The gap between the growth rates for hourly compensation costs and the consumer price indexes (CPI) indicates the degree to which manufacturing worker compensation has kept up with inflation.

- Compensation growth outpaced inflation in most countries between 2007 and 2010. The compensation-inflation gap was largest in Ireland, Brazil, and Slovakia.
- Compensation growth rates lagged inflation most notably in Hungary, Taiwan, and South Korea.

NOTE: Hourly compensation growth rates are based on national currency-denominated costs.