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Manitowoc far outstripped all other Wisconsin cities in percentage of increase of wage earners and weekly payrolls in the period from 1939 to 1943, inclusive, according to a year-end review of state industries, compiled by the State Industrial commission.

Weekly payrolls of plants in this city jumped nearly six-fold, from \$98,500 in 1939 to \$580,800 in 1943. Wage earners increased from 3,950 in 1939 to 12,010 this year.

The only comparable city was West Allis, with weekly payrolls increasing from \$295,000 in 1939 to \$1,522,000 in 1943 and workers from 9,330 to 28,120.

A Steady Increase

Manitowoc's increase in workers and payrolls was steady in the four year period. Increases in workers is indicated by the following totals:

1939	3,950
1940	4,470
1941	5,870
1942	9,570
1943	12,010

Weekly payrolls jumped on the following basis year by year:

1939	\$ 98,500
1940	115,400
1941	182,500
1942	418,100
1943	580,800

Weekly wages of workers in Manitowoc nearly doubled in the four year span. In 1939 the average weekly wage of Manitowoc workers was \$25.24 and this year the average was \$48.19. In 1941 the average was \$30.93 and in 1942, \$43.05.

Average hourly earnings jumped from 62.7 cents in 1939 to 102.2 cents in 1943.

Manitowoc's phenomenal jump in weekly payrolls can be gleaned by a glance at figures from nearby cities for 1939 and 1943. Here is a comparison of weekly payrolls in the two years from other cities in this area:

Appleton, 1939, \$74,200; 1943, \$140,900.

Fond du Lac, 1939, \$50,100; 1943, \$135,400.

Oshkosh, 1939, \$99,300, 1943, \$261,700.

Sheboygan, 1939, \$105,100; 1943, \$182,300.

Two Rivers, 1939, \$47,600; 1943, \$76,100.

Green Bay, 1939, \$108,500; 1943, \$204,900.