

Table 4. Standard errors for defined benefit retirement plans: Open and frozen plans, private industry workers, National Compensation Survey, March 2012

Characteristics	Open plans ¹	Frozen plans ²
All workers	1.3	1.3
Worker characteristics		
Management, professional, and related	2.1	2.1
Management, business, and financial	2.3	2.3
Professional and related	2.5	2.5
Service	3.2	3.2
Protective service	10.0	10.0
Sales and office	2.0	2.0
Sales and related	4.4	4.4
Office and administrative support	2.0	2.0
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	1.7	1.7
Construction, extraction, farming, fishing, and forestry	1.3	1.3
Installation, maintenance, and repair	2.7	2.7
Production, transportation, and material moving ...	2.2	2.2
Production	3.1	3.1
Transportation and material moving	2.9	2.9
Full time	1.3	1.3
Part time	1.8	1.8
Union	1.1	1.1
Nonunion	1.8	1.8
Average wage within the following categories: ³		
Lowest 25 percent	3.0	3.0
Lowest 10 percent	4.1	4.1
Second 25 percent	2.4	2.4
Third 25 percent	1.7	1.7
Highest 25 percent	1.7	1.7
Highest 10 percent	2.5	2.5
Establishment characteristics		
Goods-producing industries	2.2	2.2
Construction	1.3	1.3
Manufacturing	2.6	2.6
Service-providing industries	1.7	1.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2.3	2.3
Wholesale trade	7.8	7.8
Retail trade	3.0	3.0
Utilities	4.6	4.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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Characteristics	Open plans ¹	Frozen plans ²
Information	4.9	4.9
Financial activities	2.5	2.5
Finance and insurance	2.6	2.6
Credit intermediation and related activities	3.5	3.5
Insurance carriers and related activities	5.7	5.7
Professional and business services	4.5	4.5
Education and health services	3.4	3.4
Educational services	1.7	1.7
Junior colleges, colleges, and universities	2.1	2.1
Healthcare and social assistance	3.9	3.9
1 to 99 workers	2.1	2.1
1 to 49 workers	2.5	2.5
50 to 99 workers	3.1	3.1
100 workers or more	1.6	1.6
100 to 499 workers	2.4	2.4
500 workers or more	2.0	2.0
Geographic areas		
New England	5.0	5.0
Middle Atlantic	2.3	2.3
East North Central	3.1	3.1
West North Central	5.0	5.0
South Atlantic	3.3	3.3
East South Central	5.4	5.4
West South Central	3.0	3.0
Mountain	6.2	6.2
Pacific	3.5	3.5

¹ Plans open to new participants.

² Plans closed to new workers or plans that cease accruals for some or all plan participants.

³ 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: 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.