

farm labor



NUMBER OF WORKERS - DECEMBER 1971
FARM WAGE RATES - JANUARY 1, 1972

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December Work Force Declined Seasonally

The Nation's farm labor force totaled 3,393,000 workers during the week of December 19-25, 1971. This is 15 percent fewer than in the corresponding week in November and 1 percent below December 1970. There were 2,688,000 working farm operators and unpaid family workers and 705,000 hired farm laborers in December. The 1971 annual average of 4,454,000 workers is down about 2 percent from 1970.

Farm workers averaged 32.5 hours during the December survey week which included Christmas Day. This compares with a 34.6 hour work week in November and 32.4 hours in December 1970. Farm operators averaged 33.2 hours per week, unpaid family members 29.2 hours and hired workers 33.4 hours.

Wage Rates Increase

Wages of farm workers on January 1 were up about 3 percent from January 1, 1971. The hourly rate without board and room increased 6 cents to \$1.82 per hour. Pay rates by the day, week and month were up similarly. Wages during 1971 averaged about 4 percent more than in 1970. Annual wage rates for 1970 and 1971 for the various hiring arrangements are shown on pages 9 and 10.

Farm Activity Slow

Harvesting and marketing of most crops were slowed as farmers, their families and hired hands prepared for the winter holidays. The corn and soybean harvest was virtually completed; however, there was still some corn being harvested in the Southeastern States.

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The cotton harvest resumed in Texas with good progress being made. Going was slow or at a standstill in the heavy soil areas of Oklahoma where wet ground curtailed activity. Picking was nearly completed in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Arizona. Wet weather delayed harvest in California.

The winter wheat crop continues in good to excellent condition across the country. In the Northern Plains, the wheat crop is dormant and well covered by snow. Fall seeded grains look good in the Pacific Northwest. Seeding of small grains active in Central and Yuma areas of Arizona and to be completed in California when weather permits. Wheat fields began drying in Kansas and permitted increased grazing. Ample growth prevented blowing.

Fall seeded small grains in the Northcentral States are in good condition with ample soil moisture. Small grains in the South responded well to unseasonably warm temperature and abundant moisture supplies. Seeding lags in North Carolina due to wet fields.

Routine care of livestock was the main activity on many farms. Supplemental feeding has been minimal in the Eastern half of the Nation due to mild weather. Livestock had greater access to field and pasture grazing in some Western States but supplemental feeding continued in most areas. Winter wheat pastures furnished the best grazing in years. However, grazing was limited due to wet, boggy fields in many areas of the South. Livestock generally are in good condition.

Farm employment represents number of family and hired labor working during the survey week. Family labor includes farm operators working on farms one hour or more plus other family members working 15 hours or more without receiving cash wages during survey week. Hired workers include all persons working one hour or more for cash wages during the survey week. These data should not be confused with the data published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The BLS data are derived from a household survey where each member 16 years of age and older is classified as performing farm or nonfarm work on the basis of major activity during the survey week.

Farm employment and indexes, December 1971, with comparisons, United States

Item	: Annual : average : 1970	: Annual : average : 1971	: December : 21-27, : 1969	: December : 20-26, : 1970	: December : 19-25, : 1971
FARM EMPLOYMENT 1/					
(Thousands)					
Total	: 4,522.6	4,454.3	3,487.9	3,429.7	3,393.4
Family labor	: 3,348.1	3,285.8	2,829.0	2,788.7	2,688.5
Hired labor	: 1,174.5	1,168.5	658.9	641.0	704.9
INDEXES 2/					
(1910-14=100)					
Total	: 33	33	34	34	34
Family labor	: 33	32	34	33	32
Hired labor	: 35	34	38	37	40
(1967=100)					
Total	: 92	92	95	93	92
Family labor	: 92	89	94	92	89
Hired labor	: 92	89	100	97	105

1/ Employment during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

2/ Monthly indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

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Farm wage rates and indexes, January 1, 1972, United States

Item	: Annual : average : 1971	: January 1, : 1970	: January 1, : 1971	: January 1, : 1972
FARM WAGE RATES				
Composite rate per hour 1/	: \$ 1.48	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.63
Per month with house	: 340	318	3/335	349
Per month with board and room	: 263	3/250	267	277
Per week with board and room	: 64.50	57.75	61.25	64.00
Per week without board or room	: 81.00	75.50	78.50	81.00
Per day with house	: 10.30	10.00	10.40	11.00
Per day with board and room	: 11.20	10.40	11.00	11.40
Per day without board or room	: 12.20	11.60	3/12.10	12.50
Per hour with house	: 1.56	1.38	1.47	1.43
Per hour without board or room	: 1.73	1.67	1.76	1.82
INDEXES 2/				
(1910-14=100)	: 1,138	1,050	1,102	1,139
(1967=100)	: 134	124	130	134

1/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis. Composite rate does not include piece rate workers.

2/ Indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

3/ Revised.

Workers on farms, December 1971 1/

State and division	December 1969			December 1970			December 1971		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thousands								
Maine	15.7	11	4.7	15.4	11	4.4	13.6	9.6	4.0
N. H.	5.8	4.1	1.7	5.3	3.7	1.6	5.7	3.9	1.8
Vt.	14.4	11	3.4	13.4	10	3.4	13.4	10	3.4
Mass.	13.5	9.2	4.3	12.9	8.7	4.2	12.9	8.6	4.3
R. I.	1.7	1.1	.6	1.7	1.1	.6	1.7	1.1	.6
Conn.	3.8	6.6	2.2	8.3	6.1	2.2	8.6	6.4	2.2
N. Eng.	59.9	43.0	16.9	57.0	40.6	16.4	55.9	39.6	16.3
N. Y.	85	68	17	84	67	17	81	64	17
N. J.	14	9.0	5.0	12	8.0	4.0	13	9.0	4.0
Pa.	91	80	11	92	81	11	87	76	11
M. Atl.	190	157	33	188	156	32	181	149	32
Ohio	121	115	6.0	117	111	6.0	118	112	6.0
Ind.	112	106	6.0	110	104	6.0	112	104	8.0
Ill.	133	119	14	128	113	15	135	121	14
Mich.	111	97	14	109	96	13	96	82	14
Wis.	165	153	12	161	148	13	159	145	14
E. N. Cent.	642	590	52	625	572	53	620	564	56
Minn.	137	131	6.0	128	123	5.0	115	107	8.0
Iowa	163	152	11	157	147	10	155	142	13
Mo.	142	133	9.0	161	149	12	155	141	14
N. Dak.	35	31	4.0	34	31	3.0	33	29	4.0
S. Dak.	54	51	3.0	51	47	4.0	48	44	4.0
Nebr.	87	81	6.0	83	78	5.0	84	79	5.0
Kans.	91	85	6.0	84	78	6.0	84	78	6.0
W. N. Cent.	709	664	45	698	653	45	674	620	54
Del.	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.0
Md.	24	20	4.0	23	20	3.0	23	19	4.0
Va.	86	74	12	81	70	11	81	68	13
W. Va.	29	26	3.0	29	26	3.0	29	26	3.0
N. C.	151	134	17	150	135	15	146	126	20
S. C.	52	43	9.0	51	42	9.0	49	40	9.0
Ga.	75	61	14	72	59	13	77	61	16
Fla.	120	28	92	126	28	98	124	28	96
S. Atl.	541	389	152	536	383	153	533	371	162
Ky.	132	125	7.0	129	123	6.0	122	115	7.0
Tenn.	122	113	9.0	120	110	10	125	111	14
Ala.	77	64	13	76	62	14	74	61	13
Miss.	78	69	9.0	83	75	8.0	71	60	11
E. S. Cent.	409	371	38	408	370	38	392	347	45
Ark.	77	59	18	72	60	12	76	58	18
La.	48	41	7.0	47	41	6.0	49	40	9.0
Okla.	107	97	10	103	96	7.0	102	95	7.0
Texas	202	148	54	193	149	44	196	149	47
W. S. Cent.	434	345	89	415	346	69	423	342	81
Mont.	30	25	5.0	28	24	4.0	29	23	6.0
Idaho	31	27	4.0	30	25	5.0	29	25	4.0
Wyo.	12	9.0	3.0	12	9.0	3.0	11	8.0	3.0
Colo.	39	30	9.0	39	32	7.0	40	31	9.0
N. Mex.	20	14	6.0	20	14	6.0	19	13	6.0
Ariz.	39	6.0	33	38	6.0	32	38	5.0	33
Utah	17	15	2.0	16	14	2.0	16	14	2.0
Nev.	3.0	2.0	1.0	3.7	2.1	1.6	3.5	1.9	1.6
Mount.	191.0	128.0	63.0	186.7	126.1	60.6	185.5	120.9	64.6
Wash.	54	39	15	55	42	13	53	40	13
Oreg.	44	39	5.0	46	40	6.0	45	39	6.0
Calif.	214	64	150	215	60	155	231	56	175
Pac.	312	142	170	316	142	174	329	135	194
U. S.	3,487.9	2,829.0	658.9	3,429.7	2,788.7	641.0	3,393.4	2,688.5	704.9

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

Workers on farms: Average January through December 1971 1/

State and division	January through December 1969			January through December 1970			January through December 1971		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
	Thousands								
Maine	20.9	13	7.9	19.7	12	7.7	19.3	11.6	7.7
N. H.	7.0	4.7	2.3	6.5	4.4	2.1	6.3	4.2	2.1
Vt.	14.7	11	3.7	14.6	11	3.6	14.3	10.8	3.5
Mass.	17.8	10.1	7.7	17.2	9.7	7.5	16.7	9.6	7.1
R. I.	2.1	1.3	.8	2.0	1.3	.7	2.0	1.3	.7
Conn.	13.8	7.8	6.0	12.8	7.2	5.6	12	6.9	5.1
N. Eng.	76.3	47.9	28.4	72.8	45.6	27.2	70.6	44.4	26.2
N. Y.	100	73	27	98	73	25	98	72	26
N. J.	21	10	11	20	9.0	11	19	9.0	10
Pa.	115	99	16	115	98	17	112	96	16
M. Atl.	236	182	54	233	180	53	229	177	52
Ohio	151	135	16	147	129	18	147	130	17
Ind.	125	114	11	128	117	11	129	117	12
Ill.	165	138	27	160	134	26	160	135	25
Mich.	136	114	22	139	116	23	134	110	24
Wis.	197	178	19	193	174	19	186	167	19
E. N. Cent.	774	679	95	767	670	97	756	659	97
Minn.	187	168	19	177	158	19	177	157	20
Iowa	214	187	27	210	183	27	209	179	30
Mo.	188	159	29	191	161	30	188	157	31
N. Dak.	61	51	10	58	48	10	57	46	11
S. Dak.	68	60	8.0	66	58	8.0	64	57	7.0
Nebr.	108	94	14	106	93	13	107	92	15
Kans.	111	96	15	108	94	14	109	94	15
W. N. Cent.	937	815	122	916	795	121	911	782	129
Del.	7.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	4.0	3.0
Md.	32	24	8.0	32	24	8.0	32	24	8.0
Va.	116	86	30	111	84	27	112	81	31
W. Va.	37	32	5.0	37	32	5.0	36	31	5.0
N. C.	247	184	63	241	180	61	234	176	58
S. C.	79	59	20	78	58	20	74	55	19
Ga.	102	80	22	101	79	22	98	78	20
Fla.	112	34	78	113	34	79	114	34	80
S. Atl.	732	503	229	720	495	225	707	483	224
Ky.	158	130	28	152	124	28	149	122	27
Tenn.	149	123	26	153	124	29	151	123	28
Ala.	99	77	22	90	71	19	87	69	18
Miss.	130	101	29	133	101	32	125	93	32
E. S. Cent.	536	431	105	528	420	108	512	407	105
Ark.	146	83	63	137	78	59	137	81	56
La.	85	54	31	76	49	27	76	48	28
Okla.	124	108	16	126	108	18	124	107	17
Texas	286	191	95	282	190	92	268	184	84
W. S. Cent.	641	436	205	621	425	196	605	420	185
Mont.	40	29	11	39	28	11	41	29	12
Idaho	46	34	12	46	33	13	45	33	12
Wyo.	15	10	5.0	15	10	5.0	14	9.0	5.0
Colo.	57	35	22	58	36	22	55	35	20
N. Mex.	24	15	9.0	23	15	8.0	22	14	8.0
Ariz.	38	7.0	31	36	6.0	30	36	6.0	30
Utah	25	18	7.0	23	17	6.0	23	17	6.0
Nev.	4.5	2.5	2.0	4.8	2.5	2.3	4.7	2.4	2.3
Mount.	249.5	150.5	99	244.8	147.5	97.3	240.7	145.4	95.3
Wash.	82	52	30	84	53	31	81	52	29
Oreg.	69	47	22	68	46	22	69	47	22
Calif.	263	76	187	268	71	197	273	69	204
Pac.	414	175	239	420	170	250	423	168	255
U. S.	4,595.8	3,419.4	1,176.4	4,522.6	3,348.1	1,174.5	4,454.3	3,285.8	1,168.5

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

FARM WORK: Weekly hours worked per workers: Average reporting farms, December 19-25, 1971

State and division	Farm Operator	Other Family Members 1/	All Family	Hired Workers	All Workers 1/
			Hours		
Maine	44.7	30.8	42.1	29.6	37.8
N. H.	49.0	31.7	45.9	39.7	43.5
Vt.	57.7	32.3	48.8	43.9	47.0
Mass.	47.6	31.3	42.9	40.9	42.1
R. I.	43.0	40.0	42.4	20.4	31.4
Conn.	51.7	33.5	45.2	39.6	43.2
N. Eng.	49.6	32.0	44.6	37.7	42.2
N. Y.	50.6	33.2	45.3	41.4	44.1
N. J.	36.7	31.0	35.4	32.4	34.7
Pa.	43.3	28.9	39.4	31.6	37.9
M. Atl.	45.9	30.8	41.6	36.9	40.4
Ohio	32.8	30.1	32.2	29.3	31.7
Ind.	30.9	30.9	30.9	27.1	30.3
Ill.	30.5	29.3	30.3	31.7	30.5
Mich.	34.0	29.4	33.0	32.1	32.8
Wis.	48.5	30.6	41.8	34.3	40.4
E. N. Cent.	35.4	30.1	33.6	31.5	33.6
Minn.	37.8	29.5	36.0	31.8	35.5
Iowa	41.4	28.4	38.3	28.5	36.6
Mo.	32.3	29.5	31.8	27.8	31.0
N. Dak.	30.8	31.8	31.0	36.6	31.6
S. Dak.	36.8	27.0	34.6	28.6	33.9
Nebr.	36.4	31.2	35.1	30.8	34.6
Kans.	34.0	30.8	33.4	30.8	33.0
W. N. Cent.	36.2	29.6	34.7	29.9	34.0
Del.	24.0	24.5	24.1	33.5	26.3
Md.	34.5	30.8	33.6	31.0	32.9
Va.	32.4	29.0	31.7	31.5	31.7
W. Va.	34.8	29.3	33.4	26.4	32.3
N. C.	26.7	28.5	27.0	24.9	26.4
S. C.	30.2	33.4	30.8	26.5	29.0
Ga.	31.5	29.7	31.1	28.8	30.2
Fla.	31.0	18.3	29.0	35.2	33.1
S. Atl.	30.0	28.7	29.7	32.2	30.2
Ky.	28.9	26.4	28.3	29.0	28.5
Tenn.	25.5	25.1	25.5	19.1	24.0
Ala.	25.9	27.2	26.2	24.4	25.7
Miss.	24.0	23.0	23.8	24.1	24.0
E. S. Cent.	26.2	25.4	26.1	23.4	25.7
Ark.	22.6	28.2	23.5	26.5	24.6
La.	24.0	27.2	24.7	33.0	27.5
Okla.	32.7	28.4	31.7	25.4	30.8
Texas	35.6	30.9	34.8	31.1	33.6
W. S. Cent.	31.0	29.4	30.7	29.8	30.6
Mont.	34.9	31.6	34.1	39.8	35.3
Idaho	33.4	27.5	31.8	31.0	31.6
Wyo.	38.9	32.7	36.8	40.9	38.4
Colo.	34.8	34.2	34.7	34.7	34.7
N. Mex.	35.7	30.2	34.2	35.2	34.5
Ariz.	39.6	36.4	39.1	51.3	45.8
Utah	35.3	27.3	32.5	26.1	31.1
Nev.	37.4	41.1	38.5	41.6	39.5
Mount.	35.2	31.1	34.0	43.7	36.6
Wash.	29.9	28.7	29.7	30.2	29.9
Oreg.	29.3	28.6	29.2	28.9	29.1
Calif.	33.9	37.3	34.6	36.0	35.6
Pac.	31.3	32.1	31.5	35.4	33.8
U. S.	33.2	29.2	32.2	33.4	32.5

1/ Includes as "other family" only those farm household members working 15 hours or more per week without receiving cash wages.

Farm Wage Rates, January 1, 1972 1/

State and division	Per month		Per week		Per day		Per hour	
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	Without board or room
D o l l a r s								
Maine	320	270	75.00	90.00			15.50	1.90
N. H.	390	310	80.00	100.00			17.50	2.00
Vt.	390	280	70.00	95.00			15.90	2.00
Mass.	440	330	85.00	105.00			17.50	2.10
R. I.	410	290	80.00	105.00			17.50	2.00
Conn.	400	290	75.00	100.00			17.00	2.00
N. Eng.	386	295	77.25	97.75			16.60	2.00
N. Y.	385	269	75.00	96.75			15.40	1.92
N. J.	375	275	70.00	90.00			16.00	1.99
Pa.	302	240	66.50	80.75			13.20	1.73
M. Atl.	355	260	71.50	90.50			14.70	1.87
Ohio	318	238				10.50	13.10	1.68
Ind.	310	227				10.70	14.20	1.78
Ill.	362	269				13.10	15.80	1.91
Mich.	420	300	80.00	102.00			16.50	1.89
Wis.	359	278				12.00	15.00	1.87
E. N. Cent.	365	271				12.30	15.30	1.86
Minn.	330	250				12.10	14.20	1.78
Iowa	389	322				13.60	16.50	1.98
Mo.	300	222				11.00	14.00	1.75
N. Dak.	331	267				11.70	14.50	1.71
S. Dak.	336	266				10.80	13.40	1.59
Nebr.	378	279				12.20	15.30	1.79
Kans.	347	272				11.50	14.90	1.76
W. N. Cent.	343	267				11.90	14.80	1.79
Del.	270						12.00	1.66
Md.	271	210	56.00	75.00			11.90	1.68
Va.					9.70		11.40	1.48
W. Va.	190	150				8.00	9.80	1.35
N. C.					10.00		11.50	1.34
S. C.					9.00		10.00	1.19
Ga.					9.60		10.60	1.28
Fla.					11.00		12.00	1.00
S. Atl.					10.50		11.60	1.11
Ky.					8.30		10.30	1.19
Tenn.					8.70		10.50	1.17
Ala.					8.60		9.60	1.17
Miss.					9.40		11.40	1.30
E. S. Cent.					8.70		10.30	1.20
Ark.					12.00		12.70	1.38
La.					10.30		10.90	1.35
Okla.					10.90		12.60	1.43
Texas					12.40		13.20	1.47
W. S. Cent.					12.00		12.80	1.44
Mont.	365	285					15.00	1.68
Idaho	400	310					15.80	1.78
Wyo.	368	261					13.90	1.75
Colo.	360	256					14.90	1.64
N. Mex.	318	259					12.30	1.42
Ariz.	405	300					14.50	1.64
Utah	365	290					13.20	1.65
Nev.	350	270					14.00	1.75
Mount.	383	288					14.40	1.54
Wash.	455	355						1.99
Oreg.	390	301						1.81
Calif.	460	345						1.91
Pac.	458	344						1.91
U. S.	349	277	64.00	81.00	11.00	11.40	12.50	1.43

1/ Average rates paid on crop and livestock reporters' farms or in their localities for arrangements specified above. U. S. averages include estimates for unpublished State rates of small importance.

Farm Wage Rates, January 1, 1971 1/

State and division	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room	
D o l l a r s										
Maine	320	260	70.00	89.00			15.10		1.75	
N. H.	340	260	70.00	90.00			15.40		1.87	
Vt.	350	270	70.00	89.00			15.50		1.86	
Mass.	390	280	75.00	97.00			15.80		1.90	
R. I.	380	280	75.00	97.00			15.80		1.90	
Conn.	380	280	75.00	98.00			15.90		1.95	
N. Eng.	356	270	72.00	92.50			15.50		1.85	
N. Y.	363	251	70.75	92.00			14.00		1.87	
N. J.	365	265	68.00	88.00			15.00		1.86	
Pa.	309	242	63.00	81.00			12.60		1.66	
M. Atl.	345	250	67.75	87.75			13.70		1.80	
Ohio	309	221					10.20		1.60	
Ind.	303	238					10.70		1.72	
Ill.	343	256					12.40		1.82	
Mich.	410	278	76.00	99.00			16.00		1.80	
Wis.	350	260					10.90		1.79	
E. N. Cent.	354	256					11.70		1.77	
Minn.	321	250					12.10		1.73	
Iowa	380	307					13.10		1.82	
Mo.	270	205					10.00		1.59	
N. Dak.	310	245					10.50		1.55	
S. Dak.	313	241					10.40		1.53	
Nebr.	373	277					11.80		1.73	
Kans.	336	251					10.70		1.64	
W. N. Cent.	333	258					11.40		1.68	
Del.	255						11.50		1.51	
Md.	260	190	55.00	70.00			11.40		1.65	
Va.					9.20		10.80	1.20	1.40	
W. Va.	170	125				7.10	9.10		1.27	
N. C.					9.50		10.90	1.26	1.43	
S. C.					8.20		9.20	1.08	1.23	
Ga.					8.50		9.30	1.15	1.33	
Fla.					10.50		12.50	1.40	1.50	
S. Atl.					9.90		11.60	1.32	1.45	
Ky.					7.70		9.70	1.11	1.40	
Tenn.					7.80		9.60	1.07	1.27	
Ala.					8.20		9.00	1.14	1.25	
Miss.					8.90		9.90	1.25	1.35	
E. S. Cent.					8.20		9.50	1.14	1.31	
Ark.					11.50		12.00		1.40	
La.					9.50		10.40	1.25	1.35	
Okla.					10.50		12.40	1.32	1.56	
Texas					11.40		2/12.30	1.30	1.42	
W. S. Cent.					11.20		2/12.10	1.29	1.43	
Mont.	335	265					13.40	1.62	1.73	
Idaho	382	299					14.50	1.69	1.83	
Wyo.	353	247					12.70	1.72	1.69	
Colo.	349	254					14.10	1.56	1.74	
N. Mex.	299	236					12.50		1.36	
Ariz.	410	300					15.30		1.59	
Utah	340	280					12.60	1.65	1.78	
Nev.	330	240					12.80		1.75	
Mount.	376	280					14.40	1.48	1.63	
Wash.	430	335					17.40	1.90	2.00	
Oreg.	375	282					15.30	1.73	1.81	
Calif.	450	340						1.85	1.94	
Pac.	446	338					16.50	1.85	1.94	
U. S.	2/335	267	61.25	78.50	10.40		11.00	2/12.10	1.47	1.76

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Average Farm Wage Rates, 1971 1/

State and division	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour	
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room
D o l l a r s									
Maine	324	269	74.50	91.75			15.20		1.78
N. H.	363	281	76.50	96.50			16.20		1.94
Vt.	365	272	71.00	96.25			15.60		1.97
Mass.	410	303	77.75	101.75			17.00		1.98
R. I.	390	288	77.00	101.75			17.00		2.02
Conn.	392	292	79.25	99.50			16.90		2.00
N. Eng.	368	283	76.00	97.00			16.20		1.91
N. Y.	375	257	72.50	94.50			15.10		1.87
N. J.	374	275	70.00	90.25			15.90		1.94
Pa.	310	240	65.25	80.50			12.90		1.68
M. Atl.	353	254	69.75	89.00			14.50		1.82
Ohio	314	234					10.80	13.10	1.68
Ind.	302	221					10.70	13.70	1.77
Ill.	354	264					12.60	15.50	1.87
Mich.	404	290	80.00	103.00			15.10		1.85
Wis.	362	273					11.60	14.60	1.85
E. N. Cent.	354	260					11.80	14.50	1.81
Minn.	343	271					12.80	15.40	1.80
Iowa	383	308					14.00	16.70	1.89
Mo.	288	216					10.50	13.00	1.71
N. Dak.	336	274					12.50	15.70	1.70
S. Dak.	329	260					11.20	13.90	1.59
Nebr.	384	289					13.10	16.20	1.79
Kans.	350	270					12.10	14.90	1.73
W. N. Cent.	341	265					12.30	15.00	1.77
Del.	266							12.30	1.64
Md.	272	194	56.75	72.75				12.60	1.69
Va.					9.70		11.20	1.25	1.45
W. Va.	178	139					7.60	9.60	1.32
N. C.					9.80		11.10	1.26	1.44
S. C.					8.60		9.80	1.13	1.28
Ga.					9.20		10.30	1.21	1.40
Fla.					10.60		11.50	1.24	1.43
S. Atl.					9.90		11.00	1.23	1.43
Ky.					8.10		10.60	1.17	1.73
Tenn.					8.40		10.00	1.14	1.37
Ala.					8.50		9.30	1.16	1.32
Miss.					9.10		10.00	1.28	1.31
E. S. Cent.					8.50		10.00	1.18	1.43
Ark.					11.60		12.20	1.32	1.45
La.					10.10		10.80	1.27	1.36
Okla.					11.20		13.00	1.38	1.58
Texas					11.70		12.80	1.35	1.55
W. S. Cent.					11.40		12.40	1.34	1.47
Mont.	356	282					14.50		1.73
Idaho	393	312					14.70		1.84
Wyo.	352	255					13.20		1.71
Colo.	355	264					14.80		1.75
N. Mex.	311	242					12.00		1.38
Ariz.	405	291					14.70		1.58
Utah	356	294					13.60		1.77
Nev.	344	262					14.00		1.83
Mount.	373	281					14.30		1.69
Wash.	440	341						1.94	2.02
Oreg.	380	294						1.82	1.83
Calif.	450	339						1.88	1.97
Pac.	444	336						1.88	1.96
U. S.	340	263	64.50	81.00	10.30	11.20	12.20	1.56	1.73

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State and division	Per month		Per week		Per day		Per hour		
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With house or room	
D o l l a r s									
Maine	308	243	62.50	90.00			15.00		1.74
N. H.	331	255	67.00	90.00			15.50		1.85
Vt.	333	256	67.00	87.75			15.30		1.85
Mass.	369	267	70.25	96.50			15.70		1.88
R. I.	363	267	69.25	96.50			15.70		1.89
Conn.	360	267	69.00	96.75			15.70		1.89
N. Eng.	2/340	257	66.75	92.75			15.40		1.83
N. Y.	356	237	69.25	90.50			13.60		1.75
N. J.	372	272	69.50	89.25			15.40		1.90
Pa.	307	236	62.00	80.00			12.60		1.61
M. Atl.	343	243	67.00	87.00			13.60		1.74
Ohio	297	219					10.30	12.40	1.58
Ind.	293	221					10.60	13.30	1.68
Ill.	335	256					11.90	14.90	1.78
Mich.	384	274	75.50	96.75			12.20	14.80	1.74
Wis.	346	255					11.20	14.00	1.76
E. N. Cent.	337	249					11.40	14.00	1.72
Minn.	334	258					12.00	14.40	1.69
Iowa	378	302					13.20	15.80	1.80
Mo.	278	211					10.00	12.70	1.57
N. Dak.	318	265					11.60	14.70	1.60
S. Dak.	313	249					11.00	13.40	1.53
Nebr.	374	285					12.20	15.20	1.70
Kans.	336	258					11.50	14.30	1.65
W. N. Cent.	330	257					11.60	14.30	1.66
Del.	262							11.50	1.52
Md.	268	183	55.75	71.50				11.90	1.58
Va.					9.00			10.80	1.17
W. Va.	164	121				7.10		9.10	1.25
N. C.					9.30			10.70	1.20
S. C.					7.90			8.90	1.05
Ga.					8.40			9.40	1.13
Fla.					10.50			11.50	1.32
S. Atl.					9.50			10.70	1.24
Ky.					7.50			9.90	1.09
Tenn.					7.70			9.40	1.08
Ala.					7.80			8.70	1.10
Miss.					8.50			9.50	1.23
E. S. Cent.					7.80			9.40	1.12
Ark.					11.10			11.70	1.34
La.					9.40			10.20	1.18
Okla.					11.10			12.70	1.36
Texas					11.00			12.00	1.24
W. S. Cent.					10.80			11.70	1.25
Mont.	331	266						13.70	1.63
Idaho	378	292						14.50	1.70
Wyo.	354	251						13.40	1.60
Colo.	341	248						14.00	1.67
N. Mex.	294	222						11.50	1.32
Ariz.	2/398	2/277						2/14.30	1.53
Utah	337	267						12.90	1.68
Nev.	329	226						12.60	1.62
Mount.	2/359	264						13.80	2/1.59
Wash.	429	329							1.88
Oreg.	379	296					14.60		1.68
Calif.	444	328							1.82
Pac.	437	326							1.81
U. S.	328	251	60.75	78.00	9.80	10.70	11.70		1.50

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