

## FIGURE 7

- These 10 occupations accounted for 4 percent of all workers in the U.S. in May 2007.
- Six of the lowest paid occupations, accounting for almost 5 million jobs, were food service occupations.

Employment and wages for the 10 lowest paying occupations in the United States, May 2007

Occupation	Hourly mean wage	Employment
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	\$8.03	2,602,950
Cooks, fast food	8.11	575,510
Dishwashers	8.20	509,550
Dining room and cafeteria attendants and bartender helpers	8.36	401,070
Shampooers	8.41	15,310
Hosts and hostesses, restaurant, lounge, and coffee shop	8.54	342,960
Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concession, and coffee shop	8.57	541,370
Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers	8.60	106,700
Gaming dealers	8.71	86,210
Amusement and recreation attendants	8.76	245,380

