

**Table 8. Standard errors for defined contribution retirement plans: Selected attributes, civilian workers,<sup>1</sup> March 2017**

Characteristics	Employee contribution		Employee contribution option	
	Required	Not required	Pretax	Not pretax
All workers .....	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
<b>Worker characteristics</b>				
Management, professional, and related .....	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Management, business, and financial .....	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.1
Professional and related .....	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Teachers .....	2.6	2.6	0.9	0.9
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	4.5	4.5	1.5	1.5
Registered nurses .....	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.0
Service .....	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.8
Protective service .....	3.6	3.6	1.9	1.9
Sales and office .....	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
Sales and related .....	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
Office and administrative support .....	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance Construction, extraction, farming, fishing, and forestry .....	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.6
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	3.6	3.6	2.9	2.9
Production, transportation, and material moving ... Production .....	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.0
Transportation and material moving .....	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.3
Production .....	2.1	2.1	1.6	1.6
Transportation and material moving .....	2.1	2.1	1.5	1.5
Full time .....	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
Part time .....	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
Union .....	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6
Nonunion .....	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6
Average wage within the following categories: <sup>2</sup>				
Lowest 25 percent .....	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.2
Lowest 10 percent .....	3.3	3.3	2.4	2.4
Second 25 percent .....	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
Third 25 percent .....	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9
Highest 25 percent .....	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Highest 10 percent .....	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1
<b>Establishment characteristics</b>				
Goods-producing industries .....	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5
Service-providing industries .....	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Education and health services .....	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1
Educational services .....	1.6	1.6	1.0	1.0
Elementary and secondary schools .....	4.2	4.2	1.1	1.1
Junior colleges, colleges, and universities Health care and social assistance .....	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2
Hospitals .....	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6
Public administration .....	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.0
Public administration .....	2.8	2.8	1.2	1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 8. Standard errors for defined contribution retirement plans: Selected attributes, civilian workers,<sup>1</sup> March 2017—continued**

Characteristics	Employee contribution		Employee contribution option	
	Required	Not required	Pretax	Not pretax
1 to 99 workers .....	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1
1 to 49 workers .....	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2
50 to 99 workers .....	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1
100 workers or more .....	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
100 to 499 workers .....	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1
500 workers or more .....	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
<b>Geographic areas</b>				
Northeast .....	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.0
New England .....	3.9	3.9	2.9	2.9
Middle Atlantic .....	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.9
South .....	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8
South Atlantic .....	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.0
East South Central .....	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.4
West South Central .....	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.1
Midwest .....	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.9
East North Central .....	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.3
West North Central .....	2.2	2.2	3.4	3.4
West .....	1.9	1.9	1.3	1.3
Mountain .....	4.9	4.9	2.5	2.5
Pacific .....	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4

<sup>1</sup> Includes workers in private industry and state and local government. See Technical Note for further explanation.  
<sup>2</sup> Surveyed occupations are classified into wage categories based on the average wage for the occupation, which may include workers with earnings both above and below the threshold. The categories were formed using percentile estimates generated using wage data for March 2017.

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/nce/ebs/glossary20162017.htm](http://www.bls.gov/nce/ebs/glossary20162017.htm).

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.