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Series D 913-926. Earnings in Selected Occupations: 1865 to 1970—Con.

Year	Average annual salary, college teachers ¹	Average annual net income			Annual median net income			Median monthly salary rate, engineers	Military annual pay rates					
		Non-salaried lawyers	Non-salaried physicians	Non-salaried dentists	Non-salaried lawyers	Non-salaried physicians	Non-salaried dentists		Basic pay			Basic pay plus allowances		
									All personnel	Officers	Enlisted personnel	All personnel	Officers	Enlisted personnel
		913	914	915	916	917	918		919	920	921	922	923	924
1950	\$4,354	\$8,349	\$12,324	\$7,436	\$5,722	\$10,518	\$6,342							
1949	4,234	7,971	11,744	7,146		9,561	6,140							
1948	4,123	8,003	11,327	7,039	5,719	8,939	5,939							
1947	3,736	7,437	10,726	6,610	5,199	8,256	5,544							
1946	3,465	6,951	10,202	6,381	4,696	7,523	5,142	\$409						
1945	3,277	6,861	10,975	6,922	4,660	8,073	5,439		\$1,017	\$2,442	\$856	\$1,811	\$3,777	\$1,587
1944	3,331	6,504	9,802	6,649	4,273		5,353							
1943	3,039	5,945	8,370	5,715	3,892			334						
1942	2,914	5,527	6,735	4,625										
1941		4,794	5,047	3,782	2,960	3,756	3,281							
1940	2,906	4,507	4,441	3,314		3,245								
1939		4,391	4,229	3,096	2,704	3,083		277						
1938	2,861	4,273	4,093	2,870		3,027								
1937	2,843	4,483	4,285	2,883	2,757	3,229	2,462							
1936	2,732	4,394	4,204	2,726	2,665	3,234	2,371							
1935	2,665	4,272	3,695	2,485			2,173							
1934		4,218	3,382	2,391				210						
1933		3,868	2,948	2,188			1,880							
1932	3,111	4,156	3,178	2,479				235						
1931	3,134	5,090	4,178	3,422										
1930	3,065	5,194	4,870	4,020										
1929	3,056	5,534	5,224	4,267		3,758	3,676	289						
1918									510	2,141	417	968	2,698	870
1898									282	2,101	205	528	2,489	444
1865									231	717	202	510	1,912	427

* Denotes first year for which figures include Alaska and Hawaii.
¹ Beginning 1956, represents median salaries. For salary data for public elementary and secondary instructional staff, see series H 524.
² The 1953 figure comparable with data for later years is \$646.
³ For all dentists rather than for nonsalaried only. However, the differences are probably quite minor; they amount to less than 1 percent in 1937 and 1948.

Series D 927-939. Labor Union Membership, by Affiliation: 1935 to 1970

(Membership in thousands. Includes members outside the United States, primarily in Canada. AFL = American Federation of Labor; CIO = Congress of Industrial Organizations)

Year	Labor unions (BLS)							Labor union membership (NBER)					
	All unions, membership	AFL		CIO		AFL-CIO		Independent or unaffiliated, membership ¹	All unions	AFL ²	CIO ²	AFL-CIO ²	Independent or unaffiliated, membership ¹
		Number of affiliated unions	Membership	Number of affiliated unions	Membership	Number of affiliated unions	Membership						
	927	928	929	930	931	932	933	934	935	936	937	938	939
1970	20,752					120	15,978	4,773					
1969	20,382					120	15,642	4,740					
1968	20,258					126	15,608	4,650					
1967	19,712					128	16,638	3,074					
1966	19,181					129	16,198	2,983					
1965	18,519					128	15,604	2,915					
1964	17,976					129	15,150	2,825					
1963	17,586					130	14,813	2,768					
1962	17,630					130	14,835	2,794	15,928	9,238	3,958	13,576	2,352
1961	17,328					131	14,572	2,756	16,143	9,312	3,866	13,568	2,575
1960	18,117					134	15,072	3,045	16,607	9,378	4,134	13,881	2,726
1959	18,169					135	15,124	3,044	16,501	9,398	3,983	13,715	2,787
1958	18,081					137	14,993	3,088	16,702	9,417	4,060	13,891	2,812
1957	18,431					139	16,954	1,476	17,687	11,226	4,640	16,078	1,609
1956	18,477					137	16,904	1,573	17,383	11,015	4,624	15,639	1,744
1955	17,749							1,688	16,990	10,593	4,608		1,788
1954	17,955	109	10,929	32	5,200			1,826	16,612	10,258	4,494		1,860
1953	17,860	110	10,778	35	5,252			1,830	17,316	10,438	4,838		2,040
1952	(6)	109	9,500	33	5,000			(6)	16,310	9,977	4,261		2,071
1951	(6)	108	9,500	33	5,000			(6)	15,772	9,497	4,183		2,092

See footnotes at end of table.

Series D 927-939. Labor Union Membership, by Affiliation: 1935 to 1970—Con.

[Membership in thousands]

Year	Labor unions (BLS)						Labor union membership (NBER)			
	All unions, membership	AFL		CIO		Independent or un-affiliated, membership ¹	All unions	AFL	CIO	Independent or un-affiliated, membership ¹
		Number of affiliated unions	Membership	Number of affiliated unions	Membership					
	927	928	929	930	931	934	935	936	937	939
1950	(4)	107	7,143	30	(NA)	(5)	14,823	8,494	3,713	2,616
1949	(4)	107	7,241	39	(NA)	(5)	14,695	8,143	4,314	2,238
1948	(4)	105	7,221	40	(NA)	(5)	15,020	8,095	4,451	2,474
1947	15,414	105	7,578	40	6,000	1,836	14,595	8,487	4,451	1,677
1946	14,974	102	7,152	40	6,000	1,822	13,263	7,652	3,847	1,764
1945	14,796	102	6,931	40	6,000	1,865	12,562	6,890	3,928	1,744
1944	14,621	100	6,807	41	5,955	1,879	12,628	6,877	3,937	1,814
1943	13,642	99	6,564	40	5,285	1,793	11,812	6,779	3,303	1,729
1942	10,762	102	5,483	39	4,195	1,084	10,200	6,076	2,493	1,631
1941	10,489	106	4,589	41	5,000	920	8,698	5,179	2,654	865
1940	8,944	105	4,247	42	3,625	1,072	7,282	4,343	2,154	785
1939	8,980	104	4,006	45	4,000	974	6,556	3,878	1,833	840
1938	8,265	102	3,623	42	4,038	604	6,081	3,547	1,958	575
1937							5,780	3,180	1,991	609
1936							4,107	3,516		591
1935							3,753	3,218		535

NA Not available.

¹ Excludes members of single-firm and local unaffiliated unions.² New unions are included in merged Federation only. Beginning 1956, AFL and CIO show membership of unions affiliated with the AFL and CIO in 1955.³ Estimate.⁴ Source gives following estimates: 1948-1950, 14-16 million each year; 1951 and 1952, 16.5-17 million each year.⁵ Source gives following estimates: 1943, 2.2-2.5 million; 1949, 2-2.3 million; 1950, 2.4-2.8 million; 1951 and 1952, 2-2.5 million each year.

Series D 940-945. Labor Union Membership, by Affiliation: 1897 to 1934

[Includes Canadian members of labor unions with headquarters in U.S. BLS = U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics]

Year	Total union membership (1,000)		American Federation of Labor			Independent or un-affiliated unions, total membership (1,000), Wolman	Year	Total union membership (1,000)		American Federation of Labor			Independent or un-affiliated unions, total membership (1,000), Wolman
	BLS	Wolman	Number of affiliated unions, BLS	Total membership (1,000)				BLS	Wolman	Number of affiliated unions, BLS	Total membership (1,000)		
				BLS	Wolman						BLS	Wolman	
	940	941	942	943	944			945	940	941	942	943	
1934	3,728	3,713	109	3,045	3,030	683	1915	2,560	2,583	110	1,946	1,968	614
1933	2,857	3,048	108	2,127	2,318	730	1914	2,647	2,687	110	2,021	2,061	626
1932	3,226	3,191	106	2,532	2,497	694	1913	2,661	2,716	111	1,996	2,051	665
1931	3,526	3,379	105	2,890	2,743	636	1912	2,405	2,452	112	1,770	1,818	635
							1911	2,318	2,343	115	1,762	1,787	556
1930	3,632	3,416	104	2,961	2,745	671	1910	2,116	2,140	120	1,562	1,587	554
1929	3,625	3,461	105	2,934	2,770	691	1909	1,985	2,006	119	1,483	1,524	482
1928	3,567	3,480	107	2,896	2,809	671	1908	2,092	2,131	116	1,587	1,625	505
1927	3,600	3,546	106	2,813	2,759	787	1907	2,077	2,080	117	1,539	1,542	538
1926	3,592	3,502	107	2,804	2,715	788	1906	1,892	1,907	119	1,454	1,469	438
1925	3,566	3,519	107	2,877	2,831	689	1905	1,918	2,022	118	1,494	1,598	424
1924	3,549	3,536	107	2,866	2,853	683	1904	2,067	2,073	120	1,676	1,682	391
1923	3,629	3,622	108	2,926	2,919	703	1903	1,824	1,914	113	1,466	1,556	368
1922	3,950	4,027	112	3,196	3,273	754	1902	1,335	1,376	97	1,024	1,065	311
1921	4,722	4,781	110	3,907	3,967	816	1901	1,058	1,125	87	788	854	270
1920	5,034	5,048	110	4,079	4,093	955	1900	791	863	82	548	625	243
1919	4,046	4,125	111	3,260	3,339	786	1899	550	611	73	349	410	201
1918	3,868	3,467	111	2,726	2,825	642	1898	467	501	67	278	312	189
1917	2,976	3,061	111	2,371	2,457	605	1897	440	447	58	265	272	175
1916	2,722	2,773	111	2,073	2,124	649							