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Elmer F. Andrews, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, today (Monday) released a compilation of average weekly earnings of workers in manufacturing industries during August, 1938, showing that in no State are the average weekly earnings as low as the modest requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The compilation was prepared by Dr. Isador Lubin, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Labor Department.

The jurisdictions with the highest average weekly earnings were: District of Columbia, $33.61; Wyoming, $32.16; in Michigan, $30.00, Michigan led among the heavily industrialized States with California next at $26.35 and New York State at $25.51.

Administrator Andrews pointed out that under the Fair Labor Standards Act employers are required to pay a minimum of $11.00 a week for a 44-hour week during the year from October 24, 1938 to October 24, 1939.

The list of average weekly earnings by States was:

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AUGUST 1938, IN MANUFACTURING

Geographic Division and State	Per Capita Weekly Earnings
NEW ENGLAND	
Maine	$18.59
New Hampshire	19.92
Vermont	20.91
Massachusetts	22.03
Rhode Island	19.21
Connecticut	21.77
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	
New York	25.51
New Jersey	24.44
Pennsylvania	22.55
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	
Ohio	24.60
Indiana	23.65
Illinois	25.16
Michigan	30.00
Wisconsin	23.71
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	
Minnesota	25.58
Iowa	24.10
Missouri	22.85
North Dakota	27.22
South Dakota	23.97
Nebraska	24.54
Kansas	25.46
SOUTH ATLANTIC	
Delaware	19.99
Maryland	21.50
District of Columbia	33.61
Virginia	18.97
West Virginia	23.16
North Carolina	14.99
South Carolina	13.92
Georgia	13.71
Florida	16.26
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	
Kentucky	19.19
Tennessee	17.54
Alabama	16.05
Mississippi	14.16
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	
Arkansas	15.57
Louisiana	19.23
Oklahoma	23.58
Texas	24.49
MOUNTAIN	
Montana	26.95
Idaho	26.06
Wyoming	32.16
Colorado	25.32
New Mexico	18.42
Arizona	25.15
Utah	19.35
Nevada	27.94
PACIFIC	
Washington	26.16
Oregon	26.06
California	26.35