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Introduction

The tables in this bulletin summarize the NCS results for the New Orleans, LA, metropolitan area. Data were collected between June 2004 and July 2005; the average reference month is December 2004. Tabulations provide information on earnings of workers in a variety of occupations and at different work levels. Also contained in this bulletin are information on the program, a technical note describing survey procedures, and an appendix with detailed information on occupational classifications.

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

NCS products

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

About the tables

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 1-1. Summary: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours by selected characteristics, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Worker and establishment characteristics	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours ³	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours ³	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours ³
	Mean	Relative error ² (percent)		Mean	Relative error ² (percent)		Mean	Relative error ² (percent)	
Total	\$16.76	5.0	36.6	\$16.31	6.4	36.3	\$18.28	3.0	37.6
Worker characteristics:⁴									
White-collar occupations ⁵	22.26	4.6	37.8	22.02	6.3	37.8	22.86	3.1	37.5
Professional specialty and technical	27.44	4.7	37.5	28.33	7.2	37.5	26.04	2.8	37.4
Executive, administrative, and managerial	33.16	7.0	40.3	32.97	8.1	41.3	33.82	13.0	37.2
Sales	15.40	18.4	35.2	15.40	18.4	35.2	-	-	-
Administrative support	12.33	5.6	37.8	12.40	7.1	37.7	12.11	6.5	38.0
Blue-collar occupations ⁵	14.54	4.5	39.3	14.93	5.2	39.7	12.44	4.4	37.6
Precision production, craft, and repair	18.53	3.8	39.8	19.57	4.3	40.0	14.66	2.5	39.1
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	13.21	5.5	39.2	13.27	5.7	39.2	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving	14.60	7.7	41.9	14.79	8.4	43.2	13.10	5.5	33.9
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.81	6.5	36.6	10.04	8.0	36.4	8.82	5.2	37.7
Service occupations ⁵	8.30	6.7	31.8	7.52	7.8	30.4	11.16	3.4	37.8
Full time	17.86	4.6	39.7	17.58	6.0	40.0	18.75	2.9	38.7
Part time	7.45	9.6	21.9	6.91	10.9	21.4	11.01	11.5	26.3
Union	16.34	8.5	36.6	16.32	9.8	36.3	16.47	3.7	38.6
Nonunion	16.81	5.2	36.6	16.31	6.8	36.3	18.37	3.1	37.6
Time	16.81	5.1	36.6	16.35	6.6	36.3	18.28	3.0	37.6
Incentive	15.39	25.4	36.5	15.39	25.4	36.5	-	-	-
Establishment characteristics:									
Goods producing	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)	21.50	5.1	40.1	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Service producing	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)	-	-	-	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
50-99 workers ⁷	14.24	11.9	36.2	14.26	12.0	36.1	12.31	8.4	43.3
100-499 workers	15.61	11.5	38.4	15.68	12.0	38.3	14.01	2.1	39.8
500 workers or more	18.89	6.9	35.5	19.16	13.0	33.8	18.61	3.2	37.4

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

² The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

³ Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 2-1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$16.76	5.0	\$16.31	6.4	\$18.28	3.0
All excluding sales	16.82	5.1	16.36	6.7	18.28	3.0
White collar	22.26	4.6	22.02	6.3	22.86	3.1
White collar excluding sales	22.87	4.6	22.88	6.4	22.86	3.1
Professional specialty and technical	27.44	4.7	28.33	7.2	26.04	2.8
Professional specialty	29.52	5.9	31.03	9.7	27.60	2.9
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	39.89	12.3	40.24	12.5	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	43.27	8.6	—	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists	43.11	9.8	44.77	9.9	—	—
Natural scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	29.94	6.2	31.10	9.0	27.12	6.2
Registered nurses	30.45	4.4	32.19	6.6	26.97	7.3
Teachers, college and university	35.30	10.3	36.31	17.6	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	28.63	3.5	—	—	30.29	2.6
Elementary school teachers	29.96	4.5	—	—	29.96	4.5
Secondary school teachers	30.40	.9	—	—	30.40	.9
Teachers, special education	34.24	1.1	—	—	34.24	1.1
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	15.94	10.2	—	—	13.00	3.5
Social workers	16.28	10.2	—	—	13.26	4.4
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	17.52	12.1	17.19	14.7	—	—
Technical	20.73	9.2	22.07	9.8	15.99	6.5
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	17.59	9.0	17.88	9.2	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	15.88	3.3	—	—	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	15.72	12.5	16.13	17.7	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	33.16	7.0	32.97	8.1	33.82	13.0
Executives, administrators, and managers	39.75	7.0	40.45	8.9	37.86	11.7
Administrators and officials, public administration	52.74	22.1	—	—	52.74	22.1
Administrators, education and related fields	36.66	3.8	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	45.79	14.1	45.79	14.1	—	—
Management related	24.42	7.9	24.57	8.4	23.54	18.4
Accountants and auditors	27.62	10.0	29.47	8.5	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	27.22	6.1	—	—	—	—
Sales	15.40	18.4	15.40	18.4	—	—
Supervisors, sales	12.73	21.3	12.73	21.3	—	—
Cashiers	6.57	7.6	6.57	7.6	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	12.33	5.6	12.40	7.1	12.11	6.5
Secretaries	13.34	6.3	13.56	10.4	13.04	5.0
Receptionists	7.98	11.5	—	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	12.23	18.7	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	11.60	15.9	10.28	18.0	—	—
Dispatchers	18.07	26.1	—	—	16.27	7.4
Stock and inventory clerks	9.25	11.8	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	10.80	8.8	10.97	11.4	10.49	13.2
Teachers' aides	9.55	3.3	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c.	17.46	15.9	—	—	12.14	3.8
Blue collar	14.54	4.5	14.93	5.2	12.44	4.4
Precision production, craft, and repair	18.53	3.8	19.57	4.3	14.66	2.5
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	16.09	6.1	—	—	13.70	5.8
Supervisors, production	18.33	11.7	18.44	12.0	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	11.77	3.2	—	—	11.77	3.2
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	13.21	5.5	13.27	5.7	—	—
Welders and cutters	16.74	3.5	16.74	3.5	—	—
Transportation and material moving	14.60	7.7	14.79	8.4	13.10	5.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2-1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Blue collar —Continued						
Transportation and material moving —Continued						
Truck drivers	\$13.88	24.6	—	—	—	—
Bus drivers	13.34	1.7	—	—	\$13.34	1.7
Sailors and deckhands	10.99	7.8	\$10.99	7.8	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers						
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	7.72	10.8	—	—	7.49	11.8
Construction laborers	7.78	15.1	—	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	9.18	15.9	9.18	15.9	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	9.59	8.8	9.65	9.3	—	—
Service						
Protective service	12.21	8.4	8.44	19.8	13.43	4.5
Supervisors, police and detectives	19.79	4.1	—	—	19.79	4.1
Firefighting	11.21	9.5	—	—	11.21	9.5
Police and detectives, public service	15.86	4.5	—	—	16.07	5.0
Correctional institution officers	9.74	3.7	—	—	9.74	3.7
Guards and police, except public service	7.96	13.2	7.96	19.0	—	—
Food service	7.40	16.9	7.33	17.2	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	4.19	32.9	4.19	32.9	—	—
Other food service	9.28	7.1	9.22	7.4	—	—
Cooks	10.37	5.9	—	—	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation	7.00	10.6	6.74	10.0	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	10.76	20.7	10.79	21.2	—	—
Health service	8.04	6.5	7.72	5.1	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	7.66	7.1	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	7.51	5.5	7.25	6.1	8.73	3.1
Maids and housemen	7.16	4.4	7.16	4.5	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	7.41	9.2	6.95	11.4	8.81	3.6
Personal service	8.39	6.3	9.07	12.7	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	8.36	7.8	—	—	—	—

¹ 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.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

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

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

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Table 2-2. Mean hourly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$17.86	4.6	\$17.58	6.0	\$18.75	2.9
All excluding sales	17.88	4.7	17.59	6.2	18.75	2.9
White collar	22.84	4.4	22.82	6.1	22.90	3.0
White collar excluding sales	23.24	4.7	23.40	6.6	22.90	3.0
Professional specialty and technical	27.84	4.7	29.02	7.2	26.05	2.8
Professional specialty	29.99	5.8	31.94	9.4	27.62	2.9
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	39.89	12.3	40.24	12.5	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	43.27	8.6	—	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists	43.11	9.8	44.77	9.9	—	—
Natural scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	31.13	3.7	33.01	5.4	27.05	6.6
Registered nurses	30.57	4.4	32.37	6.4	26.89	7.7
Teachers, college and university	36.00	9.7	38.57	12.4	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	29.42	3.3	—	—	30.36	2.6
Elementary school teachers	29.94	4.6	—	—	29.94	4.6
Secondary school teachers	30.40	.9	—	—	30.40	.9
Teachers, special education	34.24	1.1	—	—	34.24	1.1
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	15.94	10.2	—	—	13.00	3.5
Social workers	16.28	10.2	—	—	13.26	4.4
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	17.52	12.1	17.19	14.7	—	—
Technical	20.96	9.5	22.40	10.2	16.03	6.5
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	17.59	9.0	17.88	9.2	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	15.99	15.2	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	33.28	7.0	32.97	8.1	34.40	13.1
Executives, administrators, and managers	39.97	7.0	40.45	8.9	38.66	11.5
Administrators and officials, public administration	52.74	22.1	—	—	52.74	22.1
Administrators, education and related fields	36.66	3.8	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	45.79	14.1	45.79	14.1	—	—
Management related	24.44	7.9	24.57	8.4	—	—
Accountants and auditors	27.62	10.0	29.47	8.5	—	—
Sales	17.45	17.2	17.45	17.2	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	12.52	5.8	12.65	7.4	12.15	6.6
Secretaries	13.34	6.3	13.56	10.4	13.04	5.0
Records clerks, n.e.c.	12.23	18.7	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	11.60	15.9	10.28	18.0	—	—
Dispatchers	18.97	25.6	—	—	16.27	7.4
Stock and inventory clerks	9.25	11.8	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	10.82	8.9	10.97	11.4	10.53	13.8
Administrative support, n.e.c.	17.46	15.9	—	—	12.14	3.8
Blue collar	14.77	4.1	15.18	4.7	12.39	4.8
Precision production, craft, and repair	18.55	3.8	19.57	4.3	14.69	2.3
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	16.09	6.1	—	—	13.70	5.8
Supervisors, production	18.33	11.7	18.44	12.0	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	11.96	.2	—	—	11.96	.2
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	13.39	5.3	13.45	5.4	—	—
Welders and cutters	16.74	3.5	16.74	3.5	—	—
Transportation and material moving	14.75	8.0	14.84	8.4	13.14	12.1
Truck drivers	13.88	24.6	—	—	—	—
Sailors and deckhands	10.99	7.8	10.99	7.8	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	10.11	6.1	10.43	7.5	8.83	5.2
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	7.72	10.8	—	—	7.49	11.9
Construction laborers	9.48	5.7	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2-2. Mean hourly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Blue collar —Continued						
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers —Continued						
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	\$9.59	8.8	\$9.65	9.3	—	—
Service	9.32	6.7	8.43	7.6	\$11.84	3.5
Protective service	12.45	7.2	—	—	13.59	3.8
Supervisors, police and detectives	19.79	4.1	—	—	19.79	4.1
Firefighting	11.21	9.5	—	—	11.21	9.5
Police and detectives, public service	15.86	4.5	—	—	16.07	5.0
Correctional institution officers	9.74	3.7	—	—	9.74	3.7
Guards and police, except public service	7.82	10.7	—	—	—	—
Food service	9.47	15.9	9.40	16.5	—	—
Other food service	10.70	11.3	10.67	11.8	—	—
Cooks	10.37	5.9	—	—	—	—
Health service	8.01	7.0	7.64	5.1	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	7.66	7.1	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	7.89	4.9	7.66	5.6	8.79	4.0
Maids and housemen	7.14	4.5	7.15	4.5	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	8.24	2.0	7.97	2.9	8.88	4.8
Personal service	9.40	13.1	9.43	13.9	—	—

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

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Table 2-3. Mean hourly earnings,¹ part-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$7.45	9.6	\$6.91	10.9	\$11.01	11.5
All excluding sales	7.47	10.6	6.89	12.2	11.01	11.5
White collar	11.25	15.0	10.39	17.4	20.02	17.1
White collar excluding sales	13.21	14.8	12.18	18.8	20.02	17.1
Professional specialty and technical	17.66	14.3	16.11	20.5	25.48	11.4
Professional specialty	18.54	14.5	16.63	21.3	-	-
Health related	21.33	6.3	-	-	-	-
Teachers, college and university	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teachers, except college and university	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lawyers and judges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial	12.58	47.6	-	-	12.58	47.6
Executives, administrators, and managers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management related	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales	7.20	9.4	7.20	9.4	-	-
Administrative support, including clerical	8.46	9.5	8.47	10.0	-	-
Blue collar	8.89	16.1	5.98	10.7	12.84	4.2
Precision production, craft, and repair	-	-	-	-	-	-
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving	12.55	5.3	-	-	-	-
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service	5.91	10.1	5.80	11.3	6.90	10.7
Protective service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food service	5.27	16.1	5.27	16.1	-	-
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	3.71	36.8	3.71	36.8	-	-
Other food service	6.94	7.0	6.94	7.0	-	-
Health service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and building service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal service	7.02	7.3	-	-	-	-

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

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Table 3-1. Mean weekly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
All	\$709	4.7	39.7	\$704	6.2	40.0	\$725	2.8	38.7
All excluding sales	709	4.8	39.7	704	6.4	40.0	725	2.8	38.7
White collar	898	4.6	39.3	911	6.3	39.9	868	2.9	37.9
White collar excluding sales	912	4.8	39.3	934	6.8	39.9	868	2.9	37.9
Professional specialty and technical	1,083	4.7	38.9	1,152	7.2	39.7	982	2.9	37.7
Professional specialty	1,159	5.9	38.7	1,268	9.4	39.7	1,034	2.8	37.5
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	1,596	12.3	40.0	1,610	12.5	40.0	-	-	-
Mathematical and computer scientists	1,722	8.8	39.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer systems analysts and scientists	1,715	10.0	39.8	1,791	9.9	40.0	-	-	-
Natural scientists	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health related	1,229	3.6	39.5	1,308	5.3	39.6	1,060	6.6	39.2
Registered nurses	1,207	4.3	39.5	1,282	6.3	39.6	1,055	7.9	39.3
Teachers, college and university	1,422	9.4	39.5	1,484	11.5	38.5	-	-	-
Teachers, except college and university	1,049	3.0	35.7	-	-	-	1,077	2.5	35.5
Elementary school teachers ...	1,058	4.3	35.4	-	-	-	1,058	4.3	35.4
Secondary school teachers	1,079	.4	35.5	-	-	-	1,079	.4	35.5
Teachers, special education ...	1,199	.6	35.0	-	-	-	1,199	.6	35.0
Librarians, archivists, and curators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social scientists and urban planners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious workers	633	10.3	39.7	-	-	-	513	3.2	39.4
Social workers	646	10.4	39.7	-	-	-	522	4.7	39.4
Lawyers and judges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	700	11.9	39.9	686	14.5	39.9	-	-	-
Technical	830	9.6	39.6	889	10.2	39.7	630	6.8	39.3
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	684	11.1	38.9	694	11.3	38.8	-	-	-
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	640	15.2	40.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial	1,350	7.8	40.6	1,361	9.1	41.3	1,311	14.3	38.1
Executives, administrators, and managers	1,657	7.9	41.4	1,723	10.0	42.6	1,491	12.1	38.6
Administrators and officials, public administration	2,087	23.1	39.6	-	-	-	2,087	23.1	39.6
Administrators, education and related fields	1,407	6.0	38.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	2,006	14.8	43.8	2,006	14.8	43.8	-	-	-
Management related	964	8.1	39.4	980	8.4	39.9	-	-	-
Accountants and auditors	1,080	11.3	39.1	1,173	8.6	39.8	-	-	-
Sales	703	16.7	40.3	703	16.7	40.3	-	-	-
Administrative support, including clerical	490	5.7	39.2	500	7.4	39.5	464	6.0	38.2
Secretaries	515	6.5	38.6	523	10.9	38.5	504	4.2	38.6
Records clerks, n.e.c.	489	18.7	40.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	452	14.3	39.0	411	18.0	40.0	-	-	-
Dispatchers	717	27.1	37.8	-	-	-	653	7.3	40.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-1. Mean weekly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Administrative support, including clerical —Continued									
Stock and inventory clerks	\$370	11.8	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	422	9.0	39.0	\$439	11.4	40.0	\$390	14.0	37.0
Administrative support, n.e.c.	695	16.1	39.8	—	—	—	477	4.9	39.3
Blue collar	596	4.8	40.3	617	5.5	40.6	480	5.3	38.7
Precision production, craft, and repair	739	3.7	39.8	782	4.2	40.0	579	1.6	39.4
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	633	5.8	39.3	—	—	—	532	6.0	38.8
Supervisors, production	708	11.5	38.6	712	11.8	38.6	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	478	.2	40.0	—	—	—	478	.2	40.0
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	536	5.3	40.0	538	5.4	40.0	—	—	—
Welders and cutters	670	3.5	40.0	670	3.5	40.0	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	641	9.6	43.5	652	10.0	43.9	489	10.9	37.3
Truck drivers	591	28.3	42.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sailors and deckhands	530	8.5	48.2	530	8.5	48.2	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	388	7.1	38.4	402	8.6	38.5	336	9.6	38.0
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	262	19.3	33.9	—	—	—	246	19.4	32.8
Construction laborers	379	5.7	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	384	8.8	40.0	386	9.3	40.0	—	—	—
Service	370	6.9	39.7	330	7.4	39.2	490	4.1	41.3
Protective service	514	10.8	41.2	—	—	—	591	4.5	43.5
Supervisors, police and detectives	834	4.9	42.1	—	—	—	834	4.9	42.1
Firefighting	561	9.1	50.0	—	—	—	561	9.1	50.0
Police and detectives, public service	660	4.5	41.6	—	—	—	671	4.9	41.7
Correctional institution officers	404	3.5	41.5	—	—	—	404	3.5	41.5
Guards and police, except public service	280	16.6	35.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food service	378	16.0	40.0	378	16.6	40.1	—	—	—
Other food service	428	11.3	40.0	429	11.8	40.2	—	—	—
Cooks	420	6.6	40.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health service	315	7.6	39.3	300	6.0	39.3	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	299	7.6	39.0	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Table 3-1. Mean weekly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
Service—Continued									
Cleaning and building service	\$306	4.4	38.8	\$298	5.3	38.9	\$338	3.1	38.5
Maids and housemen	278	2.7	38.9	278	2.7	38.9	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	319	2.0	38.7	310	4.1	38.9	340	3.7	38.2
Personal service	376	13.1	40.0	377	13.9	40.0	—	—	—

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Table 3-2. Mean annual earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
All	\$35,821	4.7	2,005	\$36,480	6.2	2,075	\$34,016	2.8	1,815
All excluding sales	35,795	4.8	2,002	36,476	6.4	2,074	34,016	2.8	1,815
White collar	44,382	4.6	1,943	47,070	6.3	2,063	39,054	2.9	1,705
White collar excluding sales	44,922	4.8	1,933	48,201	6.8	2,060	39,054	2.9	1,705
Professional specialty and technical	51,095	4.7	1,835	58,886	7.2	2,029	41,768	2.9	1,603
Professional specialty	53,225	5.9	1,775	64,322	9.4	2,014	42,833	2.8	1,551
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	82,980	12.3	2,080	83,706	12.5	2,080	-	-	-
Mathematical and computer scientists	89,557	8.8	2,070	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer systems analysts and scientists	89,155	10.0	2,068	93,125	9.9	2,080	-	-	-
Natural scientists	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health related	63,923	3.6	2,054	68,035	5.3	2,061	55,111	6.6	2,037
Registered nurses	62,777	4.3	2,053	66,662	6.3	2,059	54,885	7.9	2,041
Teachers, college and university	57,041	9.4	1,585	59,015	11.5	1,530	-	-	-
Teachers, except college and university	39,359	3.0	1,338	-	-	-	39,903	2.5	1,314
Elementary school teachers	38,813	4.3	1,297	-	-	-	38,813	4.3	1,297
Secondary school teachers	39,608	.4	1,303	-	-	-	39,608	.4	1,303
Teachers, special education	43,945	.6	1,284	-	-	-	43,945	.6	1,284
Librarians, archivists, and curators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social scientists and urban planners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious workers	32,898	10.3	2,063	-	-	-	26,667	3.2	2,051
Social workers	33,576	10.4	2,062	-	-	-	27,142	4.7	2,047
Lawyers and judges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	36,381	11.9	2,077	35,684	14.5	2,076	-	-	-
Technical	43,172	9.6	2,060	46,233	10.2	2,064	32,783	6.8	2,046
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	35,565	11.1	2,022	36,106	11.3	2,019	-	-	-
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	33,257	15.2	2,080	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial	69,029	7.8	2,074	70,760	9.1	2,146	63,471	14.3	1,845
Executives, administrators, and managers	84,058	7.9	2,103	89,606	10.0	2,215	71,315	12.1	1,845
Administrators and officials, public administration	108,529	23.1	2,058	-	-	-	108,529	23.1	2,058
Administrators, education and related fields	62,655	6.0	1,709	-	-	-	-	-	-
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	104,334	14.8	2,278	104,334	14.8	2,278	-	-	-
Management related	49,817	8.1	2,038	50,937	8.4	2,073	-	-	-
Accountants and auditors	56,154	11.3	2,033	61,011	8.6	2,071	-	-	-
Sales	36,548	16.7	2,094	36,548	16.7	2,094	-	-	-
Administrative support, including clerical	25,149	5.7	2,009	25,960	7.4	2,052	22,998	6.0	1,893
Secretaries	25,847	6.5	1,938	27,182	10.9	2,005	24,184	4.2	1,854
Records clerks, n.e.c.	25,433	18.7	2,080	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	22,937	14.3	1,978	21,387	18.0	2,080	-	-	-
Dispatchers	37,304	27.1	1,967	-	-	-	33,970	7.3	2,088

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-2. Mean annual earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Administrative support, including clerical —Continued									
Stock and inventory clerks	\$19,241	11.8	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	21,878	9.0	2,021	\$22,813	11.4	2,080	\$20,137	14.0	1,912
Administrative support, n.e.c.	36,163	16.1	2,071	—	—	—	24,829	4.9	2,045
Blue collar	30,924	4.8	2,093	32,042	5.5	2,111	24,736	5.3	1,996
Precision production, craft, and repair	38,411	3.7	2,071	40,645	4.2	2,077	30,093	1.6	2,048
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	32,903	5.8	2,045	—	—	—	27,642	6.0	2,017
Supervisors, production	36,821	11.5	2,009	37,007	11.8	2,006	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	24,869	.2	2,080	—	—	—	24,869	.2	2,080
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	27,781	5.3	2,075	27,908	5.4	2,074	—	—	—
Welders and cutters	34,330	3.5	2,051	34,330	3.5	2,051	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	33,179	9.6	2,250	33,907	10.0	2,284	23,567	10.9	1,794
Truck drivers	30,736	28.3	2,215	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sailors and deckhands	27,542	8.5	2,506	27,542	8.5	2,506	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	20,172	7.1	1,995	20,872	8.6	2,000	17,453	9.6	1,976
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	13,617	19.3	1,764	—	—	—	12,791	19.4	1,708
Construction laborers	19,581	5.7	2,066	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	19,946	8.8	2,080	20,066	9.3	2,080	—	—	—
Service	19,024	6.9	2,041	17,180	7.4	2,038	24,242	4.1	2,047
Protective service	26,679	10.8	2,142	—	—	—	30,670	4.5	2,256
Supervisors, police and detectives	43,345	4.9	2,191	—	—	—	43,345	4.9	2,191
Firefighting	29,164	9.1	2,601	—	—	—	29,164	9.1	2,601
Police and detectives, public service	34,316	4.5	2,163	—	—	—	34,884	4.9	2,170
Correctional institution officers	21,008	3.5	2,157	—	—	—	21,008	3.5	2,157
Guards and police, except public service	14,520	16.6	1,856	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food service	19,374	16.0	2,047	19,630	16.6	2,088	—	—	—
Other food service	21,789	11.3	2,037	22,293	11.8	2,090	—	—	—
Cooks	21,505	6.6	2,073	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health service	16,370	7.6	2,043	15,593	6.0	2,042	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	15,541	7.6	2,029	—	—	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-2. Mean annual earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
Service—Continued									
Cleaning and building service	\$15,554	4.4	1,972	\$15,512	5.3	2,024	\$15,701	3.1	1,787
Maids and housemen	14,449	2.7	2,023	14,448	2.7	2,022	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	15,907	2.0	1,930	16,129	4.1	2,023	15,459	3.7	1,740
Personal service	19,561	13.1	2,080	19,614	13.9	2,080	—	—	—

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

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

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

Table 4-1. Selected occupations¹ and levels,² all workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All	\$16.76	5.0	\$16.31	6.4	\$18.28	3.0
All excluding sales	16.82	5.1	16.36	6.7	18.28	3.0
White collar	22.26	4.6	22.02	6.3	22.86	3.1
1	6.63	3.3	—	—	7.22	5.8
2	9.79	8.4	9.60	10.7	10.47	5.9
3	9.04	5.8	8.94	6.6	9.60	7.8
4	12.26	4.3	12.00	4.8	12.97	8.8
5	16.84	12.7	17.26	16.4	15.62	8.2
6	19.75	3.7	19.70	4.0	19.91	8.9
7	21.60	6.9	21.13	8.4	23.57	6.5
8	27.42	4.1	27.36	11.5	27.44	3.6
9	29.89	7.1	30.57	8.4	27.91	11.8
10	34.40	5.0	34.41	5.2	—	—
11	43.41	7.1	44.91	8.0	35.69	4.2
12	45.88	9.4	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	32.73	7.1	33.74	8.1	30.55	12.9
White collar excluding sales	22.87	4.6	22.88	6.4	22.86	3.1
1	6.91	3.0	—	—	7.22	5.8
2	9.79	8.4	9.60	10.7	10.47	5.9
3	9.25	6.4	9.17	7.7	9.60	7.8
4	12.33	4.8	12.05	5.6	12.97	8.8
5	14.90	5.4	14.52	7.1	15.62	8.2
6	19.70	3.8	19.63	4.1	19.91	8.9
7	21.60	6.9	21.13	8.4	23.57	6.5
8	27.45	4.2	27.48	12.7	27.44	3.6
9	30.26	7.7	31.20	9.2	27.91	11.8
10	34.40	5.0	34.41	5.2	—	—
11	43.41	7.1	44.91	8.0	35.69	4.2
12	45.88	9.4	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	33.30	6.8	34.63	7.5	30.55	12.9
Professional specialty and technical	27.44	4.7	28.33	7.2	26.04	2.8
Professional specialty	29.52	5.9	31.03	9.7	27.60	2.9
7	21.20	5.8	19.90	6.2	24.81	6.5
8	27.67	4.5	—	—	27.47	3.6
9	34.34	9.9	34.97	13.9	—	—
10	35.41	4.9	—	—	—	—
11	46.46	9.4	49.12	9.5	—	—
Not able to be leveled	29.19	14.9	37.27	17.1	18.96	6.7
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	39.89	12.3	40.24	12.5	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	43.27	8.6	—	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists	43.11	9.8	44.77	9.9	—	—
Natural scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	29.94	6.2	31.10	9.0	27.12	6.2
7	22.68	6.3	—	—	—	—
9	28.03	6.9	28.57	6.5	—	—
Registered nurses	30.45	4.4	32.19	6.6	26.97	7.3
9	24.51	1.5	24.68	1.7	—	—
Teachers, college and university	35.30	10.3	36.31	17.6	—	—
10	35.31	.8	35.31	.8	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	28.63	3.5	—	—	30.29	2.6
7	25.45	7.1	—	—	—	—
8	31.47	2.4	—	—	31.47	2.4
Elementary school teachers	29.96	4.5	—	—	29.96	4.5
8	30.56	5.1	—	—	30.56	5.1
Secondary school teachers	30.40	.9	—	—	30.40	.9
Teachers, special education	34.24	1.1	—	—	34.24	1.1
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	15.94	10.2	—	—	13.00	3.5
Social workers	16.28	10.2	—	—	13.26	4.4
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	17.52	12.1	17.19	14.7	—	—
Technical	20.73	9.2	22.07	9.8	15.99	6.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-1. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² all workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued**

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
White collar –Continued						
Professional specialty and technical –Continued						
Technical –Continued						
4	\$12.14	11.0	–	–	–	–
6	19.30	5.9	\$19.87	7.0	\$18.40	12.4
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	17.59	9.0	17.88	9.2	–	–
Licensed practical nurses	15.88	3.3	–	–	–	–
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	15.72	12.5	16.13	17.7	–	–
Executive, administrative, and managerial	33.16	7.0	32.97	8.1	33.82	13.0
6	20.40	10.0	19.29	8.2	–	–
9	26.31	10.6	27.00	11.6	–	–
11	34.67	5.6	–	–	–	–
Not able to be leveled	38.86	7.9	38.65	10.1	39.29	13.6
Executives, administrators, and managers	39.75	7.0	40.45	8.9	37.86	11.7
Not able to be leveled	39.40	8.3	39.46	11.3	39.29	13.6
Administrators and officials, public administration	52.74	22.1	–	–	52.74	22.1
Administrators, education and related fields	36.66	3.8	–	–	–	–
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	45.79	14.1	45.79	14.1	–	–
Not able to be leveled	45.27	11.3	45.27	11.3	–	–
Management related	24.42	7.9	24.57	8.4	23.54	18.4
6	18.90	10.9	17.39	6.2	–	–
9	25.18	13.1	26.10	14.2	–	–
Accountants and auditors	27.62	10.0	29.47	8.5	–	–
Management related, n.e.c.	27.22	6.1	–	–	–	–
Sales	15.40	18.4	15.40	18.4	–	–
3	8.12	1.8	8.12	1.8	–	–
Supervisors, sales	12.73	21.3	12.73	21.3	–	–
Cashiers	6.57	7.6	6.57	7.6	–	–
Administrative support, including clerical	12.33	5.6	12.40	7.1	12.11	6.5
1	6.91	3.0	–	–	7.22	5.8
2	9.79	8.6	9.60	10.7	10.57	5.7
3	9.21	6.7	9.13	8.0	9.60	8.5
4	12.35	5.1	12.02	6.1	13.02	8.9
5	15.00	7.1	15.25	7.3	14.00	19.8
6	18.89	5.8	18.84	7.2	–	–
7	23.81	12.2	–	–	–	–
Secretaries	13.34	6.3	13.56	10.4	13.04	5.0
4	11.74	4.5	–	–	12.03	6.2
5	16.46	9.2	–	–	–	–
Receptionists	7.98	11.5	–	–	–	–
Records clerks, n.e.c.	12.23	18.7	–	–	–	–
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	11.60	15.9	10.28	18.0	–	–
Dispatchers	18.07	26.1	–	–	16.27	7.4
4	–	–	–	–	16.53	8.2
Stock and inventory clerks	9.25	11.8	–	–	–	–
General office clerks	10.80	8.8	10.97	11.4	10.49	13.2
3	10.05	5.6	–	–	–	–
4	9.96	6.8	–	–	–	–
Teachers' aides	9.55	3.3	–	–	–	–
Administrative support, n.e.c.	17.46	15.9	–	–	12.14	3.8
Blue collar	14.54	4.5	14.93	5.2	12.44	4.4
1	8.50	7.2	8.71	8.3	7.12	3.6
2	10.13	4.3	9.58	6.9	11.53	4.4
3	11.16	3.9	11.11	4.8	11.33	5.6
4	15.45	6.7	15.83	7.0	12.04	4.0
5	15.47	2.1	15.58	2.6	14.65	2.9
6	18.29	9.4	18.38	10.4	–	–
7	20.38	6.3	22.50	8.0	15.80	5.5
8	29.11	8.1	29.11	8.1	–	–
Not able to be leveled	16.67	5.0	16.67	5.0	–	–

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-1. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² all workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued**

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Blue collar —Continued						
Precision production, craft, and repair	\$18.53	3.8	\$19.57	4.3	\$14.66	2.5
3	10.94	6.3	—	—	12.31	3.4
4	14.44	3.9	15.45	2.5	12.35	1.6
5	15.36	8.5	15.51	10.4	14.60	5.1
6	19.34	11.3	19.44	12.1	—	—
7	20.15	6.9	22.46	9.4	15.81	5.6
8	26.87	8.2	26.87	8.2	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	16.09	6.1	—	—	13.70	5.8
Supervisors, production	18.33	11.7	18.44	12.0	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	11.77	3.2	—	—	11.77	3.2
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	13.21	5.5	13.27	5.7	—	—
4	12.97	13.1	12.98	13.3	—	—
Welders and cutters	16.74	3.5	16.74	3.5	—	—
Transportation and material moving	14.60	7.7	14.79	8.4	13.10	5.5
2	10.13	2.0	—	—	—	—
3	11.63	2.1	—	—	11.96	4.8
4	17.49	4.7	—	—	—	—
Truck drivers	13.88	24.6	—	—	—	—
Bus drivers	13.34	1.7	—	—	13.34	1.7
Sailors and deckhands	10.99	7.8	10.99	7.8	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.81	6.5	10.04	8.0	8.82	5.2
1	8.87	6.4	9.19	7.4	7.03	3.2
2	8.84	10.4	—	—	9.74	.5
3	10.29	8.5	—	—	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	7.72	10.8	—	—	7.49	11.8
Construction laborers	7.78	15.1	—	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	9.18	15.9	9.18	15.9	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	9.59	8.8	9.65	9.3	—	—
Service	8.30	6.7	7.52	7.8	11.16	3.4
1	6.88	5.4	6.87	5.9	6.96	10.1
2	6.95	6.0	6.48	7.8	9.04	5.4
3	6.71	19.3	6.14	25.2	8.35	6.5
4	10.22	8.3	10.07	9.0	11.49	8.1
5	10.10	23.7	—	—	11.54	4.2
6	15.73	3.6	—	—	15.89	3.8
7	15.76	.8	—	—	15.76	.8
Not able to be leveled	11.14	9.7	—	—	9.85	10.4
Protective service	12.21	8.4	8.44	19.8	13.43	4.5
2	7.26	14.0	—	—	—	—
4	11.74	5.7	—	—	11.74	5.7
5	11.26	3.2	—	—	11.52	4.4
6	15.54	3.4	—	—	15.69	3.6
7	15.76	.8	—	—	15.76	.8
Not able to be leveled	12.89	2.0	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, police and detectives	19.79	4.1	—	—	19.79	4.1
Firefighting	11.21	9.5	—	—	11.21	9.5
Police and detectives, public service	15.86	4.5	—	—	16.07	5.0
5	14.28	.6	—	—	14.28	.6
7	15.50	2.8	—	—	15.50	2.8
Correctional institution officers	9.74	3.7	—	—	9.74	3.7
Guards and police, except public service	7.96	13.2	7.96	19.0	—	—
2	7.24	14.7	—	—	—	—
Food service	7.40	16.9	7.33	17.2	—	—
1	6.55	1.6	6.55	1.6	—	—
2	5.92	21.1	5.80	21.9	—	—
3	5.68	25.4	5.40	25.7	—	—
4	10.96	13.8	10.96	13.8	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	4.19	32.9	4.19	32.9	—	—
Other food service	9.28	7.1	9.22	7.4	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-1. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² all workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued**

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Service —Continued						
Food service—Continued						
Other food service—Continued						
1	\$6.81	7.6	\$6.81	7.6	—	—
2	7.76	8.0	7.61	8.5	—	—
3	8.30	11.5	—	—	—	—
4	11.90	13.5	11.90	13.5	—	—
Cooks	10.37	5.9	—	—	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation	7.00	10.6	6.74	10.0	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	10.76	20.7	10.79	21.2	—	—
Health service	8.04	6.5	7.72	5.1	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	7.66	7.1	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	7.51	5.5	7.25	6.1	\$8.73	3.1
1	6.96	8.1	6.91	8.8	7.44	5.8
2	7.94	9.4	—	—	—	—
Maids and housemen	7.16	4.4	7.16	4.5	—	—
1	7.23	5.8	—	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	7.41	9.2	6.95	11.4	8.81	3.6
1	6.86	11.1	—	—	—	—
Personal service	8.39	6.3	9.07	12.7	—	—
1	7.07	6.9	—	—	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	8.36	7.8	—	—	—	—

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

² Each occupation for which data are collected in an establishment is evaluated based on four factors, including knowledge, job controls and complexity, contacts, and physical environment. The knowledge factor is tailored to 24 families of closely related jobs. Points are assigned based on the occupation's rank within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See appendix A for more information.

³ All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

⁴ 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.

⁵ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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

Table 4-2. Selected occupations¹ and levels,² full-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All	\$17.86	4.6	\$17.58	6.0	\$18.75	2.9
All excluding sales	17.88	4.7	17.59	6.2	18.75	2.9
White collar	22.84	4.4	22.82	6.1	22.90	3.0
2	9.78	8.4	9.59	10.8	10.47	5.9
3	9.34	5.8	9.28	6.7	9.60	7.8
4	12.36	4.4	12.13	5.0	12.97	8.8
5	16.90	13.0	17.38	16.8	15.51	8.4
6	20.05	3.6	20.06	3.7	20.02	8.6
7	21.61	7.1	21.21	8.8	23.25	6.7
8	27.55	3.9	27.86	10.4	27.43	3.6
9	29.90	7.2	30.60	8.5	27.91	11.8
10	34.40	5.0	34.41	5.2	—	—
11	43.41	7.1	44.91	8.0	35.69	4.2
12	45.88	9.4	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	33.55	6.5	34.71	7.5	31.07	12.2
White collar excluding sales	23.24	4.7	23.40	6.6	22.90	3.0
2	9.78	8.4	9.59	10.8	10.47	5.9
3	9.29	6.7	9.22	8.1	9.60	7.8
4	12.41	5.0	12.16	5.9	12.97	8.8
5	14.82	5.5	14.46	7.3	15.51	8.4
6	20.01	3.6	20.01	3.8	20.02	8.6
7	21.61	7.1	21.21	8.8	23.25	6.7
8	27.59	4.1	28.05	11.4	27.43	3.6
9	30.28	7.8	31.23	9.3	27.91	11.8
10	34.40	5.0	34.41	5.2	—	—
11	43.41	7.1	44.91	8.0	35.69	4.2
12	45.88	9.4	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	34.16	6.1	35.67	6.8	31.07	12.2
Professional specialty and technical	27.84	4.7	29.02	7.2	26.05	2.8
Professional specialty	29.99	5.8	31.94	9.4	27.62	2.9
7	21.17	6.3	19.88	6.9	24.50	6.7
8	27.83	4.4	—	—	27.46	3.7
9	34.44	9.9	35.13	14.1	—	—
10	35.41	4.9	—	—	—	—
11	46.46	9.4	49.12	9.5	—	—
Not able to be leveled	31.26	12.2	42.28	14.9	19.10	6.3
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	39.89	12.3	40.24	12.5	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	43.27	8.6	—	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists	43.11	9.8	44.77	9.9	—	—
Natural scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	31.13	3.7	33.01	5.4	27.05	6.6
9	28.03	7.0	28.58	6.6	—	—
Registered nurses	30.57	4.4	32.37	6.4	26.89	7.7
9	24.43	1.2	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university	36.00	9.7	38.57	12.4	—	—
10	35.31	.8	35.31	.8	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	29.42	3.3	—	—	30.36	2.6
7	25.09	7.4	—	—	—	—
8	31.47	2.4	—	—	31.47	2.4
Elementary school teachers	29.94	4.6	—	—	29.94	4.6
8	30.56	5.1	—	—	30.56	5.1
Secondary school teachers	30.40	.9	—	—	30.40	.9
Teachers, special education	34.24	1.1	—	—	34.24	1.1
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	15.94	10.2	—	—	13.00	3.5
Social workers	16.28	10.2	—	—	13.26	4.4
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	17.52	12.1	17.19	14.7	—	—
Technical	20.96	9.5	22.40	10.2	16.03	6.5
4	12.14	11.0	—	—	—	—
6	20.36	5.9	—	—	18.57	12.0
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	17.59	9.0	17.88	9.2	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² full-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004** — Continued

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
White collar —Continued						
Professional specialty and technical —Continued						
Technical —Continued						
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	\$15.99	15.2	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	33.28	7.0	\$32.97	8.1	\$34.40	13.1
6	20.43	10.1	19.29	8.2	—	—
9	26.31	10.6	27.00	11.6	—	—
11	34.67	5.6	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	39.19	7.9	38.65	10.1	40.33	13.8
Executives, administrators, and managers	39.97	7.0	40.45	8.9	38.66	11.5
Not able to be leveled	39.76	8.3	39.46	11.3	40.33	13.8
Administrators and officials, public administration	52.74	22.1	—	—	52.74	22.1
Administrators, education and related fields	36.66	3.8	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	45.79	14.1	45.79	14.1	—	—
Not able to be leveled	45.27	11.3	45.27	11.3	—	—
Management related	24.44	7.9	24.57	8.4	—	—
6	18.90	11.0	17.39	6.2	—	—
9	25.18	13.1	26.10	14.2	—	—
Accountants and auditors	27.62	10.0	29.47	8.5	—	—
Sales	17.45	17.2	17.45	17.2	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	12.52	5.8	12.65	7.4	12.15	6.6
2	9.79	8.6	9.59	10.8	10.57	5.7
3	9.25	7.0	9.17	8.4	9.60	8.5
4	12.45	5.3	12.14	6.4	13.02	8.9
5	15.00	7.1	15.25	7.3	14.00	19.8
6	18.89	5.8	18.84	7.2	—	—
7	23.81	12.2	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	13.34	6.3	13.56	10.4	13.04	5.0
4	11.74	4.5	—	—	12.03	6.2
5	16.46	9.2	—	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	12.23	18.7	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	11.60	15.9	10.28	18.0	—	—
Dispatchers	18.97	25.6	—	—	16.27	7.4
4	—	—	—	—	16.53	8.2
Stock and inventory clerks	9.25	11.8	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	10.82	8.9	10.97	11.4	10.53	13.8
3	10.05	5.6	—	—	—	—
4	9.96	6.8	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c.	17.46	15.9	—	—	12.14	3.8
Blue collar	14.77	4.1	15.18	4.7	12.39	4.8
1	8.81	7.4	9.10	8.3	7.12	3.6
2	9.67	5.7	9.58	6.9	10.11	4.7
3	11.27	3.6	11.25	4.4	11.33	5.9
4	15.45	6.7	15.83	7.0	12.04	4.0
5	15.47	2.1	15.58	2.6	14.65	2.9
6	18.29	9.4	18.38	10.4	—	—
7	20.38	6.3	22.50	8.0	15.80	5.5
8	29.11	8.1	29.11	8.1	—	—
Not able to be leveled	16.68	5.1	16.68	5.1	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	18.55	3.8	19.57	4.3	14.69	2.3
3	10.94	6.3	—	—	12.31	3.4
4	14.44	3.9	15.45	2.5	12.35	1.6
5	15.36	8.5	15.51	10.4	14.60	5.1
6	19.34	11.3	19.44	12.1	—	—
7	20.15	6.9	22.46	9.4	15.81	5.6
8	26.87	8.2	26.87	8.2	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	16.09	6.1	—	—	13.70	5.8
Supervisors, production	18.33	11.7	18.44	12.0	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	11.96	.2	—	—	11.96	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² full-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004** — Continued

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Blue collar —Continued						
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	\$13.39	5.3	\$13.45	5.4	—	—
4	12.97	13.1	12.98	13.3	—	—
Welders and cutters	16.74	3.5	16.74	3.5	—	—
Transportation and material moving	14.75	8.0	14.84	8.4	\$13.14	12.1
2	9.16	3.0	—	—	—	—
4	17.49	4.7	—	—	—	—
Truck drivers	13.88	24.6	—	—	—	—
Sailors and deckhands	10.99	7.8	10.99	7.8	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	10.11	6.1	10.43	7.5	8.83	5.2
1	9.20	5.8	9.62	6.1	7.03	3.2
2	8.84	10.4	—	—	9.74	.5
3	10.56	8.1	—	—	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	7.72	10.8	—	—	7.49	11.9
Construction laborers	9.48	5.7	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	9.59	8.8	9.65	9.3	—	—
Service	9.32	6.7	8.43	7.6	11.84	3.5
1	7.55	3.8	7.60	4.2	—	—
2	7.31	6.0	6.70	6.4	9.04	5.4
3	9.50	9.2	9.27	14.9	9.83	7.2
4	10.32	9.1	10.16	10.1	11.49	8.1
5	11.86	4.8	—	—	11.52	4.4
6	15.73	3.6	—	—	15.89	3.8
7	15.76	.8	—	—	15.76	.8
Not able to be leveled	11.23	10.1	—	—	9.96	11.0
Protective service	12.45	7.2	—	—	13.59	3.8
4	11.74	5.7	—	—	11.74	5.7
5	11.26	3.2	—	—	11.52	4.4
6	15.54	3.4	—	—	15.69	3.6
7	15.76	.8	—	—	15.76	.8
Not able to be leveled	12.89	2.0	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, police and detectives	19.79	4.1	—	—	19.79	4.1
Firefighting	11.21	9.5	—	—	11.21	9.5
Police and detectives, public service	15.86	4.5	—	—	16.07	5.0
5	14.28	.6	—	—	14.28	.6
7	15.50	2.8	—	—	15.50	2.8
Correctional institution officers	9.74	3.7	—	—	9.74	3.7
Guards and police, except public service	7.82	10.7	—	—	—	—
Food service	9.47	15.9	9.40	16.5	—	—
2	6.88	27.6	—	—	—	—
4	11.10	15.1	11.10	15.1	—	—
Other food service	10.70	11.3	10.67	11.8	—	—
Cooks	10.37	5.9	—	—	—	—
Health service	8.01	7.0	7.64	5.1	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	7.66	7.1	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	7.89	4.9	7.66	5.6	8.79	4.0
1	7.54	4.3	7.61	4.6	—	—
2	7.96	9.9	—	—	—	—
Maids and housemen	7.14	4.5	7.15	4.5	—	—
1	7.23	5.8	—	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	8.24	2.0	7.97	2.9	8.88	4.8
1	7.74	4.2	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² full-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued**

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Service —Continued						
Personal service	\$9.40	13.1	\$9.43	13.9	—	—

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² Each occupation for which data are collected in an establishment is evaluated based on four factors, including knowledge, job controls and complexity, contacts, and physical environment. The knowledge factor is tailored to 24 families of closely related jobs. Points are assigned based on the occupation's rank within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See appendix A for more information.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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Table 4-3. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² part-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004**

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All	\$7.45	9.6	\$6.91	10.9	\$11.01	11.5
All excluding sales	7.47	10.6	6.89	12.2	11.01	11.5
White collar	11.25	15.0	10.39	17.4	20.02	17.1
1	6.43	4.3	—	—	—	—
3	7.06	3.2	7.06	3.2	—	—
White collar excluding sales	13.21	14.8	12.18	18.8	20.02	17.1
Professional specialty and technical	17.66	14.3	16.11	20.5	25.48	11.4
Professional specialty	18.54	14.5	16.63	21.3	—	—
Health related	21.33	6.3	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	12.58	47.6	—	—	12.58	47.6
Executives, administrators, and managers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Management related	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales	7.20	9.4	7.20	9.4	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	8.46	9.5	8.47	10.0	—	—
Blue collar	8.89	16.1	5.98	10.7	12.84	4.2
1	5.68	9.1	5.67	9.0	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	—	—	—	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	12.55	5.3	—	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Service	5.91	10.1	5.80	11.3	6.90	10.7
1	5.66	5.5	5.45	3.7	—	—
2	6.09	16.5	6.09	16.5	—	—
3	5.22	23.9	4.91	28.7	—	—
Protective service	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food service	5.27	16.1	5.27	16.1	—	—
2	5.32	22.5	5.32	22.5	—	—
3	4.66	28.6	4.66	28.6	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	3.71	36.8	3.71	36.8	—	—
Other food service	6.94	7.0	6.94	7.0	—	—
Health service	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	—	—	—	—	—	—
Personal service	7.02	7.3	—	—	—	—

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where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

⁴ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

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Table 5-1. **Selected worker characteristics: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004**

Occupational group	Private industry and State and local government					
	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Union ⁴	Nonunion ⁴	Time ⁵	Incentive ⁵
	Mean					
All occupations	\$17.86	\$7.45	\$16.34	\$16.81	\$16.81	\$15.39
All excluding sales	17.88	7.47	16.61	16.84	16.88	14.34
White collar	22.84	11.25	18.15	22.33	22.29	21.14
White-collar excluding sales	23.24	13.21	22.56	22.88	22.84	–
Professional specialty and technical	27.84	17.66	–	27.45	27.50	–
Professional specialty	29.99	18.54	–	29.58	29.68	–
Technical	20.96	–	–	20.73	20.73	–
Executive, administrative, and managerial	33.28	12.58	–	33.16	33.25	–
Sales	17.45	7.20	–	15.98	14.59	–
Administrative support, including clerical	12.52	8.46	–	12.28	12.33	–
Blue collar	14.77	8.89	17.27	13.70	14.53	–
Precision production, craft, and repair	18.55	–	20.69	17.54	18.89	–
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	13.39	–	–	12.75	13.21	–
Transportation and material moving	14.75	12.55	14.68	14.57	14.29	–
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	10.11	–	13.04	9.02	9.81	–
Service	9.32	5.91	–	8.26	8.45	–
	Relative error ⁶ (percent)					
All occupations	4.6	9.6	8.5	5.2	5.1	25.4
All excluding sales	4.7	10.6	7.8	5.5	5.0	30.5
White collar	4.4	15.0	19.6	4.4	5.1	34.7
White-collar excluding sales	4.7	14.8	6.8	4.6	4.6	–
Professional specialty and technical	4.7	14.3	–	4.8	4.4	–
Professional specialty	5.8	14.5	–	6.0	5.6	–
Technical	9.5	–	–	9.2	9.2	–
Executive, administrative, and managerial	7.0	47.6	–	7.0	7.0	–
Sales	17.2	9.4	–	18.3	24.7	–
Administrative support, including clerical	5.8	9.5	–	5.7	5.6	–
Blue collar	4.1	16.1	8.8	6.8	4.5	–
Precision production, craft, and repair	3.8	–	6.7	7.8	3.5	–
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	5.3	–	–	5.3	5.5	–
Transportation and material moving	8.0	5.3	12.9	9.0	8.3	–
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	6.1	–	10.3	5.1	6.5	–
Service	6.7	10.1	–	7.3	5.6	–

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

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⁴ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

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

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Table 5-2. Major industry division: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers									
	All private industries	Goods-producing industries ³				Service-producing industries ⁴				
		Total	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Total	Transportation and public utilities	Wholesale and retail trade	Finance, insurance, and real estate	Services
	Mean									
All occupations	\$16.31	\$21.50	–	\$17.06	\$21.45	–	\$19.11	–	\$19.16	\$14.76
All excluding sales	16.36	21.46	–	17.06	21.40	–	19.11	–	19.54	14.60
White collar	22.02	28.06	–	–	27.04	–	24.41	–	19.16	21.27
White-collar excluding sales	22.88	28.10	–	–	27.06	–	24.41	–	19.54	21.20
Professional specialty and technical	28.33	38.17	–	–	36.73	–	–	–	–	25.50
Professional specialty	31.03	47.87	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	28.56
Technical	22.07	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17.64
Executive, administrative, and managerial	32.97	32.76	–	–	31.85	–	–	–	34.43	32.32
Sales	15.40	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Administrative support, including clerical	12.40	15.66	–	–	14.75	–	17.46	–	11.32	11.14
Blue collar	14.93	17.55	–	17.02	17.12	–	16.54	–	–	9.54
Precision production, craft, and repair	19.57	20.52	–	–	19.80	–	–	–	–	–
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	13.27	14.11	–	–	13.71	–	–	–	–	–
Transportation and material moving	14.79	17.51	–	–	–	–	15.40	–	–	–
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	10.04	12.39	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8.73
Service	7.52	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7.88
	Relative error ⁵ (percent)									
All occupations	6.4	5.1	–	0.5	5.9	–	11.7	–	9.9	14.0
All excluding sales	6.7	5.3	–	.5	6.2	–	11.7	–	11.2	14.6
White collar	6.3	3.2	–	–	4.1	–	20.5	–	9.9	8.8
White-collar excluding sales	6.4	3.1	–	–	4.1	–	20.5	–	11.2	9.3
Professional specialty and technical	7.2	14.3	–	–	16.8	–	–	–	–	9.1
Professional specialty	9.7	9.3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10.8
Technical	9.8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7.0
Executive, administrative, and managerial	8.1	12.3	–	–	14.1	–	–	–	36.1	17.8
Sales	18.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Administrative support, including clerical	7.1	4.2	–	–	6.6	–	7.3	–	4.5	9.4
Blue collar	5.2	2.6	–	.6	.9	–	5.6	–	–	11.2
Precision production, craft, and repair	4.3	3.5	–	–	.3	–	–	–	–	–
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	5.7	3.4	–	–	3.4	–	–	–	–	–
Transportation and material moving	8.4	5.6	–	–	–	–	9.5	–	–	–
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	8.0	10.8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7.3
Service	7.8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6.2

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³ Goods-producing industries include mining, construction, and manufacturing.

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

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Table 5-3. Establishment employment size: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers				
	All private industry workers	50 - 99 workers ³	100 workers or more		
			Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more
Mean					
All occupations	\$16.31	\$14.26	\$17.11	\$15.68	\$19.16
All excluding sales	16.36	14.02	17.17	15.66	19.31
White collar	22.02	18.41	23.68	21.78	25.27
White-collar excluding sales	22.88	19.29	24.17	22.24	25.69
Professional specialty and technical	28.33	19.61	30.21	29.74	30.45
Professional specialty	31.03	14.90	35.03	33.23	35.90
Technical	22.07	–	19.95	23.08	18.14
Executive, administrative, and managerial	32.97	36.04	31.30	28.40	34.87
Sales	15.40	15.89	14.22	16.53	–
Administrative support, including clerical	12.40	10.36	13.34	13.14	13.56
Blue collar	14.93	13.30	15.30	14.95	16.71
Precision production, craft, and repair	19.57	17.99	20.06	20.11	19.99
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	13.27	–	14.53	14.22	15.60
Transportation and material moving	14.79	–	15.35	15.38	–
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	10.04	–	10.29	10.41	9.65
Service	7.52	7.74	7.41	6.84	7.98
Relative error ⁴ (percent)					
All occupations	6.4	12.0	10.5	12.0	13.0
All excluding sales	6.7	11.8	10.7	12.3	12.9
White collar	6.3	17.8	8.9	13.7	11.7
White-collar excluding sales	6.4	20.2	9.2	14.7	11.7
Professional specialty and technical	7.2	22.6	8.1	11.3	12.6
Professional specialty	9.7	6.4	9.1	12.4	12.4
Technical	9.8	–	7.2	15.2	8.5
Executive, administrative, and managerial	8.1	12.2	10.1	15.4	11.0
Sales	18.4	25.0	19.8	16.4	–
Administrative support, including clerical	7.1	14.4	6.9	10.3	9.7
Blue collar	5.2	17.9	6.9	6.8	12.9
Precision production, craft, and repair	4.3	25.1	7.2	7.4	10.9
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	5.7	–	7.0	7.7	12.7
Transportation and material moving	8.4	–	7.6	8.0	–
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	8.0	–	9.5	8.6	27.8
Service	7.8	16.0	5.5	8.9	6.6

¹ 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.

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

³ Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain

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

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

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

Table 6-1. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$6.45	\$8.70	\$13.00	\$20.80	\$33.25
All excluding sales	6.45	8.67	13.00	21.00	33.42
White collar	8.68	11.34	18.03	29.75	40.48
White collar excluding sales	8.92	12.00	18.73	30.75	41.50
Professional specialty and technical	12.89	17.00	25.00	34.55	45.10
Professional specialty	13.70	19.00	26.45	36.90	49.42
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	22.00	29.25	38.50	51.11	57.21
Mathematical and computer scientists	23.13	26.07	44.20	54.70	67.75
Computer systems analysts and scientists	22.02	25.63	44.50	54.70	67.75
Natural scientists	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	19.50	21.56	26.07	35.00	39.95
Registered nurses	20.28	23.36	26.45	34.50	37.43
Teachers, college and university	14.99	22.07	31.42	44.87	60.43
Teachers, except college and university	16.35	25.30	29.38	35.50	37.42
Elementary school teachers	24.47	25.91	28.75	34.51	37.01
Secondary school teachers	24.47	26.87	29.74	34.55	36.99
Teachers, special education	25.39	34.32	36.33	37.73	38.81
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	10.67	12.89	14.92	17.81	23.67
Social workers	10.67	12.97	15.41	17.88	23.67
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	9.65	13.70	16.00	18.03	28.14
Technical	10.23	13.50	18.60	26.68	33.65
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	9.47	9.88	17.75	24.79	27.30
Licensed practical nurses	13.50	14.94	16.00	17.00	17.33
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	10.01	12.00	14.00	16.67	20.59
Executive, administrative, and managerial	16.40	19.84	31.54	38.16	52.67
Executives, administrators, and managers	20.88	30.93	36.95	44.87	57.43
Administrators and officials, public administration	20.88	26.52	55.76	64.27	78.84
Administrators, education and related fields	32.68	33.29	38.04	38.04	40.56
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	30.10	36.95	36.95	52.67	59.86
Management related	15.39	16.40	20.19	29.44	38.16
Accountants and auditors	15.67	25.24	26.92	30.79	42.40
Management related, n.e.c.	15.36	18.58	28.31	34.17	36.78
Sales	6.25	9.50	12.45	19.23	26.39
Supervisors, sales	7.50	9.50	10.00	12.98	26.39
Cashiers	5.75	5.75	6.22	6.75	7.64
Administrative support, including clerical	7.00	8.92	10.95	14.47	18.62
Secretaries	9.00	10.82	12.10	16.27	18.46
Receptionists	6.00	6.25	6.70	9.36	10.44
Records clerks, n.e.c.	7.53	8.48	10.25	15.37	19.85
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	6.75	6.75	10.66	17.20	17.20
Dispatchers	9.19	9.19	12.40	35.67	35.67
Stock and inventory clerks	6.44	8.00	8.00	11.50	12.87
General office clerks	7.92	8.92	9.60	11.06	17.27
Teachers' aides	8.18	8.49	9.70	10.23	11.14
Administrative support, n.e.c.	10.16	11.54	16.17	23.27	25.24
Blue collar	7.75	9.92	13.05	17.67	23.00
Precision production, craft, and repair	10.76	13.55	17.02	22.74	29.14
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	10.75	12.85	15.82	17.14	19.87
Supervisors, production	11.70	13.05	14.35	23.02	28.62
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	8.07	8.94	11.16	12.42	18.32
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	8.50	11.76	13.00	15.61	18.24
Welders and cutters	14.50	15.66	16.46	18.24	18.24
Transportation and material moving	8.34	9.92	13.27	17.96	20.24
Truck drivers	5.40	5.40	16.13	18.39	23.41
Bus drivers	12.30	12.48	12.89	13.55	15.94
Sailors and deckhands	8.34	8.75	9.17	12.33	19.38

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-1. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Blue collar —Continued					
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	\$5.68	\$7.50	\$8.95	\$11.54	\$13.30
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	5.75	6.06	7.31	8.50	10.39
Construction laborers	5.15	5.15	7.62	9.00	11.75
Stock handlers and baggers	5.50	6.94	8.00	8.55	11.02
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	7.00	7.50	9.00	11.50	11.54
Service	5.15	6.15	7.40	10.00	13.38
Protective service	6.15	8.25	11.84	15.75	18.44
Supervisors, police and detectives	16.60	18.46	20.20	21.14	21.63
Firefighting	8.10	10.38	11.07	12.66	14.00
Police and detectives, public service	13.36	15.02	15.75	17.11	18.44
Correctional institution officers	7.50	8.24	9.62	11.47	12.54
Guards and police, except public service	5.15	5.15	7.40	9.24	11.15
Food service	2.13	5.25	7.00	10.00	13.00
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	2.13	2.13	5.00	6.50	7.00
Other food service	5.60	6.79	8.05	11.50	13.60
Cooks	8.00	8.25	10.58	11.50	13.00
Kitchen workers, food preparation	5.25	5.90	6.79	7.26	10.40
Food preparation, n.e.c.	6.50	7.80	8.58	16.65	16.65
Health service	6.45	7.00	7.50	8.62	10.00
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	6.25	6.50	7.50	7.78	9.82
Cleaning and building service	5.15	6.00	7.00	8.98	10.45
Maids and housemen	5.75	6.25	6.50	7.60	9.31
Janitors and cleaners	5.15	5.25	7.00	9.25	10.00
Personal service	5.63	6.35	7.36	9.00	12.50
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	5.25	6.35	6.51	9.25	16.50

¹ Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays;

nonproduction bonuses; and tips.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

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

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Table 6-2. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	Private industry				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$6.08	\$8.00	\$12.50	\$19.84	\$32.21
All excluding sales	6.05	8.00	12.50	19.87	32.62
White collar	8.30	10.82	17.29	28.84	44.20
White collar excluding sales	8.75	11.08	18.46	30.75	44.86
Professional specialty and technical	13.05	17.00	24.73	36.41	51.11
Professional specialty	14.33	18.03	26.20	40.48	55.77
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	24.71	29.36	38.50	51.11	57.21
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists	22.02	25.41	44.80	54.70	67.75
Natural scientists	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	19.00	21.90	27.38	37.14	42.88
Registered nurses	20.53	24.83	28.00	35.00	60.00
Teachers, college and university	13.09	20.70	34.81	42.39	71.45
Teachers, except college and university	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	9.65	13.70	16.00	18.03	26.63
Technical	10.01	14.50	20.87	27.89	33.89
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	9.50	9.88	19.05	25.19	28.04
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	9.98	12.00	14.18	16.60	28.84
Executive, administrative, and managerial	16.40	19.84	31.10	38.46	52.67
Executives, administrators, and managers	19.84	31.25	36.95	52.67	57.43
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	30.10	36.95	36.95	52.67	59.86
Management related	15.39	16.75	23.32	29.40	38.16
Accountants and auditors	25.24	25.24	27.89	31.54	42.40
Sales	6.25	9.50	12.45	19.23	26.39
Supervisors, sales	7.50	9.50	10.00	12.98	26.39
Cashiers	5.75	5.75	6.22	6.75	7.64
Administrative support, including clerical	6.75	8.92	10.82	14.42	20.13
Secretaries	9.00	10.82	11.22	18.46	18.46
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	6.75	6.75	10.00	13.06	18.21
General office clerks	8.92	8.92	9.84	10.58	19.85
Blue collar	8.00	9.94	13.33	18.24	23.41
Precision production, craft, and repair	10.76	15.00	19.00	23.31	29.63
Supervisors, production	11.70	12.99	13.55	23.02	28.62
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	8.00	11.87	13.00	15.70	18.24
Welders and cutters	14.50	15.66	16.46	18.24	18.24
Transportation and material moving	8.34	9.92	13.75	17.96	23.17
Sailors and deckhands	8.34	8.75	9.17	12.33	19.38
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	5.50	7.75	9.80	11.54	13.30
Stock handlers and baggers	5.50	6.94	8.00	8.55	11.02
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	7.00	7.50	9.00	11.54	12.00
Service	5.15	5.75	7.00	9.00	11.55
Protective service	5.15	5.15	7.50	11.00	13.36
Guards and police, except public service	5.15	5.15	7.00	9.41	11.65
Food service	2.13	5.25	7.00	10.00	12.10
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	2.13	2.13	5.00	6.50	7.00
Other food service	5.60	6.75	8.00	11.49	13.60
Kitchen workers, food preparation	5.25	5.87	6.25	7.25	10.40
Food preparation, n.e.c.	6.50	7.80	7.93	16.65	16.65
Health service	6.45	7.00	7.50	8.09	9.59

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-2. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued

Occupation ³	Private industry				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Service —Continued					
Cleaning and building service	\$5.15	\$5.90	\$6.75	\$8.00	\$10.41
Maids and housemen	5.75	6.25	6.50	7.60	9.31
Janitors and cleaners	5.15	5.15	6.50	7.75	9.50
Personal service	6.00	6.80	8.30	11.15	12.50

¹ Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays;

nonproduction bonuses; and tips.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

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Table 6-3. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	State and local government				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$7.62	\$10.39	\$14.60	\$24.07	\$35.05
All excluding sales	7.62	10.39	14.60	24.07	35.05
White collar	9.34	12.89	20.00	30.75	37.73
White collar excluding sales	9.34	12.89	20.00	30.75	37.73
Professional specialty and technical	12.87	16.67	25.47	32.71	37.73
Professional specialty	13.10	20.00	26.59	34.32	38.26
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	—	—	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	19.50	21.09	25.14	28.61	30.94
Registered nurses	19.95	21.53	25.14	27.97	30.94
Teachers, college and university	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	23.46	25.92	30.15	35.78	37.46
Elementary school teachers	24.47	25.91	28.75	34.51	37.01
Secondary school teachers	24.47	26.87	29.74	34.55	36.99
Teachers, special education	25.39	34.32	36.33	37.73	38.81
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	10.67	10.67	12.97	13.87	15.99
Social workers	10.67	11.11	12.98	14.03	16.22
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	10.91	12.96	14.96	17.58	23.37
Executive, administrative, and managerial	16.07	22.24	34.17	38.04	47.11
Executives, administrators, and managers	25.23	30.92	37.40	38.04	59.53
Administrators and officials, public administration	20.88	26.52	55.76	64.27	78.84
Management related	14.91	16.07	19.01	34.17	40.45
Administrative support, including clerical	7.55	8.75	11.77	15.37	17.20
Secretaries	8.83	12.10	12.10	15.03	16.68
Dispatchers	11.55	16.19	16.93	18.12	18.96
General office clerks	7.53	7.92	9.19	11.30	15.67
Administrative support, n.e.c.	9.50	9.98	11.02	13.76	16.17
Blue collar	7.24	8.97	12.28	15.18	17.21
Precision production, craft, and repair	10.75	11.90	14.24	16.14	19.06
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	10.07	11.34	13.18	15.82	17.14
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	8.07	8.94	11.16	12.42	18.32
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	9.74	12.22	12.76	13.93	16.44
Bus drivers	12.30	12.48	12.89	13.55	15.94
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	6.06	6.59	8.39	9.38	13.15
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	5.75	6.06	6.74	8.33	10.42
Service	6.35	7.50	9.97	14.21	17.32
Protective service	7.40	10.36	13.45	16.47	19.29
Supervisors, police and detectives	16.60	18.46	20.20	21.14	21.63
Firefighting	8.10	10.38	11.07	12.66	14.00
Police and detectives, public service	13.45	15.41	16.11	17.11	18.86
Correctional institution officers	7.50	8.24	9.62	11.47	12.54
Food service	—	—	—	—	—
Other food service	—	—	—	—	—
Health service	—	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-3. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004 — Continued

Occupation ³	State and local government				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Service —Continued					
Cleaning and building service	\$6.35	\$7.30	\$9.60	\$9.97	\$10.74
Janitors and cleaners	6.35	7.12	9.60	9.97	10.74
Personal service	—	—	—	—	—

¹ Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays;

nonproduction bonuses; and tips.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

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Table 6-4. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$7.25	\$9.60	\$13.90	\$22.22	\$34.81
All excluding sales	7.24	9.50	13.96	22.22	34.98
White collar	9.11	12.10	18.46	30.65	41.64
White collar excluding sales	9.02	12.14	19.01	31.00	42.04
Professional specialty and technical	12.98	17.18	25.39	35.00	45.14
Professional specialty	13.70	19.50	27.03	37.00	51.49
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	22.00	29.25	38.50	51.11	57.21
Mathematical and computer scientists	23.13	26.07	44.20	54.70	67.75
Computer systems analysts and scientists	22.02	25.63	44.50	54.70	67.75
Natural scientists	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	20.18	23.50	27.03	35.00	42.61
Registered nurses	20.18	23.02	26.45	34.50	37.43
Teachers, college and university	15.85	23.04	32.05	46.15	60.43
Teachers, except college and university	18.23	25.47	29.74	35.78	37.45
Elementary school teachers	24.47	25.91	28.75	34.76	37.01
Secondary school teachers	24.47	26.87	29.74	34.55	36.99
Teachers, special education	25.39	34.32	36.33	37.73	38.81
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	10.67	12.89	14.92	17.81	23.67
Social workers	10.67	12.97	15.41	17.88	23.67
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	9.65	13.70	16.00	18.03	28.14
Technical	10.37	13.50	19.00	26.92	33.65
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	9.47	9.88	17.75	24.79	27.30
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	10.99	12.50	14.50	16.67	20.59
Executive, administrative, and managerial	16.40	19.84	31.79	38.16	52.67
Executives, administrators, and managers	22.24	31.00	36.95	44.87	57.43
Administrators and officials, public administration	20.88	26.52	55.76	64.27	78.84
Administrators, education and related fields	32.68	33.29	38.04	38.04	40.56
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	30.10	36.95	36.95	52.67	59.86
Management related	15.39	16.40	20.19	29.44	38.16
Accountants and auditors	15.67	25.24	26.92	30.79	42.40
Sales	9.50	10.78	13.25	20.88	27.00
Administrative support, including clerical	7.49	9.00	11.00	14.87	19.21
Secretaries	9.00	10.82	12.10	16.27	18.46
Records clerks, n.e.c.	7.53	8.48	10.25	15.37	19.85
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	6.75	6.75	10.66	17.20	17.20
Dispatchers	9.19	10.02	16.19	35.67	35.67
Stock and inventory clerks	6.44	8.00	8.00	11.50	12.87
General office clerks	7.92	8.92	9.61	11.06	18.70
Administrative support, n.e.c.	10.16	11.54	16.17	23.27	25.24
Blue collar	8.00	10.05	13.30	17.96	23.17
Precision production, craft, and repair	10.76	13.55	17.02	22.74	29.14
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	10.75	12.85	15.82	17.14	19.87
Supervisors, production	11.70	13.05	14.35	23.02	28.62
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	8.07	8.87	11.21	13.28	18.32
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	8.50	11.76	13.00	15.64	18.24
Welders and cutters	14.50	15.66	16.46	18.24	18.24
Transportation and material moving	8.34	9.92	13.66	17.96	21.45
Truck drivers	5.40	5.40	16.13	18.39	23.41
Sailors and deckhands	8.34	8.75	9.17	12.33	19.38
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	6.24	8.00	9.38	11.54	13.30
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	5.75	6.06	7.31	8.63	10.39
Construction laborers	7.50	7.99	9.00	10.00	13.45
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	7.00	7.50	9.00	11.50	11.54
Service	6.15	6.90	8.00	11.15	15.02
Protective service	7.00	8.58	12.11	15.78	18.86

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-4. **Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004** — Continued

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Service —Continued					
Protective service—Continued					
Supervisors, police and detectives	\$16.60	\$18.46	\$20.20	\$21.14	\$21.63
Firefighting	8.10	10.38	11.07	12.66	14.00
Police and detectives, public service	13.36	15.02	15.75	17.11	18.44
Correctional institution officers	7.50	8.24	9.62	11.47	12.54
Guards and police, except public service	5.15	5.75	7.40	9.23	11.15
Food service	6.00	7.00	8.52	12.00	14.78
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	—	—	—	—	—
Other food service	6.91	7.80	10.58	13.30	16.65
Cooks	8.00	8.25	10.58	11.50	13.00
Health service	6.45	6.95	7.50	8.62	10.18
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	6.25	6.50	7.50	7.78	9.82
Cleaning and building service	6.00	6.50	7.25	9.50	10.50
Maids and housemen	5.75	6.19	6.50	7.60	9.63
Janitors and cleaners	6.50	6.85	7.71	9.60	10.50
Personal service	5.45	6.85	8.30	12.00	14.56

¹ Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips.

² 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.

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

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Table 6-5. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ part-time workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$2.13	\$5.15	\$6.25	\$8.67	\$12.71
All excluding sales	2.13	5.15	6.14	8.67	12.80
White collar	6.00	6.30	8.50	16.00	19.26
White collar excluding sales	6.00	7.48	9.72	19.00	24.00
Professional specialty and technical	6.00	12.00	19.00	20.00	27.84
Professional specialty	6.00	15.56	19.00	21.00	27.84
Health related	19.00	19.00	19.00	24.00	26.00
Teachers, college and university	-	-	-	-	-
Teachers, except college and university	-	-	-	-	-
Lawyers and judges	-	-	-	-	-
Technical	-	-	-	-	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial	4.19	5.19	10.10	18.58	27.43
Executives, administrators, and managers	-	-	-	-	-
Management related	-	-	-	-	-
Sales	5.75	5.75	6.56	7.50	8.96
Administrative support, including clerical	6.00	6.70	8.50	9.15	10.42
Blue collar	5.15	5.15	7.75	12.68	13.05
Precision production, craft, and repair	-	-	-	-	-
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving	11.37	12.43	12.75	13.05	13.93
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	-	-	-	-	-
Service	2.13	5.15	5.50	7.10	9.00
Protective service	-	-	-	-	-
Food service	2.13	2.13	5.35	7.00	8.00
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	2.13	2.13	2.13	5.25	7.00
Other food service	5.35	5.55	6.75	7.88	10.00
Health service	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and building service	-	-	-	-	-
Personal service	5.63	6.25	6.50	8.75	9.00

¹ Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips.

² 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.

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Appendix A: Technical Note

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

Planning for the survey

The overall design of the National Compensation Survey (NCS) includes questions of scope, frame, and sample selection.

Survey scope

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

The New Orleans, LA, Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Tammany Parishes.

Sampling frame

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

Sample design

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

Data collection

The collection of data from survey respondents required detailed procedures. Field economists collected the data, working out of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Regional Offices and visiting each establishment surveyed. Other contact methods, such as mail and telephone, were used to follow up and update data.

Occupational selection and classification

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

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

For each occupation, wage data were collected for those workers whose jobs could be characterized by the criteria identified in the last three steps. Special procedures were developed for jobs for which a level could not be determined.

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

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

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

<i>Number of employees</i>	<i>Number of selected jobs</i>
50–249	6
250 or more	8

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

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

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

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

In step three, certain other job characteristics of the chosen worker were identified. First, the worker was identified as holding either a full-time or part-time job, based on the establishment's definition of those terms. Then, the worker was classified as having a time versus incentive job, depending on whether any part of pay was directly based on the actual production of the worker, rather than solely

on hours worked. Finally, the worker was identified as being in a union job or a nonunion job. See the "Definition of terms" section on the following page for more detail.

Occupational leveling

In the last step before wage data were collected, the work level of each selected job was determined using a "point factor leveling" process. Point factor leveling matches certain aspects of a job to specific levels of work with assigned point values. Points for each factor are then totaled to determine the overall work level for the job.

The NCS program is in the process of converting from a nine-factor to a four-factor occupational leveling system. The conversion is being phased in via annual NCS sample replenishment groups and will require several years for full implementation. The four occupational leveling factors are:

- Knowledge
- Job controls and complexity
- Contacts (nature and purpose)
- Physical environment

Each factor consists of several levels, and each level has an associated description and assigned points. The knowledge factor is tailored to 24 families of closely related occupations. A knowledge guide for each of the 24 families contains short definitions of the point levels of knowledge expected for the occupations and presents relevant examples. The other three factors use identical descriptions for all occupational categories and contain a definition of each point level within each factor.

The description within each factor best matching the job is chosen. The point levels within each factor are designed to describe the thresholds of distinct levels of work. When a job does not meet the full description of a point level, the next lowest point level is used. Points for the four factors are totaled to determine the overall work level. NCS publishes data for up to 15 work levels.

Most supervisory occupations are evaluated based on their duties and responsibilities. A modified approach is used for professional and administrative supervisors when they direct professional work and are paid primarily to supervise. Such supervisory occupations are leveled based on the work level of the highest position reporting to them.

For a complete description of point factor leveling, refer to the publication "National Compensation Survey: Guide for Evaluating Your Firm's Jobs and Pay," available at the BLS National Compensation Survey Internet site at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/sp/ncbr0004.pdf>.

Collection period

Survey data were collected over a 13-month period for 60 metropolitan areas in the NCS program. For 20 small metropolitan areas, data were collected over a 4-month period.

For each establishment in the survey, the data reflect the establishment's most recent information at the time of collection. The payroll reference month shown in the tables reflects the average date of this information for all sample units.

Earnings

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

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

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

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

To calculate earnings for various periods (hourly, weekly, and annual), data on work schedules also were collected. For hourly workers, scheduled hours worked per day and per week, exclusive of overtime, were recorded. Annual weeks worked were determined. Because salaried workers who are exempt from overtime provisions often work beyond the assigned work schedule, their typical number of hours actually worked was collected.

Definition of terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Processing and analyzing the data

Data were processed and analyzed at the BLS National Office following collection.

Weighting and nonresponse

Sample weights were calculated for each establishment and occupation in the survey. These weights reflected the relative size of the occupation within the establishment and of the establishment within the sample universe. Weights were used to aggregate data for the individual establishments or occupations into the various data series. Some of the establishments surveyed could not supply or refused to supply information. If data were not provided by a sample member, the weights of responding sample members in the same or similar "cells" were adjusted to account for the missing data. This technique assumes that the mean value of data for the nonrespondents equals the mean value of data for the respondents at some detailed "cell" level. Responding and nonresponding establishments were classified into these cells according to industry and employment size. Responding and nonresponding occupations within responding establishments were classified into cells that were additionally defined by major occupation group.

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

Survey response

	<i>Establish- ments</i>
Total in sampling frame	1,832
Total in sample	200
Responding	135
Out of business or not in survey scope	22
Unable or refused to provide data	43

In this survey, the nonresponse rate for private industry exceeded regular survey standards.

Estimation

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

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

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

Percentiles

The percentiles presented in tables 6-1 through 6-5 are computed using earnings reported for individual workers in sampled establishment jobs and their scheduled hours of work. Establishments in the survey may report only individual-worker earnings for each sampled job. For the calculation of percentile estimates, the individual-worker hourly earnings are appropriately weighted and then arrayed from lowest to highest.

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

rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic.

Data reliability

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

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

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

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

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

Appendix table 1. **Number of workers¹ represented by the survey, by occupational group,² National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, December 2004**

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers		
	Total	Private industry	State and local government
All occupations	261,600	198,200	63,400
All excluding sales	251,300	187,900	63,400
White collar	122,400	84,000	38,300
White-collar excluding sales	112,100	73,700	38,300
Professional specialty and technical	56,100	31,900	24,200
Professional specialty	44,400	22,700	21,700
Technical	11,700	9,200	2,500
Executive, administrative, and managerial	16,500	12,500	4,100
Sales	10,300	10,300	–
Administrative support, including clerical	39,400	29,400	10,100
Blue collar	69,400	57,500	11,900
Precision production, craft, and repair	23,500	18,500	5,000
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	9,000	8,700	–
Transportation and material moving	17,700	14,700	3,000
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	19,100	15,600	3,500
Service	69,800	56,700	13,200

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

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