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# Introduction

The tables in this bulletin summarize the NCS results for the Washington–Baltimore, DC–MD–VA–WV, metropolitan area. Data were collected between September 2003 and October 2004; the average reference month is April 2004. Tabulations provide information on earnings of workers in a variety of occupations and at different work levels. Also contained in this bulletin are information on the program, a technical note describing survey procedures, and several appendixes with detailed information on occupational classifications and the occupational leveling methodology.

Most of the earnings estimates in this bulletin are presented as mean hourly earnings. Mean weekly and annual earnings, and the corresponding hours, also are provided for full-time employees in specific occupations. Some occupations, such as teachers and firefighters, typically have shorter or longer work schedules than do the majority of full-time workers. The weekly and annual estimates are useful for comparing the earnings of occupations having different work schedules.

## NCS products

The Bureau's National Compensation Survey provides comprehensive measures of occupational earnings, compensation cost trends, benefit incidence, and detailed plan provisions. The Employment Cost Index, a quarterly measure of the change in employer costs for wages and benefits, is derived from the NCS. Another product, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation, measures employers' average hourly costs for total compensation, that is, wages and benefits. Still another NCS product measures the incidence and provisions of benefit plans. This bulletin is limited to data on occupational wages and salaries.

## About the tables

The tables that follow present data on straight-time occupational earnings, which include wages and salaries, incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. These earnings exclude premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. About 480 detailed occupations are used to describe all occupations in the civilian nonfarm economy (excluding the Federal Government and private households). Data are not shown for any occupations if they would raise concerns about the confidentiality of the survey respondents or if the data are insufficient to support reliable estimates.

Table 1–1 presents an overview of all tables in this bulletin. Mean hourly earnings, weekly hours, and relative standard errors are given for all industries, private industry, and State and local government for selected worker and establishment characteristics. The worker characteristics include major occupational group, full-time or part-time status, union or nonunion status, and time or incentive pay. Establishment characteristics include goods and service producing and size of establishment.

Table 2–1 presents estimates of mean hourly earnings, and the relative standard errors associated with them, for detailed occupations within all industries, private industry, and State and local government. Table 2–2 presents the same type of information for full-time workers only. Table 2–3 provides similar data for workers designated as part-time.

Table 3–1 provides mean weekly earnings data, with relative standard errors, and weekly hours for full-time employees in specific occupations across all industries, private industry, and State and local government. Table 3–2 provides annual earnings, relative standard errors, and annual hours for full-time employees in specific occupations.

Table 4–1 provides mean hourly earnings data by work level for occupational groups and for detailed occupations. Separate data are also shown for private industry and government workers. Table 4–2 provides work level data for full-time workers. Table 4–3 provides similar data for workers designated as part-time.

Table 5–1 presents mean hourly earnings data for selected worker characteristics by major occupational group. The worker characteristics include full-time or part-time designation, union or nonunion status, and time or incentive pay. Table 5–2 presents mean hourly earnings data for major industry divisions by occupational group; these estimates are limited to the private sector. Table 5–3 presents mean hourly earnings data for establishment employment sizes by major occupational group in the private sector.

Tables 6–1 through 6–5 present hourly wage percentiles that describe the distribution of hourly earnings for individual workers within each published occupation. Data are provided for the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles for detailed occupations within all industries, private industry, State and local government, full-time workers, and part-time workers. These iterations correspond to those presented in tables 2–1, 2–2, and 2–3.

**Table 1-1. Summary: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours by selected characteristics, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**

Worker and establishment characteristics	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>3</sup>	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>3</sup>	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>3</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)	
<b>Total</b> .....	\$21.33	2.2	35.4	\$20.57	2.7	35.0	\$24.38	3.1	37.0
<b>Worker characteristics:<sup>4</sup></b>									
White-collar occupations <sup>5</sup> .....	25.88	2.3	37.0	25.42	2.8	37.2	27.57	3.5	36.3
Professional specialty and technical .....	31.23	3.1	37.0	31.25	4.3	37.5	31.19	2.5	36.0
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	33.34	6.2	40.0	34.18	7.4	40.3	30.08	7.5	39.1
Sales .....	18.05	5.3	35.0	18.01	5.3	35.0	—	—	—
Administrative support .....	16.30	2.9	36.3	16.42	3.5	36.4	15.72	1.0	35.7
Blue-collar occupations <sup>5</sup> .....	17.20	2.8	37.3	17.13	3.1	37.1	17.82	3.4	39.0
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	22.46	4.1	40.3	22.84	4.5	40.3	19.51	4.3	40.0
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	14.79	4.8	38.8	14.79	4.8	38.9	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving .....	15.95	4.5	36.9	15.73	5.6	36.6	16.78	4.3	38.3
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	12.24	5.7	32.6	11.81	5.4	32.1	17.15	18.9	40.0
Service occupations <sup>5</sup> .....	12.24	3.1	30.2	9.89	3.5	28.3	19.30	2.2	38.0
Full time .....	22.76	2.7	39.5	22.23	3.3	39.6	24.68	3.1	39.0
Part time .....	10.85	3.8	20.1	10.37	4.1	20.3	17.44	10.6	16.9
Union .....	21.54	5.6	34.7	19.13	9.4	33.1	24.44	4.2	36.8
Nonunion .....	21.28	2.8	35.6	20.81	3.2	35.3	24.33	3.0	37.2
Time .....	21.32	2.1	35.3	20.51	2.5	34.9	24.38	3.1	37.0
Incentive .....	21.73	10.9	37.6	21.73	10.9	37.6	—	—	—
<b>Establishment characteristics:</b>									
Goods producing .....	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	—	—	—	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
Service producing .....	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	—	—	—	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
50-99 workers <sup>7</sup> .....	18.68	6.1	34.6	18.69	6.1	34.6	—	—	—
100-499 workers .....	19.19	6.8	35.7	19.18	7.0	35.7	19.65	4.3	35.8
500 workers or more .....	24.11	3.3	35.4	23.76	5.2	34.3	24.57	3.2	37.1

<sup>1</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, weighted by hours.

<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> Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

<sup>4</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining. Wages of time workers are based solely on

hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

<sup>5</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>6</sup> Classification of establishments into goods-producing and service-producing industries applies to private industry only.

<sup>7</sup> Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria.

Table 2-1. Mean hourly earnings,<sup>1</sup> all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>All</b> .....	\$21.33	2.2	\$20.57	2.7	\$24.38	3.1
All excluding sales .....	21.61	2.5	20.84	3.0	24.39	3.1
<b>White collar</b> .....	25.88	2.3	25.42	2.8	27.57	3.5
White collar excluding sales .....	27.03	2.4	26.84	2.9	27.62	3.6
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	31.23	3.1	31.25	4.3	31.19	2.5
Professional specialty .....	33.10	1.9	33.45	2.5	32.38	2.9
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	36.22	7.6	37.05	8.1	30.79	5.7
Civil engineers .....	35.18	10.9	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic engineers .....	37.59	14.7	37.59	14.7	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	33.40	14.0	33.31	15.6	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	36.27	4.0	36.30	4.0	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	37.09	4.1	37.13	4.1	—	—
Natural scientists .....	31.16	16.8	32.70	19.2	22.24	5.5
Health related .....	29.30	4.6	29.35	5.1	28.98	9.9
Physicians .....	38.86	22.6	36.76	24.9	—	—
Registered nurses .....	27.96	2.3	28.00	2.4	27.42	4.8
Speech therapists .....	31.74	11.7	—	—	—	—
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	24.02	2.1	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	34.15	9.2	32.54	17.9	35.80	2.4
Social science teachers, n.e.c. ....	42.14	9.4	—	—	—	—
Other post-secondary teachers .....	36.68	.7	—	—	36.62	.9
Teachers, except college and university .....	33.10	2.9	23.64	10.6	34.17	2.1
Prekindergarten and kindergarten .....	25.79	12.2	—	—	—	—
Elementary school teachers .....	33.77	1.8	—	—	34.22	1.2
Secondary school teachers .....	34.59	4.1	29.07	22.8	34.84	4.0
Teachers, special education .....	32.45	6.7	—	—	33.73	5.4
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	31.58	18.0	14.44	9.4	36.36	6.9
Vocational and educational counselors .....	31.16	7.7	—	—	33.93	4.9
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	24.56	6.5	25.15	9.1	23.77	8.9
Librarians .....	24.54	6.6	25.12	9.2	23.77	8.9
Social scientists and urban planners .....	25.01	19.0	25.07	23.2	24.74	8.0
Economists .....	25.00	22.1	25.00	22.1	—	—
Psychologists .....	24.58	23.6	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	21.66	11.0	22.11	11.1	21.36	16.9
Social workers .....	22.27	10.5	22.46	10.7	22.13	16.1
Lawyers and judges .....	59.11	8.9	64.46	2.6	33.78	12.6
Lawyers .....	60.50	7.2	64.46	2.6	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	32.34	4.6	32.84	4.8	—	—
Editors and reporters .....	31.65	5.6	31.65	5.6	—	—
Technical .....	22.30	15.9	22.80	18.9	19.66	6.8
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	19.97	11.3	19.97	11.3	—	—
Radiological technicians .....	25.68	1.5	25.68	1.5	—	—
Licensed practical nurses .....	19.51	3.1	20.31	1.9	17.51	4.1
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	16.07	4.8	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	27.49	13.9	27.49	13.9	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	19.79	9.5	—	—	—	—
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	33.34	6.2	34.18	7.4	30.08	7.5
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	38.07	7.1	39.52	8.2	32.71	8.3
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	27.16	4.4	—	—	27.16	4.4
Financial managers .....	49.72	21.2	49.72	21.2	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	40.26	8.1	40.26	8.1	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields .....	39.91	11.3	41.44	22.5	38.90	10.4
Managers, medicine and health .....	34.63	9.0	35.74	8.2	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	32.68	5.7	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	42.46	13.1	42.40	13.7	—	—
Management related .....	26.98	4.9	27.16	4.9	26.24	15.8
Accountants and auditors .....	28.68	8.8	26.87	5.9	33.73	19.7
Other financial officers .....	35.83	21.7	36.60	23.0	—	—
Management analysts .....	25.94	14.5	25.94	14.5	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	23.72	16.7	24.96	18.7	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

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Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar –Continued</b>						
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial –Continued</b>						
Management related –Continued						
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	\$30.09	17.2	–	–	\$22.06	11.6
Management related, n.e.c. ....	22.51	9.5	\$23.43	11.9	–	–
<b>Sales</b> .....	18.05	5.3	18.01	5.3	–	–
Supervisors, sales .....	20.16	14.0	20.10	14.6	–	–
Sales, other business services .....	33.51	37.6	33.51	37.6	–	–
Sales workers, other commodities .....	14.17	13.5	14.17	13.5	–	–
Cashiers .....	11.35	10.2	11.35	10.3	–	–
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	16.30	2.9	16.42	3.5	15.72	1.0
Supervisors, general office .....	25.82	10.8	26.09	11.5	22.98	8.8
Secretaries .....	17.97	5.6	18.41	6.7	16.28	4.1
Interviewers .....	14.34	7.4	14.34	7.4	–	–
Hotel clerks .....	9.48	1.8	9.48	1.8	–	–
Transportation ticket and reservation agents .....	18.01	.0	18.01	.0	–	–
Receptionists .....	10.91	3.9	10.92	4.0	–	–
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	15.25	9.6	15.25	9.6	–	–
Order clerks .....	15.83	7.8	15.83	7.8	–	–
Library clerks .....	12.55	7.6	–	–	11.96	7.8
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	15.36	6.1	15.61	7.0	14.24	8.8
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	14.46	4.1	14.53	4.7	14.02	4.8
Dispatchers .....	16.00	6.2	–	–	–	–
Stock and inventory clerks .....	11.47	14.3	11.07	14.2	–	–
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	15.15	3.7	15.15	3.7	–	–
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance .....	16.08	4.0	16.08	4.0	–	–
Eligibility clerks, social welfare .....	15.87	3.8	–	–	–	–
General office clerks .....	15.03	3.5	14.58	4.1	15.99	5.3
Bank tellers .....	10.17	.3	10.17	.3	–	–
Data entry keyers .....	13.82	8.5	13.82	8.5	–	–
Teachers' aides .....	12.90	3.3	–	–	13.67	1.4
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	15.71	5.5	15.84	6.4	14.84	4.6
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	17.20	2.8	17.13	3.1	17.82	3.4
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	22.46	4.1	22.84	4.5	19.51	4.3
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	25.12	9.8	–	–	–	–
Industrial machinery repairers .....	19.94	7.2	–	–	–	–
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	18.16	5.7	18.03	7.1	–	–
Electricians .....	26.92	5.5	27.67	4.7	–	–
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	14.79	4.8	14.79	4.8	–	–
Printing press operators .....	19.48	11.5	19.61	12.3	–	–
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators .....	10.12	12.1	10.12	12.1	–	–
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	15.74	11.2	15.74	11.2	–	–
Assemblers .....	14.74	13.4	14.74	13.4	–	–
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	15.95	4.5	15.73	5.6	16.78	4.3
Truck drivers .....	15.53	3.8	15.33	4.2	–	–
Bus drivers .....	13.94	15.8	–	–	16.37	3.2
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	14.64	12.8	–	–	–	–
Operating engineers .....	20.01	9.3	–	–	–	–
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	20.05	9.0	20.05	9.0	–	–
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b> .....	12.24	5.7	11.81	5.4	17.15	18.9
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm .....	11.63	6.3	–	–	–	–
Helpers, construction trades .....	11.54	7.5	11.54	7.5	–	–
Stock handlers and baggers .....	9.95	6.1	9.71	7.7	–	–
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	13.95	11.6	13.95	11.6	–	–
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	14.41	14.5	14.41	15.0	–	–

See footnotes at end of table.

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Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>Service</b> .....	\$12.24	3.1	\$9.89	3.5	\$19.30	2.2
Protective service .....	18.66	6.5	10.34	9.8	22.61	3.5
Firefighting .....	20.97	1.8	—	—	20.97	1.8
Police and detectives, public service .....	23.19	2.7	—	—	23.40	2.6
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	20.45	6.4	—	—	20.45	6.4
Correctional institution officers .....	18.10	1.6	—	—	18.10	1.6
Guards and police, except public service .....	10.28	10.2	9.97	10.0	—	—
Food service .....	8.87	5.4	8.80	5.6	11.39	1.4
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	5.31	9.1	5.31	9.1	—	—
Bartenders .....	7.96	15.3	7.96	15.3	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	4.70	7.5	4.70	7.5	—	—
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants .....	6.14	18.8	6.14	18.8	—	—
Other food service .....	11.22	4.6	11.21	4.8	11.39	1.4
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	16.53	8.4	16.53	8.4	—	—
Cooks .....	11.53	2.8	11.53	3.0	—	—
Food counter, fountain, and related .....	8.87	23.7	8.87	23.7	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation .....	10.16	6.2	10.17	6.4	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	8.83	4.2	8.69	4.3	—	—
Health service .....	11.39	1.9	11.19	2.4	13.14	4.1
Health aides, except nursing .....	12.37	6.1	—	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	11.21	2.7	11.12	3.2	12.36	3.9
Cleaning and building service .....	10.25	5.5	9.81	6.7	12.83	2.9
Maids and housemen .....	10.08	14.7	10.08	14.7	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	9.91	4.6	9.29	8.2	12.59	1.4
Personal service .....	12.94	11.8	13.07	16.2	12.68	12.9
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities .....	7.78	7.5	—	—	—	—
Child care workers, n.e.c. ....	11.58	1.8	—	—	—	—
Service, n.e.c. ....	11.13	4.7	10.95	2.6	—	—

<sup>1</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, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

<sup>3</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>4</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.

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Table 2-2. Mean hourly earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>All</b> .....	\$22.76	2.7	\$22.23	3.3	\$24.68	3.1
All excluding sales .....	22.95	2.9	22.43	3.7	24.67	3.1
<b>White collar</b> .....	26.64	2.3	26.32	2.7	27.77	3.5
White collar excluding sales .....	27.43	2.4	27.31	3.0	27.79	3.6
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	31.50	3.1	31.61	4.3	31.25	2.7
Professional specialty .....	33.25	1.9	33.62	2.6	32.48	3.0
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	36.77	8.4	37.55	9.2	31.46	7.4
Civil engineers .....	35.18	10.9	—	—	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	33.40	14.0	33.31	15.6	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	36.23	4.1	36.26	4.1	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	37.06	4.2	37.10	4.2	—	—
Natural scientists .....	31.16	16.8	32.70	19.2	22.24	5.5
Health related .....	29.26	5.2	29.36	5.9	28.59	10.2
Physicians .....	38.73	22.7	36.76	24.9	—	—
Registered nurses .....	27.85	2.7	27.87	2.9	27.54	4.8
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	24.14	2.2	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	33.71	9.3	32.41	17.9	35.09	2.6
Other post-secondary teachers .....	37.14	1.3	—	—	37.19	1.7
Teachers, except college and university .....	33.27	3.1	23.40	10.5	34.33	2.3
Elementary school teachers .....	33.77	1.8	—	—	34.22	1.2
Secondary school teachers .....	34.43	4.3	—	—	34.82	4.1
Teachers, special education .....	32.45	6.7	—	—	33.73	5.4
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	33.43	17.4	—	—	37.99	6.2
Vocational and educational counselors .....	31.16	7.7	—	—	33.93	4.9
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	24.99	6.6	25.22	9.4	24.64	8.6
Librarians .....	24.97	6.7	25.19	9.5	24.64	8.6
Social scientists and urban planners .....	24.96	19.0	25.01	23.2	24.74	8.0
Economists .....	25.00	22.1	25.00	22.1	—	—
Psychologists .....	24.33	24.0	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	21.89	10.6	22.46	10.7	21.49	16.1
Social workers .....	22.16	10.6	22.46	10.7	21.91	16.5
Lawyers and judges .....	60.31	7.8	—	—	35.74	19.2
Lawyers .....	61.81	5.8	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	32.34	4.6	32.84	4.8	—	—
Editors and reporters .....	31.65	5.6	31.65	5.6	—	—
Technical .....	22.77	16.0	23.42	19.4	19.67	6.8
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	19.81	11.5	19.81	11.5	—	—
Radiological technicians .....	25.63	2.1	25.63	2.1	—	—
Licensed practical nurses .....	19.10	3.9	20.17	3.7	17.49	4.1
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	16.66	4.9	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	27.49	13.9	27.49	13.9	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	19.82	9.7	—	—	—	—
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	33.39	6.2	34.25	7.4	30.09	7.6
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	38.10	7.2	39.52	8.2	32.77	8.4
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	27.11	4.6	—	—	27.11	4.6
Financial managers .....	49.72	21.2	49.72	21.2	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	40.26	8.1	40.26	8.1	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields .....	39.91	11.3	41.44	22.5	38.90	10.4
Managers, medicine and health .....	34.63	9.0	35.74	8.2	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	32.68	5.7	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	42.46	13.1	42.40	13.7	—	—
Management related .....	27.00	5.0	27.19	5.0	26.24	15.8
Accountants and auditors .....	28.68	8.8	26.87	5.9	33.73	19.7
Other financial officers .....	35.83	21.7	36.60	23.0	—	—
Management analysts .....	25.94	14.5	25.94	14.5	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	23.51	18.4	24.89	21.6	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	30.09	17.2	—	—	22.06	11.6
Management related, n.e.c. ....	22.51	9.5	23.43	11.9	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2-2. Mean hourly earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar</b> –Continued						
<b>Sales</b> .....	\$20.14	5.5	\$20.07	5.6	–	–
Supervisors, sales .....	20.16	14.0	20.10	14.6	–	–
Sales, other business services .....	33.51	37.6	33.51	37.6	–	–
Sales workers, other commodities .....	15.42	11.5	15.42	11.5	–	–
Cashiers .....	11.46	7.5	11.46	7.5	–	–
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	16.65	2.9	16.81	3.5	\$15.92	1.3
Supervisors, general office .....	25.85	10.8	26.09	11.5	23.22	8.0
Secretaries .....	18.01	6.1	18.49	7.3	16.28	4.1
Hotel clerks .....	9.73	.7	9.73	.7	–	–
Receptionists .....	10.88	4.6	10.88	4.9	–	–
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	15.06	10.7	15.06	10.7	–	–
Order clerks .....	16.58	6.4	16.58	6.4	–	–
Library clerks .....	15.36	8.4	–	–	15.16	8.9
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	15.38	6.2	15.61	7.0	–	–
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	14.61	4.0	14.71	4.6	14.02	4.8
Dispatchers .....	16.00	6.2	–	–	–	–
Stock and inventory clerks .....	11.82	16.1	–	–	–	–
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	15.15	3.7	15.15	3.7	–	–
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance .....	16.08	4.1	16.08	4.1	–	–
General office clerks .....	15.11	3.7	14.66	4.4	16.09	5.5
Bank tellers .....	10.14	.8	10.14	.8	–	–
Teachers' aides .....	12.68	2.9	–	–	13.14	2.8
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	16.28	6.1	16.54	7.1	14.84	4.6
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	17.90	3.2	17.91	3.5	17.88	3.5
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	22.46	4.1	22.84	4.5	19.51	4.3
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	25.12	9.8	–	–	–	–
Industrial machinery repairers .....	19.94	7.2	–	–	–	–
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	18.16	5.7	18.03	7.1	–	–
Electricians .....	26.92	5.5	27.67	4.7	–	–
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	14.91	5.1	14.91	5.1	–	–
Printing press operators .....	19.61	12.3	19.61	12.3	–	–
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators .....	10.12	12.1	10.12	12.1	–	–
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	15.74	11.2	15.74	11.2	–	–
Assemblers .....	14.74	13.4	14.74	13.4	–	–
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	16.68	4.3	16.63	5.3	16.84	4.3
Truck drivers .....	15.49	3.8	15.28	4.2	–	–
Bus drivers .....	13.76	17.4	–	–	–	–
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	15.35	13.6	–	–	–	–
Operating engineers .....	20.01	9.3	–	–	–	–
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	20.05	9.0	20.05	9.0	–	–
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b> .....	13.38	6.9	12.95	6.9	17.15	18.9
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm .....	11.63	6.3	–	–	–	–
Helpers, construction trades .....	11.54	7.5	11.54	7.5	–	–
Stock handlers and baggers .....	12.06	3.8	11.88	4.5	–	–
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	15.67	10.7	15.67	10.7	–	–
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	14.65	14.7	14.66	15.2	–	–
<b>Service</b> .....	14.17	5.5	11.26	6.5	19.90	3.4
Protective service .....	19.81	5.1	10.41	7.0	22.74	4.0
Firefighting .....	20.97	1.8	–	–	20.97	1.8
Police and detectives, public service .....	23.24	2.6	–	–	23.45	2.5
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	20.45	6.4	–	–	20.45	6.4
Correctional institution officers .....	18.10	1.6	–	–	18.10	1.6
Guards and police, except public service .....	10.19	7.3	9.70	5.6	–	–
Food service .....	10.69	6.0	10.66	6.1	–	–

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2-2. Mean hourly earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>Service—Continued</b>						
Food service—Continued						
Writers, waitresses, and bartenders .....	\$6.52	5.0	\$6.52	5.0	—	—
Writers and waitresses .....	5.44	4.6	5.44	4.6	—	—
Other food service .....	12.29	5.0	12.32	5.2	—	—
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	16.53	8.4	16.53	8.4	—	—
Cooks .....	11.75	2.5	11.75	2.7	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	9.79	5.6	9.68	6.0	—	—
Health service .....	11.49	1.5	11.28	1.8	\$13.17	4.1
Health aides, except nursing .....	12.37	6.1	—	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	11.30	2.0	11.21	2.5	12.40	4.0
Cleaning and building service .....	11.89	10.9	11.57	14.6	12.84	2.9
Maid and housemen .....	10.11	15.4	10.11	15.4	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	12.39	5.8	12.23	11.5	12.61	1.4
Personal service .....	14.71	14.2	14.27	18.9	15.81	21.2
Service, n.e.c. ....	11.90	4.6	11.37	1.2	—	—

<sup>1</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, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>3</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>4</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.

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Table 2-3. Mean hourly earnings,<sup>1</sup> part-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>All</b> .....	\$10.85	3.8	\$10.37	4.1	\$17.44	10.6
All excluding sales .....	10.89	4.0	10.33	4.2	17.64	11.2
<b>White collar</b> .....	16.19	5.5	15.39	5.8	22.61	8.5
White collar excluding sales .....	19.68	4.3	18.95	4.9	23.26	8.7
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	26.18	5.8	25.35	6.5	29.58	10.6
Professional specialty .....	29.87	4.2	29.90	4.4	29.79	10.3
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related .....	29.60	2.9	29.29	2.9	—	—
Registered nurses .....	28.49	2.5	28.54	2.6	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	47.31	21.8	40.37	37.2	—	—
Teachers, except college and university .....	27.77	9.4	26.86	32.4	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	18.94	8.5	—	—	17.69	8.0
Librarians .....	18.94	8.5	—	—	17.69	8.0
Social scientists and urban planners .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Technical .....	17.23	15.2	17.21	15.5	—	—
Licensed practical nurses .....	20.51	3.4	—	—	—	—
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Management related .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Sales</b> .....	10.65	11.9	10.63	12.1	—	—
Cashiers .....	11.23	15.0	11.22	15.4	—	—
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	12.21	4.9	12.11	5.5	12.81	10.6
Secretaries .....	17.19	12.2	17.19	12.2	—	—
Receptionists .....	11.00	7.7	11.01	7.7	—	—
Library clerks .....	9.62	6.5	—	—	9.62	6.5
General office clerks .....	13.59	8.3	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	11.89	9.2	11.89	9.2	—	—
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	8.28	6.1	8.06	6.1	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	8.18	18.3	7.62	16.8	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b> .....	8.09	3.0	8.09	3.0	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers .....	7.85	4.2	7.85	4.2	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	9.15	13.0	9.15	13.0	—	—
<b>Service</b> .....	7.70	2.2	7.62	2.3	9.15	3.7
Protective service .....	10.38	18.8	10.23	20.3	—	—
Guards and police, except public service .....	10.45	22.2	10.45	22.2	—	—
Food service .....	5.96	4.8	5.87	4.6	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	4.41	14.6	4.41	14.6	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	4.15	13.5	4.15	13.5	—	—
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants .....	4.58	28.9	4.58	28.9	—	—
Other food service .....	8.20	2.1	8.08	1.9	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	7.95	3.1	7.78	2.6	—	—
Health service .....	10.63	6.4	10.62	6.5	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	10.63	6.4	10.62	6.5	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2-3. Mean hourly earnings,<sup>1</sup> part-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>Service</b> —Continued						
Cleaning and building service .....	\$8.08	2.0	\$8.08	2.0	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	8.03	2.3	8.03	2.3	—	—
Personal service .....	8.82	5.0	9.43	6.6	\$8.07	5.8
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	7.78	7.5	—	—	—	—

<sup>1</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, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

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Table 3-1. Mean weekly earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	
<b>All</b> .....	\$899	2.7	39.5	\$881	3.4	39.6	\$962	2.8	39.0
All excluding sales .....	905	3.0	39.4	887	3.8	39.6	962	2.8	39.0
<b>White collar</b> .....	1,052	2.1	39.5	1,049	2.6	39.8	1,063	3.4	38.3
White collar excluding sales .....	1,081	2.4	39.4	1,086	2.9	39.8	1,064	3.4	38.3
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	1,232	2.4	39.1	1,254	3.4	39.7	1,181	2.5	37.8
Professional specialty .....	1,305	1.5	39.3	1,348	2.1	40.1	1,223	2.8	37.7
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	1,465	8.0	39.8	1,496	8.9	39.8	1,252	7.3	39.8
Civil engineers .....	1,407	10.9	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	1,333	13.9	39.9	1,332	15.6	40.0	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	1,446	4.1	39.9	1,447	4.1	39.9	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	1,479	4.2	39.9	1,481	4.2	39.9	—	—	—
Natural scientists .....	1,322	10.5	42.4	1,402	11.4	42.9	890	5.5	40.0
Health related .....	1,165	3.9	39.8	1,171	4.2	39.9	1,126	9.6	39.4
Physicians .....	1,776	17.0	45.9	1,714	18.9	46.6	—	—	—
Registered nurses .....	1,078	2.4	38.7	1,076	2.5	38.6	1,102	4.8	40.0
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	966	2.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	1,356	9.4	40.2	1,283	17.3	39.6	1,435	3.1	40.9
Other post-secondary teachers .....	1,486	1.3	40.0	—	—	—	1,487	1.7	40.0
Teachers, except college and university .....	1,224	3.0	36.8	923	11.6	39.5	1,254	2.6	36.5
Elementary school teachers .....	1,239	1.6	36.7	—	—	—	1,247	1.6	36.5
Secondary school teachers .....	1,235	4.8	35.9	—	—	—	1,244	4.8	35.7
Teachers, special education .....	1,191	8.0	36.7	—	—	—	1,232	7.3	36.5
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	1,333	17.4	39.9	—	—	—	1,516	6.1	39.9
Vocational and educational counselors .....	1,144	6.5	36.7	—	—	—	1,226	4.4	36.1
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	975	6.5	39.0	979	9.4	38.8	969	8.0	39.3
Librarians .....	974	6.6	39.0	978	9.5	38.8	969	8.0	39.3
Social scientists and urban planners .....	1,054	15.6	42.2	1,070	19.4	42.8	981	7.6	39.7
Economists .....	1,082	17.8	43.3	1,082	17.8	43.3	—	—	—
Psychologists .....	973	24.0	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	865	11.0	39.5	882	12.2	39.3	854	16.6	39.7
Social workers .....	875	11.2	39.5	882	12.2	39.3	870	17.1	39.7
Lawyers and judges .....	2,524	9.6	41.9	—	—	—	1,418	19.3	39.7
Lawyers .....	2,595	7.6	42.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	1,270	4.4	39.3	1,288	4.6	39.2	—	—	—
Editors and reporters .....	1,237	5.5	39.1	1,237	5.5	39.1	—	—	—
<b>Technical</b> .....	872	12.4	38.3	892	14.9	38.1	772	8.1	39.2
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	790	11.6	39.9	790	11.6	39.9	—	—	—
Radiological technicians .....	1,025	2.1	40.0	1,025	2.1	40.0	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses .....	708	5.3	37.0	726	6.8	36.0	678	5.8	38.8
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	664	5.0	39.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	1,116	14.0	40.6	1,116	14.0	40.6	—	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	790	9.7	39.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	1,344	6.5	40.3	1,386	7.8	40.5	1,186	7.4	39.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-1. Mean weekly earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> —Continued									
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	\$1,555	7.3	40.8	\$1,631	8.2	41.3	\$1,286	7.9	39.2
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	1,060	4.7	39.1	—	—	—	1,060	4.7	39.1
Financial managers .....	1,989	21.2	40.0	1,989	21.2	40.0	—	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	1,653	9.8	41.1	1,653	9.8	41.1	—	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields .....	1,571	10.7	39.4	1,632	21.5	39.4	1,531	9.4	39.4
Managers, medicine and health .....	1,385	9.0	40.0	1,430	8.2	40.0	—	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	1,370	4.7	41.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	1,774	13.6	41.8	1,777	14.2	41.9	—	—	—
Management related .....	1,067	5.0	39.5	1,073	5.0	39.5	1,041	15.8	39.7
Accountants and auditors .....	1,131	9.0	39.4	1,062	6.2	39.5	1,323	20.0	39.2
Other financial officers .....	1,419	21.8	39.6	1,449	23.2	39.6	—	—	—
Management analysts .....	1,013	12.4	39.1	1,013	12.4	39.1	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	925	17.9	39.3	974	20.9	39.1	—	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	1,203	17.2	40.0	—	—	—	882	11.6	40.0
Management related, n.e.c. ....	886	9.9	39.4	916	12.6	39.1	—	—	—
<b>Sales</b> .....	811	5.5	40.2	809	5.5	40.3	—	—	—
Supervisors, sales .....	801	14.2	39.7	802	14.6	39.9	—	—	—
Sales, other business services .....	1,386	36.7	41.3	1,386	36.7	41.3	—	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities .....	606	11.7	39.3	606	11.7	39.3	—	—	—
Cashiers .....	458	7.5	40.0	458	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....									
Supervisors, general office .....	1,033	10.8	40.0	1,044	11.5	40.0	917	7.9	39.5
Secretaries .....	705	5.9	39.2	720	7.2	39.0	649	4.1	39.9
Hotel clerks .....	389	.7	40.0	389	.7	40.0	—	—	—
Receptionists .....	434	4.6	39.9	435	4.9	40.0	—	—	—
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	602	10.7	40.0	602	10.7	40.0	—	—	—
Order clerks .....	656	5.8	39.6	656	5.8	39.6	—	—	—
Library clerks .....	599	8.2	39.0	—	—	—	586	8.7	38.6
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	600	5.8	39.0	608	6.4	38.9	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	575	4.3	39.4	582	4.8	39.6	536	7.2	38.2
Dispatchers .....	640	6.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks .....	471	15.8	39.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	588	6.1	38.8	588	6.1	38.8	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance .....	642	4.1	39.9	642	4.1	39.9	—	—	—
General office clerks .....	591	3.5	39.1	577	4.5	39.4	621	4.3	38.6
Bank tellers .....	406	.8	40.0	406	.8	40.0	—	—	—
Teachers' aides .....	465	4.4	36.7	—	—	—	482	3.7	36.7
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	642	6.1	39.5	655	7.1	39.6	574	6.7	38.7
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	714	3.1	39.9	714	3.5	39.9	709	3.3	39.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-1. Mean weekly earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	
<b>Blue collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b>									
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	\$905	4.1	40.3	\$921	4.6	40.3	\$780	4.3	40.0
Industrial machinery repairers	1,000	9.4	39.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	798	7.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricians .....	726	5.7	40.0	721	7.1	40.0	—	—	—
	1,077	5.5	40.0	1,107	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b>									
Printing press operators .....	590	4.8	39.5	590	4.8	39.5	—	—	—
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators .....	738	10.3	37.6	738	10.3	37.6	—	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	399	13.1	39.4	399	13.1	39.4	—	—	—
Assemblers .....	611	10.6	38.8	611	10.6	38.8	—	—	—
	590	13.4	40.0	590	13.4	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b>									
Truck drivers .....	662	4.5	39.7	662	5.6	39.8	661	4.5	39.3
Bus drivers .....	625	3.9	40.4	618	4.3	40.4	—	—	—
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	487	21.6	35.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operating engineers .....	614	13.6	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators .....	800	9.3	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
	802	9.0	40.0	802	9.0	40.0	—	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b>									
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm ....	530	6.7	39.6	512	6.6	39.6	686	18.9	40.0
Helpers, construction trades ...	457	6.2	39.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers ...	461	7.5	40.0	461	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	475	5.8	39.4	466	7.0	39.3	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	627	10.7	40.0	627	10.7	40.0	—	—	—
	572	13.3	39.0	572	13.8	39.0	—	—	—
<b>Service</b>									
Protective service .....	553	5.3	39.0	431	5.6	38.3	807	3.3	40.5
Firefighting .....	807	5.1	40.7	410	7.0	39.4	936	3.8	41.2
Police and detectives, public service .....	954	2.4	45.5	—	—	—	954	2.4	45.5
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	938	2.9	40.4	—	—	—	947	2.8	40.4
Correctional institution officers	793	4.7	38.8	—	—	—	793	4.7	38.8
Guards and police, except public service .....	725	1.5	40.0	—	—	—	725	1.5	40.0
Food service .....	401	7.0	39.4	381	4.9	39.3	—	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	419	6.1	39.2	418	6.2	39.2	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	250	5.3	38.4	250	5.3	38.4	—	—	—
Other food service .....	207	5.6	38.1	207	5.6	38.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	486	5.0	39.5	487	5.2	39.5	—	—	—
Cooks .....	669	7.6	40.5	669	7.6	40.5	—	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	457	3.3	38.9	456	3.6	38.8	—	—	—
Health service .....	387	5.7	39.5	383	6.0	39.6	—	—	—
Health aides, except nursing ..	442	2.1	38.5	434	2.5	38.5	507	3.6	38.5
	483	4.8	39.1	—	—	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.



Table 3-1. Mean weekly earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>5</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	
<b>Service</b> —Continued									
Health service—Continued									
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	\$434	2.9	38.4	\$429	3.5	38.3	\$492	4.5	39.7
Cleaning and building service .....	458	10.6	38.5	440	13.9	38.1	513	3.0	40.0
Maids and housemen .....	395	16.9	39.0	395	16.9	39.0	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	475	3.9	38.3	455	9.6	37.2	504	1.5	40.0
Personal service .....	506	6.9	34.4	476	5.9	33.3	592	25.5	37.4
Service, n.e.c. ....	457	4.7	38.4	437	1.3	38.4	—	—	—

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are the straight-time weekly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>3</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to

cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>4</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>5</sup> Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 3-2. Mean annual earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	
<b>All</b> .....	\$45,526	2.7	2,000	\$45,528	3.4	2,048	\$45,521	2.8	1,845
All excluding sales .....	45,855	3.0	1,998	45,971	3.8	2,050	45,512	2.8	1,845
<b>White collar</b> .....	52,719	2.1	1,979	54,067	2.6	2,054	48,650	3.4	1,752
White collar excluding sales .....	54,110	2.4	1,973	56,195	2.9	2,057	48,654	3.4	1,751
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	59,936	2.4	1,903	64,574	3.4	2,043	51,234	2.5	1,640
Professional specialty .....	62,700	1.5	1,886	69,201	2.1	2,058	52,163	2.8	1,606
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	76,164	8.0	2,071	77,780	8.9	2,071	65,087	7.3	2,069
Civil engineers .....	73,183	10.9	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	69,331	13.9	2,076	69,281	15.6	2,080	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	75,206	4.1	2,076	75,261	4.1	2,076	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	76,917	4.2	2,075	76,986	4.2	2,075	—	—	—
Natural scientists .....	68,748	10.5	2,206	72,902	11.4	2,230	46,262	5.5	2,080
Health related .....	60,159	3.9	2,056	60,842	4.2	2,072	56,146	9.6	1,964
Physicians .....	92,367	17.0	2,385	89,125	18.9	2,424	—	—	—
Registered nurses .....	56,038	2.4	2,012	55,951	2.5	2,007	57,280	4.8	2,080
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	50,221	2.2	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	59,950	9.4	1,778	60,951	17.3	1,880	59,003	3.1	1,681
Other post-secondary teachers .....	63,833	1.3	1,719	—	—	—	61,230	1.7	1,647
Teachers, except college and university .....	50,125	3.0	1,507	41,153	11.6	1,759	50,941	2.6	1,484
Elementary school teachers ...	49,489	1.6	1,465	—	—	—	49,497	1.6	1,447
Secondary school teachers ....	49,742	4.8	1,445	—	—	—	50,265	4.8	1,444
Teachers, special education ...	48,410	8.0	1,492	—	—	—	49,165	7.3	1,458
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	59,257	17.4	1,773	—	—	—	65,335	6.1	1,720
Vocational and educational counselors .....	53,217	6.5	1,708	—	—	—	56,056	4.4	1,652
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	48,843	6.5	1,955	47,882	9.4	1,899	50,394	8.0	2,045
Librarians .....	48,785	6.6	1,954	47,780	9.5	1,897	50,394	8.0	2,045
Social scientists and urban planners .....	54,800	15.6	2,195	55,617	19.4	2,224	51,008	7.6	2,062
Economists .....	56,259	17.8	2,250	56,259	17.8	2,250	—	—	—
Psychologists .....	50,606	24.0	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	44,949	11.0	2,054	45,728	12.2	2,036	44,398	16.6	2,066
Social workers .....	45,457	11.2	2,051	45,728	12.2	2,036	45,232	17.1	2,064
Lawyers and judges .....	131,241	9.6	2,176	—	—	—	73,755	19.3	2,064
Lawyers .....	134,919	7.6	2,183	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	65,957	4.4	2,040	66,895	4.6	2,037	—	—	—
Editors and reporters .....	64,315	5.5	2,032	64,315	5.5	2,032	—	—	—
Technical .....	45,350	12.4	1,991	46,409	14.9	1,982	40,124	8.1	2,040
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	41,062	11.6	2,073	41,062	11.6	2,073	—	—	—
Radiological technicians .....	53,300	2.1	2,080	53,300	2.1	2,080	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses .....	36,799	5.3	1,926	37,757	6.8	1,872	35,251	5.8	2,015
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	34,517	5.0	2,071	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	58,047	14.0	2,112	58,047	14.0	2,112	—	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c. ...	41,100	9.7	2,074	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	69,534	6.5	2,082	71,898	7.8	2,100	60,747	7.4	2,019

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-2. Mean annual earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	
<b>White collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> —Continued									
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	\$80,150	7.3	2,104	\$84,422	8.2	2,136	\$65,213	7.9	1,990
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	55,119	4.7	2,033	—	—	—	55,119	4.7	2,033
Financial managers .....	103,413	21.2	2,080	103,413	21.2	2,080	—	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	85,955	9.8	2,135	85,955	9.8	2,135	—	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields .....	76,829	10.7	1,925	79,790	21.5	1,925	74,879	9.4	1,925
Managers, medicine and health .....	72,036	9.0	2,080	74,341	8.2	2,080	—	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	71,233	4.7	2,180	—	—	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	92,041	13.6	2,168	92,311	14.2	2,177	—	—	—
Management related .....	55,470	5.0	2,054	55,807	5.0	2,052	54,110	15.8	2,062
Accountants and auditors .....	58,807	9.0	2,051	55,210	6.2	2,055	68,773	20.0	2,039
Other financial officers .....	73,801	21.8	2,060	75,355	23.2	2,059	—	—	—
Management analysts .....	52,692	12.4	2,031	52,692	12.4	2,031	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	48,085	17.9	2,045	50,659	20.9	2,036	—	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	62,577	17.2	2,080	—	—	—	45,885	11.6	2,080
Management related, n.e.c. ....	46,091	9.9	2,047	47,647	12.6	2,034	—	—	—
<b>Sales</b> .....	40,923	5.5	2,032	40,828	5.5	2,034	—	—	—
Supervisors, sales .....	41,647	14.2	2,066	41,695	14.6	2,075	—	—	—
Sales, other business services .....	72,047	36.7	2,150	72,047	36.7	2,150	—	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities .....	31,521	11.7	2,044	31,521	11.7	2,044	—	—	—
Cashiers .....	23,833	7.5	2,080	23,833	7.5	2,080	—	—	—
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....									
Supervisors, general office .....	53,698	10.8	2,078	54,274	11.5	2,080	47,661	7.9	2,053
Secretaries .....	36,672	5.9	2,036	37,454	7.2	2,026	33,769	4.1	2,075
Hotel clerks .....	20,235	.7	2,080	20,235	.7	2,080	—	—	—
Receptionists .....	22,561	4.6	2,074	22,632	4.9	2,080	—	—	—
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	31,326	10.7	2,080	31,326	10.7	2,080	—	—	—
Order clerks .....	34,111	5.8	2,058	34,111	5.8	2,058	—	—	—
Library clerks .....	31,173	8.2	2,030	—	—	—	30,463	8.7	2,009
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	31,215	5.8	2,030	31,607	6.4	2,025	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	29,898	4.3	2,047	30,276	4.8	2,058	27,871	7.2	1,988
Dispatchers .....	33,276	6.2	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks .....	24,471	15.8	2,071	—	—	—	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	30,586	6.1	2,019	30,586	6.1	2,019	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance .....	33,408	4.1	2,077	33,408	4.1	2,077	—	—	—
General office clerks .....	30,738	3.5	2,035	30,016	4.5	2,048	32,302	4.3	2,007
Bank tellers .....	21,092	.8	2,080	21,092	.8	2,080	—	—	—
Teachers' aides .....	18,904	4.4	1,491	—	—	—	18,878	3.7	1,437
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	33,409	6.1	2,052	34,086	7.1	2,060	29,851	6.7	2,011
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	36,867	3.1	2,059	37,059	3.5	2,070	35,436	3.3	1,982

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-2. Mean annual earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	
<b>Blue collar</b> —Continued									
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	\$47,047	4.1	2,094	\$47,882	4.6	2,097	\$40,508	4.3	2,076
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	51,994	9.4	2,070	—	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers	41,480	7.2	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	37,769	5.7	2,080	37,510	7.1	2,080	—	—	—
Electricians .....	55,987	5.5	2,080	57,548	4.7	2,080	—	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	30,636	4.8	2,054	30,636	4.8	2,054	—	—	—
Printing press operators .....	38,366	10.3	1,956	38,366	10.3	1,956	—	—	—
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators .....	20,727	13.1	2,048	20,727	13.1	2,048	—	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	31,755	10.6	2,017	31,755	10.6	2,017	—	—	—
Assemblers .....	30,510	13.4	2,069	30,510	13.4	2,069	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	33,679	4.5	2,020	34,278	5.6	2,061	31,706	4.5	1,883
Truck drivers .....	32,324	3.9	2,087	31,905	4.3	2,088	—	—	—
Bus drivers .....	21,226	21.6	1,542	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	30,562	13.6	1,991	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operating engineers .....	41,624	9.3	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators .....	41,704	9.0	2,080	41,704	9.0	2,080	—	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b> .....	27,407	6.7	2,049	26,480	6.6	2,045	35,681	18.9	2,080
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm ....	21,890	6.2	1,883	—	—	—	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades ...	23,994	7.5	2,080	23,994	7.5	2,080	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers ...	24,686	5.8	2,046	24,242	7.0	2,041	—	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	32,597	10.7	2,080	32,597	10.7	2,080	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	29,725	13.3	2,029	29,719	13.8	2,028	—	—	—
<b>Service</b> .....	28,483	5.3	2,011	22,406	5.6	1,989	40,877	3.3	2,055
Protective service .....	41,952	5.1	2,118	21,327	7.0	2,049	48,676	3.8	2,141
Firefighting .....	49,599	2.4	2,365	—	—	—	49,599	2.4	2,365
Police and detectives, public service .....	48,763	2.9	2,099	—	—	—	49,229	2.8	2,099
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	41,220	4.7	2,016	—	—	—	41,220	4.7	2,016
Correctional institution officers	37,694	1.5	2,083	—	—	—	37,694	1.5	2,083
Guards and police, except public service .....	20,877	7.0	2,049	19,834	4.9	2,045	—	—	—
Food service .....	21,675	6.1	2,027	21,722	6.2	2,037	—	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	12,994	5.3	1,994	12,994	5.3	1,994	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	10,789	5.6	1,983	10,789	5.6	1,983	—	—	—
Other food service .....	25,072	5.0	2,040	25,314	5.2	2,055	—	—	—
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	34,788	7.6	2,105	34,788	7.6	2,105	—	—	—
Cooks .....	23,531	3.3	2,003	23,727	3.6	2,019	—	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	19,806	5.7	2,024	19,927	6.0	2,058	—	—	—
Health service .....	22,985	2.1	2,001	22,592	2.5	2,003	26,143	3.6	1,985
Health aides, except nursing ..	24,982	4.8	2,020	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Table 3-2. Mean annual earnings,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours <sup>5</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	
<b>Service</b> —Continued									
Health service—Continued									
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	\$22,551	2.9	1,996	\$22,315	3.5	1,991	\$25,571	4.5	2,062
Cleaning and building service .....	23,760	10.6	1,999	22,850	13.9	1,976	26,602	3.0	2,072
Maids and housemen .....	20,520	16.9	2,030	20,520	16.9	2,030	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	24,611	3.9	1,986	23,550	9.6	1,926	26,113	1.5	2,072
Personal service .....	24,228	6.9	1,647	24,746	5.9	1,734	23,124	25.5	1,462
Service, n.e.c. ....	23,291	4.7	1,957	22,725	1.3	1,999	—	—	—

<sup>1</sup> Earnings are the straight-time annual wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>3</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to

cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>4</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>5</sup> Mean annual hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a year, exclusive of overtime.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 4-1. Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> all workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>All</b> .....	\$21.33	2.2	\$20.57	2.7	\$24.38	3.1
All excluding sales .....	21.61	2.5	20.84	3.0	24.39	3.1
<b>White collar</b> .....	25.88	2.3	25.42	2.8	27.57	3.5
1 .....	8.94	3.9	9.00	3.9	6.72	3.6
2 .....	10.97	3.5	10.82	3.3	14.39	8.1
3 .....	12.46	2.8	12.32	3.2	13.96	2.2
4 .....	14.37	3.3	14.24	3.8	15.22	3.7
5 .....	18.41	6.6	18.85	8.0	16.85	4.8
6 .....	19.75	4.2	19.98	4.7	18.54	5.3
7 .....	22.93	2.3	22.98	2.7	22.78	4.5
8 .....	25.91	3.3	25.49	2.0	27.13	10.4
9 .....	31.29	1.9	29.33	3.0	33.51	1.4
10 .....	31.27	4.7	31.51	5.5	30.13	5.6
11 .....	37.79	5.1	41.11	6.4	31.12	4.4
12 .....	45.83	3.9	46.99	3.9	35.60	9.2
13 .....	54.75	3.7	60.76	3.3	40.00	5.2
14 .....	47.54	16.1	57.16	10.2	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	28.45	6.8	28.07	7.2	34.82	5.9
White collar excluding sales .....	27.03	2.4	26.84	2.9	27.62	3.6
1 .....	9.52	5.7	9.69	5.8	6.72	3.6
2 .....	11.79	3.4	11.58	3.4	14.39	8.1
3 .....	12.59	3.7	12.36	4.3	14.17	2.5
4 .....	14.77	3.9	14.67	4.8	15.22	3.7
5 .....	17.23	2.6	17.35	3.0	16.85	4.8
6 .....	19.51	5.4	19.76	6.4	18.54	5.3
7 .....	22.95	2.3	23.02	2.6	22.78	4.5
8 .....	26.39	3.6	26.08	2.2	27.18	10.5
9 .....	31.29	1.9	29.30	3.1	33.51	1.4
10 .....	29.66	5.0	29.54	6.1	30.13	5.6
11 .....	38.08	5.3	41.44	6.7	31.30	4.3
12 .....	45.83	3.9	46.99	3.9	35.60	9.2
13 .....	54.75	3.7	60.76	3.3	40.00	5.2
14 .....	47.54	16.1	57.16	10.2	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	28.65	3.2	28.23	3.2	34.82	5.9
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	31.23	3.1	31.25	4.3	31.19	2.5
Professional specialty .....	33.10	1.9	33.45	2.5	32.38	2.9
5 .....	17.26	11.0	16.24	10.5	24.18	11.4
6 .....	21.33	4.6	21.82	4.5	19.36	11.1
7 .....	25.58	3.3	25.04	3.4	26.78	9.6
8 .....	27.91	5.5	26.96	3.7	30.18	13.6
9 .....	32.66	2.3	29.76	4.5	35.11	.6
10 .....	29.60	8.6	28.52	11.9	32.77	5.2
11 .....	37.12	3.3	40.02	4.0	30.67	3.8
12 .....	46.24	4.2	47.87	4.0	33.13	13.3
13 .....	50.46	4.6	57.77	6.2	37.64	2.2
Not able to be leveled .....	31.99	4.4	32.58	4.9	27.84	9.1
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	36.22	7.6	37.05	8.1	30.79	5.7
11 .....	41.33	2.5	—	—	—	—
12 .....	43.33	13.1	48.09	7.7	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	29.71	9.7	—	—	—	—
Civil engineers .....	35.18	10.9	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic engineers .....	37.59	14.7	37.59	14.7	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	33.40	14.0	33.31	15.6	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	36.27	4.0	36.30	4.0	—	—
9 .....	33.60	2.5	33.60	2.5	—	—
10 .....	34.75	2.3	34.75	2.3	—	—
11 .....	39.45	3.2	39.45	3.2	—	—
12 .....	46.23	5.1	46.23	5.1	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	33.35	2.4	33.35	2.4	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	37.09	4.1	37.13	4.1	—	—
9 .....	34.04	2.6	34.04	2.6	—	—
10 .....	35.62	2.6	35.62	2.6	—	—
11 .....	39.55	3.3	39.55	3.3	—	—

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Table 4-1. **Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> all workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 —**  
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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar —Continued</b>						
<b>Professional specialty and technical —Continued</b>						
<b>Professional specialty —Continued</b>						
<b>Mathematical and computer scientists —Continued</b>						
<b>Computer systems analysts and scientists —Continued</b>						
12 .....	\$46.99	5.8	\$46.99	5.8	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	33.35	2.4	33.35	2.4	—	—
Natural scientists .....	31.16	16.8	32.70	19.2	\$22.24	5.5
Health related .....	29.30	4.6	29.35	5.1	28.98	9.9
6 .....	23.56	4.6	—	—	—	—
7 .....	23.35	6.4	24.57	5.8	20.78	11.9
8 .....	28.88	1.7	28.83	1.7	—	—
9 .....	30.45	4.3	30.23	4.5	—	—
10 .....	23.51	32.9	21.29	44.2	—	—
11 .....	30.29	8.4	27.43	3.0	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	27.90	5.5	27.68	5.6	—	—
Physicians .....	38.86	22.6	36.76	24.9	—	—
Registered nurses .....	27.96	2.3	28.00	2.4	27.42	4.8
7 .....	24.27	6.2	24.37	6.5	—	—
8 .....	28.81	1.7	28.83	1.7	—	—
9 .....	29.47	3.3	29.69	3.6	—	—
Speech therapists .....	31.74	11.7	—	—	—	—
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	24.02	2.1	—	—	—	—
7 .....	22.30	3.4	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	34.15	9.2	32.54	17.9	35.80	2.4
10 .....	32.57	9.9	—	—	—	—
11 .....	31.73	.7	—	—	31.12	1.2
12 .....	36.59	11.2	—	—	—	—
13 .....	38.61	2.2	43.34	13.0	37.02	1.6
Social science teachers, n.e.c. ....	42.14	9.4	—	—	—	—
Other post-secondary teachers .....	36.68	.7	—	—	36.62	.9
Teachers, except college and university .....	33.10	2.9	23.64	10.6	34.17	2.1
6 .....	15.04	2.4	—	—	—	—
7 .....	35.74	6.5	—	—	36.26	6.5
8 .....	32.30	12.3	29.25	25.3	32.75	13.1
9 .....	35.03	1.4	27.13	2.6	35.86	.1
11 .....	29.45	4.3	—	—	29.73	4.2
Prekindergarten and kindergarten .....	25.79	12.2	—	—	—	—
Elementary school teachers .....	33.77	1.8	—	—	34.22	1.2
8 .....	32.15	9.6	—	—	31.73	10.0
9 .....	34.91	2.8	—	—	35.72	1.9
Secondary school teachers .....	34.59	4.1	29.07	22.8	34.84	4.0
8 .....	36.69	16.0	—	—	35.32	18.2
9 .....	35.69	1.2	—	—	36.00	.9
Teachers, special education .....	32.45	6.7	—	—	33.73	5.4
9 .....	31.70	6.4	—	—	—	—
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	31.58	18.0	14.44	9.4	36.36	6.9
Vocational and educational counselors .....	31.16	7.7	—	—	33.93	4.9
9 .....	33.81	9.9	—	—	35.58	5.3
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	24.56	6.5	25.15	9.1	23.77	8.9
6 .....	18.68	9.0	—	—	18.68	9.0
9 .....	24.37	5.8	—	—	22.61	11.4
11 .....	21.84	7.3	—	—	—	—
Librarians .....	24.54	6.6	25.12	9.2	23.77	8.9
6 .....	18.68	9.0	—	—	18.68	9.0
9 .....	24.37	5.8	—	—	22.61	11.4
Social scientists and urban planners .....	25.01	19.0	25.07	23.2	24.74	8.0
Economists .....	25.00	22.1	25.00	22.1	—	—
Psychologists .....	24.58	23.6	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	21.66	11.0	22.11	11.1	21.36	16.9
7 .....	18.02	5.1	—	—	—	—
Social workers .....	22.27	10.5	22.46	10.7	22.13	16.1

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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar –Continued</b>						
<b>Professional specialty and technical –Continued</b>						
Professional specialty –Continued						
Lawyers and judges .....	\$59.11	8.9	\$64.46	2.6	\$33.78	12.6
Lawyers .....	60.50	7.2	64.46	2.6	–	–
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	32.34	4.6	32.84	4.8	–	–
9 .....	23.58	7.6	–	–	–	–
12 .....	46.17	8.1	46.17	8.1	–	–
Not able to be leveled .....	32.00	8.6	–	–	–	–
Editors and reporters .....	31.65	5.6	31.65	5.6	–	–
Technical .....	22.30	15.9	22.80	18.9	19.66	6.8
4 .....	13.54	12.9	12.78	12.3	–	–
5 .....	17.73	5.9	16.89	2.5	–	–
6 .....	18.43	6.8	18.51	7.0	–	–
7 .....	22.19	3.2	22.61	3.1	–	–
8 .....	21.66	4.7	22.35	4.2	20.90	7.8
9 .....	27.83	10.9	–	–	–	–
Not able to be leveled .....	28.92	12.8	28.92	12.8	–	–
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	19.97	11.3	19.97	11.3	–	–
8 .....	22.45	.1	22.45	.1	–	–
Radiological technicians .....	25.68	1.5	25.68	1.5	–	–
Licensed practical nurses .....	19.51	3.1	20.31	1.9	17.51	4.1
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	16.07	4.8	–	–	–	–
5 .....	19.13	14.1	–	–	–	–
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	27.49	13.9	27.49	13.9	–	–
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	19.79	9.5	–	–	–	–
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial .....</b>	<b>33.34</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>34.18</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>30.08</b>	<b>7.5</b>
5 .....	17.73	6.6	17.87	7.1	–	–
6 .....	19.57	9.5	19.05	12.2	–	–
7 .....	22.16	3.4	22.17	3.8	–	–
8 .....	24.61	7.5	25.40	8.6	22.15	16.6
9 .....	26.52	3.4	28.08	3.6	22.30	7.3
10 .....	29.58	4.3	30.53	4.7	–	–
11 .....	34.58	9.1	36.02	12.5	32.50	12.1
12 .....	45.00	6.8	45.27	7.4	–	–
13 .....	61.87	8.3	64.55	8.6	–	–
14 .....	48.16	17.8	59.65	11.8	–	–
Not able to be leveled .....	33.96	13.1	32.26	12.0	–	–
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	38.07	7.1	39.52	8.2	32.71	8.3
8 .....	27.59	9.9	27.46	11.1	–	–
9 .....	27.32	5.5	28.04	5.7	–	–
10 .....	30.54	5.0	30.76	5.0	–	–
11 .....	35.84	10.0	41.52	9.1	32.42	12.5
12 .....	43.02	7.3	43.11	8.0	–	–
13 .....	61.78	8.7	64.60	9.0	–	–
14 .....	48.16	17.8	59.65	11.8	–	–
Not able to be leveled .....	39.91	17.3	40.29	17.7	–	–
Administrators and officials, public administration	27.16	4.4	–	–	27.16	4.4
Financial managers .....	49.72	21.2	49.72	21.2	–	–
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	40.26	8.1	40.26	8.1	–	–
Administrators, education and related fields .....	39.91	11.3	41.44	22.5	38.90	10.4
11 .....	35.45	10.5	–	–	37.12	12.4
Managers, medicine and health .....	34.63	9.0	35.74	8.2	–	–
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	32.68	5.7	–	–	–	–
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	42.46	13.1	42.40	13.7	–	–
11 .....	46.98	8.0	–	–	–	–
12 .....	45.27	10.0	45.16	10.3	–	–
14 .....	59.04	12.8	59.04	12.8	–	–
Management related .....	26.98	4.9	27.16	4.9	26.24	15.8
5 .....	16.92	5.7	16.92	5.7	–	–

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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar –Continued</b>						
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial –Continued</b>						
<b>Management related –Continued</b>						
6 .....	\$18.60	5.7	\$17.65	4.7	–	–
7 .....	23.35	1.8	23.34	1.8	–	–
8 .....	21.43	5.6	22.20	4.4	\$20.23	12.5
9 .....	25.97	5.2	28.11	5.7	22.52	7.2
11 .....	32.39	13.4	32.29	14.1	–	–
Accountants and auditors .....	28.68	8.8	26.87	5.9	33.73	19.7
9 .....	27.55	4.5	26.47	1.7	–	–
Other financial officers .....	35.83	21.7	36.60	23.0	–	–
Management analysts .....	25.94	14.5	25.94	14.5	–	–
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	23.72	16.7	24.96	18.7	–	–
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	30.09	17.2	–	–	22.06	11.6
Management related, n.e.c. ....	22.51	9.5	23.43	11.9	–	–
9 .....	26.93	15.9	–	–	–	–
<b>Sales .....</b>	<b>18.05</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>18.01</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
1 .....	8.29	2.9	8.29	2.9	–	–
2 .....	9.85	4.4	9.85	4.4	–	–
3 .....	12.23	4.6	12.24	4.7	–	–
4 .....	13.08	6.3	13.08	6.3	–	–
6 .....	20.50	4.6	20.50	4.6	–	–
8 .....	21.37	5.5	–	–	–	–
Supervisors, sales .....	20.16	14.0	20.10	14.6	–	–
Sales, other business services .....	33.51	37.6	33.51	37.6	–	–
Sales workers, other commodities .....	14.17	13.5	14.17	13.5	–	–
Cashiers .....	11.35	10.2	11.35	10.3	–	–
1 .....	8.17	3.6	8.17	3.6	–	–
2 .....	10.20	2.4	10.20	2.4	–	–
3 .....	12.37	6.8	12.39	6.9	–	–
<b>Administrative support, including clerical .....</b>	<b>16.30</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>16.42</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>15.72</b>	<b>1.0</b>
1 .....	9.52	5.7	9.69	5.8	6.72	3.6
2 .....	11.79	3.4	11.58	3.4	14.39	8.1
3 .....	12.62	3.8	12.40	4.4	14.17	2.5
4 .....	15.10	3.0	15.21	3.6	14.61	1.8
5 .....	17.02	3.7	17.65	4.6	15.51	5.0
6 .....	18.89	8.5	19.29	10.6	17.73	5.6
7 .....	19.20	2.6	20.09	3.6	17.78	4.2
8 .....	25.27	5.0	25.36	5.2	–	–
Not able to be leveled .....	19.77	11.8	19.77	11.8	–	–
Supervisors, general office .....	25.82	10.8	26.09	11.5	22.98	8.8
Secretaries .....	17.97	5.6	18.41	6.7	16.28	4.1
3 .....	14.38	9.2	–	–	–	–
4 .....	16.11	6.8	16.24	8.2	15.52	5.0
5 .....	17.31	6.2	18.54	4.4	15.46	11.9
6 .....	21.49	12.3	22.15	14.2	–	–
7 .....	19.79	4.5	20.55	2.9	–	–
Not able to be leveled .....	17.71	3.8	17.71	3.8	–	–
Interviewers .....	14.34	7.4	14.34	7.4	–	–
Hotel clerks .....	9.48	1.8	9.48	1.8	–	–
3 .....	10.00	.0	10.00	.0	–	–
Transportation ticket and reservation agents .....	18.01	.0	18.01	.0	–	–
Receptionists .....	10.91	3.9	10.92	4.0	–	–
2 .....	10.94	3.0	10.94	3.0	–	–
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	15.25	9.6	15.25	9.6	–	–
Order clerks .....	15.83	7.8	15.83	7.8	–	–
Library clerks .....	12.55	7.6	–	–	11.96	7.8
1 .....	6.67	3.8	–	–	6.67	3.8
2 .....	11.89	2.8	–	–	11.46	.2

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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar —Continued</b>						
<b>Administrative support, including clerical —Continued</b>						
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	\$15.36	6.1	\$15.61	7.0	\$14.24	8.8
4 .....	15.12	6.7	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	14.46	4.1	14.53	4.7	14.02	4.8
4 .....	14.89	6.0	15.23	6.2	—	—
Dispatchers .....	16.00	6.2	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks .....	11.47	14.3	11.07	14.2	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	15.15	3.7	15.15	3.7	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance .....	16.08	4.0	16.08	4.0	—	—
Eligibility clerks, social welfare .....	15.87	3.8	—	—	—	—
General office clerks .....	15.03	3.5	14.58	4.1	15.99	5.3
3 .....	14.01	4.5	12.29	5.7	—	—
4 .....	16.03	3.1	15.48	3.7	17.09	3.4
5 .....	14.30	7.2	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	14.50	10.2	14.50	10.2	—	—
Bank tellers .....	10.17	.3	10.17	.3	—	—
Data entry keyers .....	13.82	8.5	13.82	8.5	—	—
Teachers' aides .....	12.90	3.3	—	—	13.67	1.4
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	15.71	5.5	15.84	6.4	14.84	4.6
3 .....	13.48	5.2	—	—	—	—
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	17.20	2.8	17.13	3.1	17.82	3.4
1 .....	10.56	7.5	10.50	7.8	—	—
2 .....	13.73	14.8	13.88	16.4	12.47	5.0
3 .....	12.97	5.0	12.90	5.1	—	—
4 .....	16.01	6.4	16.07	6.7	—	—
5 .....	17.37	3.8	17.48	4.5	16.86	2.2
6 .....	18.62	4.7	18.91	4.9	—	—
7 .....	22.35	4.1	22.85	4.1	19.79	4.9
8 .....	22.62	3.7	—	—	—	—
9 .....	29.80	4.6	31.34	4.7	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	20.60	10.1	18.38	9.6	—	—
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	22.46	4.1	22.84	4.5	19.51	4.3
4 .....	14.89	11.7	14.89	11.7	—	—
5 .....	17.93	7.6	18.28	7.7	—	—
6 .....	20.92	4.0	20.82	4.3	—	—
7 .....	22.91	4.3	23.62	4.2	19.89	4.9
9 .....	30.96	5.4	31.85	5.6	—	—
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	25.12	9.8	—	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers .....	19.94	7.2	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	18.16	5.7	18.03	7.1	—	—
Electricians .....	26.92	5.5	27.67	4.7	—	—
7 .....	24.71	6.3	25.96	5.5	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	14.79	4.8	14.79	4.8	—	—
1 .....	11.18	8.1	11.18	8.1	—	—
3 .....	15.41	7.6	15.41	7.6	—	—
4 .....	14.74	7.4	14.73	7.5	—	—
5 .....	16.63	1.7	16.63	1.7	—	—
6 .....	16.21	4.5	16.21	4.5	—	—
7 .....	20.08	8.6	20.08	8.6	—	—
Printing press operators .....	19.48	11.5	19.61	12.3	—	—
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators	10.12	12.1	10.12	12.1	—	—
1 .....	10.53	15.4	10.53	15.4	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	15.74	11.2	15.74	11.2	—	—
Assemblers .....	14.74	13.4	14.74	13.4	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	15.95	4.5	15.73	5.6	16.78	4.3
2 .....	9.99	15.4	8.73	19.0	—	—
3 .....	12.33	8.4	11.90	9.5	—	—

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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Blue collar —Continued</b>						
<b>Transportation and material moving —Continued</b>						
4 .....	\$17.81	9.5	\$17.93	10.0	—	—
5 .....	17.46	2.7	17.45	3.9	\$17.48	3.1
6 .....	16.76	6.8	17.41	9.3	—	—
Truck drivers .....	15.53	3.8	15.33	4.2	—	—
4 .....	15.04	6.8	15.04	6.8	—	—
5 .....	17.74	3.3	—	—	—	—
Bus drivers .....	13.94	15.8	—	—	16.37	3.2
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	14.64	12.8	—	—	—	—
Operating engineers .....	20.01	9.3	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	20.05	9.0	20.05	9.0	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b>						
12.24	5.7	11.81	5.4	17.15	18.9	
1 .....	10.31	11.4	10.19	12.5	—	—
2 .....	12.28	7.5	12.38	8.1	—	—
3 .....	11.93	7.6	11.93	7.6	—	—
4 .....	13.63	7.8	—	—	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm .....	11.63	6.3	—	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades .....	11.54	7.5	11.54	7.5	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers .....	9.95	6.1	9.71	7.7	—	—
1 .....	7.57	4.5	7.57	4.5	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	13.95	11.6	13.95	11.6	—	—
2 .....	12.70	11.1	12.70	11.1	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	14.41	14.5	14.41	15.0	—	—
1 .....	16.96	9.4	17.23	9.4	—	—
<b>Service</b>						
12.24	3.1	9.89	3.5	19.30	2.2	
1 .....	8.67	3.4	8.53	3.6	11.28	2.5
2 .....	8.26	10.8	8.06	11.2	11.59	8.5
3 .....	9.75	2.7	9.00	2.9	12.65	2.1
4 .....	12.46	4.4	11.85	5.2	14.68	6.3
5 .....	17.63	4.4	17.20	10.8	17.95	2.2
6 .....	17.27	1.8	15.75	4.1	18.88	1.8
7 .....	22.83	2.8	—	—	23.06	2.4
8 .....	19.46	4.6	—	—	21.54	7.2
9 .....	24.49	13.4	—	—	24.54	14.8
Not able to be leveled .....	14.65	9.5	13.89	9.3	—	—
Protective service .....	18.66	6.5	10.34	9.8	22.61	3.5
1 .....	8.96	4.1	—	—	—	—
3 .....	8.94	6.2	8.94	6.2	—	—
4 .....	18.76	14.7	—	—	—	—
5 .....	17.59	4.3	—	—	17.86	3.1
6 .....	19.32	3.8	—	—	19.93	.9
7 .....	23.26	2.3	—	—	23.26	2.3
8 .....	21.34	6.3	—	—	21.54	7.2
9 .....	24.54	14.8	—	—	24.54	14.8
Firefighting .....	20.97	1.8	—	—	20.97	1.8
Police and detectives, public service .....	23.19	2.7	—	—	23.40	2.6
7 .....	24.49	2.3	—	—	24.49	2.3
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	20.45	6.4	—	—	20.45	6.4
Correctional institution officers .....	18.10	1.6	—	—	18.10	1.6
5 .....	17.86	1.1	—	—	17.86	1.1
Guards and police, except public service .....	10.28	10.2	9.97	10.0	—	—
3 .....	9.00	6.9	9.00	6.9	—	—
Food service .....	8.87	5.4	8.80	5.6	11.39	1.4
1 .....	7.35	1.9	7.32	1.8	—	—
2 .....	6.35	14.8	6.34	14.9	—	—
3 .....	8.51	2.1	8.33	1.4	—	—
4 .....	10.94	6.5	10.86	7.1	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	5.31	9.1	5.31	9.1	—	—

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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Service—Continued</b>						
Food service—Continued						
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders—Continued						
1 .....	\$6.40	4.2	\$6.40	4.2	—	—
2 .....	2.84	29.9	2.84	29.9	—	—
3 .....	4.96	19.2	4.96	19.2	—	—
Bartenders .....	7.96	15.3	7.96	15.3	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	4.70	7.5	4.70	7.5	—	—
2 .....	3.05	30.4	3.05	30.4	—	—
3 .....	4.38	17.8	4.38	17.8	—	—
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants .....	6.14	18.8	6.14	18.8	—	—
1 .....	7.95	10.2	7.95	10.2	—	—
Other food service .....	11.22	4.6	11.21	4.8	\$11.39	1.4
1 .....	8.54	7.0	8.50	7.2	—	—
2 .....	8.95	3.2	8.95	3.2	—	—
3 .....	11.38	2.8	11.33	3.0	—	—
4 .....	11.59	3.8	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	16.53	8.4	16.53	8.4	—	—
Cooks .....	11.53	2.8	11.53	3.0	—	—
3 .....	11.85	3.6	11.88	3.8	—	—
4 .....	11.59	3.8	—	—	—	—
Food counter, fountain, and related .....	8.87	23.7	8.87	23.7	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation .....	10.16	6.2	10.17	6.4	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	8.83	4.2	8.69	4.3	—	—
1 .....	8.26	4.9	8.23	5.0	—	—
Health service .....	11.39	1.9	11.19	2.4	13.14	4.1
2 .....	10.59	9.3	10.59	9.3	—	—
3 .....	11.83	3.8	11.34	2.5	—	—
4 .....	11.72	5.9	11.66	6.1	—	—
Health aides, except nursing .....	12.37	6.1	—	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	11.21	2.7	11.12	3.2	12.36	3.9
2 .....	10.47	10.1	10.46	10.1	—	—
3 .....	11.50	2.2	11.34	2.5	—	—
4 .....	11.65	6.6	11.59	6.9	—	—
Cleaning and building service .....	10.25	5.5	9.81	6.7	12.83	2.9
1 .....	9.09	3.8	8.98	4.1	11.92	1.3
2 .....	10.45	8.9	9.98	11.0	—	—
3 .....	11.67	6.1	—	—	13.29	1.9
4 .....	13.10	4.9	—	—	—	—
Maids and housemen .....	10.08	14.7	10.08	14.7	—	—
1 .....	9.97	12.7	9.97	12.7	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	9.91	4.6	9.29	8.2	12.59	1.4
1 .....	8.76	5.8	8.58	6.8	11.92	1.3
2 .....	10.72	10.3	10.16	14.6	—	—
3 .....	12.28	4.9	—	—	13.29	1.9
Personal service .....	12.94	11.8	13.07	16.2	12.68	12.9
1 .....	9.54	8.6	—	—	10.74	8.6
2 .....	9.89	6.7	9.68	5.2	—	—
3 .....	11.14	17.4	—	—	11.14	17.4
4 .....	12.00	3.8	12.38	4.0	—	—
5 .....	26.52	19.7	—	—	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	7.78	7.5	—	—	—	—
Child care workers, n.e.c. ....	11.58	1.8	—	—	—	—
Service, n.e.c. ....	11.13	4.7	10.95	2.6	—	—

<sup>1</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>2</sup> Each occupation for which data are collected in an establishment is evaluated based on 10 factors, including knowledge, complexity, work environment, etc. Points are assigned based on the occupation's rank within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See appendixes C and D for more information.

<sup>3</sup> All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

<sup>4</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, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>5</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.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 4-2. Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> full-time workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>All</b> .....	\$22.76	2.7	\$22.23	3.3	\$24.68	3.1
All excluding sales .....	22.95	2.9	22.43	3.7	24.67	3.1
<b>White collar</b> .....	26.64	2.3	26.32	2.7	27.77	3.5
1 .....	9.71	2.8	9.72	2.7	—	—
2 .....	11.65	2.9	11.53	2.8	—	—
3 .....	12.72	2.9	12.53	3.2	14.53	2.8
4 .....	14.63	3.2	14.50	3.7	15.43	3.4
5 .....	18.57	6.9	19.03	8.4	16.93	5.4
6 .....	19.75	4.4	19.93	4.9	18.76	5.6
7 .....	22.95	2.5	22.96	3.0	22.91	4.6
8 .....	25.73	3.5	25.26	2.3	27.03	10.2
9 .....	31.27	1.9	29.25	3.1	33.56	1.5
10 .....	31.33	5.0	31.59	5.8	30.13	5.6
11 .....	37.85	5.2	41.14	6.4	31.19	4.6
12 .....	45.90	3.9	47.01	3.9	35.03	10.1
13 .....	54.59	3.7	60.75	3.3	39.16	5.8
14 .....	47.54	16.1	57.16	10.2	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	28.64	6.9	28.26	7.3	35.44	3.7
White collar excluding sales .....	27.43	2.4	27.31	3.0	27.79	3.6
2 .....	11.91	3.8	11.74	3.8	—	—
3 .....	13.17	3.3	12.95	3.9	14.53	2.8
4 .....	14.93	3.6	14.82	4.4	15.43	3.4
5 .....	17.21	2.7	17.29	3.2	16.93	5.4
6 .....	19.50	5.7	19.69	6.8	18.76	5.6
7 .....	22.97	2.5	22.99	2.9	22.91	4.6
8 .....	26.22	3.8	25.86	2.6	27.07	10.3
9 .....	31.27	1.9	29.21	3.1	33.56	1.5
10 .....	29.69	5.0	29.57	6.2	30.13	5.6
11 .....	38.14	5.3	41.47	6.7	31.38	4.5
12 .....	45.90	3.9	47.01	3.9	35.03	10.1
13 .....	54.59	3.7	60.75	3.3	39.16	5.8
14 .....	47.54	16.1	57.16	10.2	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	28.56	3.3	28.13	3.3	35.44	3.7
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	31.50	3.1	31.61	4.3	31.25	2.7
Professional specialty .....	33.25	1.9	33.62	2.6	32.48	3.0
5 .....	17.40	11.4	16.26	10.6	—	—
6 .....	21.62	4.5	21.82	4.5	20.62	13.5
7 .....	25.83	3.5	25.20	3.6	27.17	10.3
8 .....	27.67	6.0	26.55	4.3	30.08	13.6
9 .....	32.70	2.3	29.66	4.7	35.21	.6
10 .....	29.65	8.9	28.51	12.6	32.77	5.2
11 .....	37.20	3.4	40.06	4.0	30.79	4.1
12 .....	46.36	4.3	47.90	4.0	31.86	15.1
13 .....	50.13	4.5	57.72	6.2	36.50	3.6
Not able to be leveled .....	31.90	4.9	32.49	5.5	27.79	10.9
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	36.77	8.4	37.55	9.2	31.46	7.4
11 .....	41.33	2.5	—	—	—	—
12 .....	43.33	13.1	48.09	7.7	—	—
Civil engineers .....	35.18	10.9	—	—	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	33.40	14.0	33.31	15.6	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	36.23	4.1	36.26	4.1	—	—
9 .....	33.60	2.5	33.60	2.5	—	—
10 .....	34.75	2.3	34.75	2.3	—	—
11 .....	39.45	3.2	39.45	3.2	—	—
12 .....	46.23	5.1	46.23	5.1	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	32.70	3.0	32.70	3.0	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	37.06	4.2	37.10	4.2	—	—
9 .....	34.04	2.6	34.04	2.6	—	—
10 .....	35.62	2.6	35.62	2.6	—	—
11 .....	39.55	3.3	39.55	3.3	—	—
12 .....	46.99	5.8	46.99	5.8	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	32.70	3.0	32.70	3.0	—	—
Natural scientists .....	31.16	16.8	32.70	19.2	22.24	5.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> full-time workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**  
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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar —Continued</b>						
<b>Professional specialty and technical —Continued</b>						
Professional specialty —Continued						
Health related .....	\$29.26	5.2	\$29.36	5.9	\$28.59	10.2
6 .....	23.56	4.6	—	—	—	—
7 .....	23.15	7.8	24.50	7.5	20.78	12.2
8 .....	28.58	2.0	28.69	2.0	—	—
9 .....	30.05	4.0	29.70	3.8	—	—
10 .....	22.80	34.2	—	—	—	—
11 .....	30.29	8.8	27.27	2.8	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	27.99	7.5	27.99	7.5	—	—
Physicians .....	38.73	22.7	36.76	24.9	—	—
Registered nurses .....	27.85	2.7	27.87	2.9	27.54	4.8
7 .....	24.16	8.2	24.26	8.5	—	—
8 .....	28.66	2.0	28.69	2.0	—	—
9 .....	29.25	3.8	29.49	4.1	—	—
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	24.14	2.2	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	33.71	9.3	32.41	17.9	35.09	2.6
11 .....	32.27	2.1	—	—	31.75	2.0
12 .....	34.76	16.7	—	—	—	—
13 .....	37.42	2.3	—	—	—	—
Other post-secondary teachers .....	37.14	1.3	—	—	37.19	1.7
Teachers, except college and university .....	33.27	3.1	23.40	10.5	34.33	2.3
7 .....	37.03	4.6	—	—	37.51	4.5
8 .....	32.01	12.6	—	—	32.75	13.1
9 .....	35.10	1.4	—	—	35.89	.2
11 .....	29.45	4.3	—	—	29.73	4.2
Elementary school teachers .....	33.77	1.8	—	—	34.22	1.2
8 .....	32.15	9.6	—	—	31.73	10.0
9 .....	34.91	2.8	—	—	35.72	1.9
Secondary school teachers .....	34.43	4.3	—	—	34.82	4.1
8 .....	35.32	18.2	—	—	35.32	18.2
9 .....	35.70	1.3	—	—	36.04	1.0
Teachers, special education .....	32.45	6.7	—	—	33.73	5.4
9 .....	31.70	6.4	—	—	—	—
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	33.43	17.4	—	—	37.99	6.2
Vocational and educational counselors .....	31.16	7.7	—	—	33.93	4.9
9 .....	33.81	9.9	—	—	35.58	5.3
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	24.99	6.6	25.22	9.4	24.64	8.6
9 .....	25.18	3.9	—	—	24.21	9.8
11 .....	21.84	7.3	—	—	—	—
Librarians .....	24.97	6.7	25.19	9.5	24.64	8.6
9 .....	25.18	3.9	—	—	24.21	9.8
Social scientists and urban planners .....	24.96	19.0	25.01	23.2	24.74	8.0
Economists .....	25.00	22.1	25.00	22.1	—	—
Psychologists .....	24.33	24.0	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	21.89	10.6	22.46	10.7	21.49	16.1
7 .....	18.37	4.6	—	—	—	—
Social workers .....	22.16	10.6	22.46	10.7	21.91	16.5
Lawyers and judges .....	60.31	7.8	—	—	35.74	19.2
Lawyers .....	61.81	5.8	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	32.34	4.6	32.84	4.8	—	—
9 .....	23.58	7.6	—	—	—	—
12 .....	46.17	8.1	46.17	8.1	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	32.00	8.6	—	—	—	—
Editors and reporters .....	31.65	5.6	31.65	5.6	—	—
Technical .....	22.77	16.0	23.42	19.4	19.67	6.8
4 .....	13.77	12.1	12.93	11.6	—	—
5 .....	17.61	6.1	16.70	2.3	—	—
6 .....	17.36	8.4	17.40	9.0	—	—
7 .....	22.09	3.6	22.50	3.3	—	—
8 .....	21.83	4.8	22.77	3.5	20.90	7.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> full-time workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**  
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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar —Continued</b>						
<b>Professional specialty and technical —Continued</b>						
<b>Technical —Continued</b>						
9 .....	\$27.83	10.9	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	28.95	13.0	\$28.95	13.0	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	19.81	11.5	19.81	11.5	—	—
Radiological technicians .....	25.63	2.1	25.63	2.1	—	—
Licensed practical nurses .....	19.10	3.9	20.17	3.7	\$17.49	4.1
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	16.66	4.9	—	—	—	—
5 .....	19.13	14.1	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	27.49	13.9	27.49	13.9	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	19.82	9.7	—	—	—	—
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial .....</b>	<b>33.39</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>34.25</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>30.09</b>	<b>7.6</b>
5 .....	17.73	6.6	17.87	7.1	—	—
6 .....	19.57	9.5	19.05	12.2	—	—
7 .....	22.16	3.4	22.17	3.8	—	—
8 .....	24.55	8.1	25.39	9.2	22.15	16.6
9 .....	26.52	3.4	28.08	3.6	22.30	7.3
10 .....	29.58	4.3	30.53	4.7	—	—
11 .....	34.58	9.1	36.02	12.5	32.50	12.1
12 .....	45.00	6.8	45.27	7.4	—	—
13 .....	61.87	8.3	64.55	8.6	—	—
14 .....	48.16	17.8	59.65	11.8	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	34.02	13.3	32.26	12.0	—	—
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	38.10	7.2	39.52	8.2	32.77	8.4
8 .....	27.59	9.9	27.46	11.1	—	—
9 .....	27.32	5.5	28.04	5.7	—	—
10 .....	30.54	5.0	30.76	5.0	—	—
11 .....	35.84	10.0	41.52	9.1	32.42	12.5
12 .....	43.02	7.3	43.11	8.0	—	—
13 .....	61.78	8.7	64.60	9.0	—	—
14 .....	48.16	17.8	59.65	11.8	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	40.29	17.7	40.29	17.7	—	—
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	27.11	4.6	—	—	27.11	4.6
Financial managers .....	49.72	21.2	49.72	21.2	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	40.26	8.1	40.26	8.1	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields .....	39.91	11.3	41.44	22.5	38.90	10.4
11 .....	35.45	10.5	—	—	37.12	12.4
Managers, medicine and health .....	34.63	9.0	35.74	8.2	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	32.68	5.7	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	42.46	13.1	42.40	13.7	—	—
11 .....	46.98	8.0	—	—	—	—
12 .....	45.27	10.0	45.16	10.3	—	—
14 .....	59.04	12.8	59.04	12.8	—	—
Management related .....	27.00	5.0	27.19	5.0	26.24	15.8
5 .....	16.92	5.7	16.92	5.7	—	—
6 .....	18.60	5.7	17.65	4.7	—	—
7 .....	23.35	1.8	23.34	1.8	—	—
8 .....	20.80	5.8	21.27	3.3	20.23	12.5
9 .....	25.97	5.2	28.11	5.7	22.52	7.2
11 .....	32.39	13.4	32.29	14.1	—	—
Accountants and auditors .....	28.68	8.8	26.87	5.9	33.73	19.7
9 .....	27.55	4.5	26.47	1.7	—	—
Other financial officers .....	35.83	21.7	36.60	23.0	—	—
Management analysts .....	25.94	14.5	25.94	14.5	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	23.51	18.4	24.89	21.6	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	30.09	17.2	—	—	22.06	11.6
Management related, n.e.c. ....	22.51	9.5	23.43	11.9	—	—
9 .....	26.93	15.9	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> full-time workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**  
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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar —Continued</b>						
<b>Sales</b> .....	\$20.14	5.5	\$20.07	5.6	—	—
2 .....	11.10	4.3	11.10	4.3	—	—
3 .....	11.72	4.4	11.72	4.4	—	—
4 .....	13.51	7.4	13.51	7.4	—	—
6 .....	20.50	4.6	20.50	4.6	—	—
8 .....	21.37	5.5	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, sales .....	20.16	14.0	20.10	14.6	—	—
Sales, other business services .....	33.51	37.6	33.51	37.6	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities .....	15.42	11.5	15.42	11.5	—	—
4 .....	12.06	10.4	12.06	10.4	—	—
Cashiers .....	11.46	7.5	11.46	7.5	—	—
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	16.65	2.9	16.81	3.5	\$15.92	1.3
2 .....	11.91	3.8	11.74	3.8	—	—
3 .....	13.17	3.3	12.95	3.9	14.53	2.8
4 .....	15.23	3.0	15.32	3.7	14.84	2.1
5 .....	16.98	4.0	17.62	4.9	15.43	5.0
6 .....	18.89	8.5	19.29	10.6	17.72	5.7
7 .....	19.21	2.6	20.11	3.7	17.78	4.2
8 .....	25.27	5.0	25.36	5.2	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	19.81	11.9	19.81	11.9	—	—
Supervisors, general office .....	25.85	10.8	26.09	11.5	23.22	8.0
Secretaries .....	18.01	6.1	18.49	7.3	16.28	4.1
3 .....	14.38	9.2	—	—	—	—
4 .....	16.21	7.2	16.38	8.9	15.52	5.0
5 .....	17.01	6.6	18.31	5.2	15.46	11.9
6 .....	21.49	12.3	22.15	14.2	—	—
7 .....	19.80	4.6	20.58	2.9	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	17.71	3.8	17.71	3.8	—	—
Hotel clerks .....	9.73	.7	9.73	.7	—	—
Receptionists .....	10.88	4.6	10.88	4.9	—	—
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	15.06	10.7	15.06	10.7	—	—
Order clerks .....	16.58	6.4	16.58	6.4	—	—
Library clerks .....	15.36	8.4	—	—	15.16	8.9
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	15.38	6.2	15.61	7.0	—	—
4 .....	15.16	6.9	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	14.61	4.0	14.71	4.6	14.02	4.8
4 .....	15.15	6.2	15.57	6.4	—	—
Dispatchers .....	16.00	6.2	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks .....	11.82	16.1	—	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	15.15	3.7	15.15	3.7	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance .....	16.08	4.1	16.08	4.1	—	—
General office clerks .....	15.11	3.7	14.66	4.4	16.09	5.5
3 .....	14.69	3.1	—	—	—	—
4 .....	16.05	3.1	15.48	3.7	—	—
5 .....	14.30	7.2	—	—	—	—
Bank tellers .....	10.14	.8	10.14	.8	—	—
Teachers' aides .....	12.68	2.9	—	—	13.14	2.8
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	16.28	6.1	16.54	7.1	14.84	4.6
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	17.90	3.2	17.91	3.5	17.88	3.5
1 .....	11.74	8.0	11.72	8.5	—	—
2 .....	15.55	18.1	16.04	20.7	12.47	5.0
3 .....	13.11	5.1	13.04	5.2	—	—
4 .....	16.16	6.4	16.24	6.7	—	—
5 .....	17.47	3.7	17.56	4.4	17.03	1.8
6 .....	18.63	4.8	18.93	5.0	—	—
7 .....	22.35	4.1	22.85	4.1	19.79	4.9
8 .....	22.62	3.7	—	—	—	—
9 .....	29.80	4.6	31.34	4.7	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	20.63	10.1	18.41	9.6	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.



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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Blue collar —Continued</b>						
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	\$22.46	4.1	\$22.84	4.5	\$19.51	4.3
4 .....	14.89	11.7	14.89	11.7	—	—
5 .....	17.93	7.6	18.28	7.7	—	—
6 .....	20.92	4.0	20.82	4.3	—	—
7 .....	22.91	4.3	23.62	4.2	19.89	4.9
9 .....	30.96	5.4	31.85	5.6	—	—
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	25.12	9.8	—	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers .....	19.94	7.2	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	18.16	5.7	18.03	7.1	—	—
Electricians .....	26.92	5.5	27.67	4.7	—	—
7 .....	24.71	6.3	25.96	5.5	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	14.91	5.1	14.91	5.1	—	—
1 .....	11.18	8.1	11.18	8.1	—	—
3 .....	15.41	7.6	15.41	7.6	—	—
4 .....	15.18	8.4	15.18	8.4	—	—
5 .....	16.63	1.7	16.63	1.7	—	—
6 .....	16.21	4.5	16.21	4.5	—	—
7 .....	20.08	8.6	20.08	8.6	—	—
Printing press operators .....	19.61	12.3	19.61	12.3	—	—
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators	10.12	12.1	10.12	12.1	—	—
1 .....	10.53	15.4	10.53	15.4	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	15.74	11.2	15.74	11.2	—	—
Assemblers .....	14.74	13.4	14.74	13.4	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	16.68	4.3	16.63	5.3	16.84	4.3
2 .....	12.98	2.4	—	—	—	—
3 .....	12.32	8.5	11.89	9.7	—	—
4 .....	17.78	9.7	17.91	10.2	—	—
5 .....	17.56	2.6	17.45	3.9	17.76	2.0
6 .....	16.77	6.9	—	—	—	—
Truck drivers .....	15.49	3.8	15.28	4.2	—	—
4 .....	14.92	6.6	14.92	6.6	—	—
5 .....	17.74	3.3	—	—	—	—
Bus drivers .....	13.76	17.4	—	—	—	—
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	15.35	13.6	—	—	—	—
Operating engineers .....	20.01	9.3	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	20.05	9.0	20.05	9.0	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b>	13.38	6.9	12.95	6.9	17.15	18.9
1 .....	12.47	13.8	12.53	15.6	—	—
2 .....	13.16	8.1	13.33	8.8	—	—
3 .....	12.15	8.2	12.15	8.2	—	—
4 .....	13.63	7.8	—	—	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm .....	11.63	6.3	—	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades .....	11.54	7.5	11.54	7.5	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers .....	12.06	3.8	11.88	4.5	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	15.67	10.7	15.67	10.7	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	14.65	14.7	14.66	15.2	—	—
1 .....	16.96	9.4	17.23	9.4	—	—
<b>Service</b> .....	14.17	5.5	11.26	6.5	19.90	3.4
1 .....	9.68	9.7	9.51	10.1	11.80	1.9
2 .....	9.85	7.2	9.60	7.7	12.83	4.9
3 .....	10.71	4.6	9.85	5.1	13.21	2.2
4 .....	12.73	4.5	12.04	5.3	15.04	6.8
5 .....	17.59	4.1	16.76	11.3	18.16	2.2
6 .....	17.53	1.9	15.75	4.1	19.63	1.9
7 .....	22.83	2.8	—	—	23.06	2.4
8 .....	19.46	4.6	—	—	21.54	7.2
9 .....	24.49	13.4	—	—	24.54	14.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> full-time workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**  
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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Service—Continued</b>						
Not able to be leveled .....	\$14.99	8.9	\$14.22	8.9	—	—
Protective service .....	19.81	5.1	10.41	7.0	\$22.74	4.0
4 .....	18.76	14.7	—	—	—	—
5 .....	17.11	3.5	—	—	17.86	3.1
6 .....	19.40	3.9	—	—	20.06	.2
7 .....	23.26	2.3	—	—	23.26	2.3
8 .....	21.34	6.3	—	—	21.54	7.2
9 .....	24.54	14.8	—	—	24.54	14.8
Firefighting .....	20.97	1.8	—	—	20.97	1.8
Police and detectives, public service .....	23.24	2.6	—	—	23.45	2.5
7 .....	24.49	2.3	—	—	24.49	2.3
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	20.45	6.4	—	—	20.45	6.4
Correctional institution officers .....	18.10	1.6	—	—	18.10	1.6
5 .....	17.86	1.1	—	—	17.86	1.1
Guards and police, except public service .....	10.19	7.3	9.70	5.6	—	—
Food service .....	10.69	6.0	10.66	6.1	—	—
1 .....	8.31	13.3	8.29	13.4	—	—
2 .....	7.64	17.3	7.64	17.3	—	—
3 .....	9.93	9.1	9.83	9.3	—	—
4 .....	11.30	5.3	11.26	5.9	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	6.52	5.0	6.52	5.0	—	—
1 .....	7.33	10.3	7.33	10.3	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	5.44	4.6	5.44	4.6	—	—
1 .....	6.36	8.1	6.36	8.1	—	—
Other food service .....	12.29	5.0	12.32	5.2	—	—
1 .....	9.41	13.4	9.38	13.8	—	—
3 .....	11.69	2.9	11.66	3.1	—	—
4 .....	11.59	3.8	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	16.53	8.4	16.53	8.4	—	—
Cooks .....	11.75	2.5	11.75	2.7	—	—
3 .....	12.24	3.9	12.25	4.1	—	—
4 .....	11.59	3.8	—	—	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	9.79	5.6	9.68	6.0	—	—
1 .....	9.17	5.9	9.13	6.0	—	—
Health service .....	11.49	1.5	11.28	1.8	13.17	4.1
2 .....	10.78	8.9	—	—	—	—
3 .....	11.92	4.1	11.39	2.8	—	—
4 .....	11.87	6.1	11.80	6.2	—	—
Health aides, except nursing .....	12.37	6.1	—	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	11.30	2.0	11.21	2.5	12.40	4.0
3 .....	11.57	2.5	11.39	2.8	—	—
4 .....	11.79	6.7	11.72	6.9	—	—
Cleaning and building service .....	11.89	10.9	11.57	14.6	12.84	2.9
1 .....	10.33	9.4	10.18	10.1	11.97	1.4
2 .....	11.40	11.0	—	—	—	—
3 .....	12.13	5.8	—	—	13.29	1.9
Maids and housemen .....	10.11	15.4	10.11	15.4	—	—
1 .....	10.00	13.6	10.00	13.6	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	12.39	5.8	12.23	11.5	12.61	1.4
1 .....	10.75	8.8	10.48	12.6	11.97	1.4
2 .....	12.24	9.5	—	—	—	—
3 .....	12.91	2.4	—	—	13.29	1.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> full-time workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**  
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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Service—Continued</b>						
Personal service .....	\$14.71	14.2	\$14.27	18.9	\$15.81	21.2
1 .....	9.63	11.1	—	—	—	—
2 .....	11.23	11.9	—	—	—	—
Service, n.e.c. ....	11.90	4.6	11.37	1.2	—	—

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<sup>2</sup> Each occupation for which data are collected in an establishment is evaluated based on 10 factors, including knowledge, complexity, work environment, etc. Points are assigned based on the occupation's rank within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See appendixes C and D for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>4</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, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>5</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.

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Table 4-3. Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> part-time workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>All</b> .....	\$10.85	3.8	\$10.37	4.1	\$17.44	10.6
All excluding sales .....	10.89	4.0	10.33	4.2	17.64	11.2
<b>White collar</b> .....	16.19	5.5	15.39	5.8	22.61	8.5
1 .....	7.81	3.6	7.89	3.8	6.67	3.8
2 .....	9.03	5.1	8.82	4.1	—	—
3 .....	11.81	7.8	11.81	8.3	11.83	8.9
4 .....	12.24	6.0	12.33	6.4	10.67	19.1
5 .....	16.28	8.4	16.41	10.6	15.78	8.6
6 .....	19.69	6.9	—	—	14.60	5.8
7 .....	22.47	9.2	23.61	8.4	15.24	21.6
8 .....	28.78	4.6	28.40	4.6	—	—
9 .....	31.72	3.1	31.45	5.0	32.11	3.2
Not able to be leveled .....	24.04	22.6	23.32	27.1	—	—
White collar excluding sales .....	19.68	4.3	18.95	4.9	23.26	8.7
1 .....	7.46	8.5	—	—	6.67	3.8
2 .....	10.93	6.2	10.31	2.9	—	—
3 .....	10.53	8.0	10.42	8.8	—	—
4 .....	12.88	9.0	13.12	9.8	10.67	19.1
5 .....	17.61	4.7	18.28	3.8	15.78	8.6
6 .....	19.69	6.9	—	—	14.60	5.8
7 .....	22.47	9.2	23.61	8.4	15.24	21.6
8 .....	28.78	4.6	28.40	4.6	—	—
9 .....	31.72	3.1	31.45	5.0	32.11	3.2
Not able to be leveled .....	31.33	14.0	31.92	16.1	—	—
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	26.18	5.8	25.35	6.5	29.58	10.6
Professional specialty .....	29.87	4.2	29.90	4.4	29.79	10.3
7 .....	22.05	9.7	23.28	8.7	—	—
8 .....	30.73	3.3	30.39	3.3	—	—
9 .....	31.72	3.1	31.45	5.0	32.11	3.2
Not able to be leveled .....	33.30	13.5	—	—	—	—
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related .....	29.60	2.9	29.29	2.9	—	—
7 .....	24.69	8.9	—	—	—	—
8 .....	29.86	2.0	29.34	1.2	—	—
Registered nurses .....	28.49	2.5	28.54	2.6	—	—
8 .....	29.30	1.3	29.34	1.2	—	—
Teachers, college and university .....	47.31	21.8	40.37	37.2	—	—
Teachers, except college and university .....	27.77	9.4	26.86	32.4	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	18.94	8.5	—	—	17.69	8.0
Librarians .....	18.94	8.5	—	—	17.69	8.0
Social scientists and urban planners .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Technical .....	17.23	15.2	17.21	15.5	—	—
Licensed practical nurses .....	20.51	3.4	—	—	—	—
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Management related .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Sales</b> .....	10.65	11.9	10.63	12.1	—	—
2 .....	8.37	3.3	8.37	3.3	—	—
4 .....	11.39	5.3	11.39	5.3	—	—
Cashiers .....	11.23	15.0	11.22	15.4	—	—
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	12.21	4.9	12.11	5.5	12.81	10.6
1 .....	7.46	8.5	—	—	6.67	3.8
2 .....	10.93	6.2	10.31	2.9	—	—
3 .....	10.52	9.0	10.39	9.9	—	—
4 .....	13.35	5.8	13.79	5.1	10.67	19.1
5 .....	17.60	5.3	—	—	—	—
Secretaries .....	17.19	12.2	17.19	12.2	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-3. **Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> part-time workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**  
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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>White collar</b> —Continued						
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> —Continued						
Receptionists .....	\$11.00	7.7	\$11.01	7.7	—	—
Library clerks .....	9.62	6.5	—	—	\$9.62	6.5
1 .....	6.67	3.8	—	—	6.67	3.8
General office clerks .....	13.59	8.3	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	11.89	9.2	11.89	9.2	—	—
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	8.28	6.1	8.06	6.1	—	—
1 .....	7.70	3.9	7.70	3.9	—	—
2 .....	7.31	8.6	7.31	8.6	—	—
4 .....	12.43	19.5	—	—	—	—
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	8.18	18.3	7.62	16.8	—	—
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b>	8.09	3.0	8.09	3.0	—	—
1 .....	7.79	3.2	7.79	3.2	—	—
2 .....	8.66	7.0	8.66	7.0	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers .....	7.85	4.2	7.85	4.2	—	—
1 .....	7.57	4.5	7.57	4.5	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	9.15	13.0	9.15	13.0	—	—
<b>Service</b> .....	7.70	2.2	7.62	2.3	9.15	3.7
1 .....	7.66	3.7	7.61	3.9	9.61	2.6
2 .....	6.63	11.0	6.55	11.1	—	—
3 .....	7.39	4.3	7.28	4.3	8.56	12.7
4 .....	10.34	8.8	10.61	8.9	—	—
Protective service .....	10.38	18.8	10.23	20.3	—	—
3 .....	8.46	6.8	8.46	6.8	—	—
Guards and police, except public service .....	10.45	22.2	10.45	22.2	—	—
Food service .....	5.96	4.8	5.87	4.6	—	—
1 .....	6.22	7.4	6.20	7.3	—	—
2 .....	5.67	11.0	5.66	11.1	—	—
3 .....	5.95	10.3	5.57	9.4	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	4.41	14.6	4.41	14.6	—	—
2 .....	2.84	32.3	2.84	32.3	—	—
3 .....	4.44	18.6	4.44	18.6	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	4.15	13.5	4.15	13.5	—	—
3 .....	3.82	14.9	3.82	14.9	—	—
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants .....	4.58	28.9	4.58	28.9	—	—
Other food service .....	8.20	2.1	8.08	1.9	—	—
1 .....	7.36	6.8	7.32	7.0	—	—
2 .....	8.34	1.6	8.34	1.6	—	—
3 .....	9.91	5.3	—	—	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	7.95	3.1	7.78	2.6	—	—
1 .....	7.28	7.2	7.28	7.2	—	—
Health service .....	10.63	6.4	10.62	6.5	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	10.63	6.4	10.62	6.5	—	—
Cleaning and building service .....	8.08	2.0	8.08	2.0	—	—
1 .....	8.03	2.4	8.03	2.4	—	—
Janitors and cleaners .....	8.03	2.3	8.03	2.3	—	—
1 .....	7.99	2.5	7.99	2.5	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-3. **Selected occupations<sup>1</sup> and levels,<sup>2</sup> part-time workers:<sup>3</sup> Mean hourly earnings,<sup>4</sup> private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**  
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Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Service—Continued</b>						
Personal service .....	\$8.82	5.0	\$9.43	6.6	\$8.07	5.8
2 .....	8.90	5.7	—	—	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	7.78	7.5	—	—	—	—

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Table 5-1. **Selected worker characteristics: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> by occupational group,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**

Occupational group	Private industry and State and local government					
	Full-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Part-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Union <sup>4</sup>	Nonunion <sup>4</sup>	Time <sup>5</sup>	Incentive <sup>5</sup>
	Mean					
<b>All occupations</b> .....	\$22.76	\$10.85	\$21.54	\$21.28	\$21.32	\$21.73
All excluding sales .....	22.95	10.89	21.91	21.52	21.68	18.59
<b>White collar</b> .....	26.64	16.19	27.80	25.60	25.97	23.76
White-collar excluding sales .....	27.43	19.68	30.19	26.60	27.13	18.15
Professional specialty and technical .....	31.50	26.18	34.71	30.50	31.23	–
Professional specialty .....	33.25	29.87	33.82	32.93	33.10	–
Technical .....	22.77	17.23	42.94	20.07	22.30	–
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	33.39	–	20.87	33.88	33.24	–
Sales .....	20.14	10.65	–	18.47	15.71	25.43
Administrative support, including clerical .....	16.65	12.21	16.52	16.28	16.37	14.09
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	17.90	8.28	19.64	15.81	17.03	19.24
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	22.46	–	24.11	21.21	22.03	–
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	14.91	–	18.34	13.62	15.15	–
Transportation and material moving .....	16.68	8.18	17.13	15.15	15.46	22.74
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	13.38	8.09	14.21	11.36	12.23	12.37
<b>Service</b> .....	14.17	7.70	15.61	10.97	12.24	–
	Relative error <sup>6</sup> (percent)					
<b>All occupations</b> .....	2.7	3.8	5.6	2.8	2.1	10.9
All excluding sales .....	2.9	4.0	5.4	3.0	2.4	12.7
<b>White collar</b> .....	2.3	5.5	8.4	2.4	2.4	11.4
White-collar excluding sales .....	2.4	4.3	5.2	2.2	2.3	13.9
Professional specialty and technical .....	3.1	5.8	5.7	2.5	3.1	–
Professional specialty .....	1.9	4.2	1.4	2.2	1.9	–
Technical .....	16.0	15.2	42.9	6.0	15.9	–
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	6.2	–	5.0	6.4	6.2	–
Sales .....	5.5	11.9	–	7.2	13.1	11.6
Administrative support, including clerical .....	2.9	4.9	2.8	3.2	3.0	7.4
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	3.2	6.1	5.9	3.1	2.5	17.1
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	4.1	–	5.3	3.4	3.3	–
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	5.1	–	6.1	4.7	4.4	–
Transportation and material moving .....	4.3	18.3	7.8	4.0	4.6	3.7
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	6.9	3.0	13.1	6.2	5.9	8.3
<b>Service</b> .....	5.5	2.2	6.3	4.4	3.1	–

<sup>1</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, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>4</sup> Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

<sup>5</sup> Time workers' wages are based solely on an hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

<sup>6</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.

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Table 5-2. Major industry division: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> by occupational group,<sup>2</sup> private industry, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers									
	All private industries	Goods-producing industries <sup>3</sup>				Service-producing industries <sup>4</sup>				
		Total	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Total	Transportation and public utilities	Wholesale and retail trade	Finance, insurance, and real estate	Services
	Mean									
<b>All occupations</b> .....	\$20.57	-	-	-	-	-	\$23.18	-	-	-
All excluding sales .....	20.84	-	-	-	-	-	23.63	-	-	-
<b>White collar</b> .....	25.42	-	-	-	-	-	23.28	-	-	-
White-collar excluding sales .....	26.84	-	-	-	-	-	24.03	-	-	-
Professional specialty and technical .....	31.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional specialty .....	33.45	-	-	-	-	-	33.06	-	-	-
Technical .....	22.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	34.18	-	-	-	-	-	36.41	-	-	-
Sales .....	18.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative support, including clerical .....	16.42	-	-	-	-	-	16.57	-	-	-
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	17.13	-	-	-	-	-	23.15	-	-	-
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	22.84	-	-	-	-	-	25.94	-	-	-
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors ....	14.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving .....	15.73	-	-	-	-	-	20.62	-	-	-
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	11.81	-	-	-	-	-	18.18	-	-	-
<b>Service</b> .....	9.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)									
<b>All occupations</b> .....	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	13.7	-	-	-
All excluding sales .....	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	15.0	-	-	-
<b>White collar</b> .....	2.8	-	-	-	-	-	20.9	-	-	-
White-collar excluding sales .....	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	24.3	-	-	-
Professional specialty and technical .....	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional specialty .....	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	7.8	-	-	-
Technical .....	18.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	7.4	-	-	-	-	-	3.8	-	-	-
Sales .....	5.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative support, including clerical .....	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	6.4	-	-	-
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	3.8	-	-	-
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	3.7	-	-	-
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors ....	4.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving .....	5.6	-	-	-	-	-	4.3	-	-	-
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	5.4	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	-	-	-
<b>Service</b> .....	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</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, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Goods-producing industries include mining, construction, and manufacturing.

<sup>4</sup> Service-producing industries include transportation and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services.

<sup>5</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.

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Table 5-3. Establishment employment size: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> by occupational group,<sup>2</sup> private industry, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers				
	All private industry workers	50 - 99 workers <sup>3</sup>	100 workers or more		
			Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more
	Mean				
<b>All occupations</b> .....	\$20.57	\$18.69	\$21.09	\$19.18	\$23.76
All excluding sales .....	20.84	18.67	21.41	19.34	24.01
<b>White collar</b> .....	25.42	23.90	25.77	23.92	27.72
White-collar excluding sales .....	26.84	25.45	27.13	25.79	28.25
Professional specialty and technical .....	31.25	30.72	31.32	29.89	32.47
Professional specialty .....	33.45	33.66	33.42	33.12	33.66
Technical .....	22.80	20.28	23.16	17.73	27.73
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	34.18	34.17	34.19	30.00	37.59
Sales .....	18.01	18.84	17.69	18.10	15.08
Administrative support, including clerical .....	16.42	15.40	16.69	17.46	15.99
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	17.13	17.45	17.01	16.58	18.27
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	22.84	23.99	22.32	22.01	23.21
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	14.79	14.16	15.00	13.71	17.26
Transportation and material moving .....	15.73	15.71	15.74	15.92	14.43
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	11.81	10.06	12.49	11.50	14.87
<b>Service</b> .....	9.89	7.93	10.49	10.17	11.05
	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)				
<b>All occupations</b> .....	2.7	6.1	2.9	7.0	5.2
All excluding sales .....	3.0	5.4	3.4	8.7	5.2
<b>White collar</b> .....	2.8	5.6	3.3	5.7	5.1
White-collar excluding sales .....	2.9	4.7	3.3	6.7	4.9
Professional specialty and technical .....	4.3	4.4	4.9	7.4	4.5
Professional specialty .....	2.5	5.9	2.4	3.2	3.7
Technical .....	18.9	9.8	22.2	14.3	19.1
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	7.4	4.0	9.6	9.5	11.5
Sales .....	5.3	22.0	12.6	12.4	16.4
Administrative support, including clerical .....	3.5	7.6	2.9	7.6	2.7
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	3.1	10.5	3.0	3.7	6.3
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	4.5	8.7	2.8	2.5	5.5
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	4.8	11.5	6.2	2.8	13.2
Transportation and material moving .....	5.6	7.6	7.0	8.5	22.2
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	5.4	3.6	7.0	6.9	12.1
<b>Service</b> .....	3.5	9.3	2.8	2.2	6.0

<sup>1</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, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

<sup>2</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain

establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

<sup>4</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.

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Table 6-1. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All</b> .....	\$8.50	\$12.00	\$17.99	\$26.98	\$38.27
All excluding sales .....	8.60	12.06	18.40	27.38	38.53
<b>White collar</b> .....	11.07	15.58	22.36	32.68	44.76
White collar excluding sales .....	12.46	16.83	23.89	34.00	45.43
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	16.91	22.07	28.85	37.54	47.72
Professional specialty .....	19.60	24.40	31.04	40.04	48.95
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	22.12	26.20	34.80	44.00	53.61
Civil engineers .....	22.12	24.00	30.38	44.17	57.69
Electrical and electronic engineers .....	25.00	29.59	38.82	44.12	48.99
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	19.50	21.55	28.38	43.75	45.91
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	23.80	28.84	36.06	43.47	49.85
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	24.74	29.52	36.75	44.27	50.25
Natural scientists .....	17.31	19.60	26.10	35.66	60.10
Health related .....	19.02	22.12	28.00	32.69	36.57
Physicians .....	10.00	10.00	21.87	61.48	87.18
Registered nurses .....	21.00	24.28	28.66	32.00	35.04
Speech therapists .....	21.42	22.12	30.72	40.23	46.27
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	17.15	19.93	23.84	27.31	31.82
Teachers, college and university .....	20.00	23.23	32.23	41.13	48.38
Social science teachers, n.e.c. ....	28.75	35.43	42.36	44.74	56.60
Other post-secondary teachers .....	28.50	31.30	36.06	42.61	46.22
Teachers, except college and university .....	22.86	25.69	31.28	40.87	48.00
Prekindergarten and kindergarten .....	14.08	20.39	23.89	30.45	40.87
Elementary school teachers .....	24.14	26.09	31.28	40.83	47.35
Secondary school teachers .....	24.14	26.41	32.42	41.26	48.99
Teachers, special education .....	23.19	26.41	28.73	38.31	46.78
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	10.58	23.15	32.13	44.38	49.22
Vocational and educational counselors .....	17.55	21.61	29.27	41.25	45.59
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	17.23	19.45	24.00	29.72	32.72
Librarians .....	17.23	19.45	24.00	29.72	32.72
Social scientists and urban planners .....	13.24	18.55	21.88	29.90	42.74
Economists .....	13.60	18.40	21.88	29.90	45.72
Psychologists .....	11.02	11.02	21.31	27.30	45.03
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	16.28	16.72	19.97	25.27	29.38
Social workers .....	16.28	17.32	20.40	25.27	30.16
Lawyers and judges .....	39.16	51.92	60.10	66.67	76.92
Lawyers .....	47.04	51.92	60.10	66.67	76.92
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	19.23	23.92	31.11	40.04	46.92
Editors and reporters .....	19.74	28.08	33.50	36.06	38.72
Technical .....	10.16	15.07	19.57	23.76	29.98
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	12.73	14.28	17.00	24.12	32.92
Radiological technicians .....	21.94	22.77	26.00	27.88	30.20
Licensed practical nurses .....	16.42	17.99	19.58	21.22	22.56
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	9.00	10.00	14.77	22.36	23.29
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	15.24	22.31	28.76	35.34	36.06
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	15.67	17.50	19.20	20.32	26.59
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	17.53	21.37	29.64	40.45	54.55
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	20.27	26.44	35.19	48.83	57.53
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	19.42	21.26	28.54	32.62	39.21
Financial managers .....	25.34	31.82	33.65	73.41	89.57
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	23.08	29.92	34.62	50.48	62.40
Administrators, education and related fields .....	23.08	27.27	37.59	46.69	57.69
Managers, medicine and health .....	23.03	26.92	31.21	39.85	52.89
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	20.27	21.10	38.46	39.41	39.41
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	21.37	30.70	39.33	53.73	64.51
Management related .....	16.30	19.23	23.39	30.83	40.45
Accountants and auditors .....	17.78	21.20	26.92	29.76	35.34
Other financial officers .....	16.89	21.40	23.56	39.62	66.44
Management analysts .....	19.28	19.58	24.66	30.78	40.10
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	15.39	17.17	19.23	25.46	32.45
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	15.59	22.99	27.40	40.45	40.45
Management related, n.e.c. ....	15.19	17.06	19.37	27.45	33.70

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-1. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>White collar</b> —Continued					
<b>Sales</b> .....	\$8.00	\$10.30	\$13.23	\$20.63	\$29.81
Supervisors, sales .....	10.30	10.30	21.45	28.20	29.81
Sales, other business services .....	12.40	13.00	21.15	73.48	73.48
Sales workers, other commodities .....	7.20	9.03	13.22	19.47	19.47
Cashiers .....	7.50	8.50	11.10	13.10	16.68
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	10.00	12.36	15.38	18.84	24.08
Supervisors, general office .....	16.94	22.25	25.35	34.00	34.00
Secretaries .....	12.02	14.44	17.17	20.19	25.00
Interviewers .....	10.97	12.68	14.51	16.38	17.50
Hotel clerks .....	7.75	8.00	9.27	10.19	12.00
Transportation ticket and reservation agents .....	11.98	13.94	20.00	20.88	21.59
Receptionists .....	9.86	10.00	10.00	11.45	14.00
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	11.55	12.54	14.36	18.00	21.83
Order clerks .....	9.50	14.42	15.60	18.34	21.85
Library clerks .....	6.58	8.85	12.00	15.38	19.88
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	10.97	12.54	15.20	17.79	20.01
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	11.06	12.50	13.78	16.42	18.09
Dispatchers .....	12.34	14.27	16.31	17.12	18.97
Stock and inventory clerks .....	8.43	8.89	10.61	10.91	17.64
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	12.07	13.49	15.11	16.83	18.54
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance .....	12.71	14.57	16.36	17.58	18.80
Eligibility clerks, social welfare .....	11.85	14.42	16.59	17.54	17.54
General office clerks .....	10.85	12.67	14.43	16.66	20.68
Bank tellers .....	9.04	9.32	10.00	10.74	11.75
Data entry keyers .....	10.00	11.50	12.25	18.48	18.48
Teachers' aides .....	9.81	10.35	11.56	15.09	17.62
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	10.38	12.22	15.04	18.51	22.24
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	8.75	12.00	15.80	21.91	27.14
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	14.63	17.35	22.50	27.14	30.03
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	17.84	18.75	25.16	27.25	35.09
Industrial machinery repairers .....	14.47	16.00	21.00	23.47	23.90
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	13.00	14.90	18.00	21.99	25.32
Electricians .....	19.36	26.40	29.15	29.15	31.65
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	9.15	11.80	12.72	17.00	23.34
Printing press operators .....	15.19	15.73	19.85	22.88	25.82
Laundry and dry cleaning machine operators .....	7.21	8.10	8.75	13.00	13.66
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	7.87	12.20	14.23	17.80	25.59
Assemblers .....	11.80	11.80	12.72	13.40	26.26
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	7.64	12.65	15.49	20.31	23.18
Truck drivers .....	11.70	13.50	15.50	17.05	20.36
Bus drivers .....	7.64	7.85	14.48	17.28	19.69
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	10.77	11.47	12.93	17.28	20.36
Operating engineers .....	12.00	16.86	20.00	23.62	26.13
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	12.29	15.30	20.36	26.20	26.20
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b> .....	7.50	9.00	10.92	13.27	19.25
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm .....	8.50	8.68	9.79	13.86	16.92
Helpers, construction trades .....	8.83	10.00	10.80	11.85	14.81
Stock handlers and baggers .....	6.15	8.00	10.16	12.40	12.80
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	7.00	10.00	13.50	18.09	20.79
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	8.83	11.00	11.80	16.83	24.99
<b>Service</b> .....	6.40	8.00	10.42	14.46	21.60
Protective service .....	8.00	10.75	18.14	24.14	28.99
Firefighting .....	14.84	18.16	21.20	23.27	26.59
Police and detectives, public service .....	16.16	18.66	23.53	26.87	29.09
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	11.30	14.86	18.86	20.97	52.50
Correctional institution officers .....	14.71	15.31	18.35	20.44	21.45
Guards and police, except public service .....	8.00	8.00	9.00	10.63	14.48
Food service .....	2.13	5.83	8.50	11.60	14.70

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-1. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>Service</b> —Continued					
Food service—Continued					
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	\$2.13	\$2.13	\$5.75	\$7.17	\$10.35
Bartenders .....	2.13	6.00	7.00	10.58	14.23
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.13	2.13	4.00	5.97	8.49
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants .....	2.13	2.13	7.00	8.28	10.35
Other food service .....	7.00	8.45	10.51	13.31	16.11
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	8.40	14.71	16.30	18.75	25.00
Cooks .....	8.50	10.00	11.25	13.00	15.00
Food counter, fountain, and related .....	4.00	5.90	8.25	13.57	13.57
Kitchen workers, food preparation .....	8.05	8.82	9.79	11.85	12.50
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	6.25	7.00	8.00	10.27	12.02
Health service .....	9.00	10.00	11.09	12.78	13.94
Health aides, except nursing .....	10.00	10.50	12.34	13.85	14.86
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	9.00	9.78	10.87	12.55	13.59
Cleaning and building service .....	7.00	7.85	9.03	12.01	14.49
Maids and housemen .....	7.00	8.16	9.50	13.32	13.46
Janitors and cleaners .....	6.55	7.67	8.50	12.01	14.18
Personal service .....	7.00	8.50	11.10	14.30	20.61
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	6.00	6.90	8.00	8.83	9.50
Child care workers, n.e.c. ....	8.50	8.50	11.50	14.72	14.77
Service, n.e.c. ....	7.11	9.54	11.10	12.90	14.00

<sup>1</sup> Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time 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.

<sup>2</sup> All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

<sup>3</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

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Table 6-2. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Private industry				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All</b> .....	\$8.00	\$11.01	\$16.89	\$26.20	\$37.16
All excluding sales .....	8.00	11.25	17.29	26.87	37.66
<b>White collar</b> .....	10.58	14.75	21.63	32.00	44.57
White collar excluding sales .....	12.00	16.36	23.08	33.65	45.43
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	16.25	21.63	28.85	37.12	48.08
Professional specialty .....	19.41	24.00	31.25	40.06	49.91
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	21.15	26.20	37.42	44.00	57.69
Electrical and electronic engineers .....	25.00	29.59	38.82	44.12	48.99
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	19.50	21.05	33.61	43.75	45.25
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	23.80	28.85	36.06	43.47	49.85
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	24.74	29.52	36.75	44.27	50.25
Natural scientists .....	17.72	19.60	27.98	38.82	60.10
Health related .....	19.41	22.66	28.36	32.68	36.00
Physicians .....	10.00	10.00	19.98	55.49	87.18
Registered nurses .....	21.00	24.36	28.81	32.00	35.04
Teachers, college and university .....	18.50	20.00	27.07	39.21	55.87
Teachers, except college and university .....	10.58	16.77	24.15	30.12	31.28
Secondary school teachers .....	16.06	16.06	30.95	32.42	33.75
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	10.58	10.58	10.58	16.00	26.48
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	17.39	19.71	24.08	32.72	32.72
Librarians .....	17.39	19.71	24.08	32.72	32.72
Social scientists and urban planners .....	12.83	14.14	21.88	29.90	45.72
Economists .....	13.60	18.40	21.88	29.90	45.72
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	16.28	18.64	23.82	25.27	25.58
Social workers .....	16.28	18.64	23.82	25.27	25.58
Lawyers and judges .....	51.92	57.69	63.46	71.15	82.05
Lawyers .....	51.92	57.69	63.46	71.15	82.05
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	19.23	23.92	31.25	40.04	47.54
Editors and reporters .....	19.74	28.08	33.50	36.06	38.72
Technical .....	10.00	14.28	19.95	24.58	30.96
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	12.73	14.28	17.00	24.12	32.92
Radiological technicians .....	21.94	22.77	26.00	27.88	30.20
Licensed practical nurses .....	17.37	18.91	20.68	21.93	22.70
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	15.24	22.31	28.76	35.34	36.06
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	17.78	21.64	30.29	40.87	55.56
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	20.27	26.92	35.24	50.87	60.85
Financial managers .....	25.34	31.82	33.65	73.41	89.57
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	23.08	29.92	34.62	50.48	62.40
Administrators, education and related fields .....	22.15	24.65	30.09	57.54	87.48
Managers, medicine and health .....	26.92	26.92	31.21	39.85	52.89
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	21.37	30.54	38.85	54.55	67.31
Management related .....	16.55	19.28	23.56	32.11	40.45
Accountants and auditors .....	17.78	21.20	27.88	28.85	33.65
Other financial officers .....	16.89	21.40	23.56	42.78	67.36
Management analysts .....	19.28	19.58	24.66	30.78	40.10
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	15.39	15.39	19.23	31.15	52.89
Management related, n.e.c. ....	15.39	17.29	20.19	29.90	36.68
<b>Sales</b> .....	8.00	10.27	13.20	20.19	29.81
Supervisors, sales .....	10.30	10.30	21.45	29.81	29.81
Sales, other business services .....	12.40	13.00	21.15	73.48	73.48
Sales workers, other commodities .....	7.20	9.03	13.22	19.47	19.47
Cashiers .....	7.50	8.50	11.07	13.10	16.68
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	10.00	12.05	15.45	19.23	24.62
Supervisors, general office .....	16.94	22.25	25.55	34.00	34.00
Secretaries .....	12.00	14.80	17.73	20.63	26.13
Interviewers .....	10.97	12.68	14.51	16.38	17.50
Hotel clerks .....	7.75	8.00	9.27	10.19	12.00
Transportation ticket and reservation agents .....	11.98	13.94	20.00	20.88	21.59
Receptionists .....	9.86	10.00	10.00	11.50	14.00
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	11.55	12.54	14.36	18.00	21.83

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-2. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, private industry, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Private industry				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>White collar –Continued</b>					
<b>Administrative support, including clerical –Continued</b>					
Order clerks .....	\$9.50	\$14.42	\$15.60	\$18.34	\$21.85
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	10.86	13.00	15.96	18.46	20.64
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	11.25	12.50	13.78	16.42	18.09
Stock and inventory clerks .....	8.41	8.74	10.61	10.61	17.64
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	12.07	13.49	15.11	16.83	18.54
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance .....	12.71	14.57	16.36	17.58	18.80
General office clerks .....	10.80	11.78	14.41	16.00	20.53
Bank tellers .....	9.04	9.32	10.00	10.74	11.75
Data entry keyers .....	10.00	11.50	12.25	18.48	18.48
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	10.15	12.08	15.04	18.87	22.40
<b>Blue collar .....</b>	<b>8.50</b>	<b>11.80</b>	<b>15.60</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>27.14</b>
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair .....</b>					
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	14.70	17.68	23.00	27.14	30.03
Electricians .....	12.54	15.00	17.66	20.50	25.38
.....	20.00	26.90	29.15	29.15	31.65
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....</b>					
Printing press operators .....	9.05	11.80	12.72	17.00	23.34
Laundry and dry cleaning machine operators .....	15.19	16.38	19.92	22.88	25.87
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	7.21	8.10	8.75	13.00	13.66
Assemblers .....	7.87	12.20	14.23	17.80	25.59
.....	11.80	11.80	12.72	13.40	26.26
<b>Transportation and material moving .....</b>					
Truck drivers .....	7.20	12.29	15.49	20.36	24.10
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	11.65	13.25	15.27	17.05	20.36
.....	12.29	15.30	20.36	26.20	26.20
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b>					
Helpers, construction trades .....	7.50	8.83	10.80	12.80	17.34
Stock handlers and baggers .....	8.83	10.00	10.80	11.85	14.81
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	6.15	7.75	9.29	12.25	12.80
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	7.00	10.00	13.50	18.09	20.79
.....	8.83	10.92	11.80	16.83	24.99
<b>Service .....</b>					
Protective service .....	5.83	7.50	9.18	12.00	14.23
Guards and police, except public service .....	7.69	8.00	9.00	10.65	13.89
Food service .....	7.69	8.00	8.75	10.14	13.57
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	2.13	5.83	8.40	11.50	14.70
Bartenders .....	2.13	2.13	5.75	7.17	10.35
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.13	6.00	7.00	10.58	14.23
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants .....	2.13	2.13	4.00	5.97	8.49
Other food service .....	2.13	2.13	7.00	8.28	10.35
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	7.00	8.25	10.50	13.31	16.30
Cooks .....	8.40	14.71	16.30	18.75	25.00
Food counter, fountain, and related .....	8.50	10.00	11.14	13.00	15.00
Kitchen workers, food preparation .....	4.00	5.90	8.25	13.57	13.57
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	8.06	8.82	10.00	11.85	12.50
Health service .....	6.25	7.00	8.00	10.27	12.00
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	9.00	9.83	10.82	12.50	13.59
Cleaning and building service .....	9.00	9.75	10.76	12.49	13.63
Maids and housemen .....	6.85	7.50	8.50	12.01	13.57
Janitors and cleaners .....	7.00	8.16	9.50	13.32	13.46
Personal service .....	6.50	7.25	8.20	10.00	12.13
Service, n.e.c. ....	7.11	8.50	10.87	13.00	18.00
.....	7.11	9.67	11.10	12.90	13.07

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nonproduction bonuses; and tips.

<sup>2</sup> All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

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Table 6-3. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	State and local government				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All</b> .....	\$12.59	\$16.05	\$21.94	\$29.72	\$41.20
All excluding sales .....	12.60	16.05	21.93	29.76	41.20
<b>White collar</b> .....	14.51	17.54	25.45	34.59	45.67
White collar excluding sales .....	14.54	17.54	25.45	34.67	45.85
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	17.97	23.37	28.99	38.40	47.21
Professional specialty .....	20.60	24.89	30.37	39.86	47.67
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	24.27	25.61	28.67	31.95	44.17
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists .....	16.30	17.36	20.94	26.00	31.25
Health related .....	17.32	20.64	24.65	33.22	49.29
Registered nurses .....	22.07	23.83	27.46	32.04	33.22
Teachers, college and university .....	24.47	28.68	34.06	42.61	48.38
Other post-secondary teachers .....	27.39	30.39	36.10	44.16	47.37
Teachers, except college and university .....	23.63	26.28	32.49	41.47	48.40
Elementary school teachers .....	24.34	26.13	32.33	41.05	47.90
Secondary school teachers .....	24.49	26.41	33.00	41.33	49.22
Teachers, special education .....	25.43	26.41	30.57	39.84	48.00
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	23.15	29.60	35.38	46.98	49.79
Vocational and educational counselors .....	21.61	26.13	32.55	42.90	47.49
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	15.61	19.20	21.55	28.27	34.71
Librarians .....	15.61	19.20	21.55	28.27	34.71
Social scientists and urban planners .....	21.31	21.31	21.84	28.67	32.29
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	16.09	16.69	18.12	24.52	34.05
Social workers .....	16.69	16.72	19.35	27.85	34.65
Lawyers and judges .....	18.05	25.57	27.12	47.04	50.61
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	—	—	—	—	—
Technical .....	15.67	16.86	19.20	20.71	25.51
Licensed practical nurses .....	16.02	16.41	17.32	19.58	19.58
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	17.13	20.19	27.10	37.48	47.50
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	19.58	21.67	30.72	41.70	48.83
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	19.42	21.26	28.54	32.62	39.21
Administrators, education and related fields .....	24.44	31.48	41.78	46.69	49.44
Management related .....	16.15	18.27	22.28	27.96	34.86
Accountants and auditors .....	20.58	22.80	25.12	34.86	71.16
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	14.04	15.80	24.25	27.40	27.40
<b>Sales</b> .....	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	11.23	13.20	15.31	17.38	21.00
Supervisors, general office .....	14.04	18.70	25.18	26.16	29.40
Secretaries .....	12.17	13.48	15.12	18.06	22.65
Library clerks .....	6.24	8.85	11.45	14.98	17.41
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	11.28	12.19	15.13	16.35	16.35
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	10.42	12.70	13.78	16.36	17.24
General office clerks .....	12.36	13.60	15.10	17.66	22.59
Teachers' aides .....	10.11	11.23	13.47	15.50	18.60
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	12.22	13.67	15.38	16.20	16.20
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	11.77	13.71	16.86	21.91	25.16
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....	13.51	15.11	18.86	24.33	25.37
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	11.77	13.64	16.06	20.18	22.73
Bus drivers .....	12.86	14.18	16.06	18.41	20.63
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b> .....	10.73	11.36	13.27	24.97	28.51
<b>Service</b> .....	10.92	13.51	18.14	23.60	28.95
Protective service .....	15.01	17.35	21.60	26.61	31.55

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-3. **Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> all workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued**

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	State and local government				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>Service --Continued</b>					
Protective service --Continued					
Firefighting .....	\$14.84	\$18.16	\$21.20	\$23.27	\$26.59
Police and detectives, public service .....	16.30	18.69	23.85	26.94	29.09
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	11.30	14.86	18.86	20.97	52.50
Correctional institution officers .....	14.71	15.31	18.35	20.44	21.45
Food service .....	9.03	10.96	11.38	11.89	12.69
Other food service .....	9.03	10.96	11.38	11.89	12.69
Health service .....	10.81	12.08	13.27	14.18	14.86
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	9.78	11.27	12.67	13.27	13.27
Cleaning and building service .....	10.01	11.03	11.96	14.10	17.04
Janitors and cleaners .....	9.95	11.00	11.86	13.74	16.33
Personal service .....	6.18	8.28	11.58	15.70	21.14

<sup>1</sup> Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time 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.

<sup>2</sup> All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

<sup>3</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

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Table 6-4. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All</b> .....	\$10.22	\$13.31	\$19.47	\$28.43	\$39.85
All excluding sales .....	10.35	13.53	19.68	28.76	40.01
<b>White collar</b> .....	12.00	16.35	23.08	33.50	45.43
White collar excluding sales .....	12.94	17.04	24.28	34.34	45.85
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	17.05	22.12	28.93	38.22	48.07
Professional specialty .....	19.60	24.40	31.18	40.50	49.14
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	21.64	26.44	35.58	44.00	54.81
Civil engineers .....	22.12	24.00	30.38	44.17	57.69
Engineers, n.e.c. ....	19.50	21.55	28.38	43.75	45.91
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	23.80	28.61	35.83	43.47	49.90
Computer systems analysts and scientists .....	24.74	29.41	36.75	44.29	50.26
Natural scientists .....	17.31	19.60	26.10	35.66	60.10
Health related .....	18.21	21.75	27.62	32.53	37.51
Physicians .....	10.00	10.00	21.80	59.76	87.18
Registered nurses .....	20.50	24.40	28.12	31.87	35.14
Therapists, n.e.c. ....	17.10	20.11	23.84	27.40	32.23
Teachers, college and university .....	20.00	23.23	32.23	40.71	48.30
Other post-secondary teachers .....	28.98	32.23	36.06	42.61	46.22
Teachers, except college and university .....	22.86	25.69	31.28	40.87	48.07
Elementary school teachers .....	24.14	26.09	31.28	40.83	47.35
Secondary school teachers .....	24.14	26.41	32.42	41.05	48.99
Teachers, special education .....	23.19	26.41	28.73	38.31	46.78
Teachers, n.e.c. ....	10.58	24.33	34.10	45.86	49.74
Vocational and educational counselors .....	17.55	21.61	29.27	41.25	45.59
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	17.39	19.71	24.08	30.58	32.72
Librarians .....	17.39	19.71	24.08	30.58	32.72
Social scientists and urban planners .....	13.24	18.46	21.88	29.90	42.74
Economists .....	13.60	18.40	21.88	29.90	45.72
Psychologists .....	11.02	11.02	21.31	27.30	45.03
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	16.28	16.72	19.97	25.27	29.38
Social workers .....	16.28	17.19	20.09	25.27	30.04
Lawyers and judges .....	47.04	51.92	60.10	69.23	79.49
Lawyers .....	48.08	52.38	61.01	70.77	79.49
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. ....	19.23	23.92	31.11	40.04	46.92
Editors and reporters .....	19.74	28.08	33.50	36.06	38.72
Technical .....	10.26	15.24	19.58	24.50	30.78
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	12.73	14.21	16.97	23.76	32.92
Radiological technicians .....	21.94	22.77	26.00	27.14	30.20
Licensed practical nurses .....	16.06	17.32	19.10	20.78	22.08
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c. ....	9.00	10.16	16.14	23.00	24.57
Electrical and electronic technicians .....	15.24	22.31	28.76	35.34	36.06
Technical and related, n.e.c. ....	15.67	17.50	19.20	20.32	26.59
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	17.49	21.37	29.74	40.45	54.55
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	20.27	26.44	35.19	48.83	57.53
Administrators and officials, public administration .....	19.42	20.87	28.54	32.62	39.90
Financial managers .....	25.34	31.82	33.65	73.41	89.57
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations .....	23.08	29.92	34.62	50.48	62.40
Administrators, education and related fields .....	23.08	27.27	37.59	46.69	57.69
Managers, medicine and health .....	23.03	26.92	31.21	39.85	52.89
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c. ....	20.27	21.10	38.46	39.41	39.41
Managers and administrators, n.e.c. ....	21.37	30.70	39.33	53.73	64.51
Management related .....	16.25	19.23	23.39	31.25	40.45
Accountants and auditors .....	17.78	21.20	26.92	29.76	35.34
Other financial officers .....	16.89	21.40	23.56	39.62	66.44
Management analysts .....	19.28	19.58	24.66	30.78	40.10
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists .....	15.39	17.17	19.23	25.96	32.45
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction .....	15.59	22.99	27.40	40.45	40.45
Management related, n.e.c. ....	15.19	17.06	19.37	27.45	33.70
<b>Sales</b> .....	9.00	11.30	16.00	22.25	36.36
Supervisors, sales .....	10.30	10.30	21.45	28.20	29.81
Sales, other business services .....	12.40	13.00	21.15	73.48	73.48
Sales workers, other commodities .....	7.88	10.30	16.51	19.47	20.23

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-4. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>White collar</b> —Continued					
<b>Sales</b> —Continued					
Cashiers .....	\$7.95	\$9.30	\$11.07	\$12.31	\$16.98
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....					
Supervisors, general office .....	10.66	12.59	15.71	19.10	24.62
Secretaries .....	16.94	22.25	25.35	34.00	34.00
Hotel clerks .....	12.02	14.44	17.07	20.41	25.21
Receptionists .....	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.66	12.04
Information clerks, n.e.c. ....	9.67	10.00	10.00	11.35	14.00
Order clerks .....	11.54	12.17	14.25	18.13	21.83
Library clerks .....	12.00	14.42	15.83	18.69	22.21
Records clerks, n.e.c. ....	11.15	12.09	13.85	17.39	22.16
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks .....	10.97	12.50	15.34	17.79	20.01
Dispatchers .....	11.50	12.50	14.14	16.46	18.09
Stock and inventory clerks .....	12.34	14.27	16.31	17.12	18.97
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators .....	8.55	9.00	10.61	16.50	17.64
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance .....	12.07	13.49	15.11	16.83	18.54
General office clerks .....	12.93	14.57	16.36	17.58	18.80
Bank tellers .....	10.85	12.66	14.62	16.73	20.80
Teachers' aides .....	9.05	9.38	10.00	10.74	11.44
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	9.50	10.55	11.37	14.72	16.71
	10.80	12.77	16.20	18.87	22.40
<b>Blue collar</b> .....					
	10.56	12.60	16.50	22.97	27.14
<b>Precision production, craft, and repair</b> .....					
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers .....	14.63	17.35	22.50	27.14	30.03
Industrial machinery repairers .....	17.84	18.75	25.16	27.25	35.09
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. ....	14.47	16.00	21.00	23.47	23.90
Electricians .....	13.00	14.90	18.00	21.99	25.32
	19.36	26.40	29.15	29.15	31.65
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....					
Printing press operators .....	10.00	11.80	13.00	17.30	23.34
Laundry and dry cleaning machine operators .....	15.19	16.38	19.92	22.88	25.87
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. ....	7.21	8.10	8.75	13.00	13.66
Assemblers .....	7.87	12.20	14.23	17.80	25.59
	11.80	11.80	12.72	13.40	26.26
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....					
Truck drivers .....	10.98	13.30	16.22	20.36	23.62
Bus drivers .....	11.70	13.50	15.40	17.05	20.36
Motor transportation, n.e.c. ....	7.64	7.74	14.48	17.19	19.69
Operating engineers .....	11.25	11.77	13.50	17.46	20.76
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	12.00	16.86	20.00	23.62	26.13
	12.29	15.30	20.36	26.20	26.20
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b>					
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm .....	8.83	10.22	11.80	14.37	20.81
Helpers, construction trades .....	8.50	8.68	9.79	13.86	16.92
Stock handlers and baggers .....	8.83	10.00	10.80	11.85	14.81
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	10.20	12.00	12.40	12.80	13.27
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. ....	10.00	13.00	15.70	20.07	20.81
	9.50	11.25	11.86	16.83	24.99
<b>Service</b> .....					
Protective service .....	7.69	9.60	12.13	16.80	23.60
Firefighting .....	9.00	14.18	19.05	25.15	29.89
Police and detectives, public service .....	14.84	18.16	21.20	23.27	26.59
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers .....	16.16	18.66	23.63	26.94	29.09
Correctional institution officers .....	11.30	14.86	18.86	20.97	52.50
Guards and police, except public service .....	14.71	15.31	18.35	20.44	21.45
Food service .....	8.00	8.00	9.50	11.57	14.08
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	4.25	7.80	10.50	13.31	16.07
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.13	3.90	7.00	8.20	10.55
Other food service .....	2.13	2.13	5.00	7.29	10.55
Supervisors, food preparation and service .....	8.00	10.00	11.84	14.00	17.42
Cooks .....	8.40	14.71	16.30	18.75	25.00
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	9.01	10.00	11.50	13.19	15.00
	7.00	8.00	9.25	11.60	13.27

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-4. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> full-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>Service</b> —Continued					
Health service .....	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$11.29	\$12.78	\$14.09
Health aides, except nursing .....	10.00	10.50	12.34	13.85	14.86
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	9.00	9.98	11.00	12.55	13.90
Cleaning and building service .....	7.50	9.16	11.48	13.46	17.33
Maids and housemen .....	7.00	8.10	9.50	13.32	13.46
Janitors and cleaners .....	8.50	10.33	12.01	13.74	17.89
Personal service .....	7.88	9.98	12.89	15.47	22.79
Service, n.e.c. ....	7.88	9.88	11.64	12.90	14.30

<sup>1</sup> Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time 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.

<sup>2</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time

schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>3</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 6-5. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> part-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All</b> .....	\$5.83	\$7.15	\$8.50	\$11.59	\$20.15
All excluding sales .....	5.78	7.00	8.25	10.71	21.79
<b>White collar</b> .....	7.50	9.22	13.10	20.68	29.39
White collar excluding sales .....	8.85	10.00	18.00	25.46	33.28
<b>Professional specialty and technical</b> .....	10.81	20.35	25.00	32.00	38.04
Professional specialty .....	19.24	23.95	29.00	35.00	41.20
Engineers, architects, and surveyors .....	—	—	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists .....	—	—	—	—	—
Health related .....	22.25	24.39	29.39	33.00	35.04
Registered nurses .....	21.75	23.98	29.00	32.48	33.93
Teachers, college and university .....	19.24	20.44	51.87	68.93	78.56
Teachers, except college and university .....	10.15	14.38	26.48	34.85	47.21
Librarians, archivists, and curators .....	13.95	15.61	18.56	22.84	22.84
Librarians .....	13.95	15.61	18.56	22.84	22.84
Social scientists and urban planners .....	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers .....	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges .....	—	—	—	—	—
Technical .....	9.27	10.50	18.78	21.73	22.95
Licensed practical nurses .....	16.54	19.65	20.81	22.54	22.70
<b>Executive, administrative, and managerial</b> .....	—	—	—	—	—
Executives, administrators, and managers .....	—	—	—	—	—
Management related .....	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Sales</b> .....	7.00	8.00	9.38	13.10	16.68
Cashiers .....	7.28	8.00	11.58	13.10	16.68
<b>Administrative support, including clerical</b> .....	7.50	9.48	10.80	14.55	20.00
Secretaries .....	12.25	14.48	20.00	20.00	20.00
Receptionists .....	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.88	14.28
Library clerks .....	6.00	6.91	8.85	11.15	15.42
General office clerks .....	10.05	13.00	13.09	13.65	19.80
Administrative support, n.e.c. ....	8.50	10.00	10.80	15.04	15.04
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	5.98	7.00	7.75	9.00	10.22
<b>Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors</b> .....	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving</b> .....	4.75	5.92	7.20	7.50	15.70
<b>Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers</b> .....	6.15	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
Stock handlers and baggers .....	6.15	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. ....	6.00	7.00	8.25	10.00	12.77
<b>Service</b> .....	2.38	6.50	8.00	9.00	10.50
Protective service .....	7.50	8.00	8.25	10.00	18.02
Guards and police, except public service .....	7.50	8.00	8.25	9.75	25.00
Food service .....	2.13	2.38	6.00	8.11	10.00
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders .....	2.13	2.13	2.38	5.83	8.24
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.13	2.13	2.38	5.83	7.50
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants .....	2.13	2.13	4.00	7.00	8.06
Other food service .....	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.70	10.50
Food preparation, n.e.c. ....	5.25	6.50	7.50	9.00	11.00
Health service .....	9.00	9.00	10.50	12.34	13.03
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants .....	9.00	9.00	10.50	12.34	13.03

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-5. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,<sup>1</sup> part-time workers:<sup>2</sup> Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004 — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>Service —Continued</b>					
Cleaning and building service .....	\$6.50	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$8.50	\$9.90
Janitors and cleaners .....	6.50	7.00	8.00	8.50	9.90
Personal service .....	6.14	7.00	8.50	9.67	11.58
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	6.00	6.90	8.00	8.83	9.50

<sup>1</sup> Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time 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.

<sup>2</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time

schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>3</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

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# Appendix A: Technical Note

This section provides basic information on the procedures and concepts used to produce the data contained in this bulletin. It is divided into three parts: Planning for the survey; data collection; and processing and analyzing the data. Although this section answers some questions commonly asked by data users, it is not a comprehensive description of all the steps required to produce the data.

## Planning for the survey

The overall design of the survey includes questions of scope, frame, and sample selection.

### Survey scope

This survey covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in goods-producing industries (mining, construction and manufacturing); service-producing industries (transportation, communications, electric, gas, and sanitary services; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services industries); and State and local governments. Agriculture, private households, and the Federal Government were excluded from the scope of the survey. For purposes of this survey, an establishment is an economic unit that produces goods or services, a central administrative office, or an auxiliary unit providing support services to a company. For private industries in this survey, the establishment is usually at a single physical location. For State and local governments, an establishment is defined as all locations of a government entity.

The Washington–Baltimore, DC–MD–VA–WV, Metropolitan Statistical Area includes:

- The District of Columbia
- Baltimore City and the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, and Washington, MD
- The cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park, and the counties of Arlington, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren, VA
- The counties of Berkeley and Jefferson, WV

### Sampling frame

The list of establishments from which the survey sample was selected (sampling frame) was developed from State unemployment insurance reports. Due to the volatility of

industries within the private sector, sampling frames were developed using the most recent month of reference available at the time the sample was selected. The sampling frame was reviewed prior to the survey and, when necessary, missing establishments were added, out-of-business and out-of-scope establishments were removed, and addresses, employment levels, industry classification, and other information were updated. Approximately one-fifth of the sample is reselected each year.

### Sample design

The sample for this survey area was selected using a two-stage stratified design with probability proportional to employment sampling at each stage. The first stage of sample selection was a probability sample of establishments. The sample of establishments was drawn by first stratifying the sampling frame by industry and ownership. The number of sample establishments allocated to each stratum is approximately proportional to the stratum employment. Each sampled establishment is selected within a stratum with a probability proportional to its employment. Use of this technique means that the larger an establishment’s employment, the greater its chance of selection. Weights were applied to each establishment when the data were tabulated so that it represents similar units (by industry and employment size) in the economy that were not selected for collection. The second stage of sample selection, detailed below, was a probability sample of occupations within a sampled establishment.

## Data collection

The collection of data from survey respondents required detailed procedures. Field economists collected the data, working out of the Regional Office and visiting each establishment surveyed. Other contact methods, such as mail and telephone, were used to follow-up and update data.

### Occupational selection and classification

Identification of the occupations for which wage data were to be collected was a multistep process:

1. Probability-proportional-to-size selection of establishment jobs
2. Classification of jobs into occupations based on the Census of Population system
3. Characterization of jobs as full-time v. part-time, union v. nonunion, and time v. incentive

#### 4. Determination of the level of work of each job

For each occupation, wage data were collected for those workers who met all the criteria identified in the last three steps. Special procedures were developed for jobs for which a correct classification or level could not be determined.

In step one, the jobs to be sampled were selected at each establishment by the BLS field economist during a personal visit. A complete list of employees was used for sampling, with each selected worker representing a job within the establishment.

As with the selection of establishments, the selection of a job was based on probability proportional to its size in the establishment. The greater the number of people working in a job in the establishment, the greater its chance of selection.

The number of jobs for which data were collected in each establishment was based on the establishment's employment size. Prior to 2002, the number of jobs selected ranged from 8 to 20. Beginning in 2002, the number of jobs selected followed this schedule:

<i>Number of employees</i>	<i>Number of selected jobs</i>
50–249	6
250 and over	8

The second step of the process entailed classifying the selected jobs into occupations based on their duties. The National Compensation Survey occupational classification system is based on the 1990 Census of Population. A selected job may fall into any one of about 480 occupational classifications, from accountant to wood lathe operator. For cases in which a job's duties overlapped two or more census classification codes, the duties used to set the wage level were used to classify the job. Classification by primary duties was the fallback.

Each occupational classification is an element of a broader classification known as a major occupational group (MOG). Occupations can fall into any of the following MOGs:

- Professional specialty and technical
- Executive, administrative, and managerial
- Sales
- Administrative support, including clerical
- Precision production, craft, and repair
- Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors
- Transportation and material moving
- Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers
- Service occupations

Appendix B contains a complete list of all individual occupations, classified by the MOG to which they belong.

In step three, certain other job characteristics of the chosen worker were identified. First, the worker was identified as holding either a full-time or part-time job, based on the establishment's definition of those terms. Then, the worker was classified as having a time versus incentive job, depending on whether any part of pay was directly based on the actual production of the worker, rather than solely on hours worked. Finally, the worker was identified as being in a union job or a nonunion job. See the "Definition of terms" section on the following page for more detail.

#### **Occupational leveling**

In the last step before wage data were collected, the work level of each selected job was determined using an "occupational leveling" process. Occupational leveling ranks and compares all occupations randomly selected in an establishment using the same criteria.

For this survey, the level of each occupation in an establishment was determined by an analysis of each of 10 leveling factors. Nine of these factors are drawn from the U.S. Government Office of Personnel Management's Factor Evaluation System, which is the underlying structure for evaluation of General Schedule Federal employees. The tenth factor, supervisory duties, attempts to account for the effect of supervisory duties. It is considered experimental. The 10 factors are:

- Knowledge
- Supervision received
- Guidelines
- Complexity
- Scope and effect
- Personal contacts
- Purpose of contacts
- Physical demands
- Work environment
- Supervisory duties

Each factor contains a number of levels, and each level has an associated written description and point value. The number and range of points differ among the factors. For each factor, an occupation was assigned a level based on the written description that best matched the job. Within each occupation, the points for nine factors (supervisory duties was excluded) were recorded and totaled. The total determines the overall level of the occupation. A description of the levels for each factor is shown in appendix C.

Tabulations of levels of work for occupations in the survey follow the Federal Government's white-collar General Schedule. Point ranges for each of the 15 levels are shown in appendix D. It also includes an example of a job with its associated leveling factors, and a guide to help data users evaluate jobs in their firms

Wage data collected in prior surveys using the occupational leveling method were evaluated by BLS researchers using regression techniques. For each of the major occupa-

tional groups, wages were compared to the 10 occupational leveling factors (and levels within those factors). The analysis showed that several of the occupational leveling factors, most notably knowledge and supervision received, had strong explanatory power for wages. That is, as the levels within a given factor increased, the wages also increased.

### Collection period

Survey data were collected over a 13-month period for 60 metropolitan areas in the NCS program. For 20 small metropolitan areas, data were collected over a 4-month period. For each establishment in the survey, the data reflect the establishment's most recent information at the time of collection. The payroll reference month shown in the tables reflects the average date of this information for all sample units.

### Earnings

Earnings were defined as regular payments from the employer to the employee as compensation for straight-time hourly work, or for any salaried work performed. The following components were included as part of earnings:

- Incentive pay, including commissions, production bonuses, and piece rates
- Cost-of-living allowances
- Hazard pay
- Payments of income deferred due to participation in a salary reduction plan
- Deadhead pay, defined as pay given to transportation workers returning in a vehicle without freight or passengers

The following forms of payments were *not* considered part of straight-time earnings:

- Shift differentials, defined as extra payment for working a schedule that varies from the norm, such as night or weekend work
- Premium pay for overtime, holidays, and weekends
- Bonuses not directly tied to production (such as Christmas and profit-sharing bonuses)
- Uniform and tool allowances
- Free room and board
- Payments made by third parties (for example, tips, bonuses given by manufacturers to department store salespeople, referral incentives in real estate)
- On-call pay

To calculate earnings for various periods (hourly, weekly, and annual), data on work schedules also were collected. For hourly workers, scheduled hours worked per day and per week, exclusive of overtime, were recorded. Annual weeks worked were determined. Because salaried workers, exempt from overtime provisions, often work be-

yond the assigned work schedule, their typical number of hours actually worked was collected.

### Definition of terms

*Full-time worker.* Any employee that the employer considers to be full time.

*Incentive worker.* Any employee whose earnings are tied, at least in part, to commissions, piece rates, production bonuses, or other incentives based on production or sales.

*Level.* A ranking of an occupation based on the requirements of the position. (See the description in the technical note on occupational leveling through point factor analysis for more details on the leveling process.)

*Nonunion worker.* An employee in an occupation not meeting the conditions for union coverage. (See below.)

*Part-time worker.* Any employee that the employer considers to be part time.

*Time-based worker.* Any employee whose earnings are tied to an hourly rate or salary, and not to a specific level of production.

*Union worker.* Any employee is in a union occupation when all of the following conditions are met:

- A labor organization is recognized as the bargaining agent for all workers in the occupation
- Wage and salary rates are determined through collective bargaining or negotiations
- Settlement terms, which must include earnings provisions and may include benefit provisions, are embodied in a signed, mutually binding collective bargaining agreement

### Processing and analyzing the data

Data were processed and analyzed at the Bureau's National Office following collection.

### Weighting and nonresponse

Sample weights were calculated for each establishment and occupation in the survey. These weights reflected the relative size of the occupation within the establishment and of the establishment within the sample universe. Weights were used to aggregate data for the individual establishments or occupations into the various data series. Some of the establishments surveyed could not supply or refused to supply information. If data were not provided by a sample member, the weights of responding sample members in the same or similar "cells" were adjusted to account for the missing data. This technique assumes that the mean value



of data for the nonrespondents equals the mean value of data for the respondents at some detailed “cell” level. Responding and nonresponding establishments were classified into these cells according to industry and employment size. Responding and nonresponding occupations within responding establishments were classified into cells that were additionally defined by major occupation group and job level.

Establishments that were determined to be out of business or outside the scope of the survey had their weights changed to zero. If only partial data were given by a sample establishment or occupation, or data were missing, the response was treated as a refusal.

### Survey response

	<i>Establish- ments</i>
Total in sampling frame	10,119
Total in sample	695
Responding	373
Out of business or not in survey scope	78
Unable or refused to provide data	244

In this survey, the nonresponse rates for all industries and private industry exceeded regular survey standards.

### Estimation

The wage series in the tables are computed by combining the wages for each sampled occupation. Before being combined, individual wage rates are weighted by: the number of workers; the sample weight, adjusted for nonresponding establishments and other factors; and the occupation’s scheduled hours of work.

Not all calculated series met the criteria for publication. Before any series was published, it was reviewed to make sure that the number of observations underlying it was sufficient. This review prevented the publication of a series that could have revealed information about a specific establishment.

Estimates of the number of workers represent the total in all establishments within the scope of the study, and not the number actually surveyed. Because occupational structures among establishments differ, estimates of the number of workers obtained from the sample of establishments serve to indicate only the relative importance of the occupational groups studied.

### Percentiles

The percentiles presented in tables 6–1 through 6–5 are computed using earnings reported for individual workers in sampled establishment jobs and their scheduled hours of work. Establishments in the survey may report only individual-worker earnings for each sampled job. For the cal-

ulation of percentile estimates, the individual-worker hourly earnings are appropriately weighted and then arrayed from lowest to highest.

The published 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution within each published occupation. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic.

### Data reliability

The data in this bulletin are estimates from a scientifically selected probability sample. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey, sampling and nonsampling.

*Sampling errors* occur because observations come only from a sample and not from an entire population. The sample used for this survey is one of a number of possible samples of the same size that could have been selected using the sample design. Estimates derived from the different samples would differ from each other.

A measure of the variation among these differing estimates is called the standard error or sampling error. It indicates the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average result of all possible samples. The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error divided by the estimate. RSE data are provided alongside the earnings data in the bulletin tables.

The standard error can be used to calculate a “confidence interval” around a sample estimate. As an example, suppose a table shows that mean hourly earnings for all workers were \$12.79, with a relative standard error of 3.6 percent for this estimate. At the 90-percent level, the confidence interval for this estimate is from \$12.03 to \$13.55 (\$12.79 minus and plus \$0.76, where \$0.76 is the product of 1.645 times 3.6 percent times \$12.79). If all possible samples were selected to estimate the population value, the interval from each sample would include the true population value approximately 90 percent of the time.

*Nonsampling errors* also affect survey results. They can stem from many sources, such as inability to obtain information for some establishments, difficulties with survey definitions, inability of the respondents to provide correct information, or mistakes in recording or coding the data obtained. Although they were not specifically measured, the nonsampling errors were expected to be minimal due to the extensive training of the field economists who gathered the survey data by personal visit, computer edits of the data, and detailed data review.

Appendix table 1. **Number of workers<sup>1</sup> represented by the survey, by occupational group,<sup>2</sup> National Compensation Survey, Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, April 2004**

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers		
	Total	Private industry	State and local government
<b>All occupations</b> .....	1,498,900	1,189,900	309,000
All excluding sales .....	1,383,600	1,076,300	307,300
<b>White collar</b> .....	865,100	658,800	206,400
White-collar excluding sales .....	749,900	545,200	204,700
Professional specialty and technical .....	401,100	264,300	136,900
Professional specialty .....	333,900	206,800	127,100
Technical .....	67,300	57,500	9,800
Executive, administrative, and managerial .....	119,200	93,800	25,400
Sales .....	115,300	113,600	–
Administrative support, including clerical .....	229,500	187,100	42,400
<b>Blue collar</b> .....	275,900	246,200	29,700
Precision production, craft, and repair .....	88,300	78,300	–
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors .....	49,500	49,200	–
Transportation and material moving .....	70,300	55,300	15,000
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers .....	67,800	63,300	–
<b>Service</b> .....	357,900	284,900	72,900

<sup>1</sup> The number of workers represented by the survey are rounded to the nearest 100. Estimates of the number of workers provide a description of size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. Estimates are not intended, however, for comparison to other statistical series to measure employment trends or levels. Both full-time and part-time workers were included in the survey.

<sup>2</sup> A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria.