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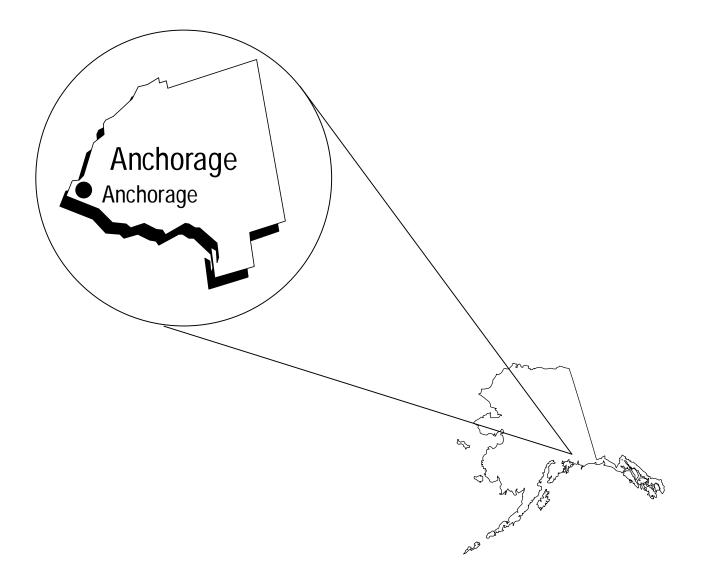
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Preface

This bulletin provides results of a May 1998 survey of occupational pay in the Anchorage, AK, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Data shown in this bulletin were collected as part of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) new program known as the National Compensation Survey (NCS).

The survey could not have been conducted without the cooperation of the many private firms and government jurisdictions that provided pay data included in this bulletin. The Bureau thanks these respondents for their cooperation.

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The data contained in this bulletin are also available at the BLS Internet site (**http://stats.bls.gov/comhome.htm**). Data are in three formats: an ASCII file containing the published table formats; an ASCII file containing positional columns of data for manipulation as a data base or spreadsheet; and a Portable Document Format (PDF) file containing the entire bulletin.

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Introduction

This survey of occupational pay was conducted in the Anchorage, AK, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The MSA includes Anchorage Borough, AK.

This bulletin consists primarily of tables whose data are analyzed in the initial textual section. Tabulations provide information on earnings of workers in a variety of occupations and at a wide range of work levels. Also contained in this bulletin is information on the program, a technical note describing survey procedures, and several appendixes with detailed information on occupational classifications and the generic leveling methodology.

NCS design and products

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) new National Compensation Survey (NCS) is designed to provide data on the levels and rates of change of occupational wages and employee benefits for localities, broad geographic regions, and the nation as a whole. One output of the NCS will be the Employment Cost Index, a quarterly measure of the change in employer costs for wages and benefits. This bulletin is limited to data on wages and salaries. These data are similar to those released under the Occupational Compensation Survey (OCS), which has been discontinued.

Due to the limited amount of time available to initiate this first phase of the new program, a number of companies were unable to provide complete data before the publication deadline. As a result, some surveys have a high nonresponse rate for the all industries or the private industry iterations. Such instances are noted in the bulletin table footnotes.

NCS more extensive than OCS

The wage data in this bulletin differ from those in previous Occupational Compensation Surveys by providing broader coverage of occupations and establishments within the survey area.

Occupations surveyed for this bulletin were selected using probability techniques from a list of all those present in each establishment. Previous OCS bulletins were limited to a preselected list of occupations, which represented a small subset of all occupations in the economy. Information in the new bulletin is published for a variety of occupation-based data. This new approach includes data on broad occupational classifications such as white-collar workers, major occupational groups such as sales workers, and individual occupations such as cashiers.

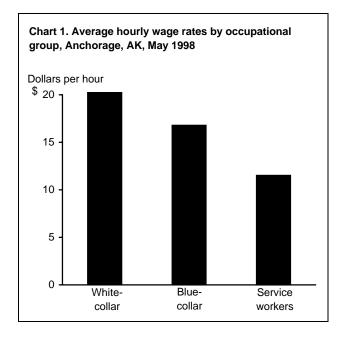
In tables containing work levels within occupational series, the work levels are derived from generic standards that *apply to all* occupational groups. The job levels in the OCS bulletins were based on narrowly-defined descriptions that were not comparable across specific occupations.

Occupational data in this bulletin are also tabulated for other classifications such as industry group, full-time versus part-time workers, union versus nonunion status, time versus incentive status, and establishment employment size. Not all of these series were generated by the OCS program.

The establishments surveyed for this bulletin were limited to those with 50 or more employees. Eventually, NCS will be expanded to cover those now-excluded establishments. Then, virtually all workers in the civilian economy will be surveyed, excluding only agriculture, private households, and employees of the Federal Government.

Wages in the Anchorage, AK Metropolitan Statistical Area

Statistical Area averaged \$18.37 per hour during May 1998. White-collar workers had an averaged \$16.78 per hour, while service workers had average averaged \$16.78 per hour, while service workers had average earnings of \$11.51 per hour. (All comparisons in this analysis cover hourly rates for both full- and part-time workers, unless otherwise noted.)



Within each of these occupational groups, average hourly wages for individual occupations varied. For example, white-collar occupations included registered nurses at \$21.82 per hour, secretaries at \$13.62, and bank tellers at \$9.10. Among occupations in the blue-collar category, truck drivers averaged \$14.88 per hour while stock handlers and baggers averaged \$9.34. Finally, service occupations included food service supervisors, preparers, and service workers at \$13.06 per hour and janitors and cleaners at \$9.31. Table A-1 presents earnings data for 121 detailed occupations; data for other detailed occupations surveyed could not be reported separately due to concerns about the confidentiality of survey respondents and the reliability of the data. Survey results show that private industry workers in Anchorage, AK, earned \$17.21 per hour, while surveyed State and local government workers averaged \$21.40. Table A-2 reports the average hourly rate for white-collar occupations as \$20.05 in private industry and \$21.49 in State and local government. Blue-collar occupations showed an average hourly rate of \$16.40 in private industry and \$19.46 in State and local government. Service occupations within private industry averaged \$9.10 per hour while those found in State and local government averaged \$21.88.

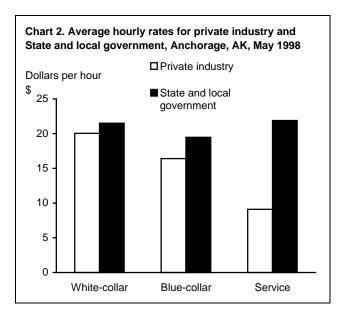
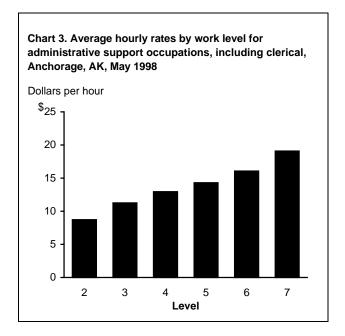


Table A-3 presents data for workers considered by the survey respondents to be either full-time or part-time. Average wages for full-time workers, all occupations, were \$19.64 per hour, compared with an average of \$10.98 per hour for part-time workers.

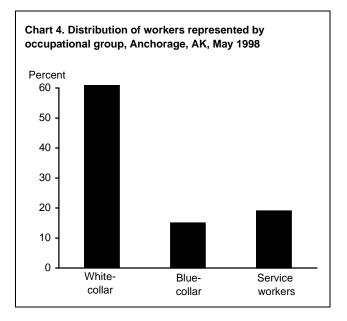
Data for specific work levels within major occupational groups are reported in table B-1. Occasionally, wage estimates for lower levels of work within major occupational groups are greater than estimates for higher levels. This can occur due to the mix of specific occupations (and industries) represented by the broad group as well as by the variability of the estimate. Work levels for all major groups span several levels, with professional specialty occupations and executive, administrative, and managerial occupations typically starting and ending at higher work levels than the other groups. Published data for administrative support occupations, including clerical, ranged from level 2 to level 7. As illustrated in Chart 3, the average hourly rate was \$8.71 for level 2, \$11.25 for level 3, \$12.94 for level 4, \$14.30 for level 5, \$16.07 for level 6 and \$19.08 for level 7.



Surveyed union workers had an average hourly rate of \$20.41, as reported in table C-1. Wages for nonunion workers averaged \$17.28. Time workers, whose wages were based solely on an hourly rate or a salary, averaged \$18.57 per hour. Incentive workers, whose wages were at least partially based on productivity payments, averaged \$15.03 per hour.

Table C-2 shows wage data for specific industry divisions within private industry. In the private sector, hourly wages averaged \$32.81 in all goods-producing industries and \$15.86 in all service-producing industries. Hourly wages averaged \$23.27 in transportation and public utilities and \$17.69 in finance, insurance, and real estate. Data for manufacturing and wholesale and retail trade divisions did not meet publication criteria.

Table C-4 reports that a total of 61,139 workers were represented by the Anchorage, AK survey. White-collar occupations included 40,203 workers, or 66 percent, blue-collar occupations included 9,027 workers, or 15 percent, and service occupations included 11,909 workers or 19 percent.



Data are also presented in appendix table 1 on the number of establishments studied by industry group and employment size. The relative standard errors of published mean hourly earnings for all industries, private industry, and State and local government are available in appendix table 2. The average work levels for published occupational groups and selected occupations are presented in appendix table 3.

Table A-1. Hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations, all workers², all industries, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

			All inc	dustries		
Occupation ³				Percentil	es	
	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All occupations	\$18.37	\$7.50	\$10.03	\$15.00	\$23.61	\$30.67
All occupations excluding sales	18.91	7.75	10.50	15.70	24.11	31.11
White-collar occupations	20.53	8.83	11.58	17.01	25.42	33.46
White-collar occupations excluding sales	21.75	9.81	12.52	18.41	26.73	36.06
Professional specialty and technical occupations	26.99	14.46	18.31	23.97	28.94	37.57
Professional specialty occupations	25.76	14.89	18.49	24.73	29.11	37.50
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	38.89	23.92	31.19	36.78	45.34	56.71
Petroleum engineers	43.64	25.96	35.50	43.75	56.71	60.38
Engineers, N.E.C.	41.03	32.45	36.25	40.00	50.00	50.00
Mathematical and computer scientists	26.37	20.24	24.11	25.18	29.11	29.11
Natural scientists	31.04	25.96	28.58	29.44	30.76	42.86
Health related occupations	21.81	16.46	18.75	20.91	23.97	27.95
Registered nurses	21.82	14.56	18.75	21.72	24.85	28.98
Teachers, college and university	-	_	-	-		-
Teachers, except college and university	22.78	15.23	18.77	23.64	27.24	28.49
Librarians, archivists, and curators	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social scientists and urban planners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious workers	14.58	7.75	9.80	16.45	17.01	20.93
Social workers	16.62	11.86	13.53	17.01	18.20	21.71
Lawyers and judges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and						
professionals, N.E.C.	23.02	14.89	14.89	18.00	31.01	36.06
Technical occupations	30.84	11.54	17.00	22.82	28.58	45.65
Science technicians, N.E.C.	20.14	9.00	14.00	21.72	23.97	27.74
Airplane pilots and navigators	112.56	45.65	67.98	99.75	148.41	217.83
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations	30.22	17.01	21.30	27.56	37.21	46.02
Executives, administrators, and managers	32.26	18.90	23.32	28.89	37.21	50.09
Financial managers	31.97	20.19	22.79	27.58	35.10	65.87
Personnel and labor relations managers	41.30	24.04	37.21	37.21	50.09	57.69
Managers., marketing, advertising and public						
relations	27.67	18.26	18.26	28.14	36.14	38.46
Managers, service organizations, N.E.C.	22.76	8.50	8.50	22.55	29.81	42.79
Managers and administrators, N.E.C.	34.99	16.30	22.60	28.02	41.59	60.58
Management related occupations	26.19	15.94	18.33	24.03	30.76	42.92
Accountants and auditors	24.35	15.43	15.94	18.86	34.10	45.27
Other financial officers	24.04 28.66	15.29	17.00	23.47	26.92	40.75
Management related occupations, N.E.C.		21.17	24.03	26.94	30.76	43.76
Sales occupations	13.26	6.65 11.54	7.69	11.10 16.75	16.01 18.75	-
Supervisors, sales occupations	18.03		11.09	14.18	17.66	24.23
Sales occupations, other business services Sales workers, other commodities	15.38 10.95	9.00 5.93	6.34	8.00	13.35	19.88 19.75
Sales counter clerks	7.75	6.30	7.41	7.41	8.91	10.24
Cashiers	9.20	6.85	7.20	8.83	11.13	11.13
Administrative support occupations, including clerical	13.26	8.44	10.04	12.28	15.23	19.67
Supervisors, financial records processing	19.80	11.19	13.87	16.99	29.11	29.11
Secretaries	13.62	10.50	11.40	13.43	14.73	17.91
Receptionists	9.07	7.00	8.00	8.75	10.00	11.00
Order clerks	12.21	9.33	10.00	11.54	13.47	15.86
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	12.20	8.50	9.77	11.99	14.01	16.04
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	11.42	7.80	8.05	11.00	11.67	17.75
Stock and inventory clerks	17.22	11.00	14.35	19.20	21.60	21.60
General office clerks	12.79	9.11	11.44	12.91	14.26	15.94
Bank tellers	9.10	7.62	8.11	9.23	9.88	10.70
Data entry keyers	10.03	7.50	8.00	10.25	11.08	13.40
Administrative support occupations, N.E.C	17.46	9.27	14.55	18.99	21.96	21.96
Blue-collar occupations	16.78	7.70	10.47	15.36	21.97	30.61
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	23.37	15.10	18.00	22.00	30.61	31.70
Electricians	25.05	20.93	21.97	21.97	28.26	31.70
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	11.75	6.75	9.03	10.71	12.53	21.33
	10.69	6.20	6.25	11.01	14.00	14.71
Miscellaneous machine operators, N.E.C.	10.03					
Miscellaneous machine operators, N.E.C Transportation and material moving occupations	15.04	7.10	11.12	14.15	17.95	25.12
			11.12 13.21	14.15 14.93	17.95 16.08	25.12 19.00

			All ind	dustries		
Occupation ³				Percentil	es	
	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Blue-collar occupations (-Continued)						
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers						
(-Continued)						
Stock handlers and baggers	\$9.34	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.81	\$11.00	\$13.96
Freight, stock, and material handlers, N.E.C	11.59	8.00	9.00	10.45	12.50	15.90
Laborers except construction, N.E.C.	12.93	9.00	10.47	13.47	15.00	16.33
Service occupations	11.51	5.65	7.00	9.33	13.37	22.51
Protective service occupations	21.48	11.28	13.97	22.51	27.56	30.47
Guards and police except public service	12.62	8.00	10.75	12.00	14.74	18.09
Food service occupations	8.26	5.65	5.65	7.00	9.50	13.50
Supervisors, food preparation and service						
occupations	13.06	8.00	9.25	15.00	16.35	16.82
Waiters and waitresses	5.83	5.65	5.65	5.65	6.00	6.30
Cooks	10.31	7.00	8.50	9.64	12.25	14.23
Food counter, fountain, and related occupations	8.52	6.30	6.52	8.25	11.13	11.1
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants	6.56	5.65	5.65	6.00	7.96	8.3
Food preparation occupations, N.E.C.	7.41	5.65	6.00	7.00	8.91	9.9
Health service occupations	10.81	9.27	10.00	10.49	11.46	12.2
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	10.34	9.23	9.45	10.00	11.05	11.4
Cleaning and building service occupations	9.57	7.00	7.50	9.22	11.00	12.6
Maids and housemen	9.31	8.00	9.22	9.54	9.76	9.8
Janitors and cleaners	9.31	6.75	7.10	8.26	11.93	12.20
Personal service occupations	10.40	6.58	7.59	8.95	10.23	16.2

Table A-1. Hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations, all workers², all industries, Anchorage, AK, May 1998 — Continued

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. The 10th, CTh CTh CTh and the pay of all workers and the pay of all workers and the pay of the pay of all workers are as a second by the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. The 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the workers receive the same as or more than the rate shown. At the and half receive the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth earn the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th ² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

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. Individual occupations are classified into one of nine major occupational groups.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria. Overall occupational groups and occupational levels may include data for categories not shown separately. N.E.C. means "not elsewhere classified."

Table A-2. Hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations, all workers², private industry and State and local government, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

			Private	industry				State	e and loc	al govern	ment	
Occupation ³				Percentil	es		-		F	Percentile	s	
	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All occupations	\$17.21	\$7.00	\$9.06	\$12.76	\$20.00	\$31.70	\$21.40	\$12.50	\$14.98	\$21.72	\$26.94	\$29.67
All occupations excluding sales	17.81	7.10	9.30	13.25	21.05	31.83	21.41	12.50	14.98	21.72	26.94	29.67
White-collar occupations White-collar occupations excluding sales	20.05 21.90	8.02 9.00	10.43 11.08	14.58 16.29	23.65 26.44	37.50 40.57	21.49 21.50	12.51 12.51	15.12 15.12	21.72 21.72	26.94 26.94	29.44 29.44
Professional specialty and technical												
occupations	31.08	12.77	17.20	24.15	35.36	51.14	23.25	14.89	19.47	23.97	27.78	29.11
Professional specialty occupations	28.42	14.34	18.21	24.80	36.06	50.00	23.56	14.89	18.77	24.34	28.49	29.44
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	38.89	23.92	31.19	36.78	45.34	56.71	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum engineers	43.64	25.96	35.50	43.75	56.71	60.38	_	_	_		_	-
Engineers, N.E.C Mathematical and computer scientists	41.03	32.45	36.25	40.00	50.00	50.00		_	_		_	
Natural scientists	36.28	22.50	29.12	38.56	44.02	50.09		_				_
Health related occupations	21.89	16.00	18.21	21.29	24.20	28.98		_				
Registered nurses	21.03	14.56	18.04	21.90	25.28	29.23	_	_	_	_	_	_
Teachers, college and university	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teachers, except college and university	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Librarians, archivists, and curators	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Social scientists and urban planners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious	11 12	7.50	7.09	10.75	10 50	16.45	_	_	_	_	_	
workers Lawyers and judges	11.13	7.52	7.98	10.75	13.53	16.45		_	_		_	
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes,	_	_	_	_	_		-	_	_		_	
and professionals, N.E.C.	26.94	17.13	18.00	24.52	33.90	36.35	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technical occupations	37.85	11.12	14.36	21.00	31.20	99.73	-	-	-	-	-	-
Airplane pilots and navigators	112.56	45.65	67.98	99.75	148.41	217.83	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations	31.64	17.04	20.99	27.58	38.65	50.09	_	_	_		_	_
Executives, administrators, and	31.04	17.04	20.99	27.50	30.05	50.09	-	_	_		_	
managers	33.10	17.77	22.60	28.59	40.57	58.56	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial managers	31.97	20.19	22.79	27.58	35.10	65.87	-	-	-	-	-	-
Managers., marketing, advertising	07.67	10.00	10.00	20.44	26.4.4	20.40						
and public relations Managers, service organizations,	27.67	18.26	18.26	28.14	36.14	38.46	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.E.C	22.76	8.50	8.50	22.55	29.81	42.79	-	-	-	-	-	-
Managers and administrators, N.E.C.	36.92	16.30	22.60	37.39	49.21	64.90	_	_		_	_	
Management related occupations	28.49	17.00	18.41	24.03	38.41	45.27	_	_	_	_	_	_
Accountants and auditors	34.05	20.67	23.75	37.39	45.27	45.77	_	_	_	_	_	_
Other financial officers	25.03	15.29	16.07	20.27	35.99	42.92	_	_	_	_	_	_
Management related occupations,				20.2.	00.00							
N.E.C	29.22	15.01	21.17	24.03	41.80	47.53	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales occupations	13.27	6.65	7.69	11.10	16.01	21.15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supervisors, sales occupations Sales occupations, other business	18.03	11.54	13.97	16.75	18.75	24.23	-	-	-	-	-	-
services	15.38	9.00	11.09	14.18	17.66	19.88	_	_	_	_	_	_
Sales workers, other commodities	10.95	5.93	6.34	8.00	13.35	19.75	-	_	_	-	_	-
Sales counter clerks	7.75	6.30	7.41	7.41	8.91	10.24	-	_	_	-	_	-
Cashiers	9.21	6.85	7.15	8.83	11.13	11.13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative support occupations,												
including clerical	12.25	8.11	9.66	11.40	14.03	17.65	15.72	11.54	12.51	14.53	18.86	21.96
Secretaries	13.41	10.00	10.79	13.00	14.35	19.56	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receptionists	9.07	7.00	8.00	8.75	10.00	11.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Order clerks Bookkeepers, accounting and	12.21	9.33	10.00	11.54	13.47	15.86	-	-	-	-	-	-
auditing clerks	12.20	8.50	9.77	11.99	14.01	16.04	-	_	-	-	-	-
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	11.42	7.80	8.05	11.00	11.67	17.75	-	_	_	-	-	-
General office clerks	11.50	8.35	9.43	11.00	12.00	17.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank tellers	9.10	7.62	8.11	9.23	9.88	10.70	-	-	-	-	-	-
Data entry keyers	10.03	7.50	8.00	10.25	11.08	13.40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue-collar occupations	16.40	7.50	10.00	14.90	21.50	29.47	19.46	11.54	13.49	20.93	21.97	30.61
Precision production, craft, and repair												
occupations	23.14	14.57	18.00	22.95	30.90	31.70	-	_	_	_	-	_
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Table A-2. Hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations, all workers², private industry and State and local government, Anchorage, AK, May 1998 — Continued

			Private	industry				State	e and loca	al govern	ment	
Occupation ³				Percentil	es	-			F	Percentile	S	
	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Blue-collar occupations (-Continued)												
Precision production, craft, and repair												
occupations (-Continued)												
Electricians	\$28.61	\$26.48	\$27.32	\$28.26	\$31.70	\$31.70	-	_	-	-	_	-
Machine operators, assemblers, and												
inspectors	11.75	6.75	9.03	10.71	12.53	21.33	- 1	_	_	-	_	-
Miscellaneous machine operators,												
N.E.C	10.69	6.20	6.25	11.01	14.00	14.71	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving												
occupations	14.93	7.10	11.00	13.89	18.50	25.12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truck drivers	14.88	10.92	13.21	14.93	16.08	19.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and												
laborers	11.62	7.00	8.00	10.47	14.25	17.35	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock handlers and baggers	9.34	6.00	7.00	8.81	11.00	13.96	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freight, stock, and material												
handlers, N.E.C.	11.59	8.00	9.00	10.45	12.50	15.90	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laborers except construction, N.E.C.	12.94	9.00	10.47	13.47	15.00	16.33	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service occupations	9.10	5.65	6.50	8.32	10.24	13.96	\$21.88	\$11.93	\$13.97	\$22.51	\$27.56	\$30
Protective service occupations	10.76	7.00	9.00	11.28	12.00	14.74	23.56	13.97	19.98	24.94	28.58	30
Guards and police except public												
service	10.76	7.00	9.00	11.28	12.00	14.74	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food service occupations	8.26	5.65	5.65	7.00	9.50	13.50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supervisors, food preparation and												
service occupations	13.06	8.00	9.25	15.00	16.35	16.82	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waiters and waitresses	5.83	5.65	5.65	5.65	6.00	6.30	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooks	10.31	7.00	8.50	9.64	12.25	14.23	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food counter, fountain, and related												
occupations	8.52	6.30	6.52	8.25	11.13	11.13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants	6.56	5.65	5.65	6.00	7.96	8.32	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food preparation occupations,												
N.E.C	7.41	5.65	6.00	7.00	8.91	9.90	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health service occupations	10.81	9.27	10.00	10.49	11.46	12.28	-	-	-	-	-	
Nursing aides, orderlies and												
attendants	10.34	9.23	9.45	10.00	11.05	11.46	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and building service					o	40.10						
occupations	9.20	6.77	7.25	8.44	9.85	13.18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maids and housemen	9.31	8.00	9.22	9.54	9.76	9.85	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors and cleaners	8.77	6.50	7.00	7.75	9.93	12.52	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal service occupations	10.40	6.58	7.59	8.95	10.23	16.22	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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. Individual occupations are classified into one of nine major occupational groups.

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Table A-3. Hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations, full-time and part-time workers², all industries, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

						All indu	stries					
		1	Full	-time					Part	-time		
Occupation ³				Percentil	es	1			F	Percentile	s	
	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All occupations	\$19.64	\$8.34	\$11.17	\$16.55	\$24.93	\$31.70	\$10.98	\$6.00	\$7.20	\$9.54	\$12.50	\$17.98
All occupations excluding sales	20.15	8.57	11.50	17.12	25.18	31.72	11.25	6.00	7.35	9.82	12.68	18.99
White-collar occupations White-collar occupations excluding sales	21.33 22.31	9.35 10.02	12.25 13.24	17.77 19.22	26.44 27.24	35.76 36.53	13.15 14.97	7.00 7.52	8.00 9.00	11.13 12.50	15.98 19.54	22.98 24.65
Professional specialty and technical												
occupations Professional specialty occupations	28.05 26.63	14.89 15.34	19.61 19.61	24.73 25.39	29.12 29.44	40.23	18.71 19.71	9.27 9.27	12.50 12.50	18.03 19.54	22.98 23.67	27.8
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	38.89	23.92	31.19	36.78	45.34	56.71	-	9.27	-	-	23.07	27.0
Petroleum engineers	43.64	25.96	35.50	43.75	56.71	60.38	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engineers, N.E.C.	41.03	32.45	36.25	40.00	50.00	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mathematical and computer scientists	_ 31.04	25.96	28.58	29.44	_ 30.76	42.86	_	_	_	_	_	-
Natural scientists Health related occupations	21.51	15.78	16.93	29.44	30.76 23.97	42.80 28.98	_	_	_	_	_	[
Registered nurses	21.24	14.56	17.87	20.69	23.97	28.98	_	_	_	_	_	-
Teachers, college and university	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teachers, except college and university	23.22	15.71	19.61	24.33	27.24	28.49	_	_	_	_	_	_
Librarians, archivists, and curators	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	_	_	-
Social scientists and urban planners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious												
workers	16.62	11.86	13.53	17.01	18.20	21.71	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social workers Lawyers and judges	16.62	11.86	13.53	17.01	18.20	21.71	_	_	_	_	_	
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes,	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	-
and professionals, N.E.C.	23.78	14.89	14.89	19.22	33.00	36.06	_	_	_	_	-	-
Technical occupations	32.26	11.89	19.24	23.32	28.58	50.29	13.55	9.00	10.26	11.83	13.50	30.0
Airplane pilots and navigators	112.56	45.65	67.98	99.75	148.41	217.83	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial	30.22	17.01	21.30	27.56	37.21	46.02						
occupations Executives, administrators, and	30.22	17.01	21.30	27.50	37.21	40.02	_	_	-	_	_	-
managers	32.26	18.90	23.32	28.89	37.21	50.09	_	-	_	_	-	-
Financial managers	31.97	20.19	22.79	27.58	35.10	65.87	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personnel and labor relations	44.00		07.04	07.04	50.00							
managers	41.30	24.04	37.21	37.21	50.09	57.69	-	-	-	-	-	-
Managers., marketing, advertising and public relations	27.67	18.26	18.26	28.14	36.14	38.46	_	_	_	_	_	_
Managers, service organizations,	2											
N.E.C	22.76	8.50	8.50	22.55	29.81	42.79	-	-	-	-	-	-
Managers and administrators,												
N.E.C.	34.99	16.30	22.60	28.02	41.59	60.58	-	_	-	-	-	-
Management related occupations Accountants and auditors	26.19 24.35	15.94 15.43	18.33 15.94	24.03 18.86	30.76 34.10	42.92 45.27	_	_	-	_	_	
Other financial officers	24.03	15.29	17.00	23.47	26.92	40.75	_	-	_	_	_	_
Management related occupations,												
N.E.C	28.66	21.17	24.03	26.94	30.76	43.76	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales occupations	14.37	7.00	8.50	12.18	17.31	23.23	9.43	6.00	7.00	8.40	11.13	13.4
Supervisors, sales occupations Sales occupations, other business	18.03	11.54	13.97	16.75	18.75	24.23	-	-	-	-	-	-
services	15.38	9.00	11.09	14.18	17.66	19.88	_	_	_	_	_	_
Sales workers, other commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.90	5.65	5.88	6.50	8.50	12.8
Cashiers	8.42	6.75	7.00	7.85	9.00	10.40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative support occupations,	40 -0		40.15	40.05	45 -5	00.00		7.05			40.05	
including clerical	13.53	8.76	10.45	12.62	15.58	20.00	10.12	7.00	8.00	9.88	12.25	14.0
Supervisors, financial records processing	19.80	11.19	13.87	16.99	29.11	29.11	_	_	_	_	_	_
Secretaries	13.67	10.50	11.40	13.35	14.93	17.91	_	_	_	_	_	
Receptionists	9.69	8.50	8.57	9.47	10.10	11.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Order clerks	12.21	9.33	10.00	11.54	13.47	15.86	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bookkeepers, accounting and												
auditing clerks	12.20	8.44	9.75	11.69	14.18	16.04	-	-	-	-	-	-
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks Stock and inventory clerks	11.89 17.22	7.80	8.30 14.35	11.00 19.20	15.00 21.60	17.75 21.60	_	_	-	_	_	-
Stock and inventory clerks	17.22	11.00	14.55	19.20	21.00	21.00	-	_	-	-	-	-

Table A-3. Hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations, full-time and part-time workers², all industries, Anchorage, AK, May 1998 - Continued

						All indus	stries					
			Full	-time					Part	-time		
Occupation ³				Percentil	es			Percentiles				
	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90	Mean	10	25	Median 50	75	90
White-collar occupations (-Continued) Administrative support occupations, including clerical (-Continued)												
General office clerks Data entry keyers Administrative support occupations,	\$12.93 10.21	\$10.00 8.00	\$11.55 8.50	\$12.91 10.25	\$14.26 11.08	\$15.94 13.40		-	_		-	-
N.E.C.	17.46	9.27	14.55	18.99	21.96	21.96	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue-collar occupations Precision production, craft, and repair	18.15	8.81	11.75	17.50	23.28	30.66	\$10.66	\$6.25	\$7.05	\$10.03	\$13.00	\$15.6
occupations Electricians	23.42 25.05	15.54 20.93	18.00 21.97	22.00 21.97	30.61 28.26	31.70 31.70		-	-	-	-	-
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors Transportation and material moving	12.44	8.63	9.03	10.71	12.53	22.04	-	-	-	-	-	-
occupations	15.56 15.11	7.20	11.00 13.00	14.70 15.00	19.45 16.08	25.12 19.55	12.31 _	7.00 -	11.30 _	11.90	14.41	15.2
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	13.54	8.00	9.85	12.33	16.80	20.93	9.59	6.00	7.00	8.83	10.80	13.9
Freight, stock, and material handlers, N.E.C.	13.05	8.50	10.00	11.40	14.25	18.03	9.66	7.20	8.00	10.00	10.58	12.1
Laborers except construction, N.E.C.	13.57	10.00	11.70	13.47	15.00	16.33	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service occupations Protective service occupations	12.83 22.30	5.65 12.00	7.48 16.41	10.00 23.32	16.35 27.56	26.68 30.47	8.46 -	5.65 -	6.50 -	8.00 -	10.00	11.4
Food service occupations Supervisors, food preparation and	8.53	5.65	5.65	7.50	9.64	14.23	7.78	5.65	5.75	6.50	9.18	11.1
service occupations Waiters and waitresses	13.06	8.00	9.25	15.00	16.35	16.82	6.04	_ 5.65	_ 5.65	_ 5.65	- 6.30	7.0
Cooks Food preparation occupations, N.E.C.	10.13 _	7.00	8.00	9.50	12.00	13.50	- 7.62	- 5.65	- 6.50	7.00	9.00	10.6
N.E.C. Health service occupations Nursing aides, orderlies and	-	-	_	_	-	-	10.90	5.65 9.45	10.00	10.62	11.46	12.0
attendants Cleaning and building service	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.49	9.45	10.00	10.09	11.11	11.4
occupations Maids and housemen	9.97 9.31	6.75 8.00	7.75 9.22	9.54 9.54	11.93 9.80	13.44 9.85	8.22 -	7.00 -	7.39 -	8.00 -	8.50 -	9.1
Janitors and cleaners Personal service occupations	9.73 11.68	6.50 6.30	7.25 8.00	9.40 10.00	11.93 14.35	13.12 18.74	8.11 8.44	7.00 7.00	7.10 7.50	7.68 8.25	8.50 10.00	9.6 10.0

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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. Individual occupations are classified into one of nine major occupational groups.

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Table A-4. Weekly and annual earnings¹ and hours for selected occupations, full-time workers only², all industries, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

_			All ind	ustries		
Occupation ³	Mean	Weekly	earnings	Mean	Annual e	arnings
	weekly hours ⁴	Mean	Median	annual hours	Mean	Median
	00.4	\$700	C C 4	4.050	¢00.400	¢00.00
All occupations All occupations excluding sales	39.1 39.1	\$768 788	\$654 677	1,956 1,949	\$38,409 39,260	\$32,98 33,55
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White-collar occupations	39.2	836	706	1,961	41,830	35,21
White-collar occupations excluding sales	39.2	875	760	1,951	43,539	37,12
Professional specialty and technical occupations	38.4	1,077	959	1,834	51,439	43,03
Professional specialty occupations	39.4	1,077	989	1.827	48,641	42,84
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	41.9	1,628	1,463	2,032	79,028	75,40
Petroleum engineers	45.1	1,969	1,683	1,962	85,626	87,50
Engineers, N.E.C.	40.0	1,641	1,600	2,080	85,351	83,20
Mathematical and computer scientists	_	-	-	-	-	-
Natural scientists Health related occupations	38.3 38.3	1,189 823	1,104 800	1,974 1,990	61,279 42,804	57,40 41,60
Registered nurses	38.1	808	828	1,979	42,004	43,03
Teachers, college and university	-	_	-	-	-	
Teachers, except college and university	39.7	922	957	1,571	36,485	37,19
Librarians, archivists, and curators	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social scientists and urban planners	_	-	-	_	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious workers	38.5	639	638	1,999	33,233	33,17
Social workers	38.5	639	638	1,999	33,233	33,17
Lawyers and judges Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and	-	_	_	_	_	-
professionals, N.E.C.	39.0	928	769	2,029	48,248	39,97
Technical occupations	35.7	1,151	924	1,856	59,865	48,04
Airplane pilots and navigators	21.0	2,361	2,425	1,091	122,784	126,09
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations	40.2	1,214	1,078	2,034	61,478	55,72
Executives, administrators, and managers	40.3	1,300	1,156	2,035	65,635	58,0
Financial managers	40.0	1,279	1,103	2,080	66,490	57,36
Personnel and labor relations managers	40.3	1,665	1,488	2,042	84,306	74,12
Managers., marketing, advertising and public relations	40.0	1,107	1,126	2,080	57,557	58,53
Managers, service organizations, N.E.C.	40.0	910	902	2,080	47,331	46,90
Managers and administrators, N.E.C.	41.9	1,465	1,116	2,087	73,029	58,28
Management related occupations	40.0	1,047	939	2,034	53,275	49,35
Accountants and auditors	38.4	936	707	1,998	48,660	36,77
Other financial officers	40.0	962	939	2,076	49,918	48,8
Management related occupations, N.E.C.	41.7	1,195	1,010	2,026	58,062	52,53
Sales occupations Supervisors, sales occupations	39.1 39.3	561 708	462 658	2,031 2,041	29,193 36,813	24,00 34,19
Sales occupations, other business services	40.0	615	567	2,041	31.991	29.49
Cashiers	40.0	337	314	2,080	17,523	16,32
Administrative support occupations, including clerical	39.4	534	498	2,025	27,396	25,48
Supervisors, financial records processing	40.0	792	680	2,080	41,182	35,3
Secretaries	40.0	547	534	2,030	27,746	26,2
Receptionists	40.0	388 488	379 462	2,080	20,151	19,69
Order clerks Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	40.0 39.8	485	462	2,080 2,069	25,396 25,237	24,00 24,3
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	38.4	457	400	1,997	23,740	24,3
Stock and inventory clerks	40.0	689	768	2,080	35,809	39,9
General office clerks	38.5	498	490	2,001	25,865	25,48
Data entry keyers	40.0	408	410	2,080	21,237	21,3
Administrative support occupations, N.E.C	38.3	670	712	1,993	34,815	37,03
Rive coller accurations	20.0	705	COF	1 070	35.764	22.0
Blue-collar occupations Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	39.9 39.9	725 935	695 880	1,970 1,856	35,764 43,473	32,9 39,8
Electricians	41.3	1,034	879	1,884	47,213	45,6
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	39.6	493	428	2,061	25,643	22,2
Transportation and material moving occupations	40.0	623	588	2,080	32,373	30,5
Truck drivers	40.0	604	600	2,080	31,419	31,2
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	40.0	542	493	2,051	27,774	25,8
Freight, stock, and material handlers, N.E.C.	40.0	522	456	2,080	27,141	23,7
Laborers except construction, N.E.C.	40.0	543	539	2,014	27,334	27,39
Service occupations	38.0	487	394	1,917	24,586	20,0
Protective service occupations	30.0	872	904	1,917	42,673	20,03
Food service occupations	36.4	311	252	1,841	15,693	13,1

Table A-4. Weekly and annual earnings¹ and hours for selected occupations, full-time workers only², all industries, Anchorage, AK, May 1998 - Continued

			All ind	ustries			
Occupation ³	Mean	Weekly	earnings	Mean	Annual earnings		
	weekly hours ⁴	Mean	Median	annual hours	Mean	Median	
Service occupations (-Continued) Food service occupations (-Continued) Supervisors, food preparation and service occupations Cooks Health service occupations Cleaning and building service occupations Maids and housemen Janitors and cleaners Personal service occupations	39.5 38.4 - 39.5 40.0 39.4 37.8	\$515 389 - 394 372 383 442	\$525 360 - 390 382 376 400	2,053 1,862 - 2,023 2,080 2,007 1,967	\$26,803 18,867 - 20,163 19,355 19,522 22,973	\$27,300 18,200 - 20,259 19,843 19,552 20,800	

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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. Individual occupations are classified into one of nine major occupational groups. {}^4 Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

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		All workers '	All industries		
Occupational group ³ and level	All indus- tries	Private industry	State and local govern- ment	Full-time workers	Part-tim workers
II occupations All occupations excluding sales	\$18.37 18.91	\$17.21 17.81	\$21.40 21.41	\$19.64 20.15	\$10.98 11.25
White-collar occupations	20.53	20.05	21.49	21.33	13.15
Level 2	8.36	8.31	-	8.52	8.07
Level 3	10.53	10.07	-	10.76	9.63
Level 4	12.46	12.04	-	12.60	11.25
Level 5	15.03	14.88	-	15.22	-
Level 6	16.26	13.97	-	16.25	-
Level 7	19.15 20.40	17.63 20.48	21.00	19.29 20.55	_
Level 9	24.70	24.41	24.85	20.33	_
Level 10	32.00	32.74	-	32.07	_
Level 11	37.70	39.24	_	37.67	- 1
Level 12	45.67	52.55	-	45.90	-
Level 13	74.95	74.95	-	74.95	-
Not able to be leveled	23.34	23.34	-	-	-
White-collar occupations excluding sales	21.75	21.90	21.50	22.31	14.97
Level 2	8.71	8.76	-	8.64	8.89
Level 3	11.21	10.71	-	11.37	9.71
Level 4	12.75	12.26	-	12.93	11.11
Level 5	15.00	14.80 13.75	-	15.21 16.48	-
Level 7	16.44 19.50	18.00	21.00	19.68	_
Level 8	20.56	20.75	21.00	20.88	
Level 9	24.60	24.10	24.85	24.65	_
Level 10	31.39	32.06	_	31.46	_
Level 11	37.97	39.63	-	37.94	-
Level 12	45.67	52.55	-	45.90	-
Level 13	74.95	74.95	-	74.95	-
Not able to be leveled	25.39	25.39	-	-	-
Professional specialty and technical occupations	26.99	31.08	23.25	28.05	18.71
Professional specialty occupations	25.76	28.42	23.56	26.63	19.71
Level 5	14.78	14.54	-	-	-
Level 7	18.86	-	-	-	-
Level 8	19.16	-	-	18.28	-
Level 9	23.99	23.35	24.25	24.06	-
Level 10	29.08	29.08	-		-
Level 11	35.19	38.05	-	35.11	_
Level 12 Engineers. architects. and surveyors	50.06 38.89	50.56 38.89	_	51.68 38.89	_
Level 9	31.44	31.44		31.44	_
Level 11	39.52	39.52	_	39.52	_
Level 12	50.36	50.36	-	50.36	-
Mathematical and computer scientists	26.37	-	-	-	-
Natural scientists	31.04	36.28	-	31.04	-
Health related occupations	21.81	21.89	-	21.51	-
Level 9	21.13	21.14	-	20.78	-
Teachers, college and university	-	-	-		-
Teachers, except college and university	22.78	-	-	23.22	-
Librarians, archivists, and curators Social scientists and urban planners	_	_			_
Social, religious, and recreation workers	_ 14.58	11.13	_	16.62	_
Lawyers and judges	-	_	-	-	_
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and					
professionals, N.E.C.	23.02	26.94	-	23.78	-
Technical occupations	30.84	37.85	-	32.26	13.55
Level 5	17.57	17.57	-	-	-
Level 6	18.00	-			-
Level 8	23.70	23.78	-	23.70	-
Level 9	28.12 30.22	29.15 31.64	-	28.05 30.22	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations Level 7	30.22 17.72	17.72	_	30.22	I I
		20.34		20.96	
Level 8	20.96				

 Table B-1. Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group and levels², all industries, private industry,

 State and local government, full-time and part-time workers, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

		All workers '	1	All ind	ustries
Occupational group ³ and level	All indus- tries	Private industry	State and local govern- ment	Full-time workers	Part-tim workers
White-collar occupations (-Continued)					
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations					
(-Continued)					
Level 10	\$30.75	\$31.56	-	\$30.75	-
Level 11	35.13	35.13	-	35.13	-
Level 12	39.76	45.59	-	39.76	-
Level 13	58.53	58.53	-	58.53	-
Executives, administrators, and managers	32.26	33.10	-	32.26	-
Level 9	23.19	21.30	-	23.19	-
Level 11	34.15	34.15	-	34.15	-
Level 12	39.38	45.84	-	39.38	-
Level 13	58.53	58.53	-	58.53	-
Management related occupations	26.19	28.49		26.19	-
Level 8	21.25	20.00	-	21.25	-
Level 9 Level 11	26.85	20.02	-	26.85	_
Sales occupations	39.83 13.26	39.83 13.27	_	39.83 14.37	- \$9.43
Level 3	8.80	8.80	-	8.11	9.59
Level 4	11.47	11.47	_	11.44	9.59
Level 8	20.11	20.11		20.11	
Administrative support occupations, including clerical	13.26	12.25	\$15.72	13.53	10.12
Level 2	8.71	8.76	φ10.72 _	8.64	8.89
Level 3	11.25	10.74	_	11.41	9.73
Level 4	12.94	12.45	_	12.96	_
Level 5	14.30	14.19	_	14.30	_
Level 6	16.07	14.25	_	16.07	_
Level 7	19.08	17.61	-	19.39	-
ue-collar occupations	16.78	16.40	19.46	18.15	10.66
Level 1	8.16	8.16	-	8.50	7.86
Level 2	11.01	11.05	-	10.77	11.35
Level 3	10.93	10.71	-	10.80	11.35
Level 4	14.47	14.16	-	14.64	-
Level 5	15.54	15.54	-	15.59	-
Level 6	16.68	15.40	-	17.43	-
Level 7	23.49	23.27	-	23.55	-
Level 8	30.18	30.18	-	30.18	-
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	23.37	23.14	-	23.42	-
Level 7 Level 8	23.63	23.38	-	23.71	-
	30.18	30.18	-	30.18	_
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors Transportation and material moving occupations	11.75 15.04	11.75 14.93	_	12.44 15.56	12.31
Level 3			-	15.50	12.31
Level 3	9.60 15.21	9.60 14.74	_	15.32	
Level 5	16.07	16.07	_	-	_
Level 6	14.15	14.15	_	_	
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	12.14	11.62	_	13.54	9.59
Level 1	8.52	8.52	_	9.32	8.02
Level 2	11.19	11.26	_	10.63	11.81
Level 3	12.17	12.58	_	12.61	_
Level 4	14.41	14.41	-	14.41	-
Service occupations	11.51	9.10	21.88	12.83	8.46
Level 1	7.14	7.14	-	7.43	6.67
Level 2	7.92	7.92	-	7.49	8.45
Level 3	9.02	9.03	-	9.53	8.60
Level 4	9.62	9.31	-	9.75	9.28
Level 5	13.83	13.30	-	13.78	-
Level 6	14.93	12.39	-	-	-
Level 7	17.63	-			-
Protective service occupations	21.48	10.76	23.56	22.30	- 7.70
Food service occupations	8.26	8.26		8.53	7.78
Level 1	6.52	6.52	-	6.98	- 0.66
Level 2	7.29	7.29	-	-	8.66
L EVEL 3	7.78	7.78	-	- 1	I –

 Table B-1. Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group and levels², all industries, private industry,

 State and local government, full-time and part-time workers, Anchorage, AK, May 1998 — Continued

		All workers 4	All industries		
Occupational group ³ and level	All indus- tries	Private industry	State and local govern- ment	Full-time workers	Part-time workers
Service occupations (-Continued) Food service occupations (-Continued) Level 4 Health service occupations Cleaning and building service occupations Level 1 Level 2 Personal service occupations Level 4	12.18 10.81 9.57 8.02 9.16	\$8.41 12.18 10.81 9.20 8.02 9.16 10.40	- - - - - -	\$7.94 11.93 - 9.97 - 11.68	- \$10.90 8.22 - - 8.44

 Table B-1. Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group and levels², all industries, private industry,

 State and local government, full-time and part-time workers, Anchorage, AK, May 1998 — Continued

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 Each occupation for which wage data are collected in an

Individual occupations are classified into one of nine major occupational groups. ⁴ All workers include full-time and part-time workers. Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule

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.

² Each occupation for which wage data are collected in an establishment is evaluated based on 10 factors, including knowledge, complexity, work environment, etc. Points are assigned based on the occupation's ranking within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See technical note for more information.

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy.

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		All workers ⁴		All industries		
Occupation ³ and level	All indus- tries	Private industry	State and local govern- ment	Full-time workers	Part-tim worker	
White-collar occupations:						
Professional specialty and technical occupations:						
Professional specialty occupations:						
Petroleum engineers	\$43.64	\$43.64	_	\$43.64	_	
Engineers, N.E.C.	41.03	41.03	-	41.03	-	
Registered nurses	21.82	21.94	-	21.24	-	
Level 9	21.51	21.60	-	21.18	-	
Social workers	16.62	-	-	16.62	-	
Technical occupations:						
Science technicians, N.E.C.	20.14	_	-		-	
Airplane pilots and navigators	112.56	112.56	-	112.56	-	
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations:	04.07	04.07		04.07		
Financial managers	31.97	31.97		31.97	-	
Level 11	30.85	30.85	-	30.85	-	
Personnel and labor relations managers	41.30	-	-	41.30	-	
Managers., marketing, advertising and public relations	27.67	27.67		27.67		
Managers, service organizations, N.E.C.	22.76	22.76	_	22.76	_	
Managers and administrators, N.E.C.	22.76 34.99	36.92	_	34.99		
Level 11	36.93	36.92	_	36.93		
Level 12	55.31	55.31	_	55.31		
Accountants and auditors	24.35	34.05	_	24.35	_	
Other financial officers	24.04	25.03	_	24.04	_	
Management related occupations, N.E.C.	28.66	29.22	_	28.66	_	
Sales occupations:						
Supervisors, sales occupations	18.03	18.03		18.03	-	
Level 8	18.55	18.55	-	18.55	-	
Sales occupations, other business services	15.38	15.38	-	15.38	-	
Sales workers, other commodities	10.95	10.95	-	-	\$7.9	
Sales counter clerks	7.75	7.75	-	-	-	
Cashiers	9.20	9.21	-	8.42	-	
Administrative support occupations, including clerical:						
Supervisors, financial records processing	19.80		-	19.80	-	
Secretaries	13.62	13.41	-	13.67	-	
Level 4	12.80	12.62	-	12.80	-	
Level 5	14.02	-	-	14.02	-	
Receptionists	9.07	9.07	-	9.69	-	
Level 3 Order clerks	8.91 12.21	8.91 12.21	-	9.52 12.21	-	
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	12.21	12.21	_	12.21	_	
Level 3	12.20	12.20	_	9.89	_	
Level 4	10.14	10.14	_	12.17		
Level 5	14.52	14.52	_	14.52		
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	11.42	11.42	_	11.89	_	
Stock and inventory clerks	17.22	-	_	17.22	-	
General office clerks	12.79	11.50	-	12.93	-	
Level 3	12.17	10.99	-	12.00	-	
Level 4	14.45	-	-	14.45	_	
Bank tellers	9.10	9.10		-	-	
Data entry keyers	10.03	10.03	-	10.21	-	
Administrative support occupations, N.E.C	17.46	-	-	17.46	-	
Blue-collar occupations: Precision production, craft, and repair occupations:						
Electricians	25.05	28.61		25.05		
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors:	20.00	20.01	_	20.00	-	
Miscellaneous machine operators, N.E.C.	10.69	10.69	_	_	_	
Transportation and material moving occupations:						
Truck drivers	14.88	14.88	-	15.11	-	
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers:						
Stock handlers and baggers	9.34	9.34	-	-	-	
Level 2	11.68	11.68	-			
Freight, stock, and material handlers, N.E.C.	11.59	11.59	-	13.05	9.6	
Level 1 Laborers except construction, N.E.C	9.79	9.79	-	-	9.4	
	12.93	12.94		13.57	I –	

 Table B-2. Mean hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations and levels², all industries, private industry, State and local government, full-time and part-time workers, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

Table B-2. Mean hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations and levels², all industries, private industry, State and local government, full-time and part-time workers, Anchorage, AK, May 1998 — Continued

		All workers ⁴		All ind	ustries
Occupation ³ and level	All indus- tries	Private industry	State and local govern- ment	Full-time workers	Part-time workers
Service occupations:					
Protective service occupations:					
Guards and police except public service	\$12.62	\$10.76	-	-	-
Food service occupations:					
Supervisors, food preparation and service					
occupations	13.06	13.06	-	\$13.06	-
Waiters and waitresses	5.83	5.83	-	-	\$6.04
Cooks	10.31	10.31	-	10.13	-
Level 4	9.52	9.52	-	-	-
Food counter, fountain, and related occupations	8.52	8.52	-	-	-
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants	6.56	6.56	-	-	-
Level 1	6.56	6.56	-	-	-
Food preparation occupations, N.E.C.	7.41	7.41	-	-	7.62
Level 1	7.39	7.39	-	-	-
Level 2	7.74	7.74	-	-	8.10
Health service occupations:					
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	10.34	10.34	-	-	10.49
Cleaning and building service occupations:					
Maids and housemen	9.31	9.31	-	9.31	-
Level 1	9.16	9.16	-	-	-
Janitors and cleaners	9.31	8.77	-	9.73	8.11
Level 2	9.06	9.06	-	-	-

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² Each occupation for which wage data are collected in an establishment is evaluated based on 10 factors, including knowledge, complexity, work environment, etc. Points are assigned based on the occupation's ranking within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See technical note for more information

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy.

Individual occupations are classified into one of nine major occupational groups.

4 All workers include full-time and part-time workers. 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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Table C-1. Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group and selected characteristics, all industries, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

Occupational group ²	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Union ⁴	Nonunion ⁴	Time ⁵	Incentive ⁵
All occupations	\$19.64	\$10.98	\$20.41	\$17.28	\$18.57	\$15.03
All occupations excluding sales	20.15	11.25	20.88	17.78	19.01	15.29
White-collar occupations	21.33	13.15	22.03	19.80	20.92	15.13
White-collar excluding sales	22.31	14.97	22.91	21.11	21.85	-
Professional specialty and technical occupations	28.05	18.71	28.83	25.61	27.04	_
Professional specialty occupations	26.63	19.71	23.96	27.01	25.82	_
Technical occupations	32.26	13.55	41.30	20.42	30.84	_
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations	30.22	_	_	31.33	30.23	_
Sales occupations		9.43	10.63	13.77	12.33	14.86
Administrative support including clerical occupations	13.53	10.12	15.82	11.84	13.31	-
Blue-collar occupations	18.15	10.66	19.37	15.14	16.93	14.99
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	23.42	_	24.72	22.31	24.40	_
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.44	_	_	12.06	11.75	_
Transportation and material moving occupations	15.56	12.31	20.63	12.09	15.13	_
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	13.54	9.59	13.44	11.28	12.20	-
Service occupations	12.83	8.46	16.10	8.63	11.51	-

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where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule. 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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		Good	s-produc	ing indus	stries ⁴	s	ervice-pr	oducing	industrie	s ⁵
Occupational group ³	All private industries	Total	Mining	Con- struc- tion	Manu- factur- ing	Total	Trans- port- ation and public utilities	Whole- sale and retail trade	Fin- ance, insur- ance, and real estate	Serv- ices
All occupations All occupations excluding sales	\$17.21 17.81	\$32.81 33.73	\$39.13 39.16	\$26.97 26.97	_ \$19.26	\$15.86 16.28	\$23.27 23.58	-	\$17.69 17.47	\$14.90 15.19
White-collar occupations White-collar excluding sales	20.05 21.90	36.92 38.57	41.83 41.88	31.05 31.05		18.43 19.95	27.55 28.54	-	17.78 17.55	17.98 18.69
Professional specialty and technical occupations Professional specialty occupations Technical occupations Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations Sales occupations Administrative support, including clerical occupations	31.08 28.42 37.85 31.64 13.27 12.25	38.50 41.21 19.72 48.53 - 14.32	42.01 44.16 - 48.96 - 15.32	- - - -	- - - -	29.41 24.74 39.47 28.17 13.32 12.19	56.33 38.00 65.17 33.20 17.49 13.38	- - - -	- - 29.96 - 11.85	21.94 23.18 17.51 23.95 8.50 12.08
Blue-collar occupations Precision production, craft, and repair occupations Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors Transportation and material moving occupations Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	16.40 23.14 11.75 14.93 11.62	24.18 28.01 - 16.56	- - - -	25.16 25.38 - - -	17.46 - - - -	15.16 21.34 10.37 14.88 11.40	18.97 24.50 - 17.14 12.31	- - - -	- - - -	11.16 - - - 11.09
Service occupations	9.10	-	-	-	-	9.08	-	-	-	9.07

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Good-sproducing industries include mining, construction, and manufacturing.
 Service-producing industries include transportation and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services.

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			100 workers or more				
Occupational group ³	All private industry workers	50 - 99 workers	Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more		
All occupations All occupations excluding sales		\$13.77 14.38	\$18.10 18.57	\$17.12 17.59	\$20.63 20.85		
White-collar occupations White-collar excluding sales		16.28 19.48	20.94 22.30	20.27 22.06	22.30 22.69		
Professional specialty and technical occupations Professional specialty occupations Technical occupations Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations Sales occupations Administrative support, including clerical occupations	28.42 37.85 31.64	24.13 27.41 18.12 26.99 11.86 12.36	31.74 28.51 40.24 33.07 14.12 12.23	33.19 27.71 46.70 30.54 13.99 12.45	29.12 29.88 26.85 35.88 15.20 11.83		
Blue-collar occupations Precision production, craft, and repair occupations Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors Transportation and material moving occupations Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	16.40 23.14 11.75 14.93	12.64 20.09 - 10.15 11.14	17.47 23.62 12.42 16.55 11.81	16.96 22.34 - 17.22 11.81	19.27 - - - -		
Service occupations	9.10	8.48	9.29	8.78	11.74		

Table C-3. Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group and establishment employment size, private industry, all workers², Anchorage, AK, May 1998

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		All workers	
Occupational group ²	All industries	Private industry	State and local govern- ment
All occupations	61,139 55,402	44,489 38,763	16,650 16,639
White-collar occupations White-collar excluding sales	40,203 34,466	26,448 20,722	13,755 13,744
Professional specialty and technical occupations Professional specialty occupations Technical occupations Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations Sales occupations Administrative support including clerical occupations	14,861 11,497 3,363 5,711 5,737 13,894	7,060 4,998 2,062 3,717 5,726 9,945	7,801 6,499 - - 3,949
Blue-collar occupations Precision production, craft, and repair occupations Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors Transportation and material moving occupations Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9,027 3,110 697 2,166 3,054	8,023 2,683 697 2,024 2,618	1,004
Service occupations	11,909	10,018	1,891

Table C-4. Number of workers¹ represented by occupational group, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

¹ Both full-time and part-time workers were included in the survey. 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 establishment, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule ² A classification system including about 480 individual

occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. Individual occupations are classified into one of nine major occupational groups.

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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. While this section answers some questions commonly asked by data users, it is not a comprehensive description of all the steps required to produce the data.

Planning for the survey

The overall design of the survey, which was based on the type of data to be produced, had to be developed before data collection could begin.

Survey scope

This survey of the Anchorage, AK, Metropolitan Statistical Area 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 was an economic unit which 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 was usually at a single physical location. For State and local governments, an establishment was defined as all locations of a government entity.

The Anchorage, AK, Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Anchorage Borough, AK.

Sampling frame

The list of establishments from which the survey sample was selected (sampling frame) was developed from the State unemployment insurance reports for the Anchorage, AK, Metropolitan Statistical Area. The reference month for the public sector is June 1994. 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 reference month for the private sector is December 1994. The sampling frame was reviewed prior to the survey and, when necessary, missing establishments were added, out-ofbusiness and out-of-scope establishments were removed, and addresses, employment levels, industry classification, and other information were updated.

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 which were not selected for collection. See appendix table 1 for a count of establishments in the survey by employment size. 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. Collection was the responsibility of the field economists, working out of the Regional Office, who visited each establishment surveyed.

Occupational selection and classification

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

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

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

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

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

The number of jobs collected in each establishment was based on an establishment's employment size as shown in the following schedule:

Number of employees	Number of selected jobs
50-99	8
100-249	10
250-999	12
1000-2,499	16
2,500+	20

The second step of the process entailed classifying the selected jobs into occupations based on their duties. The National Compensation Survey occupational classification system is based on the 1990 Census of Population. A selected job may fall into any one of about 480 occupational classifications, from accountant to wood lathe operator. In cases where 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 MOG's:

- 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

A complete list of all individual occupations, classified by the MOG to which they belong, is contained in appendix B.

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.

Generic leveling through point factor analysis

In the last step before wage data were collected, the work level of each selected job was determined using a "generic leveling" process. Generic leveling ranks and compares all occupations randomly selected in an establishment using the same criteria. This is a major departure from the method used in the past in the Bureau's Occupational Compensation Surveys which studied specifically defined occupations with leveling definitions unique to each occupation.

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

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

Each factor contains a number of levels and each level has an associated written description and point value. The number and range of points differ among the factors. For each factor, an occupation was assigned a level based on which written description best matched the job. Within each occupation, the points for 9 factors (supervisory duties was excluded) were recorded and totaled. The total determines the overall level of the occupation. Appendix table 3 presents average work levels for published occupational groups and selected occupations. A description of the levels for each factor is shown in appendix C.

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

Wage data collected in prior surveys using the new generic leveling method were evaluated by BLS researchers using regression techniques. For each of the major occupational groups, wages were compared to the 10 generic level factors (and levels within those factors). The analysis showed that several of the generic level factors, most notably knowledge and supervision received, had strong explanatory power for wages. That is, as the levels within a given factor increased, the wages also increased. Detailed research continues in the area. The results of this research will be published by BLS in the future.

Collection period

The survey was collected from May 1998 through August 1998. The average payroll reference month was May 1998. For each establishment in the survey, the data reflect the establishment's practices on the day of collection.

Earnings

Earnings were defined as regular payments from the employer to the employee as compensation for straighttime 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 (e.g., Christmas bonuses, profit-sharing bonuses)
- Uniform and tool allowances
- Free room and board
- Payments made by third parties (e.g., tips, bonuses given by manufacturers to department store sales-people, referral incentives in real estate)
- On-call pay

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

Definition of terms

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

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

Level. A ranking of an occupation based on the requirements of the position. (See the description in the technical note and the example for more details on the leveling process.)

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

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

Straight-time. Time worked at the standard rate of pay for the job.

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

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

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

Processing and analyzing the data

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

Weighting and nonresponse

Sample weights were calculated for each establishment/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 the individual establishment/occupations into the various data series. Of the establishments surveyed, 18.2 percent (representing 8,965 employees) 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 the nonrespondents equals the mean value of 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 which were additionally defined by major occupation group and job level.

Establishments which were determined to be out of business or outside the scope of the survey (2.1 percent of the total sample) 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.

Estimation

The wage series in the tables are computed by combining the wages for individual establishment/occupations. Before being combined, individual wage rates are weighted by: number of workers; the sample weight adjusted for nonresponding establishments and other factors; and the occupation work schedule, varying depending on whether hourly, weekly, or annual rates are being calculated.

Not all series that were calculated 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 publishing a series that could have revealed information about a specific establishment.

The number of workers estimates 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 only to indicate the relative importance of the occupational groups studied.

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. Appendix table 2 contains RSE data for selected series in this bulletin. RSE data for all series in this bulletin are available on the Internet web site and by request to the BLS National Office.

The standard error can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. As an example, suppose table A-1 shows that mean hourly earnings for all workers was \$12.79 per hour, and appendix table 2 shows a relative standard error of 3.6 percent for this estimate. At the 90-percent level, the confidence interval for this estimate is \$13.55 to \$12.03 (\$12.79 plus and minus 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. A Technical Reinterview Program done in all survey areas will be used in the development of a formal quality assessment process to help compute nonsampling error. 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 establishments studied by industry division and establishment employment size, and number of establishments represented, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

		Number of establishments studied					
Industry Number of establish- ments rep- resented Total studied 50 - 99 workers				100 workers or more			
		Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more			
All industries	296	114	41	73	58	15	
Private industry		109	40	69	58	11	
Goods-producing industries	-	18	11	7	4	3	
Mining		8	4	4	2	2	
Construction		7	7	-	-	-	
Manufacturing		3	-	3	2	1	
Service-producing industries	261	91	29	62	54	8	
Tranportation and public utilities	40	17	3	14	11	3	
Wholesale and retail trade	114	32	13	19	19	-	
Finance, insurance and real estate	20	9	3	6	4	2	
Services	87	33	10	23	20	3	
State and local government	5	5	1	4	-	4	

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported. Overall industry and industry groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Appendix table 2. Relative standard errors of mean hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations, all industries, private industry, and State and local government, all workers², Anchorage, AK, May 1998

(in percent)

Occupation ³	All indus- tries	Private industry	State and local govern- ment
All occupations	3.0	4.0	3.9
All occupations excluding sales	3.2	4.4	3.9
White-collar occupations White-collar occupations excluding sales	3.6 3.9	5.0 5.7	4.3 4.3
Professional specialty and technical occupations	6.4	10.9	3.6
Professional specialty occupations	3.7	5.9	4.1
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	5.9	5.9	-
Petroleum engineers Engineers, N.E.C.	10.6 7.7	10.6 7.7	-
Mathematical and computer scientists	6.6		_
Natural scientists	5.5	9.8	_
Health related occupations	3.6	4.0	_
Registered nurses	5.3	6.1	_
Teachers, college and university	_	_	-
Teachers, except college and university	3.3	-	-
Librarians, archivists, and curators	-	-	-
Social scientists and urban planners		-	-
Social, recreation, and religious workers	16.7	14.8	-
Social workers	9.7	-	-
Lawyers and judges	-	-	-
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, N.E.C.	15.9	9.9	_
Technical occupations	20.8	28.9	_
Science technicians, N.E.C.	12.7		_
Airplane pilots and navigators	24.3	24.3	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations	4.5	5.0	-
Executives, administrators, and managers	5.0	6.4	-
Financial managers	11.8	11.8	-
Personnel and labor relations managers	9.7	-	-
Managers., marketing, advertising and public relations	10.3	10.3	_
Managers, service organizations, N.E.C.	21.2	21.2	_
Managers and administrators, N.E.C.	10.4	10.3	_
Management related occupations	8.1	8.2	-
Accountants and auditors	20.6	12.4	-
Other financial officers	11.9	18.4	-
Management related occupations, N.E.C.	9.5	18.3	-
Sales occupations	6.2	6.2	-
Supervisors, sales occupations	8.5	8.5	-
Sales occupations, other business services Sales workers, other commodities	14.2 13.6	14.2 13.6	-
Sales workers, other commodities	5.3	5.3	
Cashiers	5.1	5.2	_
Administrative support occupations, including clerical	3.1	2.1	6.8
Supervisors, financial records processing	20.0	-	_
Secretaries	3.5	4.7	-
Receptionists	3.7	3.7	-
Order clerks	5.5	5.5	-
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	4.6	4.6	-
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	11.1	11.1	-
Stock and inventory clerks General office clerks	14.1	- 4.7	-
Bank tellers	3.5 3.6	4.7 3.6	
Data entry kevers	6.6	6.6	_
Administrative support occupations, N.E.C.	13.2	-	
Blue-collar occupations	4.7	5.0	11.8
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	4.2	4.5	-
Electricians	8.2	3.7	-
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	10.5	10.5	-
Miscellaneous machine operators, N.E.C.	13.2	13.2	-
Transportation and material moving occupations	12.1	13.2	-
Truck drivers	3.7	3.7	1

Appendix table 2. Relative standard errors of mean hourly earnings¹ for selected occupations, all industries, private industry, and State and local government, all workers², Anchorage, AK, May 1998 — Continued

(in percent)

Occupation ³	All indus- tries	Private industry	State and local govern- ment
Blue-collar occupations (-Continued)	5.0	2.0	
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	5.2	3.9	-
Stock handlers and baggers	6.5	6.5	-
Freight, stock, and material handlers, N.E.C	7.9	7.9	-
Laborers except construction, N.E.C.	5.9	5.9	-
Service occupations	9.6	3.6	10.8
Protective service occupations		9.2	8.4
Guards and police except public service		9.2	_
Food service occupations	4.3	4.3	_
Supervisors, food preparation and service	1.0	1.0	
occupations	15.3	15.3	_
Waiters and waitresses	12	12	_
Cooks	6.5	6.5	_
Food counter, fountain, and related occupations	9.3	9.3	_
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants	6.4	6.4	_
Food preparation occupations, N.E.C.		5.9	_
Health service occupations		3.2	_
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants		2.2	_
Cleaning and building service occupations		7.8	_
Maids and housemen	3.0	3.0	
Janitors and cleaners	9.3	8.0	_
Personal service occupations		8.8	
	0.0	0.0	

¹ The relative standard error is the standard error

the minimum full-time schedule. ³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. Individual occupations are classified into one of nine major occupational groups.

¹ The relative standard error is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. Hourly earnings for these occupations are presented in Tables A-1 and A-2. Reliable relative standard errors could not be determined for all occupations. ² All workers include full-time and part-time workers. 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

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Occupation ¹	All workers	Full-time workers	Part-time workers
Il occupations	6	6	4
All occupations excluding sales	6	6	5
White-collar occupations	7	7	6
White-collar occupations excluding sales	7	7	6
Professional specialty and technical occupations	9	9	8
Professional specialty occupations	9	9	9
Engineers, architects, and surveyors Petroleum engineers	11 11	11	-
Engineers, N.E.C.	11	11	_
Mathematical and computer scientists	9	-	_
Natural scientists	10	10	-
Health related occupations	8	9	-
Registered nurses	8	9	-
Teachers, college and university Teachers, except college and university	- 8	9	-
Librarians, archivists, and curators	_	_	_
Social scientists and urban planners	_	-	_
Social, recreation, and religious workers	6	7	-
Social workers	7	7	-
Lawyers and judges	-	-	-
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals,	0		
N.E.C Technical occupations	8 7	8	5
Science technicians, N.E.C.	6	_	_
Airplane pilots and navigators	11	11	-
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations	10	10	-
Executives, administrators, and managers	11	11	-
Financial managers	11	11	-
Personnel and labor relations managers Managers., marketing, advertising and public relations	12 11	12 11	-
Managers, service organizations, N.E.C.	10	10	_
Managers and administrators, N.E.C.	11	11	_
Management related occupations	8	8	-
Accountants and auditors	7	7	-
Other financial officers	8	8	-
Management related occupations, N.E.C.	9	9	-
Sales occupations Supervisors, sales occupations	5 7	5	3
Sales occupations, other business services	6	6	_
Sales workers, other commodities	4	-	3
Sales counter clerks	3	-	-
Cashiers	3	3	-
Administrative support occupations, including clerical	4	4	3
Supervisors, financial records processing Secretaries	7 5	7 5	_
Receptionists	3	3	_
Order clerks	3	3	-
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	4	4	-
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	3	3	-
Stock and inventory clerks	6	6	-
General office clerks Bank tellers	3 3	3	_
Data entry keyers	3	3	_
Administrative support occupations, N.E.C.	6	6	-
Blue-collar occupations	5	5	3
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations	7	7	-
Electricians	7	7	-
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	3	3	-
Miscellaneous machine operators, N.E.C Transportation and material moving occupations	3 5	- 5	_ 5
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Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	3	4	2
Stock handlers and baggers	2	-	_
Freight, stock, and material handlers, N.E.C.	2	3	2
	3	4	-
Laborers except construction, N.E.C.	U		

Appendix table 3. Average work levels for selected occupations, all workers, full-time and part-time workers, Anchorage, AK, May 1998

Occupation ¹	All workers	Full-time workers	Part-time workers
Service occupations (-Continued)			
Protective service occupations	7	7	-
Guards and police except public service	5	-	-
Food service occupations	3	3	2
Supervisors, food preparation and service occupations	6	6	-
Waiters and waitresses	3	-	2
Cooks	5	5	-
Food counter, fountain, and related occupations	2	-	-
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants	1	-	-
Food preparation occupations, N.E.C.	2	-	2
Health service occupations	5	-	5
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	4	-	4
Cleaning and building service occupations	2	3	2
Maids and housemen	1	1	-
Janitors and cleaners	2	3	2
Personal service occupations	4	4	4

Appendix table 3. Average work levels for selected occupations, all workers, full-time and part-time workers, Anchorage, AK, May 1998 — Continued

¹ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. Individual occupations are classified into one of nine major occupational groups. The occupations titled authors, musicians, actors, painters, photographers, dancers, artists, athletes, and legislators cannot be assigned a work level.

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