

# Working Conditions

The majority of immigrants worked in industrial jobs, for a variety of reasons. Most industries were rapidly growing and in need of workers. Most immigrants were unskilled laborers, were desperate for work, and were willing to accept almost any kind of job, no matter how un-attractive or low paying.

Immigrants were particularly vulnerable to exploitation and many worked under intolerable conditions. The average worker's salary was about 10 cents an hour and child workers often made half that. Additionally, many workers were forced to work 12-16 hours per day.

Working conditions were often dangerous, unsanitary and uncomfortable.

