

Table 8. Standard errors for defined contribution retirement plans: Selected attributes, private industry workers, National Compensation Survey, March 2012

Characteristics	Employee contribution		Employee contribution option	
	Required	Not required	Pretax	Not pretax
All workers	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
Worker characteristics				
Management, professional, and related	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.9
Management, business, and financial	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.9
Professional and related	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2
Service	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Protective service	3.2	3.2	2.2	2.2
Sales and office	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
Sales and related	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.6
Office and administrative support	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9
Construction, extraction, farming, fishing, and forestry	3.8	3.8	3.1	3.1
Installation, maintenance, and repair	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.8
Production, transportation, and material moving	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
Production	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Transportation and material moving	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.5
Full time	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
Part time	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.7
Union	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.6
Nonunion	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
Average wage within the following categories: ¹				
Lowest 25 percent	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Lowest 10 percent	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.7
Second 25 percent	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.4
Third 25 percent	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Highest 25 percent	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.6
Highest 10 percent	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.9
Establishment characteristics				
Goods-producing industries	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Construction	3.3	3.3	2.7	2.7
Manufacturing	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5
Service-providing industries	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
Wholesale trade	2.7	2.7	2.1	2.1
Retail trade	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.5
Transportation and warehousing	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.4
Utilities	3.9	3.9	–	–

See footnotes at end of table.

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Characteristics	Employee contribution		Employee contribution option	
	Required	Not required	Pretax	Not pretax
Information	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Financial activities	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Finance and insurance	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
Credit intermediation and related activities	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Insurance carriers and related activities	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Real estate and rental and leasing	6.1	6.1	5.1	5.1
Professional and business services	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.1
Professional and technical services	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.1
Administrative and waste services	5.4	5.4	—	—
Education and health services	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.1
Educational services	2.5	2.5	1.8	1.8
Junior colleges, colleges, and universities	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.6
Healthcare and social assistance	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.6
Leisure and hospitality	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.5
Accommodation and food services	4.6	4.6	3.8	3.8
Other services	4.2	4.2	—	—
1 to 99 workers	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.3
1 to 49 workers	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.7
50 to 99 workers	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0
100 workers or more	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
100 to 499 workers	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
500 workers or more	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Geographic areas				
New England	4.4	4.4	2.4	2.4
Middle Atlantic	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.0
East North Central	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9
West North Central	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.0
South Atlantic	2.4	2.4	1.9	1.9
East South Central	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.4
West South Central	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.8
Mountain	4.3	4.3	2.8	2.8
Pacific	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.7

¹ The categories are based on the average wage for each occupation surveyed, which may include workers with earnings both above and below the threshold. The average wages are based on the estimates published in the "National Compensation Survey: Occupational Earnings in the United States, 2010." See Technical Note for more details.

NOTE: Dash indicates no workers in this category or data did not meet publication criteria. For definitions of major plans, key provisions, and related terms, see the "Glossary of Employee Benefit Terms" at www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/glossary20112012.htm.