

**Table 31. Standard errors for traditional defined benefit plans: Definition of terminal earnings, private industry workers, National Compensation Survey, 2014**

| Characteristics                                             | Five years |           |                       | Other period | Not determinable |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                                                             | Total      | High five | High consecutive five |              |                  |
| <b>Worker characteristics</b>                               |            |           |                       |              |                  |
| All workers .....                                           | 6.1        | 3.2       | 5.3                   | 4.0          | 6.0              |
| Management, professional, and related .....                 | 9.6        | 4.2       | 8.3                   | 6.0          | 10.2             |
| Management, business, and financial .....                   | 10.6       | 6.5       | 6.1                   | —            | —                |
| Professional and related .....                              | 11.0       | —         | 10.4                  | 5.7          | 11.6             |
| Service .....                                               | 14.0       | —         | 13.8                  | —            | —                |
| Sales and office .....                                      | 6.1        | 5.2       | 5.8                   | 4.6          | 5.7              |
| Sales and related .....                                     | 9.4        | —         | 13.8                  | —            | —                |
| Office and administrative support .....                     | 6.9        | 5.2       | 5.3                   | 5.2          | 6.8              |
| Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....      | 2.4        | —         | 8.1                   | —            | —                |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair .....                 | 3.0        | —         | 9.4                   | —            | —                |
| Production, transportation, and material moving .....       | 6.8        | 6.9       | 7.4                   | —            | —                |
| Production .....                                            | 8.5        | —         | 8.7                   | —            | —                |
| Transportation and material moving .....                    | 10.6       | 10.8      | —                     | —            | —                |
| Full time .....                                             | 6.2        | 3.3       | 5.4                   | 4.0          | 6.3              |
| Part time .....                                             | 13.6       | —         | —                     | —            | —                |
| Union .....                                                 | 14.3       | —         | 13.0                  | —            | —                |
| Nonunion .....                                              | 4.9        | 3.7       | 4.5                   | 4.8          | 1.5              |
| Average wage within the following categories <sup>1</sup> : |            |           |                       |              |                  |
| Second 25 percent .....                                     | 8.8        | 5.4       | 7.8                   | —            | —                |
| Third 25 percent .....                                      | 10.6       | 4.7       | 8.1                   | —            | —                |
| Highest 25 percent .....                                    | 5.9        | 3.8       | 5.9                   | 5.7          | 1.9              |
| Highest 10 percent .....                                    | 7.9        | 5.4       | 6.2                   | 7.9          | —                |
| <b>Establishment characteristics</b>                        |            |           |                       |              |                  |
| Goods-producing industries .....                            | 7.5        | —         | 6.4                   | —            | —                |
| Manufacturing .....                                         | 7.0        | —         | 6.6                   | —            | —                |
| Service-providing industries .....                          | 8.1        | 4.0       | 7.0                   | 4.4          | 8.3              |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities .....                  | 7.9        | 9.0       | 8.6                   | —            | —                |
| Financial activities .....                                  | 3.4        | 7.6       | 6.2                   | —            | —                |
| Finance and insurance .....                                 | 3.4        | 7.6       | 6.2                   | —            | —                |
| Insurance carriers and related activities .....             | 5.2        | —         | 9.2                   | —            | —                |
| 1 to 99 workers .....                                       | 6.3        | 5.7       | 7.2                   | —            | —                |
| 1 to 49 workers .....                                       | 6.3        | —         | 8.5                   | —            | —                |
| 50 to 99 workers .....                                      | 10.9       | —         | —                     | —            | —                |
| 100 workers or more .....                                   | 7.3        | 3.6       | 6.4                   | 4.8          | 7.6              |
| 500 workers or more .....                                   | 6.4        | 4.4       | 6.1                   | 6.4          | —                |

See footnotes at end of table.

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|                          | Total      | High five | High consecutive five |              |                  |
| <b>Geographic areas</b>  |            |           |                       |              |                  |
| Northeast .....          | 2.7        | —         | 8.8                   | —            | —                |
| New England .....        | 7.2        | —         | 12.6                  | —            | —                |
| Middle Atlantic .....    | 3.0        | —         | 11.0                  | —            | —                |
| South .....              | 7.0        | 4.8       | 6.4                   | 7.0          | —                |
| South Atlantic .....     | 8.8        | 7.1       | 9.6                   | —            | —                |
| West South Central ..... | 11.0       | —         | 9.2                   | —            | —                |
| Midwest .....            | 7.4        | —         | 8.4                   | —            | —                |
| East North Central ..... | 9.0        | —         | 5.5                   | —            | —                |
| West North Central ..... | 9.7        | —         | —                     | —            | —                |

<sup>1</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 data from the National Compensation Survey publication, "Employer Costs for Employee Compensation - March 2014."

Note: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data do 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/glossary20142015.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/glossary20142015.htm).