

The largest of the mining industry groups presented in the chart, nonmetallic mineral mining and quarrying, had the lowest average wages for each of the occupations shown.

## FIGURE 19

- Metal ore mining, the smallest mining industry, had the highest average wages for 9 of the 12 largest occupations.
- First-line supervisors/managers of construction trades and extraction workers had the highest average wage of the occupations shown for all three mining (except oil and gas) industries.
- Laborers and hand freight, stock, and material movers had the greatest average annual wage differentials across the three industries: they made \$42,420 in metal ore mining, \$34,380 in coal mining, and \$26,100 in nonmetallic mineral mining.



Mean annual wages of the largest occupations in selected mining industries, May 2008

