

# Industrialization - American Labor

<b>Daily Wages and Hours</b>		
	<b>Average Work Day</b>	<b>Daily Wage 1860 = 100</b>
1860	11.0	100
1870	10.5	167
1880	10.3	143
1890	10.0	168

<b>Weekly Wages and Hours in Manufacturing</b>			
	<b>Average Work Week in Hours</b>	<b>Hourly Wage</b>	<b>Average Annual Wage</b>
1890	60	20 cents	
1900	59	22 cents	\$400-500
1910	56.6	26 cents	
1920	51	66 cents	\$1,424
1930	42	55 cents	\$1,368
1940	38	66 cents	\$1,300
1950	40.5	\$1.46	\$3,008

<b>Average Annual Earnings, 1870-1900</b>	
1870	\$375
1880	\$395
1890	\$519
1900	\$573

### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Describe the general trend in the wages of American workers.
2. When did wages rise most rapidly? Most slowly?

<b>Strikes</b>	
1881	477
1890	1,897
1900	1,839
1905	2,186
1915	1,593
1916	3,789
1917	4,450
1918	3,353
1919	3,630

1920	3,411
1930	637
1935	2,014
1940	2,508
1945	4,750
1950	4,843

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1. When was labor unrest greatest?
2. During what periods did the number of strikes rise most rapidly?