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## **HIGHLIGHTS OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TX NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY AUGUST 2007**

Workers in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area earned an average of \$16.39 per hour in August 2007, according to new survey results from the National Compensation Survey (NCS) released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Stanley W. Suchman noted that wage data were reported for workers in a wide range of occupational groups, including average hourly earnings of \$13.28 for transportation and material moving occupations and \$12.51 for office and administrative support occupations. Another occupational group, building and grounds cleaning and maintenance, had a mean hourly wage rate of \$8.41. The NCS data available for the Corpus Christi area include earnings for 18 major occupational groups with additional detail for selected occupations within those groups. (See table 1.)

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, part of the transportation and material moving occupational group, earned \$13.00 per hour. Within the office and administrative support occupational group, general office clerks averaged \$11.26 per hour and receptionists and information clerks, \$9.60. Building cleaning workers, an occupation within the building and grounds cleaning and maintenance group, registered an average hourly rate of \$8.10, and maids and housekeeping cleaners earned \$7.55 per hour. (See table 1.)

Broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics is available from NCS for the local area. Full-time workers averaged \$17.85 per hour while their part-time counterparts earned \$8.07. Union workers earned \$19.56 and non-union workers, \$16.27. Workers in establishments with 1-99 workers averaged \$15.57 per hour, those in establishments with 100-499 workers earned \$13.86, and those in establishments with 500 or more employees earned \$20.02.

The occupational wage data available from NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. NCS results also include the work level and respective earnings for occupations determined by a point factor leveling process. The four occupational leveling factors are: knowledge, job controls and complexity, contacts, and physical environment. Details on the NCS are available at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/home.htm>.

The NCS data reported here covered 190 establishments with one or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. Agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed, and the Federal Government were excluded from the survey. This sample of establishments represented 157,200 workers in the Corpus Christi metropolitan area which is comprised of Aransas, Nueces, and San Patricio Counties in Texas.

### **Survey Availability**

While supplies last, single copies of the bulletin are available from the Southwest Information Office by calling (214) 767-6970 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CT. In addition, data contained in the bulletin are available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/compub.htm>.

Table 1. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup>, Corpus Christi, TX, August 2007**

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$16.39	11.6	\$17.85	11.0	\$8.07	5.7
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	36.64	8.2	36.64	8.2	–	–
Financial managers .....	38.15	10.2	38.15	10.2	–	–
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	25.74	11.1	25.74	11.1	–	–
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	21.20	13.9	21.96	14.1	–	–
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b>						
Engineers .....	27.06	29.4	27.06	29.4	–	–
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	14.90	11.5	14.90	11.5	–	–
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	24.59	9.5	25.72	8.2	12.49	15.4
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	27.93	5.1	27.93	5.2	–	–
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	29.93	1.2	29.93	1.2	–	–
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	30.29	1.2	30.29	1.2	–	–
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education .....	28.57	1.1	–	–	–	–
Secondary school teachers .....	30.19	3.9	30.19	3.9	–	–
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education .....	30.19	3.9	30.19	3.9	–	–
Other teachers and instructors .....	12.02	15.8	–	–	12.02	15.8
Teacher assistants .....	11.19	10.4	11.71	8.2	–	–
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	45.26	37.5	48.10	37.8	–	–
Registered nurses .....	28.74	4.9	29.63	5.2	–	–
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians .....	15.10	4.1	–	–	–	–
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses .....	14.27	9.2	–	–	–	–
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	–	–	9.93	8.7	–	–
<b>Protective service occupations</b> .....	15.65	14.0	15.93	13.9	–	–
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	6.55	13.4	6.81	19.4	6.22	7.2
Cooks .....	8.05	1.1	8.35	4.4	–	–
Cooks, restaurant .....	8.27	4.8	8.27	4.8	–	–
Food service, tipped .....	3.28	29.2	3.39	31.4	–	–
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.80	25.2	2.91	30.4	–	–
Fast food and counter workers .....	6.97	4.1	7.93	1.7	6.59	4.4
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food .....	6.93	4.0	7.97	1.7	6.59	4.4
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	8.41	4.4	8.73	3.9	–	–
Building cleaning workers .....	8.10	4.9	8.44	4.5	–	–
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	8.48	7.2	8.84	6.2	–	–
Maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	7.55	4.6	7.81	4.5	–	–
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	7.32	8.5	–	–	–	–
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	10.18	8.7	11.16	15.0	7.70	9.0
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	14.34	.8	14.34	.8	–	–
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	14.34	.8	14.34	.8	–	–
Retail sales workers .....	8.43	1.1	8.82	8.4	7.70	9.0
Cashiers, all workers .....	8.12	.9	8.38	5.6	7.57	6.0
Cashiers .....	8.12	.9	8.38	5.6	7.57	6.0
Retail salespersons .....	8.66	1.1	9.29	9.4	7.62	15.9
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	12.51	4.7	12.64	4.7	10.87	13.1
Financial clerks .....	12.70	7.9	13.07	6.1	–	–
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	14.22	8.2	14.22	8.2	–	–

See footnotes at end of table.

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<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b>						
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Tellers .....	\$10.40	9.5	—	—	—	—
Customer service representatives .....	12.13	20.0	\$11.82	18.6	—	—
Receptionists and information clerks .....	9.60	9.3	9.57	9.9	—	—
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	17.52	10.1	17.89	9.5	—	—
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive .....	13.29	8.1	13.67	8.8	—	—
Office clerks, general .....	11.26	9.5	10.50	6.5	—	—
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	21.59	16.6	21.77	16.7	—	—
Pipelayers, plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters .....	16.05	18.3	16.05	18.3	—	—
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	16.67	19.2	16.67	19.2	—	—
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers .....	17.27	9.7	17.27	9.7	—	—
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	16.25	5.1	16.48	5.0	—	—
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers .....	15.09	6.8	15.09	6.8	—	—
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers .....	15.09	6.8	15.09	6.8	—	—
Miscellaneous plant and system operators .....	27.38	4.2	27.38	4.2	—	—
Petroleum pump system operators, refinery operators, and gaugers .....	28.09	4.4	28.09	4.4	—	—
Miscellaneous production workers .....	13.77	23.9	—	—	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	13.28	7.8	13.71	8.2	\$7.88	7.3
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	14.07	11.7	14.57	11.9	—	—
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer .....	13.00	2.6	13.00	2.6	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand .....	9.96	9.1	10.25	9.5	—	—
Cleaners of vehicles and equipment .....	10.53	12.5	10.53	12.5	—	—
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	9.30	8.3	—	—	—	—
Packers and packagers, hand .....	7.23	6.0	—	—	—	—

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard

Occupational Classification (SOC) system.

<sup>4</sup> The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see full publication.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria. Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.