

RSE Table 19

**Private industry sector<sup>1</sup>: Relative standard errors<sup>2</sup> of mean  
hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> for major occupational groups**

Occupational group <sup>4</sup>	Goods producing		Service providing						
	Construc- tion	Manufac- turing	Trade, transpor- tation, and utilities	Infor- mation	Financial activities	Profes- sional and business services	Education and health services	Leisure and hospitality	Other services
	Relative error <sup>5</sup>								
<b>All workers</b> .....	—	—	—	—	5.1%	—	5.2%	4.3%	8.9%
Management, professional, and related .....	—	—	—	—	7.1	—	5.8	14.5	13.9
Management, business, and financial .....	—	—	—	—	8.4	—	8.9	6.3	15.2
Professional and related .....	—	—	—	—	10.2	—	5.7	15.3	18.5
Service .....	—	—	—	—	11.6	—	2.0	4.6	13.3
Sales and office .....	—	—	—	—	5.4	—	3.2	2.9	8.7
Sales and related .....	—	—	—	—	21.0	—	22.1	4.7	31.3
Office and administrative support Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	—	—	—	—	4.8	—	2.7	2.5	8.7
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	—	—	—	—	9.1	—	8.3	5.7	10.4
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	—	—	—	—	9.1	—	8.8	5.5	9.7
Production .....	—	—	—	—	14.8	—	6.2	5.9	12.7
Transportation and material moving .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.5	16.5
	—	—	—	—	19.4	—	—	5.5	20.4

<sup>1</sup> Industry sectors are determined by the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 of workers, weighed by hours.

<sup>4</sup> A classification system including about 800 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian

economy. See appendix B for more information.

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

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.