

CHAPTER VI: WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK OF EMPLOYED PERSON

1. Weekly Hours of Work by Sex and Age

Average weekly hours of work is 45.7 hours among men and is 34.9 hours among women.

The average weekly hours of work of employed persons is 41.2 hours, a 1.2 hour drop from 42.4 hours recorded in 2000.

Examining this figure by sex gives men's average weekly hours of work of 45.7 hours, a 0.9 hour decrease from the figure in 2000, and women's average weekly hours of work of 34.9 hours, a 1.3 hour decrease from the figure in 2000. (Table 6.1)

Table 6.1 Proportion of Employed Persons 15 Years of Age and Over by Weekly Hours of Work, Sex, Age (Five-Year Groups) and Average Weekly Hours of Work: 2000 and 2005

Sex and age	Proportion by weekly hours of work (%)										Average weekly hours of work (hours)	
	2005					2000					2005	2000
	Total ¹⁾	1-14 hours	15-34	35 hours and over	60 hours and over	Total ¹⁾	1-14 hours	15-34	35 hours and over	60 hours and over		
Both sexes	100.0	5.7	18.2	74.2	11.3	100.0	4.9	16.6	77.0	12.2	41.2	42.4
15-19 years old	100.0	22.8	32.6	43.1	3.7	100.0	18.4	28.9	51.5	4.5	29.3	32.4
20-24	100.0	7.1	17.8	73.7	8.3	100.0	5.3	15.2	78.4	8.9	39.8	41.4
25-29	100.0	2.6	11.2	84.4	12.2	100.0	2.2	10.0	86.2	13.4	44.1	45.1
30-34	100.0	3.3	12.3	82.3	14.1	100.0	3.1	11.5	83.7	16.2	44.2	45.4
35-39	100.0	4.4	14.7	79.3	14.8	100.0	4.0	14.3	80.5	15.9	43.6	44.4
40-44	100.0	4.4	17.0	77.4	13.6	100.0	4.0	16.3	78.8	14.1	42.7	43.5
45-49	100.0	4.1	17.5	77.3	12.1	100.0	3.6	16.6	78.8	12.5	42.3	43.1
50-54	100.0	4.2	17.5	77.0	10.8	100.0	3.7	15.9	79.3	12.0	41.8	43.0
55-59	100.0	4.7	17.5	76.1	10.1	100.0	4.1	15.6	78.9	11.2	41.3	42.6
60-64	100.0	8.3	26.9	62.4	8.7	100.0	7.0	24.3	66.6	9.8	37.6	39.3
65 and over	100.0	14.6	32.6	48.7	6.8	100.0	13.2	32.0	51.2	7.1	33.4	34.4
Male	100.0	3.2	9.3	85.8	16.1	100.0	2.6	8.3	87.7	17.0	45.7	46.7
15-19 years old	100.0	18.4	29.6	50.4	5.2	100.0	14.5	25.2	59.0	6.4	32.2	35.3
20-24	100.0	7.0	15.6	76.0	11.7	100.0	5.4	13.0	80.6	12.9	41.6	43.4
25-29	100.0	1.7	6.0	91.2	17.9	100.0	1.3	4.9	92.9	19.6	47.6	48.6
30-34	100.0	1.3	4.2	93.3	20.8	100.0	1.0	3.8	94.3	23.0	49.0	50.1
35-39	100.0	1.3	3.6	94.0	22.1	100.0	0.9	3.4	94.8	23.1	49.6	50.2
40-44	100.0	1.1	3.5	94.3	20.9	100.0	0.8	3.6	94.7	21.0	49.3	49.6
45-49	100.0	1.1	3.8	93.9	18.4	100.0	0.9	4.1	93.9	18.0	48.4	48.6
50-54	100.0	1.2	4.8	92.5	15.4	100.0	1.1	4.7	93.0	16.1	47.2	47.7
55-59	100.0	1.6	6.4	90.2	13.3	100.0	1.4	6.1	90.9	13.9	45.9	46.5
60-64	100.0	4.7	20.2	72.2	10.2	100.0	4.2	18.4	74.9	11.2	40.9	42.1
65 and over	100.0	11.8	30.0	53.1	7.4	100.0	10.6	29.1	55.8	7.4	35.1	36.1
Female	100.0	9.3	30.6	58.2	4.6	100.0	8.2	28.7	61.6	5.3	34.9	36.3
15-19 years old	100.0	27.4	35.8	35.3	2.0	100.0	23.0	33.1	42.9	2.4	26.3	29.0
20-24	100.0	7.2	20.0	71.3	4.9	100.0	5.3	17.4	76.1	4.8	38.0	39.4
25-29	100.0	3.7	17.7	75.9	5.0	100.0	3.5	17.1	77.0	4.9	39.7	40.0
30-34	100.0	6.4	24.5	65.5	4.0	100.0	6.7	24.7	65.6	4.5	36.8	37.1
35-39	100.0	9.0	31.5	57.2	3.7	100.0	9.0	32.1	57.3	4.1	34.4	34.8
40-44	100.0	8.9	35.2	54.7	3.6	100.0	8.4	34.4	56.3	4.2	33.8	34.8
45-49	100.0	7.9	35.0	56.0	4.0	100.0	7.3	33.4	58.4	5.0	34.4	35.6
50-54	100.0	8.1	34.5	56.2	4.7	100.0	7.4	31.8	59.9	6.2	34.7	36.3
55-59	100.0	9.3	33.8	55.5	5.4	100.0	8.2	30.2	60.5	6.9	34.6	36.6
60-64	100.0	14.0	37.6	46.8	6.2	100.0	11.6	34.1	53.1	7.5	32.4	34.8
65 and over	100.0	19.3	36.8	41.3	5.9	100.0	17.7	37.0	43.5	6.5	30.5	31.6

1) Includes absent from work and "Hours of work not reported".

2. Hours of Work by Industry

Average weekly hours of work is longest in ‘Transport’.

According to the average weekly hours of work of employed persons by industry (major groups), the average weekly hours of work in ‘transport’ is 46.9 hours, which is the longest, followed by ‘information and communications’ (45.1 hours), ‘construction’ (45.0 hours), and ‘mining’ (43.9 hours), etc. Meanwhile, the average weekly hours of work in ‘real estate’ of 36.8 hours is the shortest, followed by ‘medical, health care and welfare’ (37.6 hours), ‘education, learning support’ (38.0 hours) and ‘agriculture’ (38.3 hours), etc.

Examining these figures by sex reveals that men’s average weekly hours of work is the longest in ‘transport’ at 49.3 hours, and is the shortest in ‘forestry’ at 40.1 hours, and that women’s average weekly hours of work is the longest in ‘information and communications’ at 39.4 hours, and is the shortest in ‘real estate’ at 29.7 hours. (Table 6.2)

Table 6.2 Number of Employed Persons 15 Years of Age and Over by Industry (Major Groups) and Hours of Work and Average Weekly Hours of Work by Industry (Major Groups) and Sex : 2005

Industry (major Groups)	Number of the employed persons (thousands)					Proportion (%)					Average weekly hours of work (hours)		
	Total ¹⁾	1-14 hours	15-34	35 hours and over	60 hours and over	Total ¹⁾	1-14 hours	15-34	35 hours and over	60 hours and over	Both sexes	Male	Female
Total ²⁾	61,506	3,532	11,195	45,648	6,930	100.0	5.7	18.2	74.2	11.3	41.2	45.7	34.9
A Agriculture	2,703	259	787	1,617	324	100.0	9.6	29.1	59.8	12.0	38.3	40.5	35.6
B Forestry	47	2	10	33	2	100.0	4.0	21.2	71.5	3.6	39.1	40.1	33.3
C Fisheries	216	17	48	138	36	100.0	8.1	22.0	64.0	16.6	42.1	44.6	34.9
D Mining	27	0	2	24	2	100.0	1.8	7.3	89.5	7.0	43.9	45.0	38.0
E Construction	5,392	178	547	4,551	675	100.0	3.3	10.2	84.4	12.5	45.0	46.9	34.0
F Manufacturing	10,646	267	1,322	8,936	988	100.0	2.5	12.4	83.9	9.3	43.0	46.1	36.7
G Electricity, gas, heat supply and water	280	3	26	247	12	100.0	1.1	9.3	88.4	4.4	41.8	42.4	37.3
H Information and Communications	1,624	37	136	1,428	220	100.0	2.3	8.4	87.9	13.6	45.1	47.1	39.4
I Transport	3,133	77	383	2,629	655	100.0	2.4	12.2	83.9	20.9	46.9	49.3	34.9
J Wholesale and retail trade	11,018	678	2,611	7,616	1,492	100.0	6.2	23.7	69.1	13.5	40.6	47.4	33.9
K Finance and insurance	1,538	43	217	1,259	158	100.0	2.8	14.1	81.9	10.3	42.1	47.2	37.4
L Real estate	860	123	174	542	87	100.0	14.3	20.3	63.1	10.1	36.8	41.2	29.7
M Eating and Drinking Places, Accommodations	3,223	340	986	1,855	563	100.0	10.6	30.6	57.6	17.5	38.9	47.5	33.0
N Medical, Health Care and Welfare	5,353	371	1,190	3,695	251	100.0	6.9	22.2	69.0	4.7	37.6	43.5	35.9
O Education, Learning Support	2,702	343	436	1,874	240	100.0	12.7	16.2	69.3	8.9	38.0	42.4	34.3
P Compound Services	679	20	115	536	38	100.0	2.9	17.0	78.9	5.6	40.2	43.0	35.1
Q Services not elsewhere classified	8,820	582	1,787	6,315	924	100.0	6.6	20.3	71.6	10.5	40.1	44.2	34.6
R Government not elsewhere classified	2,098	106	235	1,730	179	100.0	5.0	11.2	82.5	8.5	41.5	43.9	33.9

1) Includes absent from work and “Hours of work not reported”.

2) Includes “Establishments not adequately described”.