

Notes and Brief Reports

Employers, Workers, and Wages, Second Quarter, 1952

The number of workers with taxable wages in employment covered

by old-age and survivors insurance in April-June 1952, excluding the self-employed covered by the program, is estimated at 46 million—2.2 percent larger than the total in January-March 1952 and 1.8 percent greater

Estimated number of employers¹ and workers and estimated amount of wages in employment covered under old-age and survivors insurance, by specified period, 1940-52²

[Corrected to Mar. 20, 1953]

Year and quarter	Employers reporting wages ² (in thousands)	Workers with taxable wages during period ³ (in thousands)	Taxable wages ³		All workers in covered employment during period ⁴ (in thousands)	Total payrolls in covered employment ⁴	
			Total (in millions)	Average per worker		Total (in millions)	Average per worker
1940.....	2,500	35,393	\$32,974	\$932	35,393	\$35,668	\$1,008
1941.....	2,646	40,976	41,848	1,021	40,976	45,463	1,110
1942.....	2,655	46,363	52,939	1,142	46,363	58,219	1,256
1943.....	2,394	47,656	62,423	1,310	47,656	69,653	1,462
1944.....	2,469	46,296	64,426	1,392	46,296	73,349	1,584
1945.....	2,614	46,392	62,945	1,357	46,392	71,560	1,543
1946.....	3,017	48,845	69,088	1,414	48,845	79,260	1,623
1947.....	3,246	48,908	78,372	1,602	48,908	92,449	1,890
1948.....	3,298	49,018	84,122	1,716	49,018	102,255	2,086
1949.....	3,316	46,796	81,808	1,748	46,796	99,989	2,137
1950 ⁵	3,340	48,100	87,498	1,819	48,100	109,804	2,283
1951 ⁶	4,220	54,500	110,990	2,037	54,500	133,800	2,455
1946							
January-March.....	2,287	36,038	16,840	467	36,038	17,397	483
April-June.....	2,416	38,055	17,845	469	38,153	19,079	500
July-September.....	2,478	39,670	17,709	446	40,228	20,222	503
October-December.....	2,513	37,945	16,694	440	39,930	22,562	565
1947							
January-March.....	2,509	38,765	20,805	537	38,765	21,497	555
April-June.....	2,587	39,801	20,655	519	40,175	22,245	554
July-September.....	2,617	40,255	19,555	486	41,155	23,035	560
October-December.....	2,609	37,448	17,357	463	40,748	25,672	630
1948							
January-March.....	2,588	39,560	23,080	583	39,560	23,923	605
April-June.....	2,690	40,245	22,708	564	40,524	24,668	609
July-September.....	2,699	40,585	21,150	521	41,675	25,700	617
October-December.....	2,661	36,790	17,184	467	41,540	27,964	673
1949							
January-March.....	2,639	38,162	23,376	613	38,162	24,254	636
April-June.....	2,693	38,591	22,571	585	38,864	24,570	632
July-September.....	2,697	38,333	20,160	526	39,601	24,971	631
October-December.....	2,692	34,529	15,701	455	39,477	26,194	664
1950							
January-March ⁵	2,671	37,400	23,490	628	37,400	24,316	650
April-June ⁵	2,766	39,200	24,052	614	39,500	26,210	664
July-September ⁵	2,768	40,400	22,382	554	41,800	28,165	674
October-December ⁵	2,741	36,200	17,574	485	41,700	31,113	746
1951							
January-March ⁶	3,552	43,600	30,175	692	43,600	30,900	709
April-June ⁶	3,630	45,200	30,515	675	45,500	32,900	723
July-September ⁶	3,610	45,500	27,700	609	46,500	34,000	731
October-December ⁶	3,620	41,800	22,600	541	46,500	36,000	774
1952							
January-March ⁶	3,600	45,000	33,200	738	45,000	34,000	756
April-June ⁶	3,670	46,000	32,500	707	46,500	35,000	753

¹ Number corresponds to number of employer returns. A return may relate to more than 1 establishment if employer operates several separate establishments but reports for concern as a whole.

² Data exclude joint coverage under the railroad retirement and old-age and survivors insurance programs.

³ For quarterly and annual data for 1937-39 see the *Bulletin*, February 1947, p. 31. Quarterly data for other years were in the August 1947, February 1948, and January 1953 issues.

⁴ For a description of the series and quarterly data for 1940 see the *Bulletin*, February 1947, p. 30. Quarterly data for other years were in the February 1948 and January 1953 issues.

⁵ Preliminary.

⁶ Preliminary; includes data for new coverage under the 1950 amendments, except for newly covered self-employed persons and their earnings. In 1951 an estimated 58 million persons, including the self-employed, had taxable earnings of \$119.5 billion, or \$2,060 per person with taxable earnings.

than that in the second quarter of the preceding year. The total number of workers in covered employment (again excluding the self-employed), estimated at 46.5 million, also increased during that period—3.3 percent from the January-March 1952 total and 2.2 percent from that of April-June 1951. These increases are in line with the changes in general employment levels.

Average taxable wages, on the other hand, were estimated at \$707, a decline of 4.2 percent from the first quarter of 1952. This decrease was sharper than the usual seasonal decline observed in past years because of the slightly lower level of average weekly hours and average weekly earnings in manufacturing industries as compared with the first quarter of 1952—a decline that is also reflected in the slight decrease to \$753 in the estimated average wage per worker in covered employment.

Although the workweek in manufacturing industries was shorter in April-June 1952 than in the second quarter of the preceding year, average hourly earnings increased sufficiently to result in higher average weekly earnings in the later period. This rise is reflected in the increases of 4.7 percent in the average taxable wage and of 4.1 percent in the average wage per worker in covered employment, as compared with the averages for the corresponding quarter of the preceding year.

An estimated 3.7 million employers reported payment of taxable wages in the second quarter of 1952. This total was 1.9 percent more than that in January-March 1952 and 1.1 percent greater than in the second quarter of the preceding year.