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### Occupational Employment and Wages in Columbus, Ohio MSA – May 2013

Workers in the Dayton Metropolitan Statistical Area had an average (mean) hourly wage of \$21.40 in May 2013, compared to the nationwide average of \$22.33, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Regional Commissioner Charlene Peiffer noted that, after testing for statistical significance, no wages in the local area were significantly higher than their respective national averages in 22 major occupational groups. Thirteen groups had significantly lower wages than their respective national averages, including management; arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media; and computer and mathematical.

When compared to the nationwide distribution, local employment was more highly concentrated in 7 of the 22 occupational groups, including healthcare practitioners and technical; production; and healthcare support. Conversely, nine groups had employment shares significantly below their national representation, including construction and extraction; personal care and service; and sales and related. (See [table A](#) and box note at end of release.)

**Table A. Occupational employment and wages by major occupational group, United States and the Dayton Metropolitan Statistical Area, and measures of statistical significance, May 2013**

Major occupational group	Percent of total employment		Mean hourly wage		
	United States	Dayton	United States	Dayton	Percent difference <sup>(1)</sup>
Total, all occupations .....	100.0%	100.0%	\$22.33	\$21.40	-4
Management .....	4.9	4.8	53.15	47.22*	-11
Business and financial operations.....	5.0	5.4*	34.14	32.46	-5
Computer and mathematical .....	2.8	3.2*	39.43	34.97*	-11
Architecture and engineering .....	1.8	2.8*	38.51	39.78	3
Life, physical, and social science .....	0.9	0.8	33.37	35.05	5
Community and social services.....	1.4	1.4	21.50	20.97	-2
Legal .....	0.8	0.5*	47.89	47.83	0
Education, training, and library.....	6.3	6.6	24.76	25.50	3
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media.....	1.3	1.1*	26.72	22.07*	-17
Healthcare practitioner and technical.....	5.8	7.5*	35.93	33.65*	-6
Healthcare support.....	3.0	4.0*	13.61	13.29	-2
Protective service.....	2.5	1.8*	20.92	19.11*	-9

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table A. Occupational employment and wages by major occupational group, United States and the Dayton Metropolitan Statistical Area, and measures of statistical significance, May 2013 - Continued**

Major occupational group	Percent of total employment		Mean hourly wage		
	United States	Dayton	United States	Dayton	Percent difference <sup>(1)</sup>
Food preparation and serving related .....	9.0	9.6*	10.38	9.77*	-6
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance .....	3.2	3.2	12.51	12.74	2
Personal care and service.....	3.0	2.1*	11.88	10.90*	-8
Sales and related .....	10.6	9.8*	18.37	15.98*	-13
Office and administrative support.....	16.2	15.8	16.78	15.92*	-5
Farming, fishing, and forestry.....	0.3	(2) *	11.70	13.20	13
Construction and extraction .....	3.8	2.2*	21.94	20.53*	-6
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	3.9	3.4*	21.35	20.28*	-5
Production .....	6.6	8.1*	16.79	16.41*	-2
Transportation and material moving.....	6.8	6.1*	16.28	15.13*	-7

<sup>(1)</sup> A positive percent difference measures how much the mean wage in Dayton is above the national mean wage, while a negative difference reflects a lower wage.

<sup>(2)</sup> Indicates a value of less than 0.05 percent

\* The percent share of employment or mean hourly wage for this area is significantly different from the national average of all areas at the 90-percent confidence level.

One occupational group—healthcare practitioners and technical—was chosen to illustrate the diversity of data available for any of the 22 major occupational categories. Dayton had 27,670 jobs in healthcare practitioners and technical, accounting for 7.5 percent of local area employment, significantly higher than the 5.8-percent share nationally. The average hourly wage for this occupational group locally was \$33.65, measurably below the national wage of \$35.93.

With employment of 10,170, registered nurses was the largest occupation within the healthcare practitioners and technical group, followed by licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses (3,220) and pharmacy technicians (1,260). Among the higher paying jobs were psychiatrists and family and general practitioners, with mean hourly wages of \$112.74 and \$85.32, respectively. At the lower end of the wage scale were emergency medical technicians and paramedics (\$12.29) and veterinary technologists and technicians (\$12.78). (Detailed occupational data for healthcare practitioners and technical are presented in [table 1](#); for a complete listing of detailed occupations available go to [www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_19380.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_19380.htm))

Location quotients allow for the exploration of an area's occupational make-up by comparing the composition of jobs in an area relative to the national average. (See [table 1](#).) For example, a location quotient of 2.0 indicates that an occupation accounts for twice the share of employment in the area than it does nationally. In the Dayton Metropolitan Statistical Area, above average concentrations of employment were found in some of the occupations within the healthcare practitioners and technical group. For instance, nurse anesthetists were employed at 2.6 times the national rate in Dayton, and, dispensing opticians at 1.9 times the U.S. average. On the other hand, pharmacists had a location quotient of 1.0 in Dayton, indicating that this particular occupation's local and national employment shares were similar.

These statistics are from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey, a federal-state cooperative program between BLS and State Workforce Agencies, in this case, the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services.

## Technical Note

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey is a semiannual mail survey measuring occupational employment and wage rates for wage and salary workers in nonfarm establishments in the United States. Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are also surveyed, but their data are not included in the national estimates. OES estimates are constructed from a sample of about 1.2 million establishments. Forms are mailed to approximately 200,000 sampled establishments in May and November each year for a 3-year period. May 2013 estimates are based on responses from six semiannual panels collected in May 2013, November 2012, May 2012, November 2011, May 2011, and November 2010. The overall national response rate for the six panels is 75.3 percent based on establishments and 71.6 percent based on employment. The sample in the Dayton Metropolitan Statistical Area included 3,118 establishments with a response rate of 75 percent. For more information about OES concepts and methodology, go to [www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.tn.htm](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.tn.htm).

The OES survey provides estimates of employment and hourly and annual wages for wage and salary workers in 22 major occupational groups and 821 detailed occupations for the nation, states, metropolitan statistical areas, metropolitan divisions, and nonmetropolitan areas. In addition, employment and wage estimates for 94 minor groups and 458 broad occupations are available in the national data. OES data by state and metropolitan/nonmetropolitan area are available from [www.bls.gov/oes/current/oessrcst.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oessrcst.htm) and [www.bls.gov/oes/current/oessrcma.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oessrcma.htm), respectively.

The May 2013 OES estimates are based on the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system and the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Information about the 2010 SOC is available on the BLS website at [www.bls.gov/soc](http://www.bls.gov/soc) and information about the 2012 NAICS is available at [www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm](http://www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm).

### Area definitions

The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

**The Dayton, Ohio Metropolitan Statistical Area** includes Greene, Miami, Montgomery, and Preble Counties.

### Additional information

OES data are available on our regional web page at [www.bls.gov/ro5/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ro5/home.htm). Answers to frequently asked questions about the OES data are available at [www.bls.gov/oes/oes\\_ques.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/oes_ques.htm). Detailed technical information about the OES survey is available in our Survey Methods and Reliability Statement on the BLS website at [www.bls.gov/oes/2013/may/methods\\_statement.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/oes/2013/may/methods_statement.pdf). Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request – Voice phone: 202-691-5200; Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339.

**Table 1. Employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, by occupation, Dayton Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2013**

Occupation <sup>(1)</sup>	Employment		Mean wages	
	Level <sup>(2)</sup>	Location quotient <sup>(3)</sup>	Hourly	Annual <sup>(4)</sup>
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations .....	27,670	1.3	\$33.65	\$69,990
Chiropractors .....	80	1.0	50.89	105,850
Dentists, General .....	220	0.8	75.11	156,230
Dietitians and Nutritionists .....	150	0.9	25.27	52,560
Optometrists .....	60	0.7	57.95	120,540
Pharmacists .....	810	1.0	53.04	110,320
Anesthesiologists .....	(5)	(5)	(6)	(6)
Family and General Practitioners .....	600	1.8	85.32	177,460
Internists, General .....	210	1.7	75.70	157,450
Pediatricians, General .....	150	1.8	65.01	135,230
Psychiatrists .....	40	0.6	112.74	234,500
Surgeons .....	110	1.0	(6)	(6)
Physicians and Surgeons, All Other .....	1,130	1.3	80.33	167,080
Physician Assistants .....	230	0.9	44.87	93,330
Podiatrists .....	30	1.4	44.78	93,140
Occupational Therapists .....	370	1.2	41.69	86,710
Physical Therapists .....	520	1.0	41.61	86,540
Radiation Therapists .....	80	1.8	31.85	66,250
Recreational Therapists .....	40	0.8	19.66	40,900
Respiratory Therapists .....	440	1.3	25.38	52,780
Speech-Language Pathologists .....	410	1.2	41.18	85,660
Therapists, All Other .....	(5)	(5)	32.10	66,770
Veterinarians .....	(5)	(5)	39.13	81,390
Registered Nurses .....	10,170	1.4	29.10	60,530
Nurse Anesthetists .....	260	2.6	74.38	154,720
Nurse Practitioners .....	390	1.2	39.46	82,070
Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners, All Other .....	50	0.5	30.80	64,070
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists .....	550	1.2	27.76	57,730
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians .....	450	1.0	19.40	40,350
Dental Hygienists .....	420	0.8	32.57	67,740
Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians .....	110	0.8	24.19	50,320
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers .....	260	1.6	30.54	63,520
Nuclear Medicine Technologists .....	60	1.1	31.34	65,180
Radiologic Technologists .....	760	1.4	25.24	52,490
Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists .....	140	1.6	26.46	55,050
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics .....	580	0.9	12.29	25,550
Dietetic Technicians .....	50	0.7	17.26	35,890
Pharmacy Technicians .....	1,260	1.3	13.82	28,740
Psychiatric Technicians .....	130	0.7	15.47	32,180

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	Level <sup>(2)</sup>	Location quotient <sup>(3)</sup>	Hourly	Annual <sup>(4)</sup>
Surgical Technologists .....	250	0.9	20.43	42,500
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians .....	390	1.6	12.78	26,580
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses .....	3,220	1.6	19.77	41,130
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians .....	650	1.3	16.28	33,860
Opticians, Dispensing .....	360	1.9	16.07	33,430
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other .....	330	1.3	19.69	40,950
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists .....	170	1.0	34.62	72,020
Occupational Health and Safety Technicians .....	30	0.9	24.52	51,010
Athletic Trainers .....	80	1.2	<sup>(5)</sup>	42,720
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other .....	110	0.9	22.85	47,530

<sup>(1)</sup> For a complete listing of all detailed occupations in Dayton, OH, see [www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_19380.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_19380.htm).

<sup>(2)</sup> Estimates for detailed occupations do not sum to the totals because the totals include occupations not shown separately. Estimates do not include self-employed workers.

<sup>(3)</sup> The location quotient is the ratio of the area concentration of occupational employment to the national average concentration. A location quotient greater than one indicates the occupation has a higher share of employment than average, and a location quotient less than one indicates the occupation is less prevalent in the area than average.

<sup>(4)</sup> Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a 'year-round, full-time' hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly mean wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.

<sup>(5)</sup> Estimate not released.

<sup>(6)</sup> This wage is equal to or greater than \$80.00 per hour or \$166,400 per year.