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Occupational Employment and Wages in Ogden-Clearfield, May 2012

Workers in the Ogden-Clearfield Metropolitan Statistical Area had an average (mean) hourly wage of \$19.04 in May 2012, about 13 percent below the nationwide average of \$22.01, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Regional Commissioner Stanley W. Suchman 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. Nineteen groups had significantly lower wages than their respective national averages, including legal; management; and education, training, and library.

When compared to the nationwide distribution, local employment was more highly concentrated in 6 of the 22 occupational groups, including production; construction and extraction; and education, training, and library. Conversely, nine groups had employment shares significantly below their national representation, including management, healthcare practitioners and technical, and protective service. (See [table A](#) and box note at end of release.)

Table A. Occupational employment and wages by major occupational group, United States and the Ogden-Clearfield Metropolitan Statistical Area, and measures of statistical significance, May 2012

Major occupational group	Percent of total employment		Mean hourly wage		Percent difference ⁽¹⁾
	United States	Ogden	United States	Ogden	
Total, all occupations	100.0%	100.0%	\$22.01	\$19.04*	-13
Management	4.9	3.6*	52.20	40.36*	-23
Business and financial operations	4.9	6.0*	33.44	29.68*	-11
Computer and mathematical	2.7	2.0*	38.55	35.01*	-9
Architecture and engineering	1.8	2.5*	37.98	35.73*	-6
Life, physical, and social science	0.8	0.6*	32.87	28.19*	-14
Community and social services	1.4	1.3*	21.27	17.55*	-17
Legal	0.8	0.5*	47.39	34.22*	-28
Education, training, and library	6.4	7.9*	24.62	16.85*	-32
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	1.3	1.0*	26.20	19.84*	-24
Healthcare practitioner and technical	5.9	4.9*	35.35	35.26	0
Healthcare support	3.0	2.9	13.36	11.97*	-10
Protective service	2.5	1.5*	20.70	17.39*	-16
Food preparation and serving related	8.9	8.0*	10.28	9.19*	-11
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	3.3	3.1	12.34	11.07*	-10
Personal care and service	2.9	2.7	11.80	11.19*	-5
Sales and related	10.6	10.5	18.26	14.92*	-18
Office and administrative support	16.4	16.0	16.54	15.04*	-9
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0.3	(2)	11.65	9.93*	-15
Construction and extraction	3.8	5.3*	21.61	18.83*	-13
Installation, maintenance, and repair	3.9	4.7*	21.09	21.88	4
Production	6.6	8.5*	16.59	16.71	1

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table A. Occupational employment and wages by major occupational group, United States and the Ogden-Clearfield Metropolitan Statistical Area, and measures of statistical significance, May 2012 - Continued

Major occupational group	Percent of total employment		Mean hourly wage		
	United States	Ogden	United States	Ogden	Percent difference ⁽¹⁾
Transportation and material moving	6.7	6.5	16.15	15.11*	-6

Footnotes:

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

(2) Estimate not released

* 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—production—was chosen to illustrate the diversity of data available for any of the 22 major occupational categories. Ogden-Clearfield had 16,720 jobs in production, accounting for 8.5 percent of local area employment, significantly higher than the 6.6-percent share nationally. The average hourly wage for this occupational group locally was \$16.71, compared to the national wage of \$16.59.

With employment of 1,220, machinists was one of the largest occupations within the production group, as were first-line supervisors of production and operating workers (1,140). Among the higher paying jobs were first-line supervisors of production and operating workers, with mean hourly wages of \$28.06. Occupations at the lower end of the wage scale included food batchmakers (\$10.68). (Detailed occupational data for production are presented in table 1; for a complete listing of detailed occupations available go to www.bls.gov/oes/2012/may/oes_36260.htm.)

Location quotients allow us to explore the occupational make-up of a metropolitan area 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 Ogden-Clearfield Metropolitan Statistical Area, above average concentrations of employment were found in some of the occupations within the production group. For instance, molding, coremaking, and casting machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic were employed at 2.3 times the national rate in Ogden, and machinists, at 2.1 times the U.S. average. On the other hand, first-line supervisors of production and operating workers had a location quotient of 1.3 in Ogden, 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 Utah Department of Workforce Services.

With the release of the May 2012 estimates, OES data are based on the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system for the first time. The OES survey provides estimates of employment and hourly and annual wages for wage and salary workers in 22 major occupational groups and more than 800 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 for the first time. Information about the 2010 SOC is available on the BLS website at www.bls.gov/soc.

The May 2012 OES estimates are the first to be produced using the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Information about the 2012 NAICS is available on the BLS website at www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm.

Note

OES wage and employment data for the 22 major occupational groups in the Ogden Metropolitan Statistical Area were compared to their respective national averages based on statistical significance testing. Only those occupations with wages or employment shares above or below the national wage or share after testing for significance at the 90-percent confidence level meet the criteria.

Note: A value that is statistically different from another does not necessarily mean that the difference has economic or practical significance. Statistical significance is concerned with the ability to make confident statements about a universe based on a sample. It is entirely possible that a large difference between two values is not significantly different statistically, while a small difference is, since both the size and heterogeneity of the sample affect the relative error of the data being tested.

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 2012 estimates are based on responses from six semiannual panels collected in May 2012, November 2011, May 2011, November 2010, May 2010, and November 2009. The overall national response rate for the six panels is 76.6 percent based on establishments and 72.9 percent based on employment. The sample in the Ogden-Clearfield Metropolitan Statistical Area included 2,192 establishments with a response rate of 79 percent. For more information about OES concepts and methodology, go to www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.tn.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 **Ogden-Clearfield, Utah Metropolitan Statistical Area** includes Davis, Morgan and Weber Counties.

Additional information

OES data are available on our regional web page at www.bls.gov/regions/mountain-plains.htm. Answers to frequently asked questions about the OES data are available at 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/2012/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, Ogden-Clearfield Metropolitan Statistical Area, May 2012

Occupation ⁽¹⁾	Employment		Mean wages	
	Level ⁽²⁾	Location quotient ⁽³⁾	Hourly	Annual ⁽⁴⁾
Production Occupations	16,720	1.3	\$16.71	\$34,760
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	1,140	1.3	28.06	58,350
Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	(5)	(5)	24.10	50,130
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	80	0.3	16.00	33,290
Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	250	2.1	14.26	29,650
Team Assemblers	3,150	2.1	14.41	29,980
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	310	0.7	11.23	23,360
Bakers	380	1.6	11.80	24,540
Butchers and Meat Cutters	(5)	(5)	10.96	22,790
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	(5)	(5)	12.09	25,140
Food Batchmakers	580	3.8	10.68	22,220
Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	100	0.5	20.31	42,250
Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	(5)	(5)	22.68	47,180
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	230	0.8	14.50	30,150
Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	(5)	(5)	14.47	30,090
Machinists	1,220	2.1	22.88	47,580
Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	440	2.3	14.13	29,390
Tool and Die Makers	90	0.8	26.04	54,170
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	770	1.5	18.43	38,340
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	60	0.8	(5)	(5)
Plating and Coating Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	100	1.9	17.58	36,560
Printing Press Operators	140	0.5	16.09	33,460
Print Binding and Finishing Workers	70	0.9	12.33	25,650
Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	350	1.2	10.19	21,200
Pressers, Textile, Garment, and Related Materials	50	0.6	10.09	20,980
Sewing Machine Operators	150	0.7	9.66	20,100
Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	160	1.4	16.35	34,000
Sawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Wood	(5)	(5)	17.90	37,230
Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	(5)	(5)	13.81	28,720
Stationary Engineers and Boiler Operators	80	1.5	23.62	49,130
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	230	1.4	21.36	44,420
Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, and Gaugers	(5)	(5)	31.87	66,280
Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders	40	0.5	21.96	45,670
Crushing, Grinding, and Polishing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	30	0.7	20.19	41,990
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	390	2.2	12.34	25,660
Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	(5)	(5)	17.57	36,540
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	950	1.4	19.84	41,260
Dental Laboratory Technicians	70	1.3	20.54	42,710
Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians	(5)	(5)	12.45	25,900
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	1,050	1.9	12.07	25,110
Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	130	1.1	12.27	25,520
Painters, Transportation Equipment	70	1.1	21.20	44,090

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Occupation ⁽¹⁾	Employment		Mean wages	
	Level ⁽²⁾	Location quotient ⁽³⁾	Hourly	Annual ⁽⁴⁾
Painting, Coating, and Decorating Workers	30	1.4	13.92	28,940
Photographic Process Workers and Processing Machine Operators	90	1.3	10.77	22,390
Molders, Shapers, and Casters, Except Metal and Plastic	140	2.9	13.29	27,640
Helpers--Production Workers	620	1.0	11.36	23,630
Production Workers, All Other	(5)	(5)	14.19	29,520

Footnotes:

(1) For a complete listing of all detailed occupations in Ogden-Clearfield, UT, see www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_36260.htm.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) Estimate not released.