

Table 2: Earnings percentiles (shillings/week), 1886-1960

Adult Male (aged 21 and over)

	<i>P10</i>	<i>P25</i>	<i>P50</i>	<i>P75</i>	<i>P90</i>
1886	16.58	20.00	24.16	29.42	34.58
1906	17.29	22.0	27.75	35.25	43.32
1938	46.0	55.92	68.0	80.75	95.0
1960	200.20	248.0	286.40	349.20	422.60

Adult Female (aged 18 and over) earnings percentiles (shillings/week)

	<i>P10</i>	<i>P25</i>	<i>P50</i>	<i>P75</i>	<i>P90</i>
1886	6.91	9.80	12.39	14.89	18.73
1906	-	10.0	12.75	16.68	-
1938	20.75	25.0	32.25	38.58	45.5
1960	109.0	128.0	151.40	164.0	209.4

Notes

The 1906 and 1938 enquiries were based upon roughly the same group of industries, though 1906 excludes mining and quarrying. The 1938 figures are weighted in relation to the size of the industry in the sample, whereas the 1906 figures are aggregate figures without re-weighting by industry. See Ainsworth pp.40-41. Note that the figures for adult men in 1886 reported in Table 1 differ slightly from those reported in Bowley (1937) p.42. Bowley does not provide estimates for the distribution of adult women's earnings in 1886. With respect to the 1906 census, Bowley also provides estimates of the distribution of earnings for adult men. These are substantially different from Ainsworth's figures, for reasons that Ainsworth was not able to ascertain (see Ainsworth, discussion, p.64) .

1886: Adult men from Bowley (1937) p.42. Adult female calculated by author from percentage figures reported in Abstract of Labour Statistics, Labour Department of the Board of Trade, 1893-94 (BPP 1894, C.7565), p.85.

1906: Ainsworth, p.41 for P25, P50 and P75. Figures relate to all workers, including those working short-time or over-time, in England, Wales, Scotland and Eire. The figures for P10 and P90 are the author's estimates from the distributional frequencies derived from the 1906 wage census reported in Gazeley, I and Newell, A 'Poverty in Edwardian Britain', *Economic History Review* 64, 1 (2011), Table 10, column 2. These figures differ somewhat from those implied by Thatcher (1968) p.136.

1938: Ainsworth, p.38 and discussion p.64. Figures relate to all workers. Including those working short-time or over-time. Figures exclude Eire. These figures exclude mining and quarrying to make them more comparable with those for 1906.

1960: Thatcher Table 1 p.135. Figures converted from £/week to s/week.