

# Hourly compensation costs in manufacturing, selected countries and regions, annual percent changes, 2004–2009



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**Manufacturing compensation costs in China grew the fastest, while costs in the rest of Asia and Western Europe grew at the slowest pace.**

- Eastern Europe and Latin America also saw rapid increases in compensation, although cost growth in Eastern Europe slowed substantially from 2008 to 2009.
- Asia experienced a slight decline in compensation costs between 2008 and 2009, a trend not shared with other regions of the world.

**NOTE:** Percent changes are based on national currency-denominated compensation costs. Number in parenthesis refers to the number of countries in the regional grouping. See section notes. The latest available data for China and India refer to 2007–2008 and 2006–2007, respectively.

**SOURCE:** Bureau of Labor Statistics