

HOURS AND EARNINGS

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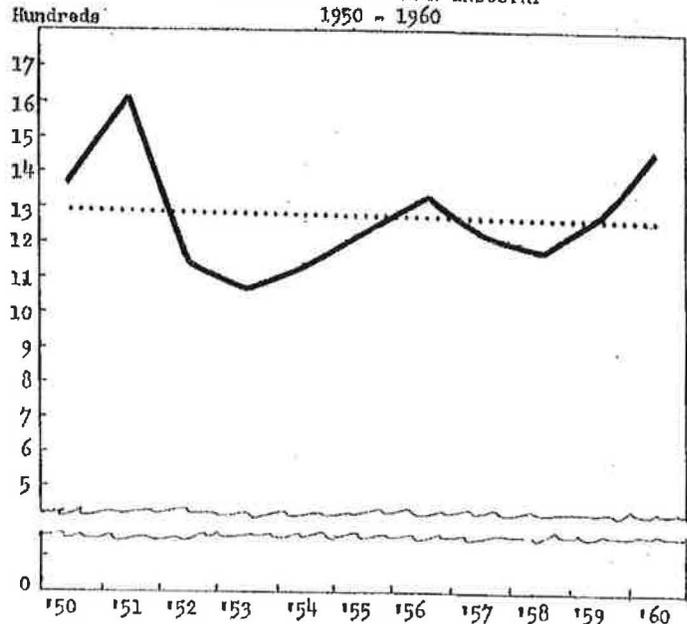
When compared with last year, weekly earnings were up in wholesale and retail trades, and finance, insurance and real estate. All other industries had decreases. Higher hourly earnings and a longer work week combined to cause the increased earnings over last year in wholesale and retail trades. Lower hourly earnings, combined with a shorter work week, resulted in lower weekly earnings in construction and manufacturing industries this year, while a slightly shorter work week caused the small drop of miners' earnings.

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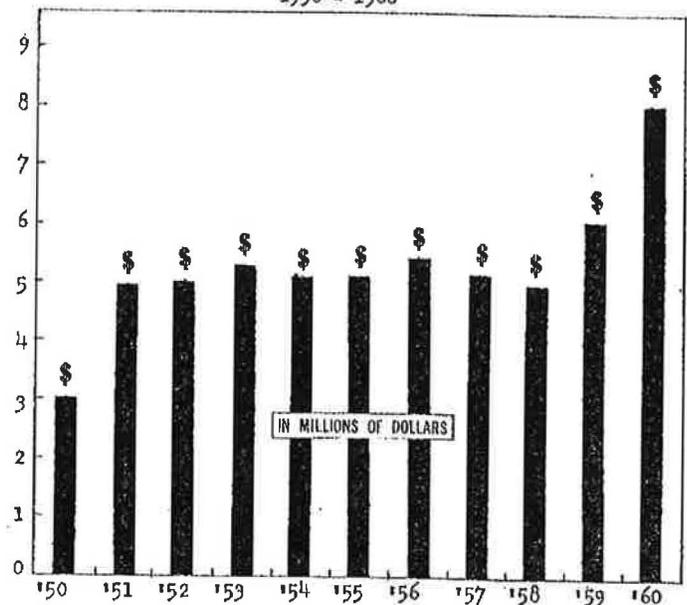
Employment in Water Transportation: In the 12-month period ending December 1960, average monthly employment in Alaska's water transportation industry was 1,464, up 193 jobs from 1959. This is the highest employment level in the industry since 1951 when construction activity was high and warranted considerable transportation by water. The employment level in that year was 1,651 jobs, the highest level of any year for which data are available. Significant employment increases occurred in this industry during the period 1941-1943 as a result of war preparation, and in 1947 which may have been the result of an extension of coverage under the unemployment insurance law.

Water Transportation Payrolls: Total 1960 payrolls of Alaska's water transportation industry employers amounted to \$8.1 million. This is \$1.9 million above 1959, a year with lower average monthly employment, and \$5.1 million higher than the 1950 payrolls. Payrolls have tended to rise steadily over the years with a significant increase occurring from 1952 to 1953 when average employment dropped 59 and payrolls increased by \$.3 million. This irregular movement may be attributable to overtime work in addition to increases of hourly rates. In 1960, the average monthly income of workers in this industry was \$460, an increase of \$51 from 1959, and up \$280 from the 1950 average monthly income level.

AVERAGE STATE UI INSURED EMPLOYMENT IN ALASKA'S
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1950 - 1960



YEARLY PAYROLL FOR STATE UI INSURED EMPLOYMENT IN
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AVERAGE INSURED EMPLOYMENT, YEARLY PAYROLLS, AND
AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME IN ALASKA'S WATER TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

1938 - 1960

Year	Average Employment	Yearly Payroll (Millions of \$)	Average Monthly Income (\$)
1960	1,464	8.1	460
1959	1,271	6.2	409
1958	1,181	4.9	344
1957	1,238	5.2	349
1956	1,315	5.5	349
1955	1,229	5.1	347
1954	1,131	5.1	378
1953	1,087	5.3	409
1952	1,146	5.0	367
1951	1,618	4.9	252
1950	1,367	3.0	180
1949	1,327	2.7	167
1948	1,354	2.5	154
1947	1,381	2.4	147
1946	462	.5	90
1945	574	.3	46
1944	588	.3	42
1943	721	.4	42
1942	1,042	.6	45
1941	1,371	.6	38
1940	1,017	.5	37
1939	820	.4	37
1938	705	.3	35