Private industry sector¹: Relative standard errors² of mean hourly earnings³ for major occupational groups

Occupational group ⁴	Goods producing			Service providing					
	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing		Financial activities				
				All	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Transportation and warehousing	Utilities	All
All workers	6.2%	_	1.6%	1.0%	_	1.4%	2.4%	2.3%	_
in workers	0.270		1.070	1.070		1.170	2.170	2.370	
Management, professional, and related	9.2	_	1.1	1.9	_	3.6	2.4	2.1	-
financial	13.8	_	1.7	2.2	_	4.2	2.6	3.3	_
Professional and related	5.8	_	1.1	3.6	_	6.5	4.1	2.6	_
Service	5.9	-	5.4	1.7	_	2.1	6.4	9.8	_
Sales and office	7.3	_	2.0	1.1	_	1.3	3.1	3.5	_
Sales and related	13.8	-	5.4	1.5	_	1.6	9.9	13.1	_
Office and administrative support Natural resources, construction,	6.6	_	1.3	1.2	_	1.5	3.5	3.4	_
and maintenance	6.7	_	2.3	2.2	_	2.7	5.1	2.1	_
Installation, maintenance, and									
repair	7.7	_	2.4	2.2	_	2.8	5.4	1.9	_
Production, transportation, and									
material moving	6.3	_	1.1	1.9	_	2.4	3.2	4.6	_
Production	8.8	_	1.1	3.0	_	2.1	13.8	2.9	_
Transportation and material moving	4.6	_	1.9	2.1	_	3.1	3.1	11.9	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Private industry sector1: Relative standard errors2 of mean hourly earnings³ for major occupational groups — Continued

Occupational group ⁴	Service providing								
	Financial activities		Education and health services			Leisure and hospitality			
	Finance and insurance	Real estate and rental and leasing	All	Educational services	Health care and social assistance	All	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	Accommodation and food services	Other services
All workers	_	4.8%	1.2%	2.4%	1.2%	_	4.7%	_	2.0%
Management, professional, and related	-	5.8	1.5	2.2	1.6	-	9.3	_	3.5
financial	_	6.2	2.0	4.1	2.2	_	8.6	-	6.0
Professional and related	_	11.1	1.7	2.5	1.8	_	16.4	_	5.2
Service	-	7.2	1.3	2.4	1.3	-	6.5	_	4.8
Sales and office	_	5.1	1.1	1.7	1.3	_	5.8	_	3.3
Sales and related	_	8.8	6.5	6.7	8.8	_	6.1	_	9.0
Office and administrative support Natural resources, construction,	_	3.4	1.0	1.8	1.3	_	7.5	_	2.5
and maintenance	_	6.7	3.5	4.5	4.4	_	12.1	_	3.5
Installation, maintenance, and									
repair	_	3.7	4.3	7.1	5.3	_	14.3	_	3.7
Production, transportation, and									
material moving	_	7.8	6.5	8.8	7.1	_	13.1	_	4.1
Production	-	14.3	5.2	8.8	5.5	-	16.5	-	4.2
Transportation and material moving	-	6.6	10.5	12.8	11.3	_	11.9	_	9.1

of workers, weighed by hours.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that data did not meet publication criteria.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Industry sectors are determined by the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).
The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

³ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number

⁴ A classification system including about 800 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.