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OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES, 2006

The highest paying occupations in the U.S. in 2006 included physician specialists, chief executives, dentists, airline pilots, lawyers, air traffic controllers, and engineering managers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the U.S. Department of Labor. The lowest paying occupations included combined food preparation and serving workers, fast food cooks, and dishwashers. Occupations with the highest employment included retail salespersons, cashiers, general office clerks, combined food preparation and serving workers, and registered nurses. Employment and wage information for all occupations is shown in table 1.

These data are from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program, which provides employment and wage estimates for wage and salary workers in 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations. OES produces data by occupation for the nation, states, and metropolitan areas, and by occupation and industry for the nation. Data are available from the OES homepage at <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>.

OES data can be used to compare wages and employment for different occupations, or to compare wages and employment for a given occupation across industries. For instance, national mean hourly wages ranged from \$44.20 for management occupations to \$8.86 for food preparation and serving related occupations. (See table 2.) Mean hourly wages for food preparation and serving related occupations ranged from \$13.02 for workers employed in the mining industry to \$7.85 for workers employed in the information industry. However, these industries employed relatively few food preparation and serving related workers: 46,110 in the information industry and 140 in mining. By contrast, the accommodation and food services industry employed nearly 8.8 million food preparation and serving workers, representing 79 percent of total industry employment. (See table 3.)

OES data also can be used to make comparisons across geographical areas. For instance, retail salespersons earned a mean hourly wage of \$14.78 in Carson City, Nev., as compared to \$8.41 in Laredo, Texas. Employment of retail salespersons was higher in Laredo (3,550) than in Carson City (570). (See table 7.)

Major Occupational Group Employment and Wages by Industry Sector

Management was the highest paying occupational group, with a mean hourly wage of \$44.20, followed by legal occupations at \$41.04. Food preparation and serving related occupations; farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; and building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations were among the lowest paying occupational groups. (See table 2.)

As shown in the table, mining; utilities; manufacturing; finance and insurance; and professional, scientific, and technical services were among the highest paying industries for several occupational groups. Other industries were high paying for occupations directly related to their output. For example, the healthcare and social assistance industry paid high wages to healthcare practitioner and technical workers, but not to most other occupational groups.

Some occupational groups were widely distributed across industries. For example, office and administrative support workers not only had the highest total employment of any occupational group, but were found in large numbers in many industries. Other occupations were concentrated in specific industries, where they made up a high proportion of industry employment. Of the 7.6 million workers employed in the construction sector, 67 percent were employed in construction and extraction occupations. (See table 3.) Manufacturing employed nearly 14.2 million workers with 53 percent employed in production occupations. Of the 12.3 million workers in the education sector, 59 percent were in education, training, and library occupations. Finally, the healthcare sector employed nearly 15.6 million workers with 33 percent employed in the healthcare practitioner and technical occupations and 19 percent in healthcare support occupations.

Detailed Occupational Employment and Wages by Detailed Industry

In addition to the occupational group and industry sector data previously discussed, OES data also are available for detailed occupations and industries. For example, registered nurses, with total employment of over 2.4 million workers, was one of the largest occupations in the workforce as a whole. In addition, with a mean hourly wage of \$28.71, this was among the highest paying large occupations. Nearly 57 percent of registered nurses worked in general medical and surgical hospitals, where their wages averaged \$29.31 per hour. (See table 4.) Offices of physicians, nursing care facilities, home health care services, and employment services (including temporary help services) were among the other major employers of registered nurses. The highest paying of these industries was employment services with a mean hourly wage of \$31.36.

Not only were general medical and surgical hospitals the largest employer of registered nurses, registered nurses was also the largest occupation in this industry, representing 28 percent of industry employment. (See table 5.) Other large occupations in this industry included nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants; licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses; maids and housekeeping cleaners; and radiologic technologists and technicians.

Occupational Wages by State and Area

OES data also permit comparison of occupational employment and wages across states and metropolitan areas. Tables 6 and 7 show the highest- and lowest-paying states, metropolitan areas, and divisions for selected large detailed occupations. For example, state mean hourly wages for registered nurses ranged from \$36.12 in California to \$22.61 in Iowa, while wages for bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks ranged from \$19.11 in the District of Columbia to \$11.64 in South Dakota.

In these selected occupations, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Washington were frequently among the higher paying states, although this varies by occupation. Alaska and Hawaii, although significantly smaller in terms of employment than the states listed above, were also among the highest paying states for several of the occupations. Lower paying states for several of the selected occupations include the Dakotas, Kentucky, Montana, West Virginia, Wyoming, and several southern states.

At the metropolitan area level, mean hourly wages for the selected occupations were about twice as much in the highest paying areas as in the lowest paying areas. (See table 7.) For example, the areas with the highest mean hourly pay for registered nurses were in California: the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara

metropolitan area (\$44.42) and the Oakland-Fremont-Hayward metropolitan division (\$43.18). Among the areas with the lowest wages paid to registered nurses were Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, Va. (\$19.70) and Morristown, Tenn. (\$20.16).

Additional Information

The Occupational Employment Statistics program produces occupational employment and wage estimates nationwide and for all states and 409 metropolitan areas, and national industry-specific occupational employment and wage estimates for sectors and 3-, 4-, and selected 5-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industries. Wage data include mean hourly and annual wages and 10th, 25th, 50th (median), 75th, and 90th percentile wages. Percentile wages can be used to show the distribution of wages within an occupation or industry. OES data are produced by a cooperative effort between BLS and State Workforce Agencies, and are based on a sample of 1.2 million business establishments, collected in 6 semiannual panels over a 3-year period. Complete May 2006 Occupational Employment Statistics data are available from the OES Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>.

Technical Note

Scope of the survey

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey is a semiannual mail survey measuring occupational employment and wage rates for wage and salary workers in nonfarm establishments in the United States. Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands also are surveyed, but their data are not included in this release. OES estimates are constructed from a sample of about 1.2 million establishments. Forms are mailed to approximately 200,000 establishments in May and November of each year for a 3-year period. The nationwide response rate for the May 2006 survey was 78.1 percent based on establishments and 73.4 percent based on employment. The survey included establishments sampled in the May 2006, November 2005, May 2005, November 2004, May 2004, and November 2003 semiannual panels.

The occupational coding system

The OES survey uses the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) occupational classification system, the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. The SOC system is the first OMB-required occupational classification system for federal agencies. The OES survey categorizes workers in 1 of 801 detailed occupations. Together, these detailed occupations comprise 23 major occupational groups, one of which—military specific occupations—is not included in the OES survey. The major groups are as follows:

- Management occupations
- Business and financial operations occupations
- Computer and mathematical science occupations
- Architecture and engineering occupations
- Life, physical, and social science occupations
- Community and social services occupations
- Legal occupations
- Education, training, and library occupations
- Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations
- Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations
- Healthcare support occupations
- Protective service occupations
- Food preparation and serving related occupations
- Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations
- Personal care and service occupations
- Sales and related occupations
- Office and administrative support occupations
- Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations
- Construction and extraction occupations
- Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations
- Production occupations
- Transportation and material moving occupations
- Military specific occupations (not surveyed in OES)

For more information about the SOC system, please see the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/soc/>.

The industry coding system

The OES survey uses the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For more information about

NAICS, see the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm>.

The OES survey includes establishments in NAICS sectors 11 (logging and agricultural support activities only), 21, 22, 23, 31-33, 42, 44-45, 48-49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 61, 62, 71, 72, 81 (except private households), state government, and local government. The U.S. Postal Service and the executive branch of the federal government also are included. An establishment is defined as an economic unit that processes goods or provides services, such as a factory, mine, or store. The establishment is generally at a single physical location and is engaged primarily in one type of economic activity.

The OES survey covers all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonfarm industries. The survey does not include the self-employed owners and partners in unincorporated firms, household workers, or unpaid family workers.

Survey sample

BLS funds the survey and provides the procedures and technical support, while the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) collect most of the data. BLS produces cross-industry and industry-specific estimates for the nation, states, and metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). Industry-specific estimates are produced at the NAICS sector, 3-digit, 4-digit, and selected 5-digit industry levels. BLS releases all cross-industry and national estimates; the SWAs release industry-specific estimates at the state and MSA levels.

State Unemployment Insurance (UI) files provide the universe from which the OES survey draws its sample. Employment benchmarks are obtained from reports submitted by employers to the UI program. Supplemental sources are used for rail transportation (NAICS 4821) and Guam because they do not report to the UI program. The OES survey sample is stratified by metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas and industry. Samples selected in panels prior to May 2005 were stratified using MSA definitions based on the 1990 Metropolitan Statistical Area standards. Beginning with the May 2005 panel, the sample was stratified using new MSA definitions based on the 2000 Metropolitan Statistical Area standards.

A census of the executive branch of the federal government and the U.S. Postal Service is taken every panel. A census of state government and Hawaii's local government is taken every November panel. In order to provide the most occupational coverage, larger employers are more likely to be selected than smaller employers. The unweighted employment of sampled establishments make up approximately 65 percent of total national employment.

Concepts

Occupational employment is the estimate of total wage and salary employment in an occupation across the industries surveyed. The OES survey defines employment as the number of workers who can be classified as full- or part-time employees, including workers on paid vacations or other

types of paid leave; workers on unpaid short-term absences; salaried officers, executives, and staff members of incorporated firms; employees temporarily assigned to other units; and employees for whom the reporting unit is their permanent duty station regardless of whether that unit prepares their paycheck.

The OES survey form sent to establishments with more than 10 workers contains between 50 and 225 SOC occupations selected on the basis of the sampled establishment's industry classification. To reduce paperwork and respondent burden, no survey form contains every SOC occupation. Thus, data for specific occupations are collected primarily from establishments in industries that are the predominant employers of workers in those occupations. Each survey form is structured, however, to allow a respondent to provide detailed occupational information for each worker at the establishment; that is, unlisted occupations can be added to the survey form. Employers with 10 or fewer workers are sent a form with no occupations listed, and are instructed to fill in the occupations for their workers.

Wages for the OES survey are straight-time, gross pay, exclusive of premium pay. Base rate, cost-of-living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-duty pay, incentive pay including commissions and production bonuses, tips, and on-call pay are included. Excluded are back pay, jury duty pay, overtime pay, severance pay, shift differentials, nonproduction bonuses, employer cost for supplementary benefits, and tuition reimbursements.

The OES survey collects wage data in 12 intervals. Employers report the number of employees in an occupation

May 2005, November 2004, May 2004, and November 2003 panels

Interval	Wages	
	Hourly	Annual
Range A	Under \$6.75	Under \$14,040
Range B	\$6.75 to \$8.49	\$14,040 to \$17,679
Range C	\$8.50 to \$10.74	\$17,680 to \$22,359
Range D	\$10.75 to \$13.49	\$22,360 to \$28,079
Range E	\$13.50 to \$16.99	\$28,080 to \$35,359
Range F	\$17.00 to \$21.49	\$35,360 to \$44,719
Range G	\$21.50 to \$27.24	\$44,720 to \$56,679
Range H	\$27.25 to \$34.49	\$56,680 to \$71,759
Range I	\$34.50 to \$43.74	\$71,760 to \$90,999
Range J	\$43.75 to \$55.49	\$91,000 to \$115,439
Range K	\$55.50 to \$69.99	\$115,440 to \$145,599
Range L	\$70.00 and over	\$145,600 and over

Beginning with the November 2005 panel, the lower boundary of the highest wage interval was increased from \$70.00 to \$80.00. The mean hourly wage value for the highest wage interval was computed separately for NCS data from 2005 for \$80.00 and over, and from 2004 and 2003 for \$70.00 and over. The mean wage rate from 2005 was used for the \$80.00 and over interval for the May 2006 and November 2005 panels. The average of the 2004 and 2003 mean wage rates was used for the \$70.00 and over interval for the May 2005, November 2004, May 2004, and November 2003 panels.

Percentile wage. The p-th percentile wage rate for an occupation is the wage where p percent of all workers earn that amount or less and where (100-p) percent of all workers earn that amount or more. This statistic is calculated by uniformly distributing the workers inside each wage interval, ranking the workers from lowest paid to highest paid, and calculating the product of the total employment for the occupation and the desired percentile to determine the worker that earns the p-th percentile wage rate.

Annual wage. Many employees are paid at an hourly rate by their employers and may work more than or less than 40 hours per week. Annual wage estimates for most occupations in this release are calculated by multiplying the mean hourly wage by a "year-round, full-time" figure of 2,080 hours (52 weeks by 40 hours). Thus, annual wage estimates may not represent the actual annual pay received by the employee if they work more or less than 2,080 hours per year. Some workers typically work less than full time, year round. For these occupations, the OES survey collects and reports either the annual salary or the hourly wage rate, depending on how the occupation is typically paid, but not both. For example, teachers, flight attendants, and pilots may be paid an annual salary, but do not work the usual 2,080 hours per year. In this case, an annual salary is reported. Other workers, such as entertainment workers, are paid hourly rates, but generally do not work full time, year round. For these workers, only an hourly wage is reported.

Hourly versus annual wage reporting. For each occupation, respondents are asked to report the number of

May 2006 and November 2005 panels

Interval	Wages	
	Hourly	Annual
Range A	Under \$7.50	Under \$15,600
Range B	\$7.50 to \$9.49	\$15,600 to \$19,759
Range C	\$9.50 to \$11.99	\$19,760 to \$24,959
Range D	\$12.00 to \$15.24	\$24,960 to \$31,719
Range E	\$15.25 to \$19.24	\$31,720 to \$40,039
Range F	\$19.25 to \$24.49	\$40,040 to \$50,959
Range G	\$24.50 to \$30.99	\$50,960 to \$64,479
Range H	\$31.00 to \$39.24	\$64,480 to \$81,639
Range I	\$39.25 to \$49.74	\$81,640 to \$103,479
Range J	\$49.75 to \$63.24	\$103,480 to \$131,559
Range K	\$63.25 to \$79.99	\$131,560 to \$166,399
Range L	\$80.00 and over	\$166,400 and over

Mean hourly wage. The mean hourly wage rate for an occupation is the total wages that all workers in the occupation earn in an hour divided by the total employment of the occupation. To calculate the mean hourly wage of each occupation, total weighted hourly wages are summed across all intervals and divided by the occupation's weighted survey employment. The mean wage for each interval is based on occupational wage data collected by the BLS Office of Compensation and Working Conditions for the National Compensation Survey (NCS).

employees paid within specific wage intervals. The intervals are defined both as hourly rates and the corresponding annual rates, where the annual rate for an occupation is calculated by multiplying the hourly wage rate by a typical work year of 2,080 hours. The responding establishment can reference either the hourly or the annual rate for full-time workers, but they are instructed to report the hourly rate for part-time workers.

Estimation methodology

Each OES panel includes approximately 200,000 establishments. The OES survey is designed to produce estimates using six panels (3 years) of data. The full six-panel sample of 1.2 million establishments allows the production of estimates at detailed levels of geography, industry, and occupation.

Wage updating. Significant reductions in sampling errors are obtained by combining six panels of data, particularly for small geographic areas and occupations. Wages for the current panel need no adjustment. However, wages in the five previous panels need to be updated to the current panel's reference period.

The OES program uses the BLS Employment Cost Index (ECI) to adjust survey data from prior panels before combining them with the current panel's data. The wage updating procedure adjusts each detailed occupation's wage rate, as measured in the earlier panel, according to the average movement of its broader occupational division. The procedure assumes that there are no major differences by geography, industry, or detailed occupation within the occupational division. The wage rates for the highest wage interval are not updated.

Imputation. About 20 percent of establishments do not respond for a given panel. A "nearest neighbor" hot deck imputation procedure is used to impute missing occupational employment totals. A variant of mean imputation is used to impute missing wage distributions. The variant of mean imputation for wage distributions also is applied to establishments that provide reports with occupational totals but partial or missing wage data.

Weighting and benchmarking. The sample establishments in each panel are weighted to represent all establishments that were part of the in-scope frame from which the panel was selected. Based on the sampled establishments, sampling weights are adjusted when six panels are combined. Sampling weights are further adjusted by the ratio of employment totals (the average of November 2005 and May 2006 employment)

from the BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages to employment totals from the OES survey.

May 2006 OES survey estimates. The May 2006 OES survey estimates are based on all data collected from establishments in the May 2006, November 2005, May 2005, November 2004, May 2004, and November 2003 semiannual samples.

Reliability of the estimates. Estimates calculated from a sample survey are subject to two types of error: sampling and nonsampling. *Sampling error* occurs when estimates are calculated from a subset (that is, a sample) of the population instead of the full population. When a sample of the population is surveyed, there is a chance that the sample estimate of the characteristic of interest may differ from the population value of that characteristic. Differences between the sample estimate and the population value will vary depending on the sample selected. This variability can be estimated by calculating the standard error (SE) of the sample estimate. If we were to repeat the sampling and estimation process countless times using the same survey design, approximately 90 percent of the intervals created by adding and subtracting 1.645 SEs from the sample estimate would include the population value. These intervals are called 90-percent confidence intervals. The OES survey, however, usually uses the relative standard error (RSE) of a sample estimate instead of its SE to measure sampling error. RSE is defined as the SE of a sample estimate divided by the sample estimate itself. This statistic provides the user with a measure of the relative precision of the sample estimate. RSEs are calculated for both occupational employment and mean wage rate estimates. Occupational employment RSEs are calculated using a subsample, random group replication technique called the jackknife. Mean wage rate RSEs are calculated using a variance components model that accounts for both the observed and unobserved components of the wage data. The variances of the unobserved components are estimated using wage data from the BLS National Compensation Survey. In general, estimates based on many establishments have lower RSEs than estimates based on few establishments. If the distributional assumptions of the models are violated, the resulting confidence intervals may not reflect the prescribed level of confidence.

Nonsampling error occurs for a variety of reasons, none of which are directly connected to sampling. Examples of nonsampling error include: nonresponse, data incorrectly reported by the respondent, mistakes made in entering collected data into the database, and mistakes made in editing and processing the collected data.

Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Management occupations	5,892,900	\$44.20	\$91,930	\$38.93
Chief executives.....	299,520	69.52	144,600	(³)
General and operations managers.....	1,663,280	47.73	99,280	40.97
Legislators.....	62,020	(²)	32,730	(²)
Advertising and promotions managers.....	38,130	40.93	85,140	35.12
Marketing managers.....	159,950	51.74	107,610	47.46
Sales managers.....	307,960	49.39	102,730	44.02
Public relations managers.....	44,010	44.35	92,250	39.51
Administrative services managers.....	232,410	35.02	72,840	32.54
Computer and information systems managers.....	251,210	51.56	107,250	48.84
Financial managers.....	468,270	48.77	101,450	43.74
Compensation and benefits managers.....	46,640	39.43	82,010	35.94
Training and development managers.....	27,450	41.67	86,670	38.58
Human resources managers, all other.....	55,280	45.63	94,910	42.55
Industrial production managers.....	153,410	40.37	83,970	37.34
Purchasing managers.....	66,490	41.35	86,020	39.22
Transportation, storage, and distribution managers.....	89,010	37.77	78,560	35.14
Farm, ranch, and other agricultural managers.....	3,300	28.15	58,550	25.03
Farmers and ranchers.....	300	20.92	43,520	17.85
Construction managers.....	207,630	39.79	82,760	35.43
Education administrators, preschool and child care center/program.....	46,890	20.88	43,430	18.15
Education administrators, elementary and secondary school.....	215,630	(²)	79,200	(²)
Education administrators, postsecondary.....	103,330	39.82	82,820	35.57
Education administrators, all other.....	26,570	34.38	71,520	32.03
Engineering managers.....	183,960	52.90	110,030	50.69
Food service managers.....	189,050	22.49	46,780	20.68
Funeral directors.....	22,810	27.53	57,250	23.86
Gaming managers.....	3,330	32.38	67,340	30.20
Lodging managers.....	31,300	23.83	49,560	20.35
Medical and health services managers.....	232,920	39.02	81,160	35.26
Natural sciences managers.....	38,660	51.91	107,970	48.11
Postmasters and mail superintendents.....	26,580	26.74	55,630	26.82
Property, real estate, and community association managers.....	156,880	25.14	52,290	20.71
Social and community service managers.....	112,360	26.97	56,090	25.03
Managers, all other.....	326,390	41.95	87,250	39.66
Business and financial operations occupations	5,826,140	28.85	60,000	25.81
Agents and business managers of artists, performers, and athletes.....	11,130	40.42	84,070	31.01
Purchasing agents and buyers, farm products.....	13,110	25.83	53,730	22.49
Wholesale and retail buyers, except farm products.....	137,310	24.52	51,010	21.46
Purchasing agents, except wholesale, retail, and farm products.....	275,910	26.04	54,160	24.39
Claims adjusters, examiners, and investigators.....	279,240	25.36	52,750	24.36
Insurance appraisers, auto damage.....	12,630	24.03	49,980	23.65
Compliance officers, except agriculture, construction, health and safety, and transportation.....	222,080	24.47	50,890	22.62
Cost estimators.....	216,900	27.32	56,820	25.45
Emergency management specialists.....	11,330	24.26	50,450	22.79
Employment, recruitment, and placement specialists.....	186,620	24.07	50,070	20.40
Compensation, benefits, and job analysis specialists.....	103,870	25.72	53,500	24.15
Training and development specialists.....	197,050	24.57	51,100	22.99
Human resources, training, and labor relations specialists, all other.....	204,290	26.30	54,700	25.13
Logisticians.....	79,570	31.56	65,640	30.49
Management analysts.....	476,070	37.15	77,270	32.72
Meeting and convention planners.....	42,510	21.92	45,580	20.28
Business operations specialists, all other.....	983,340	28.96	60,240	26.76
Accountants and auditors.....	1,092,960	29.17	60,670	26.26
Appraisers and assessors of real estate.....	66,420	24.57	51,110	21.38
Budget analysts.....	58,100	30.73	63,920	29.53
Credit analysts.....	66,690	28.94	60,190	25.17
Financial analysts.....	196,960	37.16	77,280	32.02
Personal financial advisors.....	119,690	41.70	86,730	31.79
Insurance underwriters.....	99,430	27.86	57,960	25.17

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Business and financial operations occupations—Continued				
Financial examiners.....	24,430	\$34.25	\$71,240	\$31.43
Loan counselors.....	30,430	20.12	41,840	17.21
Loan officers.....	359,260	29.77	61,930	24.89
Tax examiners, collectors, and revenue agents.....	75,160	23.89	49,690	21.93
Tax preparers.....	62,860	15.94	33,160	13.15
Financial specialists, all other.....	120,790	28.65	59,600	25.81
Computer and mathematical science occupations				
	3,076,200	33.29	69,240	31.80
Computer and information scientists, research.....	27,650	46.36	96,440	45.17
Computer programmers.....	396,020	33.42	69,500	31.50
Computer software engineers, applications.....	472,520	39.42	82,000	38.36
Computer software engineers, systems software.....	329,060	41.95	87,250	41.04
Computer support specialists.....	514,460	21.32	44,350	19.94
Computer systems analysts.....	446,460	34.73	72,230	33.54
Database administrators.....	109,840	32.43	67,460	31.09
Network and computer systems administrators.....	289,520	31.37	65,260	29.87
Network systems and data communications analysts.....	203,710	32.43	67,460	31.06
Computer specialists, all other.....	180,270	33.35	69,370	32.97
Actuaries.....	16,620	44.14	91,810	39.81
Mathematicians.....	2,840	41.72	86,780	41.79
Operations research analysts.....	56,170	33.22	69,100	31.08
Statisticians.....	19,660	33.21	69,080	31.60
Mathematical technicians.....	1,210	22.12	46,010	18.21
Mathematical scientists, all other.....	10,190	31.21	64,920	30.56
Architecture and engineering occupations				
	2,430,250	31.82	66,190	30.00
Architects, except landscape and naval.....	101,010	33.54	69,760	30.84
Landscape architects.....	22,130	29.08	60,480	26.51
Cartographers and photogrammetrists.....	11,430	25.29	52,600	23.19
Surveyors.....	56,820	24.71	51,390	23.22
Aerospace engineers.....	86,720	42.92	89,260	42.12
Agricultural engineers.....	3,050	32.60	67,810	31.75
Biomedical engineers.....	14,030	37.51	78,030	35.54
Chemical engineers.....	29,060	39.23	81,600	37.91
Civil engineers.....	236,690	34.67	72,120	32.98
Computer hardware engineers.....	74,480	43.88	91,280	42.54
Electrical engineers.....	147,670	37.93	78,900	36.50
Electronics engineers, except computer.....	131,880	39.82	82,820	38.97
Environmental engineers.....	51,370	34.90	72,590	33.63
Health and safety engineers, except mining safety engineers and inspectors.....	24,620	32.89	68,400	31.87
Industrial engineers.....	198,340	33.96	70,630	32.99
Marine engineers and naval architects.....	7,810	36.25	75,400	35.09
Materials engineers.....	21,230	36.52	75,960	35.57
Mechanical engineers.....	217,500	34.89	72,580	33.58
Mining and geological engineers, including mining safety engineers.....	6,810	37.32	77,620	34.69
Nuclear engineers.....	14,870	44.25	92,040	43.38
Petroleum engineers.....	15,060	48.86	101,620	47.30
Engineers, all other.....	155,620	39.30	81,750	39.26
Architectural and civil drafters.....	107,110	21.11	43,900	20.17
Electrical and electronics drafters.....	32,440	23.85	49,610	22.51
Mechanical drafters.....	72,950	22.10	45,960	21.01
Drafters, all other.....	22,800	21.87	45,480	20.70
Aerospace engineering and operations technicians.....	8,280	26.19	54,480	25.62
Civil engineering technicians.....	86,730	20.37	42,380	19.50
Electrical and electronic engineering technicians.....	166,340	24.44	50,840	24.35
Electro-mechanical technicians.....	15,310	22.37	46,540	21.50
Environmental engineering technicians.....	20,600	20.72	43,100	19.50
Industrial engineering technicians.....	73,640	24.48	50,920	22.51
Mechanical engineering technicians.....	46,660	22.94	47,710	22.04
Engineering technicians, except drafters, all other.....	78,260	25.89	53,850	26.08
Surveying and mapping technicians.....	70,940	16.63	34,590	15.55

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Life, physical, and social science occupations	1,231,070	\$28.68	\$59,660	\$25.49
Animal scientists.....	3,930	25.59	53,230	22.98
Food scientists and technologists.....	8,770	28.49	59,260	25.87
Soil and plant scientists.....	10,720	28.52	59,330	26.96
Biochemists and biophysicists.....	18,680	38.90	80,900	36.69
Microbiologists.....	15,730	31.35	65,200	27.87
Zoologists and wildlife biologists.....	18,000	26.98	56,120	25.63
Biological scientists, all other.....	25,220	30.56	63,560	29.30
Conservation scientists.....	16,000	26.64	55,410	26.43
Foresters.....	10,760	25.22	52,450	24.61
Epidemiologists.....	4,120	28.99	60,290	27.25
Medical scientists, except epidemiologists.....	78,210	33.82	70,350	29.66
Life scientists, all other.....	12,830	31.00	64,480	27.39
Astronomers.....	1,430	45.67	95,000	46.03
Physicists.....	15,420	45.95	95,580	45.31
Atmospheric and space scientists.....	8,250	37.41	77,810	37.09
Chemists.....	80,500	31.75	66,040	28.78
Materials scientists.....	9,390	37.02	77,010	35.87
Environmental scientists and specialists, including health.....	77,720	29.38	61,120	26.97
Geoscientists, except hydrologists and geographers.....	28,980	38.41	79,890	34.93
Hydrologists.....	7,740	32.80	68,230	31.86
Physical scientists, all other.....	21,380	41.01	85,310	40.12
Economists.....	12,970	40.14	83,500	37.03
Market research analysts.....	213,590	31.70	65,930	28.28
Survey researchers.....	24,140	19.08	39,680	16.04
Clinical, counseling, and school psychologists.....	97,330	31.78	66,110	28.58
Industrial-organizational psychologists.....	1,140	43.23	89,920	41.55
Psychologists, all other.....	7,960	38.63	80,360	36.69
Sociologists.....	3,440	32.83	68,300	28.99
Urban and regional planners.....	32,640	28.33	58,940	27.22
Anthropologists and archeologists.....	4,960	25.43	52,900	24.00
Geographers.....	960	30.64	63,720	30.28
Historians.....	3,090	25.36	52,750	23.33
Political scientists.....	3,970	41.52	86,370	43.34
Social scientists and related workers, all other.....	31,110	32.56	67,720	31.21
Agricultural and food science technicians.....	19,220	16.20	33,700	15.26
Biological technicians.....	71,590	18.38	38,240	17.17
Chemical technicians.....	59,900	19.70	40,970	18.87
Geological and petroleum technicians.....	11,280	24.76	51,490	22.19
Nuclear technicians.....	6,400	31.14	64,760	31.49
Social science research assistants.....	15,840	17.23	35,840	16.28
Environmental science and protection technicians, including health.....	34,790	19.36	40,260	18.31
Forensic science technicians.....	12,310	23.14	48,130	21.79
Forest and conservation technicians.....	30,580	16.24	33,780	14.84
Life, physical, and social science technicians, all other.....	58,080	19.65	40,870	18.23
Community and social services occupations	1,749,210	18.75	39,000	17.21
Substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors.....	75,940	17.28	35,950	16.36
Educational, vocational, and school counselors.....	226,720	23.92	49,760	22.85
Marriage and family therapists.....	21,330	21.49	44,700	20.78
Mental health counselors.....	91,830	18.19	37,840	16.53
Rehabilitation counselors.....	121,380	15.80	32,870	14.04
Counselors, all other.....	24,260	19.37	40,280	18.37
Child, family, and school social workers.....	262,830	19.54	40,640	18.02
Medical and public health social workers.....	116,750	21.48	44,690	20.69
Mental health and substance abuse social workers.....	114,820	18.26	37,980	17.02
Social workers, all other.....	61,270	21.61	44,950	20.95
Health educators.....	57,900	21.81	45,370	19.87
Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists.....	89,650	22.18	46,130	20.43

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Community and social services occupations—Continued				
Social and human service assistants.....	318,620	\$13.08	\$27,200	\$12.30
Community and social service specialists, all other.....	107,380	17.99	37,410	16.93
Clergy.....	37,820	20.70	43,060	19.07
Directors, religious activities and education.....	14,750	18.06	37,570	16.47
Religious workers, all other.....	5,990	14.11	29,350	11.70
Legal occupations	976,740	41.04	85,360	32.56
Lawyers.....	547,710	54.65	113,660	49.26
Administrative law judges, adjudicators, and hearing officers.....	14,470	37.37	77,730	34.90
Arbitrators, mediators, and conciliators.....	8,110	28.27	58,790	23.80
Judges, magistrate judges, and magistrates.....	25,870	45.98	95,640	48.89
Paralegals and legal assistants.....	229,430	21.86	45,460	20.69
Court reporters.....	16,940	23.25	48,370	21.93
Law clerks.....	31,890	18.85	39,210	17.48
Title examiners, abstractors, and searchers.....	63,410	19.55	40,660	17.32
Legal support workers, all other.....	38,910	24.29	50,520	21.70
Education, training, and library occupations	8,206,440	21.79	45,320	19.76
Business teachers, postsecondary.....	67,390	(?)	70,220	(?)
Computer science teachers, postsecondary.....	36,630	(?)	65,000	(?)
Mathematical science teachers, postsecondary.....	44,570	(?)	62,790	(?)
Architecture teachers, postsecondary.....	5,820	(?)	67,390	(?)
Engineering teachers, postsecondary.....	31,950	(?)	82,080	(?)
Agricultural sciences teachers, postsecondary.....	10,120	(?)	77,190	(?)
Biological science teachers, postsecondary.....	51,950	(?)	82,110	(?)
Forestry and conservation science teachers, postsecondary.....	2,630	(?)	66,970	(?)
Atmospheric, earth, marine, and space sciences teachers, postsecondary.....	8,670	(?)	74,880	(?)
Chemistry teachers, postsecondary.....	19,560	(?)	70,100	(?)
Environmental science teachers, postsecondary.....	4,310	(?)	71,980	(?)
Physics teachers, postsecondary.....	12,340	(?)	74,650	(?)
Anthropology and archeology teachers, postsecondary.....	5,040	(?)	68,240	(?)
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies teachers, postsecondary.....	7,350	(?)	63,710	(?)
Economics teachers, postsecondary.....	12,330	(?)	79,370	(?)
Geography teachers, postsecondary.....	4,070	(?)	62,850	(?)
Political science teachers, postsecondary.....	13,850	(?)	69,040	(?)
Psychology teachers, postsecondary.....	29,690	(?)	64,580	(?)
Sociology teachers, postsecondary.....	16,110	(?)	63,160	(?)
Social sciences teachers, postsecondary, all other.....	5,750	(?)	69,640	(?)
Health specialties teachers, postsecondary.....	116,370	(?)	91,260	(?)
Nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary.....	39,350	(?)	58,690	(?)
Education teachers, postsecondary.....	53,470	(?)	57,410	(?)
Library science teachers, postsecondary.....	3,830	(?)	57,550	(?)
Criminal justice and law enforcement teachers, postsecondary.....	10,430	(?)	55,310	(?)
Law teachers, postsecondary.....	11,870	(?)	94,290	(?)
Social work teachers, postsecondary.....	7,860	(?)	57,990	(?)
Art, drama, and music teachers, postsecondary.....	72,100	(?)	58,250	(?)
Communications teachers, postsecondary.....	23,560	(?)	56,600	(?)
English language and literature teachers, postsecondary.....	59,320	(?)	57,320	(?)
Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary.....	24,680	(?)	60,050	(?)
History teachers, postsecondary.....	20,980	(?)	63,200	(?)
Philosophy and religion teachers, postsecondary.....	17,840	(?)	60,180	(?)
Graduate teaching assistants.....	112,830	(?)	30,190	(?)
Home economics teachers, postsecondary.....	4,330	(?)	60,630	(?)
Recreation and fitness studies teachers, postsecondary.....	17,110	(?)	54,020	(?)
Vocational education teachers, postsecondary.....	109,360	22.65	47,110	21.11
Postsecondary teachers, all other.....	272,410	(?)	72,310	(?)
Preschool teachers, except special education.....	361,600	12.45	25,900	10.91
Kindergarten teachers, except special education.....	165,780	(?)	47,040	(?)
Elementary school teachers, except special education.....	1,509,180	(?)	48,700	(?)
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education.....	652,700	(?)	49,470	(?)
Vocational education teachers, middle school.....	15,740	(?)	46,650	(?)

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Education, training, and library occupations—Continued				
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education.....	1,030,780	(²)	\$51,150	(²)
Vocational education teachers, secondary school.....	95,040	(²)	51,050	(²)
Special education teachers, preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school.....	216,930	(²)	49,710	(²)
Special education teachers, middle school.....	101,420	(²)	52,550	(²)
Special education teachers, secondary school.....	136,870	(²)	52,520	(²)
Adult literacy, remedial education, and GED teachers and instructors.....	71,740	\$22.45	46,690	\$21.11
Self-enrichment education teachers.....	149,700	18.50	38,470	16.08
Teachers and instructors, all other.....	576,840	(²)	35,370	(²)
Archivists.....	5,460	21.35	44,400	19.58
Curators.....	9,520	24.03	49,980	22.26
Museum technicians and conservators.....	9,810	18.30	38,060	16.51
Librarians.....	148,610	24.45	50,860	23.59
Library technicians.....	113,940	13.42	27,910	12.77
Audio-visual collections specialists.....	6,520	20.23	42,090	19.49
Farm and home management advisors.....	12,390	22.59	46,990	20.06
Instructional coordinators.....	117,630	26.72	55,570	25.38
Teacher assistants.....	1,246,030	(²)	21,860	(²)
Education, training, and library workers, all other.....	84,390	17.14	35,640	15.46
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	1,727,380	22.17	46,110	18.44
Art directors.....	31,030	37.70	78,420	32.74
Craft artists.....	4,870	13.75	28,610	11.58
Fine artists, including painters, sculptors, and illustrators.....	11,260	22.65	47,100	20.18
Multi-media artists and animators.....	26,260	27.90	58,030	24.69
Artists and related workers, all other.....	7,870	23.51	48,890	20.19
Commercial and industrial designers.....	33,540	28.53	59,340	26.23
Fashion designers.....	15,670	33.30	69,270	30.10
Floral designers.....	61,320	11.08	23,040	10.43
Graphic designers.....	190,880	21.07	43,830	19.18
Interior designers.....	52,440	23.08	48,000	20.32
Merchandise displayers and window trimmers.....	62,580	12.77	26,550	11.45
Set and exhibit designers.....	8,320	21.93	45,620	20.11
Designers, all other.....	11,390	23.50	48,890	21.09
Actors.....	51,880	21.84	(²)	11.61
Producers and directors.....	63,840	34.72	72,210	27.07
Athletes and sports competitors.....	12,500	(²)	74,440	(²)
Coaches and scouts.....	154,350	(²)	33,290	(²)
Umpires, referees, and other sports officials.....	13,790	(²)	27,450	(²)
Dancers.....	16,010	13.86	(²)	9.55
Choreographers.....	16,340	18.42	38,320	16.67
Music directors and composers.....	9,470	25.63	53,320	19.11
Musicians and singers.....	46,600	27.51	(²)	19.73
Entertainers and performers, sports and related workers, all other.....	59,450	16.84	(²)	15.11
Radio and television announcers.....	40,020	17.36	36,120	11.69
Public address system and other announcers.....	8,300	16.33	33,970	12.02
Broadcast news analysts.....	6,770	32.17	66,910	22.46
Reporters and correspondents.....	53,060	20.14	41,900	16.09
Public relations specialists.....	209,560	25.85	53,760	22.76
Editors.....	100,170	25.59	53,220	22.59
Technical writers.....	45,330	29.25	60,850	27.91
Writers and authors.....	43,260	27.93	58,080	23.38
Interpreters and translators.....	30,910	19.11	39,750	17.10
Media and communication workers, all other.....	22,970	22.26	46,310	20.47
Audio and video equipment technicians.....	40,360	18.61	38,710	16.75
Broadcast technicians.....	32,070	17.09	35,540	14.75
Radio operators.....	1,220	18.69	38,870	18.22
Sound engineering technicians.....	14,080	24.16	50,260	20.68
Photographers.....	60,300	15.30	31,830	12.58
Camera operators, television, video, and motion picture.....	22,230	22.19	46,150	19.26

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations—Continued				
Film and video editors.....	17,380	\$27.93	\$58,100	\$22.44
Media and communication equipment workers, all other.....	17,740	25.59	53,230	25.03
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	6,713,780	29.82	62,030	24.99
Chiropractors.....	25,470	38.97	81,070	31.36
Dentists, general.....	86,110	67.76	140,950	63.53
Oral and maxillofacial surgeons.....	5,320	79.21	164,760	(³)
Orthodontists.....	5,200	85.05	176,900	(³)
Prosthodontists.....	480	76.42	158,940	(³)
Dentists, all other specialists.....	4,560	52.09	108,340	43.85
Dietitians and nutritionists.....	51,230	23.02	47,890	22.59
Optometrists.....	24,220	47.38	98,550	43.77
Pharmacists.....	239,920	44.95	93,500	45.44
Anesthesiologists.....	29,890	88.63	184,340	(³)
Family and general practitioners.....	109,400	72.04	149,850	(³)
Internists, general.....	48,700	77.34	160,860	(³)
Obstetricians and gynecologists.....	22,520	85.60	178,040	(³)
Pediatricians, general.....	28,930	68.00	141,440	66.41
Psychiatrists.....	24,730	72.11	149,990	(³)
Surgeons.....	51,900	88.53	184,150	(³)
Physicians and surgeons, all other.....	208,960	68.38	142,220	(³)
Physician assistants.....	62,960	35.71	74,270	36.05
Podiatrists.....	9,020	56.97	118,500	52.03
Registered nurses.....	2,417,150	28.71	59,730	27.54
Audiologists.....	10,910	29.38	61,110	27.46
Occupational therapists.....	88,570	30.05	62,510	29.07
Physical therapists.....	156,100	32.72	68,050	31.83
Radiation therapists.....	14,290	32.49	67,580	31.81
Recreational therapists.....	24,130	17.55	36,510	16.82
Respiratory therapists.....	99,330	23.37	48,610	22.80
Speech-language pathologists.....	98,690	29.25	60,840	27.74
Therapists, all other.....	11,660	21.67	45,070	20.31
Veterinarians.....	49,750	39.18	81,490	34.61
Health diagnosing and treating practitioners, all other.....	53,270	39.96	83,110	29.60
Medical and clinical laboratory technologists.....	160,760	24.30	50,550	23.90
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians.....	144,710	16.65	34,620	15.79
Dental hygienists.....	166,380	30.01	62,430	30.19
Cardiovascular technologists and technicians.....	43,870	21.15	43,990	20.34
Diagnostic medical sonographers.....	44,340	27.94	58,110	27.48
Nuclear medicine technologists.....	19,270	30.29	63,000	29.95
Radiologic technologists and technicians.....	190,180	23.71	49,320	23.16
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics.....	196,190	14.13	29,390	13.01
Dietetic technicians.....	24,450	12.55	26,090	11.56
Pharmacy technicians.....	282,450	12.75	26,510	12.32
Psychiatric technicians.....	58,940	14.64	30,450	13.36
Respiratory therapy technicians.....	18,710	19.17	39,860	18.81
Surgical technologists.....	84,330	17.97	37,370	17.35
Veterinary technologists and technicians.....	69,700	13.34	27,750	12.88
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses.....	720,380	18.05	37,530	17.57
Medical records and health information technicians.....	164,700	14.49	30,140	13.48
Opticians, dispensing.....	65,190	15.49	32,220	14.57
Orthotists and prosthetists.....	5,290	29.86	62,110	28.36
Health technologists and technicians, all other.....	72,180	18.39	38,260	16.89
Occupational health and safety specialists.....	42,220	28.50	59,270	27.90
Occupational health and safety technicians.....	10,020	21.32	44,340	20.27
Athletic trainers.....	15,440	(²)	38,860	(²)
Healthcare practitioners and technical workers, all other.....	50,690	21.68	45,090	17.89

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Healthcare support occupations	3,483,270	\$11.83	\$24,610	\$11.00
Home health aides.....	751,480	9.66	20,100	9.34
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants.....	1,376,660	11.04	22,960	10.67
Psychiatric aides.....	57,000	12.01	24,990	11.49
Occupational therapist assistants.....	23,700	20.25	42,110	20.22
Occupational therapist aides.....	7,780	13.35	27,760	12.03
Physical therapist assistants.....	59,350	19.91	41,410	19.88
Physical therapist aides.....	45,520	11.20	23,290	10.61
Massage therapists.....	41,920	18.93	39,380	16.06
Dental assistants.....	277,040	14.83	30,850	14.53
Medical assistants.....	409,570	13.07	27,190	12.64
Medical equipment preparers.....	42,740	12.97	26,980	12.47
Medical transcriptionists.....	86,790	14.74	30,660	14.40
Pharmacy aides.....	47,810	10.07	20,950	9.35
Veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers.....	70,310	10.13	21,060	9.60
Healthcare support workers, all other.....	185,580	13.55	28,170	12.98
Protective service occupations	3,024,840	17.81	37,040	15.42
First-line supervisors/managers of correctional officers.....	37,400	26.27	54,630	25.28
First-line supervisors/managers of police and detectives.....	89,170	33.76	70,230	33.32
First-line supervisors/managers of fire fighting and prevention workers.....	50,810	31.27	65,030	30.24
First-line supervisors/managers, protective service workers, all other.....	45,170	22.28	46,350	19.99
Fire fighters.....	283,630	20.37	42,370	19.80
Fire inspectors and investigators.....	13,360	24.02	49,950	23.10
Forest fire inspectors and prevention specialists.....	1,710	17.21	35,810	15.84
Bailiffs.....	17,890	17.43	36,260	16.45
Correctional officers and jailers.....	417,810	18.42	38,310	17.19
Detectives and criminal investigators.....	100,110	29.03	60,390	28.01
Fish and game wardens.....	7,520	21.25	44,200	21.01
Parking enforcement workers.....	10,090	15.03	31,260	14.50
Police and sheriff's patrol officers.....	624,380	23.27	48,410	22.82
Transit and railroad police.....	5,320	23.86	49,620	22.63
Animal control workers.....	14,600	14.12	29,370	13.42
Private detectives and investigators.....	35,980	18.41	38,290	16.23
Gaming surveillance officers and gaming investigators.....	8,470	14.65	30,470	13.04
Security guards.....	1,004,130	11.35	23,620	10.35
Crossing guards.....	67,750	10.71	22,270	10.13
Lifeguards, ski patrol, and other recreational protective service workers.....	108,870	8.85	18,410	8.25
Protective service workers, all other.....	80,680	14.63	30,420	12.94
Food preparation and serving related occupations	11,029,280	8.86	18,430	7.90
Chefs and head cooks.....	104,080	18.21	37,880	16.52
First-line supervisors/managers of food preparation and serving workers.....	769,320	13.88	28,870	12.97
Cooks, fast food.....	612,020	7.67	15,960	7.41
Cooks, institution and cafeteria.....	375,210	10.25	21,320	9.81
Cooks, private household.....	900	13.64	28,370	11.00
Cooks, restaurant.....	825,840	10.11	21,020	9.78
Cooks, short order.....	189,610	8.99	18,710	8.59
Cooks, all other.....	12,940	11.34	23,590	10.39
Food preparation workers.....	871,470	8.88	18,480	8.37
Bartenders.....	485,120	8.91	18,540	7.86
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food.....	2,461,890	7.66	15,930	7.24
Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concession, and coffee shop.....	524,410	8.15	16,950	7.76
Waiters and waitresses.....	2,312,930	8.27	17,190	7.14
Food servers, nonrestaurant.....	183,700	9.48	19,710	8.70
Dining room and cafeteria attendants and bartender helpers.....	401,790	7.84	16,320	7.36
Dishwashers.....	502,770	7.78	16,190	7.57
Hosts and hostesses, restaurant, lounge, and coffee shop.....	340,390	8.10	16,860	7.78
Food preparation and serving related workers, all other.....	54,900	9.31	19,360	8.55

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	4,396,250	\$10.86	\$22,580	\$9.75
First-line supervisors/managers of housekeeping and janitorial workers.....	182,690	16.16	33,610	15.04
First-line supervisors/managers of landscaping, lawn service, and groundskeeping workers.....	111,100	19.35	40,240	17.93
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners.....	2,124,860	10.45	21,730	9.58
Maids and housekeeping cleaners.....	900,040	8.99	18,700	8.45
Building cleaning workers, all other.....	14,390	13.78	28,670	12.06
Pest control workers.....	62,710	14.11	29,350	13.41
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers.....	924,330	11.06	23,010	10.22
Pesticide handlers, sprayers, and applicators, vegetation.....	25,880	13.73	28,560	12.84
Tree trimmers and pruners.....	28,300	14.38	29,910	13.58
Grounds maintenance workers, all other.....	21,930	11.77	24,490	9.82
Personal care and service occupations	3,249,760	11.02	22,920	9.17
Gaming supervisors.....	23,860	20.38	42,390	19.79
Slot key persons.....	13,450	12.16	25,300	10.92
First-line supervisors/managers of personal service workers.....	125,430	17.35	36,090	15.77
Animal trainers.....	10,020	14.39	29,920	12.65
Nonfarm animal caretakers.....	108,130	9.73	20,230	8.72
Gaming dealers.....	82,960	8.18	17,010	7.08
Gaming and sports book writers and runners.....	17,780	10.02	20,850	9.04
Gaming service workers, all other.....	(⁴)	11.59	24,110	10.52
Motion picture projectionists.....	10,620	9.70	20,180	8.39
Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers.....	101,530	8.41	17,500	7.64
Amusement and recreation attendants.....	235,670	8.43	17,530	7.83
Costume attendants.....	4,150	14.20	29,540	12.37
Locker room, coatroom, and dressing room attendants.....	18,770	9.50	19,760	8.95
Embalmers.....	8,860	19.43	40,410	18.19
Funeral attendants.....	32,250	10.56	21,970	9.78
Barbers.....	11,500	12.76	26,540	11.13
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists.....	344,900	11.80	24,550	10.25
Makeup artists, theatrical and performance.....	1,250	17.66	36,730	15.30
Manicurists and pedicurists.....	47,450	10.23	21,280	9.23
Shampooers.....	15,580	8.20	17,050	7.78
Skin care specialists.....	22,620	14.21	29,550	12.58
Baggage porters and bellhops.....	48,450	10.37	21,580	8.83
Concierges.....	19,150	12.50	26,000	11.83
Tour guides and escorts.....	30,390	10.73	22,310	9.82
Travel guides.....	3,220	14.83	30,840	13.68
Flight attendants.....	96,760	(²)	56,150	(²)
Transportation attendants, except flight attendants and baggage porters.....	20,790	10.17	21,140	9.65
Child care workers.....	572,950	9.05	18,820	8.48
Personal and home care aides.....	578,290	8.74	18,180	8.54
Fitness trainers and aerobics instructors.....	205,970	15.24	31,710	12.46
Recreation workers.....	273,280	11.03	22,950	9.84
Residential advisors.....	48,470	11.79	24,520	10.90
Personal care and service workers, all other.....	58,440	10.40	21,640	9.12
Sales and related occupations	14,114,860	16.52	34,350	11.14
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers.....	1,111,740	18.67	38,830	16.33
First-line supervisors/managers of non-retail sales workers.....	285,690	36.94	76,840	31.49
Cashiers.....	3,479,390	8.62	17,930	8.08
Gaming change persons and booth cashiers.....	26,700	10.32	21,470	9.94
Counter and rental clerks.....	468,900	11.22	23,340	9.41
Parts salespersons.....	234,770	14.43	30,010	13.19
Retail salespersons.....	4,374,230	11.51	23,940	9.50
Advertising sales agents.....	159,640	24.70	51,370	20.55
Insurance sales agents.....	311,380	28.10	58,450	21.09
Securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents.....	260,360	43.45	90,380	32.93
Travel agents.....	87,600	15.12	31,460	14.05

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Sales and related occupations—Continued				
Sales representatives, services, all other.....	501,850	\$27.13	\$56,420	\$23.12
Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, technical and scientific products.....	390,280	34.95	72,700	30.98
Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, except technical and scientific products.....	1,488,990	28.14	58,540	23.85
Demonstrators and product promoters.....	82,830	12.39	25,770	10.65
Models.....	1,470	13.45	27,980	11.22
Real estate brokers.....	46,950	38.57	80,230	29.23
Real estate sales agents.....	168,400	26.13	54,350	19.12
Sales engineers.....	75,150	39.94	83,080	37.37
Telemarketers.....	385,700	11.63	24,190	10.09
Door-to-door sales workers, news and street vendors, and related workers.....	11,140	12.92	26,880	9.71
Sales and related workers, all other.....	161,700	19.63	40,820	16.47
Office and administrative support occupations				
First-line supervisors/managers of office and administrative support workers.....	23,077,190	14.60	30,370	13.50
Switchboard operators, including answering service.....	1,351,180	22.37	46,530	20.92
Telephone operators.....	172,060	11.37	23,640	10.88
Telephone operators.....	26,350	15.73	32,710	16.41
Communications equipment operators, all other.....	4,220	15.93	33,130	15.23
Bill and account collectors.....	423,090	14.73	30,640	13.97
Billing and posting clerks and machine operators.....	517,750	14.39	29,930	13.87
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks.....	1,856,890	15.28	31,780	14.69
Gaming cage workers.....	17,970	11.62	24,170	11.13
Payroll and timekeeping clerks.....	205,970	15.93	33,140	15.58
Procurement clerks.....	74,370	16.13	33,540	15.91
Tellers.....	603,150	10.97	22,810	10.64
Brokerage clerks.....	72,400	18.89	39,280	17.50
Correspondence clerks.....	16,260	14.35	29,850	13.80
Court, municipal, and license clerks.....	107,100	15.66	32,580	14.89
Credit authorizers, checkers, and clerks.....	67,400	15.25	31,710	14.41
Customer service representatives.....	2,147,770	14.61	30,400	13.62
Eligibility interviewers, government programs.....	106,210	18.16	37,770	18.05
File clerks.....	223,090	11.32	23,540	10.62
Hotel, motel, and resort desk clerks.....	214,110	9.37	19,480	8.88
Interviewers, except eligibility and loan.....	211,500	13.07	27,190	12.64
Library assistants, clerical.....	109,090	11.03	22,940	10.40
Loan interviewers and clerks.....	248,050	15.71	32,680	14.89
New accounts clerks.....	80,770	14.19	29,510	13.65
Order clerks.....	264,520	13.52	28,130	12.66
Human resources assistants, except payroll and timekeeping.....	159,750	16.70	34,740	16.23
Receptionists and information clerks.....	1,112,350	11.45	23,810	11.01
Reservation and transportation ticket agents and travel clerks.....	157,650	14.48	30,120	13.72
All other information and record clerks.....	230,990	15.82	32,900	14.98
Cargo and freight agents.....	84,340	18.54	38,560	17.84
Couriers and messengers.....	105,070	11.14	23,170	10.36
Police, fire, and ambulance dispatchers.....	94,710	15.67	32,590	15.13
Dispatchers, except police, fire, and ambulance.....	185,410	16.56	34,450	15.48
Meter readers, utilities.....	45,770	15.41	32,040	14.58
Postal service clerks.....	81,670	21.13	43,950	21.54
Postal service mail carriers.....	346,990	21.03	43,750	21.32
Postal service mail sorters, processors, and processing machine operators.....	203,110	19.75	41,070	21.10
Production, planning, and expediting clerks.....	286,160	19.23	40,000	18.57
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks.....	763,350	13.21	27,480	12.53
Stock clerks and order fillers.....	1,705,450	10.79	22,440	9.83
Weighers, measurers, checkers, and samplers, recordkeeping.....	77,520	13.14	27,330	12.20

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Office and administrative support occupations—Continued				
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants.....	1,487,310	\$18.83	\$39,160	\$17.90
Legal secretaries.....	268,170	19.07	39,670	18.36
Medical secretaries.....	394,330	14.05	29,220	13.51
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive.....	1,750,600	13.68	28,460	13.20
Computer operators.....	123,750	16.83	35,010	16.13
Data entry keyers.....	295,650	12.33	25,640	11.87
Word processors and typists.....	153,530	14.68	30,540	14.15
Desktop publishers.....	30,440	17.36	36,120	16.41
Insurance claims and policy processing clerks.....	238,210	15.74	32,740	14.96
Mail clerks and mail machine operators, except postal service.....	141,170	12.05	25,060	11.45
Office clerks, general.....	3,026,710	12.12	25,200	11.40
Office machine operators, except computer.....	91,810	12.51	26,010	11.80
Proofreaders and copy markers.....	16,960	14.12	29,380	13.20
Statistical assistants.....	19,680	15.84	32,950	15.02
Office and administrative support workers, all other.....	277,310	14.07	29,260	13.08
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	450,040	10.49	21,810	8.63
First-line supervisors/managers of farming, fishing, and forestry workers.....	19,670	19.33	40,210	18.15
Farm labor contractors.....	2,060	13.87	28,850	11.32
Agricultural inspectors.....	14,790	18.67	38,820	18.32
Animal breeders.....	2,060	15.37	31,970	13.02
Graders and sorters, agricultural products.....	45,890	8.95	18,610	8.27
Agricultural equipment operators.....	21,140	10.55	21,950	9.72
Farmworkers and laborers, crop, nursery, and greenhouse.....	230,780	8.48	17,630	7.95
Farmworkers, farm and ranch animals.....	47,870	9.92	20,630	9.17
Agricultural workers, all other.....	8,550	12.05	25,070	10.80
Fishers and related fishing workers.....	880	13.71	28,510	13.10
Forest and conservation workers.....	8,530	11.97	24,890	10.01
Fallers.....	8,790	15.84	32,960	13.80
Logging equipment operators.....	28,300	14.85	30,880	14.28
Log graders and scalers.....	4,810	14.90	30,980	14.06
Logging workers, all other.....	5,880	15.25	31,720	15.32
Construction and extraction occupations	6,680,710	18.89	39,290	17.04
First-line supervisors/managers of construction trades and extraction workers.....	574,870	27.64	57,500	25.89
Boilermakers.....	17,240	23.37	48,600	22.58
Brickmasons and blockmasons.....	118,080	21.33	44,370	20.66
Stonemasons.....	18,210	18.29	38,040	17.29
Carpenters.....	985,990	19.20	39,930	17.57
Carpet installers.....	36,840	18.40	38,280	16.62
Floor layers, except carpet, wood, and hard tiles.....	14,910	18.81	39,120	16.44
Floor sanders and finishers.....	7,480	15.29	31,810	13.89
Tile and marble setters.....	51,330	18.92	39,360	17.59
Cement masons and concrete finishers.....	218,170	17.13	35,630	15.70
Terrazzo workers and finishers.....	6,550	16.78	34,900	15.21
Construction laborers.....	1,016,530	14.39	29,930	12.66
Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators.....	63,090	16.45	34,210	15.05
Pile-driver operators.....	5,280	24.02	49,950	22.20
Operating engineers and other construction equipment operators.....	393,090	19.50	40,560	17.74
Drywall and ceiling tile installers.....	140,630	18.66	38,810	17.38
Tapers.....	40,090	20.48	42,590	19.85
Electricians.....	617,370	22.41	46,620	20.97
Glaziers.....	51,990	18.30	38,060	16.64
Insulation workers, floor, ceiling, and wall.....	31,450	16.48	34,280	14.67
Insulation workers, mechanical.....	27,900	20.07	41,740	17.74
Painters, construction and maintenance.....	263,390	16.45	34,220	15.00
Paperhangers.....	6,160	17.42	36,230	16.21
Pipelayers.....	58,330	16.21	33,710	14.58
Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters.....	435,960	22.03	45,830	20.56
Plasterers and stucco masons.....	50,700	17.91	37,260	16.68
Reinforcing iron and rebar workers.....	30,180	20.35	42,330	18.38

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Construction and extraction occupations—Continued				
Roofers.....	125,030	\$16.99	\$35,340	\$15.51
Sheet metal workers.....	177,540	19.61	40,780	17.96
Structural iron and steel workers.....	67,560	21.13	43,950	19.46
Helpers--brickmasons, blockmasons, stonemasons, and tile and marble setters.....	62,290	13.39	27,850	12.19
Helpers--carpenters.....	104,200	11.63	24,190	11.09
Helpers--electricians.....	100,550	12.05	25,050	11.42
Helpers--painters, paperhangers, plasterers, and stucco masons.....	23,390	10.87	22,620	10.25
Helpers--pipelayers, plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters.....	81,510	12.22	25,430	11.50
Helpers--roofers.....	21,050	10.93	22,740	10.46
Helpers, construction trades, all other.....	35,880	11.93	24,820	10.94
Construction and building inspectors.....	96,630	23.37	48,620	22.39
Elevator installers and repairers.....	21,700	29.78	61,930	30.59
Fence erectors.....	24,610	13.53	28,130	12.69
Hazardous materials removal workers.....	38,740	18.43	38,340	17.04
Highway maintenance workers.....	138,670	15.56	32,370	15.17
Rail-track laying and maintenance equipment operators.....	13,680	19.06	39,640	19.23
Septic tank servicers and sewer pipe cleaners.....	22,090	15.65	32,560	15.11
Segmental pavers.....	880	13.75	28,600	13.80
Construction and related workers, all other.....	56,130	15.81	32,880	14.65
Derrick operators, oil and gas.....	16,920	18.23	37,930	17.42
Rotary drill operators, oil and gas.....	18,010	20.36	42,350	18.49
Service unit operators, oil, gas, and mining.....	25,360	17.37	36,120	15.82
Earth drillers, except oil and gas.....	19,070	17.80	37,030	16.59
Explosives workers, ordnance handling experts, and blasters.....	5,110	19.83	41,240	19.18
Continuous mining machine operators.....	9,660	19.38	40,310	19.44
Mine cutting and channeling machine operators.....	7,700	18.71	38,930	19.23
Mining machine operators, all other.....	2,880	18.50	38,490	17.97
Rock splitters, quarry.....	3,790	13.91	28,940	13.05
Roof bolters, mining.....	4,240	20.29	42,200	19.83
Roustabouts, oil and gas.....	41,120	12.93	26,890	12.36
Helpers--extraction workers.....	23,980	14.65	30,460	13.79
Extraction workers, all other.....	8,880	18.49	38,470	17.04
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	5,352,420	18.78	39,060	17.65
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers.....	450,710	26.98	56,110	25.91
Computer, automated teller, and office machine repairers.....	139,770	18.29	38,050	17.54
Radio mechanics.....	6,250	19.17	39,880	18.12
Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers.....	190,130	24.33	50,610	25.21
Avionics technicians.....	15,360	22.78	47,380	22.57
Electric motor, power tool, and related repairers.....	22,100	16.74	34,810	15.80
Electrical and electronics installers and repairers, transportation equipment.....	20,480	20.98	43,650	20.72
Electrical and electronics repairers, commercial and industrial equipment.....	78,570	21.96	45,670	21.72
Electrical and electronics repairers, powerhouse, substation, and relay.....	22,090	27.34	56,870	27.60
Electronic equipment installers and repairers, motor vehicles.....	19,510	14.99	31,190	13.57
Electronic home entertainment equipment installers and repairers.....	35,310	15.25	31,710	14.42
Security and fire alarm systems installers.....	51,740	17.51	36,410	16.73
Aircraft mechanics and service technicians.....	118,210	23.70	49,300	22.95
Automotive body and related repairers.....	155,500	18.38	38,230	16.92
Automotive glass installers and repairers.....	18,650	15.41	32,050	14.77
Automotive service technicians and mechanics.....	642,360	17.34	36,070	16.24
Bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists.....	254,850	18.48	38,440	18.11
Farm equipment mechanics.....	29,500	14.58	30,320	14.16
Mobile heavy equipment mechanics, except engines.....	119,060	19.90	41,390	19.44
Rail car repairers.....	23,810	20.68	43,010	20.82
Motorboat mechanics.....	18,550	16.55	34,430	15.96
Motorcycle mechanics.....	16,700	15.39	32,000	14.45
Outdoor power equipment and other small engine mechanics.....	25,560	13.44	27,950	12.94
Bicycle repairers.....	8,350	10.87	22,610	10.48
Recreational vehicle service technicians.....	13,560	16.00	33,280	15.15
Tire repairers and changers.....	103,120	10.96	22,790	10.26

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations—Continued				
Mechanical door repairers.....	15,130	\$16.38	\$34,060	\$15.20
Control and valve installers and repairers, except mechanical door.....	42,270	21.77	45,290	21.84
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers.....	250,970	19.09	39,710	18.11
Home appliance repairers.....	42,810	16.99	35,350	16.28
Industrial machinery mechanics.....	250,810	20.47	42,570	19.74
Maintenance and repair workers, general.....	1,310,580	16.11	33,510	15.34
Maintenance workers, machinery.....	81,580	17.50	36,390	16.61
Millwrights.....	53,320	22.99	47,820	21.94
Refractory materials repairers, except brickmasons.....	3,340	19.61	40,790	19.61
Electrical power-line installers and repairers.....	110,520	23.99	49,900	24.41
Telecommunications line installers and repairers.....	156,440	21.99	45,740	22.25
Camera and photographic equipment repairers.....	3,470	17.60	36,600	16.76
Medical equipment repairers.....	32,100	20.69	43,040	19.51
Musical instrument repairers and tuners.....	5,120	15.31	31,850	14.04
Watch repairers.....	3,050	15.75	32,760	14.86
Precision instrument and equipment repairers, all other.....	12,980	22.71	47,230	22.23
Coin, vending, and amusement machine servicers and repairers.....	39,440	14.33	29,820	13.80
Commercial divers.....	2,680	21.83	45,410	19.03
Fabric menders, except garment.....	1,280	14.55	30,260	13.64
Locksmiths and safe repairers.....	17,870	16.14	33,560	15.39
Manufactured building and mobile home installers.....	9,520	12.79	26,600	12.06
Riggers.....	12,010	19.07	39,670	18.85
Signal and track switch repairers.....	5,980	23.98	49,870	24.11
Helpers—installation, maintenance, and repair workers.....	159,110	11.64	24,210	10.71
Installation, maintenance, and repair workers, all other.....	130,260	17.10	35,560	15.84
Production occupations	10,268,510	14.65	30,480	13.16
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers.....	676,640	24.27	50,480	22.74
Aircraft structure, surfaces, rigging, and systems assemblers.....	27,680	21.09	43,860	21.83
Coil winders, tapers, and finishers.....	22,560	12.94	26,910	12.64
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers.....	211,460	13.23	27,510	12.29
Electromechanical equipment assemblers.....	59,760	13.91	28,930	13.25
Engine and other machine assemblers.....	45,120	17.02	35,400	15.99
Structural metal fabricators and fitters.....	99,680	15.11	31,440	14.56
Fiberglass laminators and fabricators.....	32,510	12.96	26,960	12.49
Team assemblers.....	1,250,120	12.59	26,180	11.63
Timing device assemblers, adjusters, and calibrators.....	2,460	14.68	30,530	13.86
Assemblers and fabricators, all other.....	288,370	14.90	31,000	12.85
Bakers.....	139,700	11.40	23,710	10.59
Butchers and meat cutters.....	128,350	13.61	28,310	12.95
Meat, poultry, and fish cutters and trimmers.....	139,830	10.22	21,260	9.79
Slaughtering and meat packers.....	118,610	10.55	21,940	10.43
Food and tobacco roasting, baking, and drying machine operators and tenders.....	18,510	12.36	25,710	11.30
Food batchmakers.....	92,590	11.92	24,790	11.11
Food cooking machine operators and tenders.....	44,060	10.94	22,750	10.23
Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal and plastic.....	139,580	15.78	32,820	15.23
Numerical tool and process control programmers.....	17,800	21.54	44,810	20.42
Extruding and drawing machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	93,810	14.10	29,330	13.58
Forging machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	31,050	14.41	29,980	13.94
Rolling machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	34,710	15.43	32,080	14.93
Cutting, punching, and press machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	269,640	13.33	27,730	12.66
Drilling and boring machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	42,480	15.21	31,640	14.36
Grinding, lapping, polishing, and buffing machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	100,010	14.32	29,780	13.50
Lathe and turning machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	65,840	15.98	33,250	15.46
Milling and planing machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	29,040	15.52	32,280	15.18
Machinists.....	385,690	17.22	35,810	16.71
Metal-refining furnace operators and tenders.....	18,430	16.14	33,560	15.69
Pourers and casters, metal.....	14,880	14.87	30,930	14.22

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Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Production occupations—Continued				
Model makers, metal and plastic.....	8,370	\$21.22	\$44,130	\$20.22
Patternmakers, metal and plastic.....	7,070	18.31	38,090	17.01
Foundry mold and coremakers.....	14,460	14.40	29,950	13.82
Molding, coremaking, and casting machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	155,670	13.14	27,330	12.29
Multiple machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	96,480	15.45	32,140	14.68
Tool and die makers.....	96,960	21.95	45,650	21.29
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers.....	376,630	15.81	32,880	15.10
Welding, soldering, and brazing machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	48,770	16.08	33,440	14.90
Heat treating equipment setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	27,050	15.27	31,750	14.83
Lay-out workers, metal and plastic.....	9,960	16.87	35,080	16.15
Plating and coating machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic.....	41,500	14.08	29,280	13.21
Tool grinders, filers, and sharpeners.....	17,620	15.49	32,210	14.73
Metal workers and plastic workers, all other.....	47,760	18.14	37,730	16.69
Bindery workers.....	63,700	13.16	27,370	12.29
Bookbinders.....	7,120	15.49	32,210	14.55
Job printers.....	46,200	16.36	34,020	15.58
Prepress technicians and workers.....	70,890	16.70	34,730	16.01
Printing machine operators.....	191,610	15.79	32,840	14.90
Laundry and dry-cleaning workers.....	217,580	9.08	18,890	8.58
Pressers, textile, garment, and related materials.....	75,150	8.88	18,470	8.56
Sewing machine operators.....	219,080	9.78	20,340	9.04
Shoe and leather workers and repairers.....	7,450	10.41	21,660	9.83
Shoe machine operators and tenders.....	4,080	10.92	22,710	10.54
Sewers, hand.....	9,750	10.43	21,680	9.79
Tailors, dressmakers, and custom sewers.....	30,000	11.91	24,770	11.01
Textile bleaching and dyeing machine operators and tenders.....	20,070	11.50	23,920	11.20
Textile cutting machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	19,140	10.93	22,740	10.39
Textile knitting and weaving machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	38,900	11.80	24,530	11.68
Textile winding, twisting, and drawing out machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	44,210	11.32	23,550	11.08
Extruding and forming machine setters, operators, and tenders, synthetic and glass fibers.....	17,860	14.38	29,910	13.78
Fabric and apparel patternmakers.....	8,840	18.45	38,380	15.74
Upholsterers.....	40,340	13.70	28,500	13.09
Textile, apparel, and furnishings workers, all other.....	22,890	11.91	24,770	11.03
Cabinetmakers and bench carpenters.....	127,780	13.83	28,760	12.99
Furniture finishers.....	24,890	12.83	26,680	12.02
Model makers, wood.....	1,920	15.86	33,000	13.69
Patternmakers, wood.....	2,270	16.20	33,690	15.15
Sawing machine setters, operators, and tenders, wood.....	60,230	12.20	25,380	11.67
Woodworking machine setters, operators, and tenders, except sawing.....	97,700	12.07	25,110	11.51
Woodworkers, all other.....	11,350	12.03	25,030	10.86
Nuclear power reactor operators.....	3,750	34.04	70,800	33.35
Power distributors and dispatchers.....	8,420	30.12	62,640	30.09
Power plant operators.....	34,200	26.60	55,340	26.44
Stationary engineers and boiler operators.....	42,730	22.59	46,990	22.13
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators.....	106,550	17.88	37,180	17.34
Chemical plant and system operators.....	52,970	23.53	48,930	23.60
Gas plant operators.....	12,120	25.90	53,870	25.80
Petroleum pump system operators, refinery operators, and gaugers.....	40,880	25.20	52,410	25.18
Plant and system operators, all other.....	13,820	22.33	46,450	22.25
Chemical equipment operators and tenders.....	50,570	19.85	41,300	19.37
Separating, filtering, clarifying, precipitating, and still machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	43,660	17.37	36,130	16.81
Crushing, grinding, and polishing machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	41,910	14.22	29,570	13.50
Grinding and polishing workers, hand.....	43,980	12.24	25,460	11.48
Mixing and blending machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	140,710	14.80	30,790	14.10
Cutters and trimmers, hand.....	28,790	11.72	24,370	10.73
Cutting and slicing machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	77,960	14.23	29,610	13.43

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Production occupations—Continued				
Extruding, forming, pressing, and compacting machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	81,000	\$14.06	\$29,230	\$13.32
Furnace, kiln, oven, drier, and kettle operators and tenders.....	27,100	15.25	31,720	14.58
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers.....	483,020	15.48	32,190	14.14
Jewelers and precious stone and metal workers.....	26,220	16.01	33,300	14.30
Dental laboratory technicians.....	45,840	16.79	34,910	15.67
Medical appliance technicians.....	10,610	16.56	34,450	14.99
Ophthalmic laboratory technicians.....	29,130	13.35	27,770	12.24
Packaging and filling machine operators and tenders.....	384,160	12.02	25,000	11.06
Coating, painting, and spraying machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	102,210	13.57	28,230	12.90
Painters, transportation equipment.....	52,170	18.57	38,630	17.15
Painting, coating, and decorating workers.....	29,950	12.14	25,260	11.04
Photographic process workers.....	24,180	12.84	26,710	11.19
Photographic processing machine operators.....	50,040	10.35	21,540	9.38
Semiconductor processors.....	41,520	16.70	34,730	15.80
Cementing and gluing machine operators and tenders.....	23,540	12.90	26,840	12.10
Cleaning, washing, and metal pickling equipment operators and tenders.....	15,500	12.22	25,420	10.99
Cooling and freezing equipment operators and tenders.....	10,050	12.48	25,970	11.48
Etchers and engravers.....	11,390	13.34	27,750	12.30
Molders, shapers, and casters, except metal and plastic.....	42,610	12.85	26,730	12.03
Paper goods machine setters, operators, and tenders.....	113,930	15.68	32,610	15.14
Tire builders.....	23,210	18.38	38,220	18.33
Helpers--production workers.....	539,350	10.63	22,120	9.97
Production workers, all other.....	288,470	13.82	28,740	11.97
Transportation and material moving occupations	9,647,730	14.16	29,460	12.17
Aircraft cargo handling supervisors.....	5,620	21.85	45,440	19.16
First-line supervisors/managers of helpers, laborers, and material movers, hand.....	178,820	20.16	41,940	19.02
First-line supervisors/managers of transportation and material-moving machine and vehicle operators.....	220,570	24.51	50,990	23.24
Airline pilots, copilots, and flight engineers.....	75,810	(²)	140,380	(²)
Commercial pilots.....	27,120	(²)	66,720	(²)
Air traffic controllers.....	23,240	53.02	110,270	56.37
Airfield operations specialists.....	4,760	19.90	41,400	18.09
Ambulance drivers and attendants, except emergency medical technicians.....	21,100	10.54	21,930	9.79
Bus drivers, transit and intercity.....	191,120	15.89	33,050	15.43
Bus drivers, school.....	456,570	12.08	25,130	11.93
Driver/sales workers.....	396,680	11.72	24,380	9.99
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer.....	1,673,950	17.46	36,320	16.85
Truck drivers, light or delivery services.....	941,590	13.23	27,520	12.17
Taxi drivers and chauffeurs.....	154,490	10.62	22,080	9.78
Motor vehicle operators, all other.....	71,880	12.76	26,550	10.92
Locomotive engineers.....	36,870	29.74	61,850	27.88
Locomotive firers.....	560	21.96	45,680	19.85
Rail yard engineers, dinkey operators, and hostlers.....	5,820	19.24	40,020	18.21
Railroad brake, signal, and switch operators.....	22,810	25.05	52,110	23.49
Railroad conductors and yardmasters.....	37,110	28.31	58,880	26.70
Subway and streetcar operators.....	6,740	22.20	46,180	23.55
Rail transportation workers, all other.....	6,360	18.43	38,330	18.82
Sailors and marine oilers.....	31,690	15.73	32,710	14.73
Captains, mates, and pilots of water vessels.....	29,170	27.43	57,060	25.69
Motorboat operators.....	2,450	16.74	34,810	15.55
Ship engineers.....	14,190	28.53	59,340	26.36
Bridge and lock tenders.....	3,700	17.27	35,930	18.76
Parking lot attendants.....	131,870	8.87	18,450	8.33
Service station attendants.....	94,780	9.21	19,150	8.53
Traffic technicians.....	6,560	18.68	38,840	17.86
Transportation inspectors.....	23,790	26.62	55,370	24.22
Transportation workers, all other.....	42,130	15.55	32,350	14.51

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2006—Continued

Occupation	Employment	Mean wages		Median hourly wages
		Hourly	Annual ¹	
Transportation and material moving occupations—Continued				
Conveyor operators and tenders.....	50,080	\$13.45	\$27,970	\$13.09
Crane and tower operators.....	45,740	19.93	41,450	18.77
Dredge operators.....	1,780	17.81	37,050	16.26
Excavating and loading machine and dragline operators.....	67,590	17.19	35,740	15.83
Loading machine operators, underground mining.....	2,480	19.37	40,290	17.91
Hoist and winch operators.....	2,990	17.56	36,530	16.16
Industrial truck and tractor operators.....	629,100	13.99	29,090	13.11
Cleaners of vehicles and equipment.....	334,560	9.68	20,130	8.68
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand.....	2,372,130	11.08	23,050	10.20
Machine feeders and offbearers.....	150,600	11.58	24,080	10.88
Packers and packagers, hand.....	827,470	9.30	19,340	8.48
Gas compressor and gas pumping station operators.....	3,900	21.52	44,760	21.83
Pump operators, except wellhead pumpers.....	10,030	19.55	40,670	19.13
Wellhead pumpers.....	13,280	17.67	36,760	17.38
Refuse and recyclable material collectors.....	125,770	14.96	31,110	13.93
Shuttle car operators.....	2,860	18.92	39,350	18.78
Tank car, truck, and ship loaders.....	15,360	16.44	34,200	15.37
Material moving workers, all other.....	52,120	15.87	33,000	14.55

¹ Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a "year-round, full-time" hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly mean wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.

² Wages for some occupations that do not generally work year round, full time, are reported either as hourly wages or annual salaries depending on how they are typically paid.

³ Represents a wage above \$70.00 per hour.

⁴ Estimates not released.

Table 2. Hourly mean wage rates by industry and occupational group

Industry	Occupational group										
	Management	Business and financial operations	Computer and mathematical science	Architecture and engineering	Life, physical, and social science	Community and social services	Legal	Education, training, and library	Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	Healthcare practitioners and technical	Healthcare support
All industries	\$44.20	\$28.85	\$33.29	\$31.82	\$28.68	\$18.75	\$41.04	\$21.79	\$22.17	\$29.82	\$11.83
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.....	37.36	26.48	26.60	29.11	21.82	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	14.45	21.53	(¹)
Mining.....	49.10	30.71	33.08	40.08	35.71	(¹)	35.88	(¹)	29.18	27.52	8.39
Utilities.....	49.26	31.97	33.83	33.73	32.30	(¹)	53.51	29.93	29.27	30.85	(¹)
Construction.....	45.18	28.42	28.22	29.55	28.44	18.57	43.27	(¹)	23.68	25.04	9.97
Manufacturing.....	49.47	28.58	36.51	32.66	29.43	23.82	54.67	26.73	22.96	26.38	13.96
Wholesale trade.....	52.26	28.70	33.96	32.03	31.99	18.04	52.04	22.90	21.89	26.53	12.63
Retail trade.....	40.30	24.25	26.08	27.66	26.51	16.59	24.80	15.64	13.93	25.67	9.99
Transportation and warehousing.....	40.02	27.83	30.28	31.28	31.26	14.61	48.95	24.04	21.23	23.79	11.37
Information.....	53.89	31.44	34.57	33.10	34.90	18.46	51.52	18.69	23.39	28.95	16.50
Finance and insurance.....	52.97	30.24	33.78	36.21	31.66	20.58	34.04	24.20	25.60	27.95	13.69
Real estate and rental and leasing.....	32.47	27.60	28.84	29.40	25.06	17.25	33.32	20.29	21.01	21.12	11.07
Professional, scientific, and technical services.....	56.58	32.82	35.36	30.91	29.45	21.27	43.54	27.39	24.68	24.68	10.18
Management of companies and enterprises.....	53.20	30.08	32.95	35.34	32.64	17.44	51.33	20.04	28.60	30.19	13.23
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services.....	44.37	26.81	30.57	29.20	25.73	16.25	30.49	19.78	20.92	27.99	12.03
Educational services.....	39.10	24.60	24.54	27.75	23.92	24.44	39.42	22.61	17.67	25.70	13.37
Health care and social assistance.....	36.28	24.12	27.24	27.75	31.12	16.51	33.91	12.13	20.55	30.84	11.72
Arts, entertainment, and recreation.....	38.65	29.45	24.96	33.47	21.45	15.23	51.91	18.16	23.93	18.96	18.32
Accommodation and food services.....	26.49	21.33	24.93	26.87	23.10	13.00	45.11	14.91	14.58	20.54	15.51
Other services (except public administration).....	38.11	23.94	27.27	30.80	26.70	17.19	37.57	14.41	22.62	23.64	16.85
Federal, state, and local government.....	36.37	27.63	31.26	32.13	27.68	20.24	36.37	19.25	24.27	27.17	13.69

See footnote at end of table.

Table 2. Hourly mean wage rates by industry and occupational group—Continued

Industry	Occupational group										
	Protective service	Food preparation and serving	Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	Personal care and service	Sales and related	Office and administrative support	Farming, fishing, and forestry	Construction and extraction	Installation, maintenance, and repair	Production	Transportation and material moving
All industries	\$17.81	\$8.86	\$10.86	\$11.02	\$16.52	\$14.60	\$10.49	\$18.89	\$18.78	\$14.65	\$14.16
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.....	12.35	11.30	11.80	11.66	23.11	12.27	9.71	16.03	15.16	11.53	11.36
Mining.....	12.87	13.02	10.67	14.72	29.14	15.46	10.03	18.41	20.12	20.02	17.14
Utilities.....	19.87	10.65	14.59	21.20	26.88	18.31	12.43	24.04	25.66	26.44	19.73
Construction.....	12.95	8.72	11.64	10.39	27.31	14.85	11.86	19.02	18.87	16.23	15.88
Manufacturing.....	15.08	9.30	11.57	12.74	28.04	15.82	11.79	19.42	20.33	15.00	13.42
Wholesale trade.....	13.16	8.90	10.63	12.02	28.01	14.64	9.96	18.54	18.72	14.26	13.42
Retail trade.....	12.67	9.52	9.84	9.14	11.63	11.52	9.97	16.65	16.91	12.73	10.55
Transportation and warehousing.....	16.30	12.22	16.49	21.58	24.35	17.72	13.60	20.21	21.22	17.06	18.17
Information.....	15.32	7.85	10.96	8.71	23.44	16.41	(¹)	23.40	24.41	16.40	12.76
Finance and insurance.....	17.94	11.60	10.48	12.22	32.22	14.99	12.45	18.97	17.81	17.74	19.13
Real estate and rental and leasing.....	12.72	9.56	11.01	11.72	18.01	13.93	11.15	18.82	15.17	14.27	12.03
Professional, scientific, and technical services.....	18.36	10.49	11.26	9.82	28.41	15.83	10.99	22.03	20.69	16.38	13.74
Management of companies and enterprises.....	15.73	11.11	11.56	10.93	26.75	16.41	11.34	23.16	20.55	16.32	14.86
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services.....	10.98	9.24	10.58	10.50	15.98	13.13	10.72	15.30	17.02	11.08	11.21
Educational services.....	14.22	9.87	12.57	10.76	16.35	14.42	13.60	20.64	17.40	18.07	12.31
Health care and social assistance.....	13.51	9.89	10.16	9.27	16.80	14.01	10.08	21.83	16.22	11.73	11.00
Arts, entertainment, and recreation.....	10.69	9.61	10.94	11.34	11.29	12.82	10.39	21.10	15.31	16.97	11.97
Accommodation and food services.....	11.48	8.64	9.24	10.60	9.24	11.27	11.44	19.57	14.02	10.32	8.55
Other services (except public administration).....	10.05	8.93	10.41	11.54	13.64	13.23	12.73	18.56	17.05	11.58	10.12
Federal, state, and local government.....	21.79	11.69	13.36	11.65	14.61	15.99	16.56	18.54	20.19	20.14	19.18

¹ Data not available.

Table 3. Employment by industry and occupational group

Industry	Total	Occupational group									
		Management	Business and financial operations	Computer and mathematical science	Architecture and engineering	Life, physical, and social science	Community and social services	Legal	Education, training, and library	Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	Healthcare practitioners and technical
All industries	132,604,980	5,892,900	5,826,140	3,076,200	2,430,250	1,231,070	1,749,210	976,740	8,206,440	1,727,380	6,713,780
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.....	379,690	6,190	1,480	320	100	2,140	(¹)	(¹)	150	220	180
Mining.....	590,510	32,890	23,300	7,940	25,230	17,320	(¹)	2,620	(¹)	360	2,320
Utilities.....	546,400	31,020	35,160	16,360	47,070	9,750	(¹)	1,240	100	2,030	1,330
Construction.....	7,633,080	362,950	215,190	7,620	75,220	3,590	(¹)	1,440	50	7,670	1,690
Manufacturing.....	14,185,770	690,670	430,190	266,930	799,490	149,880	120	5,510	1,460	84,670	16,640
Wholesale trade.....	5,862,420	320,730	228,870	157,140	63,650	29,260	(¹)	2,490	1,070	49,400	17,210
Retail trade.....	15,516,280	362,320	167,930	58,000	4,980	4,970	480	1,350	6,640	122,640	408,480
Transportation and warehousing.....	5,203,910	147,330	98,290	23,150	23,290	3,460	120	1,890	1,050	3,550	3,820
Information.....	3,056,170	186,750	152,630	411,560	66,530	29,820	190	6,320	14,510	488,130	1,370
Finance and insurance.....	5,992,570	445,990	1,300,620	(¹)	3,880	31,000	3,330	56,530	1,480	18,910	(¹)
Real estate and rental and leasing.....	2,148,700	193,420	99,450	12,520	4,380	5,040	1,700	8,080	490	12,090	8,330
Professional, scientific, and technical services.....	7,243,130	504,580	840,540	986,210	881,350	342,000	7,790	594,630	20,430	303,820	141,350
Management of companies and enterprises.....	1,786,440	292,640	299,170	172,560	46,860	33,190	15,950	19,590	6,900	29,590	21,770
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services.....	8,350,180	230,940	277,170	136,680	77,260	26,090	13,290	21,300	30,870	50,040	203,830
Educational services.....	12,291,320	523,940	211,390	176,140	20,350	162,250	256,650	3,150	7,311,310	197,430	237,080
Health care and social assistance.....	15,586,670	526,580	207,120	77,980	6,060	81,100	877,000	5,170	487,370	27,700	5,191,170
Arts, entertainment, and recreation.....	1,866,930	63,460	35,130	4,990	1,080	5,160	380	450	31,030	175,200	7,910
Accommodation and food services.....	11,049,000	276,870	38,540	2,320	350	970	510	170	600	17,770	3,250
Other services (except public administration).....	3,833,100	174,340	192,410	27,040	6,480	12,410	98,600	7,450	78,120	77,460	9,210
Federal, state, and local government.....	9,482,720	519,300	971,570	222,600	276,640	281,680	472,420	237,360	212,800	58,690	403,690

See footnote at end of table.

Table 3. Employment by industry and occupational group—Continued

Industry	Occupational group											
	Healthcare support	Protective service	Food preparation and serving	Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	Personal care and service	Sales and related	Office and administrative support	Farming, fishing, and forestry	Construction and extraction	Installation, maintenance, and repair	Production	Transportation and material moving
All industries	3,483,270	3,024,840	11,029,280	4,396,250	3,249,760	14,114,860	23,077,190	450,040	6,680,710	5,352,420	10,268,510	9,647,730
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.....	(¹)	380	40	5,020	5,620	2,830	21,320	264,960	750	8,040	10,100	49,650
Mining.....	350	650	140	1,220	60	8,110	56,920	190	221,780	47,700	51,300	90,120
Utilities.....	(¹)	3,890	40	3,020	40	10,170	115,390	330	32,780	148,070	76,610	11,970
Construction.....	270	5,300	(¹)	49,890	1,290	152,510	732,340	1,280	5,101,800	531,060	99,780	280,150
Manufacturing.....	1,100	17,910	36,990	94,310	1,120	430,490	1,384,540	36,860	265,280	705,450	7,449,080	1,317,070
Wholesale trade.....	1,740	5,300	5,180	27,340	1,580	1,540,650	1,390,270	53,100	22,810	386,850	326,820	1,230,430
Retail trade.....	47,420	71,520	489,240	134,500	86,850	8,405,880	2,574,000	22,430	59,290	814,090	443,740	1,229,530
Transportation and warehousing.....	270	14,840	9,050	34,050	145,880	91,030	1,540,090	2,460	26,010	303,610	71,010	2,659,640
Information.....	(¹)	5,370	46,110	11,840	55,390	397,700	710,420	(¹)	4,110	302,550	86,930	77,760
Finance and insurance.....	2,300	12,860	2,140	16,400	1,020	(¹)	2,994,960	270	1,830	13,440	3,310	3,220
Real estate and rental and leasing.....	4,940	33,910	22,380	175,080	23,240	529,370	504,080	1,320	30,170	319,160	11,830	147,720
Professional, scientific, and technical services.....	70,160	12,990	2,920	46,530	28,030	325,130	1,836,570	5,700	61,690	70,290	104,750	55,670
Management of companies and enterprises.....	8,010	10,270	(¹)	19,420	10,430	102,890	522,740	2,170	11,770	42,060	32,670	66,990
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services.....	102,840	662,920	132,540	1,667,460	64,860	522,100	1,823,130	21,030	287,700	198,310	785,300	1,014,520
Educational services.....	35,910	107,540	456,140	535,220	197,920	34,600	1,316,450	2,960	43,470	150,390	22,020	289,010
Health care and social assistance.....	3,027,740	69,640	513,940	440,900	1,022,390	49,760	2,609,770	1,190	19,290	122,740	112,420	109,650
Arts, entertainment, and recreation.....	5,550	75,290	317,090	189,670	504,600	149,700	178,350	5,150	9,590	66,020	5,940	35,210
Accommodation and food services.....	6,630	62,190	8,770,580	590,870	138,720	329,810	412,420	450	4,150	95,100	78,940	217,790
Other services (except public administration).....	25,210	46,250	103,790	110,280	693,980	226,650	589,670	1,130	15,060	651,140	330,020	356,390
Federal, state, and local government.....	142,510	1,805,820	100,300	243,200	266,720	67,650	1,763,780	27,050	461,380	376,350	165,970	405,250

¹ Data not available.

Table 4. Employment and wages for registered nurses by industry

Industry	Employment	Percent of occupational employment	Mean wages	
			Hourly	Annual
Total, all industries ¹	2,417,150	100.0	\$28.71	\$59,730
General medical and surgical hospitals	1,373,610	56.8	29.31	60,970
Offices of physicians	209,260	8.7	28.45	59,170
Home health care services	124,470	5.1	27.31	56,810
Nursing care facilities	122,990	5.1	25.81	53,690
Employment services	95,490	4.0	31.36	65,230

¹ Includes other industries, not shown separately.

Table 5. National employment and wages for the 10 largest occupations in the general medical and surgical hospital industry

Occupation	Employment	Percent of industry employment	Mean wages		Percentiles	
			Hourly	Annual	25th	75th
General medical and surgical hospitals (NAICS 622100):						
Registered nurses	1,373,610	28.1	\$29.31	\$60,970	\$23.80	\$34.03
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	382,940	7.8	11.55	24,030	9.47	13.34
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	171,470	3.5	17.33	36,050	14.33	19.91
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	115,790	2.4	10.15	21,110	8.16	11.61
Radiologic technologists and technicians	114,600	2.3	23.87	49,640	19.55	28.01
Office clerks, general	114,250	2.3	12.94	26,910	10.17	15.31
Medical and clinical laboratory technologists	96,590	2.0	24.34	50,630	20.35	28.04
Medical secretaries	95,090	1.9	13.67	28,440	11.18	15.79
Medical and health services managers	87,620	1.8	40.83	84,930	30.32	47.45
Interviewers, except eligibility and loan	80,650	1.7	12.93	26,900	10.66	14.83

Table 6. Highest and lowest paying states by selected occupations

Highest paying			Lowest paying		
State	Hourly mean wage	Employment	State	Hourly mean wage	Employment
Retail salespersons					
Washington	\$13.46	84,650	South Dakota	\$10.41	13,670
Connecticut	13.27	53,750	Wyoming	9.99	7,570
Alaska	12.91	9,760	West Virginia	9.93	22,260
New Jersey	12.57	118,670	Kentucky	9.83	60,070
Oregon	12.44	61,270	Arkansas	9.74	37,620
Registered nurses					
California	\$36.12	234,260	West Virginia	\$23.78	15,380
Massachusetts	34.09	76,350	Kansas	23.64	23,590
Hawaii	33.02	9,610	Wyoming	23.54	4,010
Maryland	32.87	47,560	Oklahoma	23.31	24,720
New Jersey	32.02	80,330	Iowa	22.61	31,040
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks					
District of Columbia	\$19.11	5,400	Montana	\$13.12	9,800
Connecticut	18.34	25,270	Wyoming	12.93	5,490
Alaska	18.08	5,110	North Dakota	12.88	5,970
New Jersey	17.63	54,180	West Virginia	12.43	8,620
Massachusetts	17.52	47,280	South Dakota	11.64	8,620
General and operations managers					
New Jersey	\$66.14	39,740	Alaska	\$34.99	7,860
Washington	58.48	16,890	Wyoming	34.16	5,510
New York	57.42	92,200	Oklahoma	33.97	27,800
Virginia	57.14	30,970	Montana	31.60	9,390
Connecticut	56.87	22,940	Idaho	29.66	14,520

Table 7. Highest and lowest paying metropolitan area or division by selected occupations

Highest paying			Lowest paying		
Metropolitan area or division	Hourly mean wage	Employment	Metropolitan area or division	Hourly mean wage	Employment
Retail salespersons					
Carson City, NV	\$14.78	570	El Paso, TX	\$8.93	10,460
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	14.49	15,110	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	8.86	7,870
Tacoma, WA metropolitan division	14.14	8,660	Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	8.73	4,700
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	13.98	10,550	Gadsden, AL	8.53	1,180
Fairbanks, AK	13.89	1,350	Laredo, TX	8.41	3,550
Registered nurses					
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA ...	\$44.42	14,930	State College, PA	\$20.76	930
Oakland-Fremont-Hayward, CA metropolitan division	43.18	17,430	Jonesboro, AR	20.68	990
Salinas, CA	40.83	2,130	Lawrence, KS	20.55	250
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City, CA metropolitan division	39.83	15,430	Morristown, TN	20.16	630
Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	38.84	3,240	Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA	19.70	770
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks					
San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City, CA metropolitan division	\$19.62	13,900	Las Cruces, NM	\$11.64	910
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA ...	19.60	10,690	Rapid City, SD	11.59	1,340
Fairbanks, AK	19.57	590	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	11.56	2,290
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	19.01	1,620	Logan, UT-ID	11.41	490
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	18.97	8,840	Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	10.75	1,450
General and operations managers					
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT.....	\$69.01	6,700	Morristown, TN	\$30.01	750
Trenton-Ewing, NJ	68.86	2,050	Idaho Falls, ID	29.73	1,180
Edison, NJ metropolitan division	67.64	9,670	Missoula, MT.....	28.69	1,420
New York-White Plains-Wayne, NY-NJ metropolitan division	66.04	57,400	Lawton, OK	28.27	590
Newark-Union, NJ-PA metropolitan division	65.01	10,780	Pocatello, ID	26.92	980