

**Table 31. Savings and thrift plans: Maximum employee contributions subject to Internal Revenue Code limit,<sup>1</sup> private industry workers, 2019**

(All workers participating in savings and thrift plans = 100 percent)

Characteristics	Percent of earnings	Percent of earnings <sup>2</sup>					Any amount	Other <sup>3</sup>
		10th percentile	25th percentile	50th percentile (median)	75th percentile	90th percentile		
<b>Worker characteristics</b>								
All workers .....	54	30	50	50	75	85	—	—
Management, professional, and related .....	54	—	50	50	75	85	46	—
Management, business, and financial .....	57	30	50	50	75	—	43	—
Professional and related .....	51	35	50	50	75	85	49	—
Service .....	37	25	—	50	75	80	63	—
Sales and office .....	62	35	50	50	75	85	—	—
Sales and related .....	65	50	50	50	75	80	35	—
Office and administrative support .....	60	30	50	50	75	90	—	—
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	—
Construction, extraction, farming, fishing, and forestry .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	—
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	58	30	50	60	75	75	42	—
Production .....	51	30	50	60	75	75	49	—
Transportation and material moving .....	66	40	50	50	75	80	34	—
Full time .....	54	30	50	50	75	85	—	—
Part time .....	61	50	50	50	75	85	39	—
Union .....	55	25	50	50	70	75	—	—
Nonunion .....	54	30	50	50	75	85	46	—
Average wage within the following categories <sup>4</sup> :								
Lowest 25 percent .....	55	—	50	50	75	80	45	—
Lowest 10 percent .....	51	—	50	50	75	80	49	—
Second 25 percent .....	54	30	50	50	75	80	46	—
Third 25 percent .....	51	30	50	50	75	85	—	—
Highest 25 percent .....	57	30	50	50	75	85	—	—
Highest 10 percent .....	63	30	50	50	60	85	—	—
<b>Establishment characteristics</b>								
Goods-producing industries .....	49	25	50	50	75	75	51	—
Manufacturing .....	51	30	50	50	75	75	49	—
Service-providing industries .....	56	35	50	50	75	85	—	—
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	69	35	50	50	75	80	—	—
Wholesale trade .....	53	—	50	—	80	85	47	—
Retail trade .....	80	—	50	50	75	80	20	—
Utilities .....	65	20	50	50	75	—	—	—
Financial activities .....	70	50	50	50	70	80	30	—
Finance and insurance .....	77	50	50	50	65	80	23	—
Credit intermediation and related activities ..	74	50	50	50	50	75	26	—
Insurance carriers and related activities .....	77	50	50	50	75	80	23	—
Professional and business services .....	62	50	50	50	80	90	38	—
Professional and technical services .....	62	—	50	50	80	92	38	—
Education and health services .....	21	50	—	75	85	85	79	—
Educational services .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	93	—
Junior colleges, colleges, and universities ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	87	—
Health care and social assistance .....	22	50	—	75	85	85	78	—

See footnotes at end of table.

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		10th percentile	25th percentile	50th percentile (median)	75th percentile	90th percentile		
1 to 99 workers .....	45	50	50	60	75	90	55	—
1 to 49 workers .....	48	50	50	60	75	90	52	—
50 to 99 workers .....	38	—	50	60	80	90	62	—
100 workers or more .....	60	30	50	50	75	80	—	—
100 to 499 workers .....	54	—	50	50	75	80	46	—
500 workers or more .....	66	30	50	50	75	80	—	—
<b>Geographic areas</b>								
Northeast .....	52	—	50	50	75	85	48	—
New England .....	55	—	—	50	75	80	45	—
Middle Atlantic .....	51	—	50	50	60	85	49	—
South .....	60	25	50	50	70	80	40	—
South Atlantic .....	61	25	50	50	75	80	39	—
East South Central .....	59	—	50	50	60	75	41	—
West South Central .....	58	25	50	50	70	80	42	—
Midwest .....	55	50	50	50	75	85	—	—
East North Central .....	53	50	50	—	75	85	—	—
West North Central .....	60	50	50	50	75	80	40	—
West .....	47	30	50	50	75	90	53	—
Mountain .....	49	30	—	50	75	85	51	—
Pacific .....	46	30	50	50	75	90	54	—

<sup>1</sup> The Internal Revenue Code limit on employee contributions was \$19,000 in 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates represent percentage of employee contributions for those workers participating in plans with maximum employee contributions based on a percentage of earnings.

<sup>3</sup> Other may include plans with maximum employee contribution criteria that varies, for example based on employees' length of service (e.g., an employee may contribute up to three percent during their first three years of service and up to five percent thereafter).

<sup>4</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 2019."

Note: Because of rounding, sums of individual items may not equal totals. 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 Retirement Benefit Terms" at [www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/detailedprovisions/2019/ownership/private/glossary-retirement.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/detailedprovisions/2019/ownership/private/glossary-retirement.htm).

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.