

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

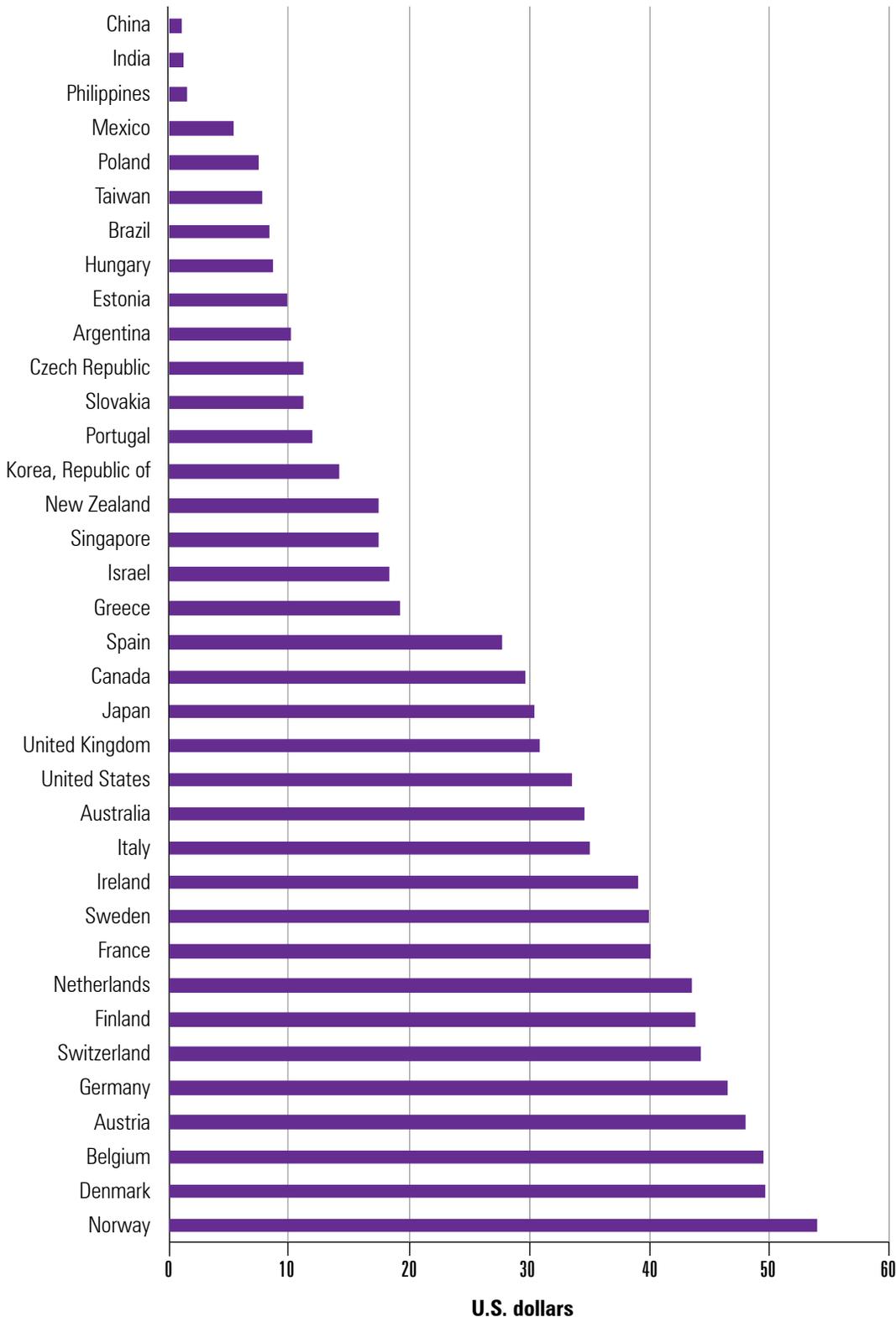


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The 12 countries with the highest manufacturing hourly compensation costs were all in Europe, followed by Australia and the United States.

- Costs in Norway were 1.6 times the U.S. level and roughly 50 times costs in China.
- Labor costs in China and India have been growing faster than those in the United States in recent years, but were still less than 4 percent of the U.S. level.

**NOTE:** 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