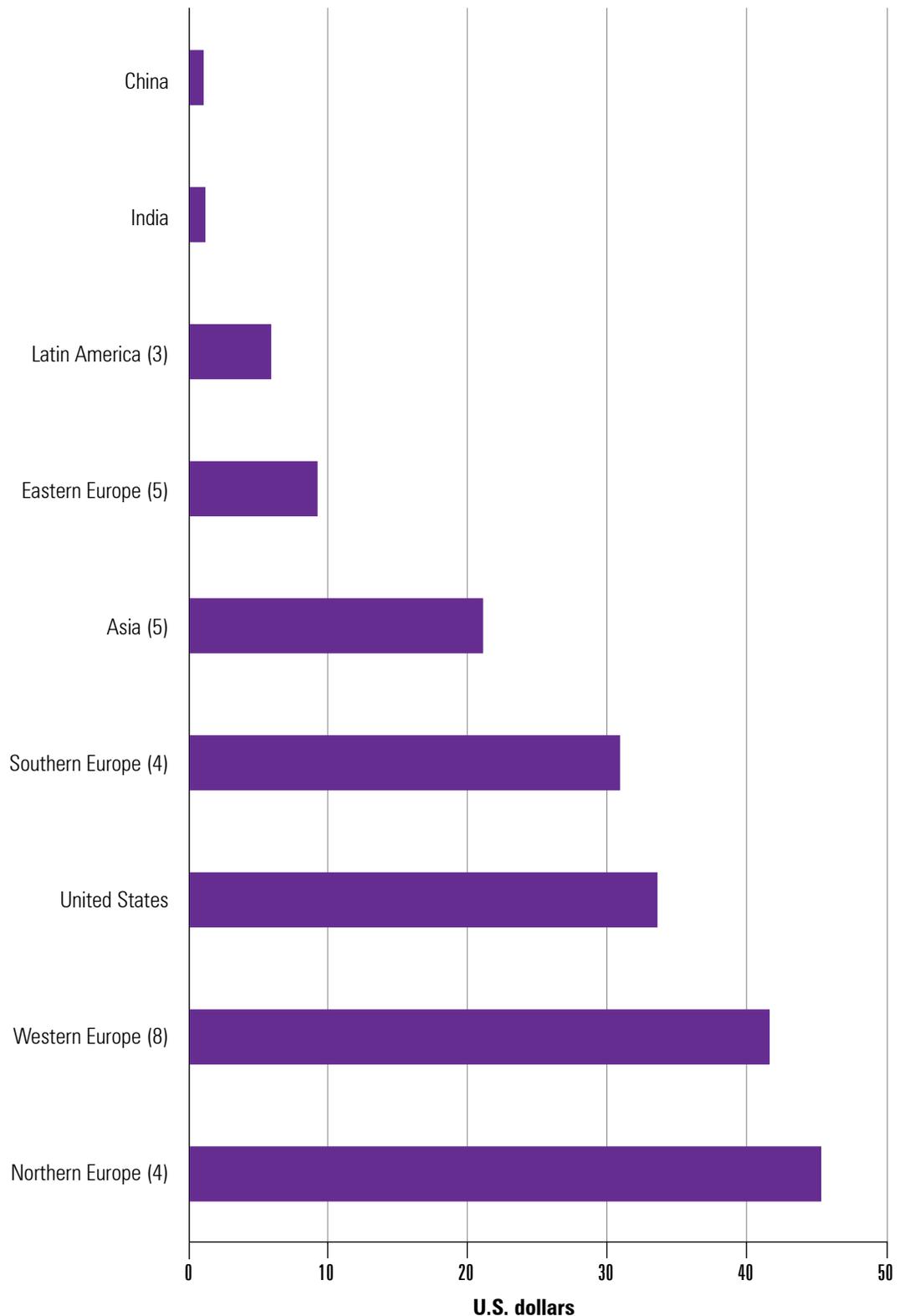


# CHART 3.2

## Hourly compensation costs in manufacturing, selected countries and regions, in U.S. dollars, 2009

**Costs in Northern Europe were, on average, \$12 higher than those in the United States, while costs in Latin America were \$28 lower than the U.S. level.**

- Eastern European countries, on average, had the lowest hourly compensation costs within Europe, at \$36 below the Northern European level.
- Costs in China were only 5 percent of costs in other Asian countries.



**NOTE:** Number in parenthesis refers to the number of countries in the regional grouping. Data for China and India refer to 2007 and are not directly comparable with each other or with data for other countries. See section notes.

**SOURCE:** Bureau of Labor Statistics