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**EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX**  
**December 2003**  
(June 1989=100)  
(Not seasonally adjusted)

Group	Civilian Workers 1/			Private Industry Workers		
	Index Dec 2003	Percent changes for --		Index Dec 2003	Percent changes for --	
		12 months ended Dec 03	3 months ended Dec 03		12 months ended Dec 03	3 months ended Dec 03
<b>United States</b>						
<b>Total compensation 2/</b>	168.4	3.8	0.5	168.8	4.0	0.4
White collar occupations	170.7	3.9	0.5	172.0	4.1	0.5
White collar except sales	171.1	3.9	0.5	173.0	4.3	0.5
Blue collar occupations	163.7	3.9	0.5	163.6	4.0	0.5
Union	-	-	-	164.2	4.9	0.7
Nonunion	-	-	-	163.2	3.5	0.4
Service occupations	167.9	3.5	0.7	164.9	3.2	0.7
<b>Wages and salaries</b>	162.3	2.9	0.3	162.3	3.0	0.4
White collar occupations	165.1	3.1	0.4	165.9	3.4	0.4
White collar except sales	165.7	3.1	0.4	167.0	3.5	0.5
Blue collar occupations	156.3	2.4	0.3	156.1	2.4	0.3
Union	-	-	-	153.5	2.6	0.5
Nonunion	-	-	-	157.8	2.3	0.2
Service occupations	160.6	2.4	0.5	157.8	2.1	0.4
<b>Benefits</b>	184.3	6.3	0.8	185.8	6.4	0.8
White collar occupations	-	-	-	189.2	6.0	0.8
Blue collar occupations	-	-	-	179.9	7.2	0.8
Service	-	-	-	186.4	6.6	1.2
<b>Northeast</b>						
Total compensation 1/	-	-	-	167.9	4.1	0.6
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	160.9	3.3	0.6
<b>South</b>						
Total compensation 1/	-	-	-	163.9	3.1	0.4
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	157.9	2.1	0.3
<b>Midwest</b>						
Total compensation 1/	-	-	-	172.5	4.8	0.5
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	166.5	3.9	0.2
<b>West</b>						
Total compensation 1/	-	-	-	172.2	4.4	0.5
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	165.2	3.2	0.3

1/ Includes private industry and State and local government workers.

2/ Includes wages, salaries, and employer costs for employee benefits.

Note: Dashes indicate data not available.

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