
| Brick, hollow tile, and other clay products | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 279, } \\ \text { 1, } 397 \\ \hline 178\end{array}$ | 54,524 409,905 |
| Concrete products | 172, 329 | 99, 079 |
| Crushed stone. | 402,597 | 140, 054 |
| Glass. | 24, 377 | 3,252 |
| Marble, granite, slate, and other stone products | 447, 557 | 51, 595 |
| Minerals and earths, ground or otherwise treated |  | 1,434 |
| Sand and gravel. | 787, 830 | 236, 638 |
|  | 31,875 | 4,605 |
| Wall plaster, wall board, insulating board, and floor composition | 106,647 | 14, 165 |
| Iron and steel and their products, not including machinery: |  |  |
| Cast-iron pipe and fittings | 113,443 | 18,354 19,722 |
| Doors, shutters, and window sash and frames, molding and trim (metal)- | 266, 631 | 19, 2821 |
|  | 575, 686 | 49, 091 |
| Hardware, miscellaneous. | 190, 466 | 29, 057 |
| Heating and ventilating equipmen | 438, 608 | 40, 016 |
| Nails and spikes. | 22, 318 | 2,511 |
| Rails, steel. | 10,801 |  |
| Steel-works and rolling-mill products not elsewhere classifled | 2, 864, 605 | 569,936 |
|  | 4,621, 399 | 593, 711 |
| Tools. other than machine tools. | 59, 115 | 16, 095 |
| Wire products, not elsewhere classified | 192, 228 | 23, 794 |
| Wrought pipe-.----...-.......... |  | 1,429 |
| Nonferrous metals and their products: |  |  |
| Aluminum manufactures. | 13,249 | 1,834 |
| Copper products | 84, 253 | 2,362 |
| Lead products.-- | 1,700 | 1,799 |
| Nonferrous-metal alloys and products, not elsewhere classified | 38, 216 | 6,105 |
| Sheet-rnetal work | 125,647 | 3,601 |
| Machinery, not including transportation equipment: $\quad 1200$ |  |  |
| Electrical machinery, apparatus, and supplies.- | 1,608, 099 | 62, 026 |
| Elevators and elevator equipment. | 143,985 | 7,989 |
| Engines, turbines, tractors, and water wheels...-...-.-.-..... | 3, 157, 333 | 576,839 |
| Foundry and machine-shop products, not elsewhere classified | 2, 411,356 | 594, 483 |
| Machine tools.--------. | 71, 363 | 2,399 |
| Meters (gas, water, etc.) and gas generators. |  | 3,274 |
| Pumps and pumping equipment | 729,598 | 37,931 |
| Refrigerators and refrigerating and ice-making equipment | 49, 051 | 3,610 |
| Transportstion equipment-air, land, and water: 10.05 |  |  |
| Motor vehicles, passenger and truck.......... | 12,298 | 5,164 |
| Boats, steel and wooden (small). | 1,535 | 2,164 |
| Miscellaneous: |  |  |
| Coal | 227,350 | 14,910 |
| Electric wiring and fixtures. | 303, 961 | 80,077 |
| Furniture, including office and store fixtures | 8, 266 | 1,298 |
| Instruments, professional and scientific. | 23, 625 |  |
| Paving materials and mixtures, not elsewhere classifled | 188, 880 | 48,948 |
| Petroleum products. | 980, 912 | 217,715 |
| Photographic apparatus and materials ---- | 3, 574 | 1,074 |
| Plumbing supplies, not elsewhere classified | 263,959 | 55, 805 |
| Roofing materials, not elsewhere classified | 134, 831 | 17,353 |
|  | 1,231 | 1,340 |
|  | 8,054 1,009629 | 8,758 |
| Other materials. | 1, 009, 629 | 127,656 |


[^0]:    : Comparable indexes for earlier years will be found in the December 1934 and subsequent issues of this pamphlet, or the March 1935 and subsequent issues of the Monthly Labor Review.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Comparable indexes for earlier years for all of these industries, except year-round hotels, will be found in the Noveriber 1934 and subsequent issues of this pamphlet, or the February 1935 and subsequent issues of the Monthly Labor Review. Comparable indexes for year-round hotels will be found in the June 1935 issue of this pamphlet, or the September 1935 issue of the Monthly Labor Review.
    2 Not including electric-railroad car building and repairing; see transportation equipment and railroad, repair-shop groups, manufacturing industries, table 1.
    ${ }^{3}$ Revised.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes 540 employees by transfer, previously reported as separations by transfer, not actual additions for August.
    ${ }^{2} 24,174$ employees of the Works Progress Administration included for which pay roll is not available.
    3 Revised.
    ${ }^{4}$ Includes 43,925 employees and a pay roll of $\$ 5,855,826$ included in executive service.
    5 Includes 40,368 employees and a pay roll of $\$ 5,217,265$ included in executive service.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ Not including field employees of the Post Office Department or 48,614 employees hired under letters of authorization ly the Department of Agriculture with a pay roll of $\$ 1,863,266$.
    ${ }_{2}^{2}$ Revised.
    ${ }^{3}$ Includes 541 employees by transfer, previously reported as separations by transfer, not actual additions for August.
    ${ }^{4}$ Includes 23,675 persons transferred from several State Emargency Relief Administrations which administered relief activities partialiy financed by funds received from the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.
    ${ }^{5}$ Not including employees transferred within the Government service, as such transfers should not be regarded as labor turn-over.

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ Maximum number employed during any 1 week of the month by each contractor and Government agency doing force-account work.
    ${ }_{2}^{2}$ Includes weekly average for public roads.
    3 Estimated by the Bureau of Public Roads.
    ${ }^{4}$ Not available; average number included in total.
    : Unless otherwise expressly stated, when referred to in this study, it may be accepted as meaning the month ending Aug. 15.

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ In addition to the workers for which data are shown in this table there were 113,553 employees working on projects operated by the Works Progress Administration. These men were paid $\$ 3,276,000$ for work performed during the month. Orders were placed for materials valued at $\$ 3,202,000$ to be used on these projects.
    ${ }_{2}$ Maximum number employed during any 1 week of the month by each contractor and Government agency doing force-account work.
    ${ }^{3}$ Includes maximum number as reported by U. S. Forest Service.
    ${ }^{4}$ Not available; maximum number included in total.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ In addition to the workers for which data are shown in this table there were 113,553 employees working on projects operated by the Works Progress Administration. These men were paid $\$ 3,276,000$ for work performed during the month. Orders were placed for materials valued at $\$ 3,202,000$ to be used on these projects.
    ${ }^{2}$ Maximum number employed during any 1 week of the month by each contractor and Government ageney doing force-account work.
    ${ }_{3}$ Includes maximum number of employees as reported by U. S. Forest Service. Weekly average is not available.

[^7]:    ${ }^{1}$ Maximum number employed during any 1 week of the month, by each contractor and Government agency doing, force-account work.
    ${ }^{2}$ Includes weekly average for public roads.
    ${ }^{3}$ Estimated by the Bureau of Public Roads.
    4 Not avaijable; average number included in total.

