

## **Wages Rate Data**

Average Daily Wage Rates for Agricultural and Non-agricultural Occupations - In pursuance of the recommendations of the Technical Working Group on rural retail prices set up by the NSSO in 1974, Labour Bureau has been compiling and maintaining average daily wage rate data in respect of agricultural and non-agricultural occupations based on the data collected by the Field Operation Division of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) from a fixed set of 600 sample villages spread over 66 NSS regions in 20 states. Though these wage rate data have been collected since 1986-87, their regular compilation and dissemination started w.e.f December, 1998.

The average daily wage rate data was collected for eleven agricultural and seven non-agricultural occupations till December, 2013. However, following the recommendations of the Working Group constituted by the CSO on advice of the National Statistical Commission (NSC), wage rate data is now being collected for 25 occupations (12 agricultural and 13 non-agricultural).

The daily wage rate data received from the field are first normalized for eight working hours a day. The simple arithmetic average of these normalized daily wage rates is worked out for each of the 20 states. The average wage rates at all-India level are derived by dividing the sum total of wages of all the 20 states by the number of quotations. These averages are restricted only to those occupations where the number of quotations is five or more in order to avoid the apparent inconsistency in wages paid to different categories of workers on account of differences in number of quotations. The month-wise average daily wage rates are thus worked out at State level and also at all-India level are released regularly to the users through various sources.

The containment measures taken to limit the Covid-19 pandemic continued during the month of May, 2020 also. The wage rate data was collected, to the extent possible, through personal visits and also by using electronic means of communication. Though there has been an improvement in the flow of data, it was not adequate to generate the robust data at state level. Hence it has been decided not to release wage rate data at state level for the month of May, 2020.

All-India average daily wage rates by occupation and sex for the month of May, 2020 have been presented in Table-1 for agricultural occupations and Table-2 for non-agricultural occupations.

Table-1: All India average Daily Wage Rates for Agricultural Occupations in Rural India during May, 2020 (By Sex).

(in Rupees)

Sl. No	Occupation	Men	Women	Children
1	Ploughing/Tailing workers	362.58	229.84	-
2	Sowing ( including Planting / Transplanting/ Weeding workers	323.25	252.00	@
3	Harvesting/ Winnowing / Threshing workers	321.76	262.57	@
4	Picking Workets (including nursery growers)	297.90	252.20	@
5	Horticulture workers ( including nursery growers )	303.67	254.37	-
6	Fishemen - inland	243.00	-	-
7	Fishermen - Coastal / deep - sea	@	@	-
8	Loggers and wood cutters	390.88	@	-
9	Animal husbandry workers ( including poultry workers, dairy workers & herds man	250.98	182.20	128.00
10	Packing labourers, agriculture	288.71	262.50	@
11	General agricultural labourers ( including watering/ irrigation workers )	301.94	233.45	178.89
12	Plant protection workers ( applying pesticides, treating seeds , etc.)	351.82	247.50	@

- = Indicates that the particular category of workers, i.e. men/ women /children were not engaged in that operation either because of their non-availability; or the activity connected with the occupation was not undertaken.; or the activity was out of season etc.

@ = Number of quotations are less than five.

Table-2: All India average Daily Wage Rates for Non-agricultural Occupations in Rural India during May, 2020 (By Sex).

(in Rupees)

Sl. No	Occupation	Men	Women	Children
1	Carpenter	478.17	-	-
2	Blacksmith	379.59	@	@
3	Mason	530.96	@	-
4	Weavers	321.10	@	-
5	Beedi Makers	255.00	155.75	-
6	Bamboo, Basket , Weavers	273.04	233.00	-
7	Handicraft workers	471.89	@	-
8	Plumbers	478.31	-	-
9	Electrician	438.09	-	-
10	Construction workers	352.65	263.97	-
11	LMV & Tractor Drivers	389.06	-	-
12	Non-agricultural Labourers	319.47	244.45	@
13	Sweeping/Cleaning workers	266.85	235.28	-

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