Tax Bite in the Eight-Hour Day, 1940 – 2011

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Year	Percent of Income)	Hour Day
1900	5.9%	9:28 a.m.
1901	5.8%	9:28 a.m.
1902	5.6%	9:27 a.m.
1903	5.3%	9:25 a.m.
1904	5.7%	9:27 a.m.
1905	5.4%	9:26 a.m.
1906	5.1%	9:24 a.m.
1907	5.1%	9:24 a.m.
1908	5.7%	9:27 a.m.
1909	4.9%	9:24 a.m.
1910	5.0%	9:24 a.m.
1911	5.3%	9:25 a.m.
1912	5.0%	9:24 a.m.
1913	5.2%	9:25 a.m.
1914	6.1%	9:29 a.m.
1915	6.7%	9:32 a.m.
1916	6.5%	9:31 a.m.
1917	6.4%	9:31 a.m.
1918	10.5%	9:50 a.m.
1919	10.2%	9:49 a.m.
1920	12.0%	9:58 a.m.
1921	14.5%	10:10 a.m.
1922	11.4%	9:55 a.m.
1923	9.5%	9:46 a.m.
1924	10.3%	9:49 a.m.
1925	9.6%	9:46 a.m.
1926	10.0%	9:48 a.m.
1927	10.7%	9:51 a.m.
1928	10.8%	9:52 a.m.
1929	10.7%	9:51 a.m.
1930	11.7%	9:56 a.m.
1931	12.4%	10:00 a.m.
1932	15.2%	10:13 a.m.
1933	17.0%	10:22 a.m.
1934	16.1%	10:17 a.m.
1935	15.6%	10:15 a.m.
1936	15.6%	10:15 a.m.
1937	17.1%	10:22 a.m.
1938	17.7%	10:25 a.m.

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1939	17.1%	10:22 a.m.
1940	17.8%	10:25 a.m.
1941	20.4%	10:38 a.m.
1942	20.9%	10:40 a.m.
1943	25.7%	11:03 a.m.
1944	24.0%	10:55 a.m.
1945	24.2%	10:56 a.m.
1946	24.3%	10:57 a.m.
1947	24.9%	11:00 a.m.
1948	23.3%	10:52 a.m.
1949	21.9%	10:45 a.m.
1950	24.6%	10:58 a.m.
1951	26.3%	11:06 a.m.
1952	26.4%	11:07 a.m.
1953	26.2%	11:06 a.m.
1954	24.8%	10:59 a.m.
1955	25.6%	11:03 a.m.
1956	26.3%	11:06 a.m.
1957	26.4%	11:07 a.m.
1958	25.7%	11:03 a.m.
1959	26.7%	11:08 a.m.
1960	27.7%	11:13 a.m.
1961	27.6%	11:12 a.m.
1962	27.7%	11:13 a.m.
1963	28.2%	11:15 a.m.
1964	26.9%	11:09 a.m.
1965	26.8%	11:09 a.m.
1966	27.5%	11:12 a.m.
1967	27.9%	11:14 a.m.
1968	29.5%	11:22 a.m.
1969	30.8%	11:28 a.m.
1970	29.6%	11:22 a.m.
1971	28.9%	11:19 a.m.
1972	30.1%	11:24 a.m.
1973	30.1%	11:25 a.m.
1974	30.8%	11:28 a.m.
1975	29.1%	11:20 a.m.
1976	29.8%	11:23 a.m.
1977	30.1%	11:25 a.m.
1978	30.0%	11:24 a.m.
1979	30.1%	11:24 a.m.
1980	30.4%	11:26 a.m.
1981	31.1%	11:29 a.m.
1982	30.4%	11:26 a.m.
1983	29.4%	11:21 a.m.
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1984	29.2%	11:20 a.m.
1985	29.5%	11:21 a.m.
1986	29.7%	11:22 a.m.
1987	30.7%	11:27 a.m.
1988	30.4%	11:26 a.m.
1989	30.5%	11:26 a.m.
1990	30.4%	11:26 a.m.
1991	30.2%	11:25 a.m.
1992	29.8%	11:23 a.m.
1993	30.0%	11:24 a.m.
1994	30.5%	11:26 a.m.
1995	30.9%	11:28 a.m.
1996	31.3%	11:30 a.m.
1997	31.9%	11:33 a.m.
1998	32.5%	11:36 a.m.
1999	32.5%	11:36 a.m.
2000	33.0%	11:38 a.m.
2001	31.8%	11:33 a.m.
2002	29.2%	11:20 a.m.
2003	28.4%	11:16 a.m.
2004	28.5%	11:17 a.m.
2005	30.2%	11:25 a.m.
2006	31.2%	11:30 a.m.
2007	31.1%	11:29 a.m.
2008	29.0%	11:19 a.m.
2009	26.6%	11:08 a.m.
2010	26.9%	11:09 a.m.
2011	27.7%	11:13 a.m.

Source: Tax Foundation calculations based on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Congressional Budget Office, Joint Committee on Taxation, Office of Management and Budget, Internal Revenue Service, Congressional Research Service, and National Bureau of Economic Research.

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