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Introduction

The tables in this bulletin summarize the NCS results for the Visalia–Porterville, CA, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Data were collected between December 2006 and January 2008; the average reference month is July 2007. 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 fire fighters, 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. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation measures employers' average hourly costs for wages and benefits. NCS also measures the incidence and provisions of benefit plans. This bulletin is limited to data on occupational wages and salaries.

Changes to the publications

The locality wage publications are undergoing a number of significant changes. Please see the bulletins published between September 2006 and July 2007 for information on earlier changes.

The areas covered by the publications are currently being updated to the December 2003 definitions of Combined Statistical Areas, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and Micropolitan Statistical Areas, as determined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This bulletin includes a new State and local government sample that reflects the new area definition.

In appendix table 2, the total numbers of establishments in the sampling frame are now benchmarked to the latest available establishment counts, adjusted for establishments that are out of scope for NCS.

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 800 detailed occupations, listed in Appendix B, 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 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 high-level and intermediate occupational aggregation, full-time or part-time status, union or nonunion status, and time or incentive pay. Establishment characteristics include goods producing, service providing, and size of establishment.

Table 2 presents mean hourly earnings data by work level for occupational major groups and for detailed occupations. Separate data are also shown for full-time and part-time workers. Table 3 provides work level data for private industry workers. Table 4 provides similar data for State and local government workers. Table 5 simplifies the work levels by combining them into broader groups within major and detailed occupations, and for full-time and part-time workers.

Tables 6 through 10 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 11 presents mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings, and the associated hours, for major occupational groups and detailed occupations for full-time workers. Table 12 provides the same type of information for private industry workers. Table 13 provides similar data for State and local government workers.

Table 14 presents mean hourly earnings data for establishment employment sizes by high-level occupational aggregations in the private sector. Tables 15 and 16 provide

mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings data for full-time employees in private establishments with fewer than 100 workers, and in private establishments with 100 workers or more.

Table 17 presents mean hourly earnings data for union and nonunion workers in all, private, and State and local government establishments by high-level occupational aggregation. Table 18 provides hourly earnings data for time and incentive workers in all and private establishments by

high-level occupational aggregation. Table 19 presents mean hourly earnings data for major industry divisions within the private sector.

Appendix table 1 presents the number of workers represented by the survey, by high-level occupational aggregation and for all industries, private industry, and State and local government. Appendix table 2 provides the number of establishments in the sampling frame and the number of responding and nonresponding establishments.

Table 1. Summary: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours for selected worker and establishment characteristics, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Worker and establishment characteristics	Civilian workers			Private industry workers			State and local government workers		
	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)	
All workers	\$17.34	3.6	35.4	\$14.11	3.4	34.9	\$26.55	6.3	36.9
Worker characteristics^{4,5}									
Management, professional, and related	31.10	4.9	36.1	25.90	7.6	37.4	33.70	4.9	35.5
Management, business, and financial	33.38	8.3	40.6	31.95	6.9	40.0	34.58	13.0	41.2
Professional and related	30.14	5.2	34.5	21.78	8.2	35.8	33.42	4.9	34.0
Service	11.03	5.4	32.0	9.53	6.3	30.9	17.33	9.1	37.7
Sales and office	13.99	4.0	35.4	13.77	4.7	34.8	15.41	2.1	40.0
Sales and related	13.07	7.3	32.3	12.97	7.5	32.2	—	—	—
Office and administrative support	14.72	2.7	38.4	14.59	3.5	37.9	15.18	2.2	40.0
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	16.33	4.8	38.8	15.97	5.2	38.6	18.45	9.8	40.0
Construction and extraction	15.68	4.7	37.3	14.97	5.5	36.7	—	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair	17.60	7.4	40.0	17.53	8.0	40.0	—	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving	13.34	4.0	37.7	13.02	3.8	37.5	—	—	—
Production	14.50	5.7	40.0	14.11	5.1	40.0	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	12.42	5.8	36.0	12.18	6.3	35.7	—	—	—
Full time	18.37	3.9	39.7	15.00	3.6	39.8	27.03	6.5	39.2
Part time	10.47	5.4	20.8	9.26	3.4	20.9	19.18	19.9	19.7
Union	23.59	4.7	37.2	17.04	11.8	34.6	25.21	4.3	37.9
Nonunion	15.71	4.8	35.0	13.94	3.7	35.0	28.89	15.0	35.3
Time	17.19	3.9	35.2	13.62	3.1	34.6	26.55	6.3	36.9
Incentive	19.66	9.2	39.1	19.66	9.2	39.1	—	—	—
Establishment characteristics									
Goods producing	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)	16.18	3.6	38.5	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Service providing	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)	—	—	—	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
1-99 workers	14.23	3.9	34.3	13.88	4.4	34.1	19.32	11.5	38.2
100-499 workers	16.74	7.1	36.4	14.44	4.2	36.2	—	—	—
500 workers or more	25.36	4.9	37.2	15.08	4.2	39.0	28.39	5.0	36.7

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. See appendix A for more information.

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 Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

⁶ Classification of establishments into goods-producing and service-providing industries applies to private industry only. Industries are determined by the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

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

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 2. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007**

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All workers	\$17.34	3.6	\$18.37	3.9	\$10.47	5.4
Management occupations	36.50	7.6	36.50	7.6	—	—
Level 11	41.19	9.2	41.19	9.2	—	—
Not able to be leveled	36.45	9.0	36.45	9.0	—	—
Education administrators	39.75	6.0	39.75	6.0	—	—
Business and financial operations occupations	28.55	11.4	28.55	11.4	—	—
Computer and mathematical science occupations	20.33	12.8	20.33	12.8	—	—
Life, physical, and social science occupations	21.35	1.0	21.35	1.0	—	—
Community and social services occupations	21.73	18.8	21.73	18.8	—	—
Education, training, and library occupations	35.79	2.3	39.08	2.8	15.01	8.0
Level 7	41.81	7.0	—	—	—	—
Postsecondary teachers	36.66	22.6	—	—	—	—
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	41.46	2.4	42.65	2.0	—	—
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	29.41	10.5	29.24	11.0	32.09	24.8
Level 6	21.40	.8	21.40	.8	—	—
Level 9	38.36	1.2	37.77	1.8	—	—
Registered nurses	37.88	1.3	37.45	2.1	—	—
Level 9	38.20	1.2	37.77	1.8	—	—
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	20.68	2.4	20.68	2.4	—	—
Healthcare support occupations	11.18	8.4	11.38	7.8	—	—
Level 3	9.53	4.7	9.63	4.5	—	—
Level 4	11.99	5.2	—	—	—	—
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	9.49	3.9	9.57	3.7	—	—
Level 3	9.28	2.9	9.35	2.8	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	9.49	3.9	9.57	3.7	—	—
Level 3	9.28	2.9	9.35	2.8	—	—
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	14.60	8.7	14.76	9.0	—	—
Protective service occupations	16.98	24.6	16.89	25.5	—	—
Food preparation and serving related occupations	8.70	2.9	9.43	6.7	8.05	1.8
Level 1	7.70	1.7	7.80	2.7	7.59	.3
Level 2	7.84	3.5	—	—	7.79	3.8
Level 3	11.27	8.9	—	—	—	—
Cooks	12.34	6.0	—	—	—	—
Food preparation workers	7.89	4.8	—	—	—	—
Food service, tipped	7.65	2.0	—	—	7.63	3.7
Level 1	7.59	.3	—	—	—	—
Fast food and counter workers	8.59	8.1	—	—	8.16	2.2
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	8.65	8.1	—	—	8.22	1.7
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	11.39	14.5	12.32	7.6	—	—
Level 1	8.12	4.5	—	—	—	—
Building cleaning workers	9.56	10.5	10.58	11.5	—	—
Level 1	8.12	4.5	—	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	9.96	16.9	12.84	20.5	—	—
Personal care and service occupations	12.94	11.4	14.53	10.5	9.28	11.2
Sales and related occupations	13.07	7.3	14.09	9.3	9.10	9.4
Level 1	8.39	3.9	—	—	—	—
Level 2	9.36	7.9	—	—	8.38	9.4
Level 3	12.24	4.1	13.52	11.0	—	—
Level 4	14.86	8.5	14.53	12.1	—	—
Retail sales workers	11.46	7.4	12.23	10.7	8.98	7.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³,
Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007** — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Sales and related occupations —Continued						
Retail sales workers —Continued						
Level 1	\$8.39	3.9	—	—	—	—
Level 2	9.44	7.1	—	—	\$8.46	9.3
Level 3	12.75	2.0	—	—	—	—
Level 4	14.67	10.3	\$14.37	13.9	—	—
Cashiers, all workers	10.34	1.6	10.42	1.8	10.10	12.2
Level 2	10.06	5.0	—	—	—	—
Cashiers	10.34	1.6	10.42	1.8	10.10	12.2
Level 2	10.06	5.0	—	—	—	—
Retail salespersons	12.63	11.3	14.04	10.7	8.14	.7
Office and administrative support occupations	14.72	2.7	14.86	2.8	13.15	9.0
Level 2	9.36	4.9	—	—	—	—
Level 3	12.08	4.8	11.82	6.3	12.66	7.2
Level 4	15.25	4.1	15.21	4.2	—	—
Level 5	16.32	5.0	16.22	5.5	—	—
Not able to be leveled	14.35	7.3	14.37	7.4	—	—
Financial clerks	15.19	5.3	15.34	5.6	—	—
Level 3	13.54	5.6	—	—	—	—
Level 4	16.12	7.1	16.10	7.3	—	—
Billing and posting clerks and machine operators	15.18	3.7	—	—	—	—
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	15.30	8.4	15.30	8.4	—	—
Level 4	15.97	10.1	15.97	10.1	—	—
Customer service representatives	16.96	3.2	17.12	2.9	—	—
Loan interviewers and clerks	14.38	1.4	—	—	—	—
Receptionists and information clerks	10.30	11.5	10.66	9.2	—	—
Office clerks, general	14.88	7.3	14.88	7.3	—	—
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	12.22	22.4	12.44	25.7	—	—
Construction and extraction occupations	15.68	4.7	16.40	6.0	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	17.60	7.4	17.60	7.4	—	—
Level 5	16.01	11.0	16.01	11.0	—	—
Level 7	20.81	14.8	20.81	14.8	—	—
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers	16.68	6.6	16.68	6.6	—	—
Production occupations	14.50	5.7	14.51	5.7	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007** — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Production occupations —Continued						
Level 1	\$8.61	1.9	\$8.61	1.9	—	—
Level 2	10.74	12.6	10.75	12.7	—	—
Level 3	13.22	.9	13.22	.9	—	—
Level 4	16.60	6.3	16.60	6.3	—	—
Level 5	17.33	3.5	17.33	3.5	—	—
Printers	13.49	1.2	13.49	1.2	—	—
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	15.35	18.8	15.35	18.8	—	—
Miscellaneous production workers	13.27	11.3	13.33	11.7	—	—
Transportation and material moving occupations	12.42	5.8	12.75	6.3	\$9.84	11.8
Level 1	8.69	3.2	8.56	1.2	9.02	11.0
Level 3	13.46	4.3	13.52	4.3	—	—
Level 4	14.49	4.9	14.54	5.1	—	—
Level 5	15.49	6.0	15.49	6.0	—	—
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	14.68	5.7	14.71	5.7	—	—
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	14.83	5.8	14.83	5.8	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand	10.20	5.2	10.54	4.7	9.16	12.0
Level 1	8.52	5.0	8.15	3.6	9.02	11.0
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	10.70	5.6	—	—	9.49	12.3
Level 1	9.23	10.2	—	—	9.22	10.7
Packers and packagers, hand	9.71	6.0	9.93	6.0	—	—
Level 1	8.10	3.8	8.10	4.3	—	—

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. See appendix A for more information.

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 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.

⁴ Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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

Table 3. Private industry workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All workers	\$14.11	3.4	\$15.00	3.6	\$9.26	3.4
Management occupations	30.93	11.0	30.93	11.0	—	—
Business and financial operations occupations	32.85	8.0	32.85	8.0	—	—
Life, physical, and social science occupations	21.35	1.0	21.35	1.0	—	—
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	22.65	14.5	22.98	14.5	—	—
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	20.90	1.6	20.90	1.6	—	—
Healthcare support occupations	10.35	8.0	10.52	7.6	—	—
Level 3	9.53	4.7	9.63	4.5	—	—
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	9.28	2.9	9.35	2.8	—	—
Level 3	9.28	2.9	9.35	2.8	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	9.28	2.9	9.35	2.8	—	—
Level 3	9.28	2.9	9.35	2.8	—	—
Food preparation and serving related occupations	8.29	1.5	8.73	2.5	7.95	1.6
Level 1	7.70	1.7	7.80	2.7	7.59	.3
Level 2	7.75	2.7	—	—	7.69	2.8
Food preparation workers	7.89	4.8	—	—	—	—
Food service, tipped	7.54	1.3	—	—	7.42	.8
Level 1	7.59	.3	—	—	—	—
Fast food and counter workers	7.98	3.2	—	—	8.16	2.2
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	8.01	3.1	—	—	8.22	1.7
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	10.83	18.3	11.80	10.7	—	—
Level 1	8.12	4.5	—	—	—	—
Building cleaning workers	8.40	4.4	8.98	2.0	—	—
Level 1	8.12	4.5	—	—	—	—
Personal care and service occupations	14.22	11.3	—	—	—	—
Sales and related occupations	12.97	7.5	13.98	9.5	9.10	9.4
Level 1	8.39	3.9	—	—	—	—
Level 2	9.36	7.9	—	—	8.38	9.4
Level 3	12.24	4.1	13.52	11.0	—	—
Level 4	14.86	8.5	14.53	12.1	—	—
Retail sales workers	11.46	7.4	12.23	10.7	8.98	7.0
Level 1	8.39	3.9	—	—	—	—
Level 2	9.44	7.1	—	—	8.46	9.3
Level 3	12.75	2.0	—	—	—	—
Level 4	14.67	10.3	14.37	13.9	—	—
Cashiers, all workers	10.34	1.6	10.42	1.8	10.10	12.2
Level 2	10.06	5.0	—	—	—	—
Cashiers	10.34	1.6	10.42	1.8	10.10	12.2
Level 2	10.06	5.0	—	—	—	—
Retail salespersons	12.63	11.3	14.04	10.7	8.14	.7
Office and administrative support occupations	14.59	3.5	14.75	3.7	13.15	9.0
Level 2	9.36	4.9	—	—	—	—
Level 3	12.02	5.5	11.68	7.6	12.66	7.2
Level 4	15.44	4.2	15.40	4.3	—	—
Level 5	16.07	3.8	15.91	4.5	—	—
Not able to be leveled	12.42	6.9	12.40	7.2	—	—
Financial clerks	15.87	6.0	16.17	6.2	—	—
Level 3	13.54	5.6	—	—	—	—
Level 4	16.58	7.1	16.56	7.3	—	—
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	16.44	9.6	16.44	9.6	—	—
Level 4	16.64	10.5	16.64	10.5	—	—
Customer service representatives	16.96	3.2	17.12	2.9	—	—
Loan interviewers and clerks	14.38	1.4	—	—	—	—
Receptionists and information clerks	10.30	11.5	10.66	9.2	—	—
Office clerks, general	15.73	7.7	15.73	7.7	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Private industry workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007 — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Construction and extraction occupations	\$14.97	5.5	\$15.78	8.1	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	17.53	8.0	17.53	8.0	—	—
Level 7	20.81	14.8	20.81	14.8	—	—
Production occupations	14.11	5.1	14.12	5.1	—	—
Level 1	8.61	1.9	8.61	1.9	—	—
Level 2	10.74	12.6	10.75	12.7	—	—
Level 3	13.22	.9	13.22	.9	—	—
Level 4	16.11	7.0	16.11	7.0	—	—
Level 5	17.33	3.5	17.33	3.5	—	—
Printers	13.49	1.2	13.49	1.2	—	—
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	15.35	18.8	15.35	18.8	—	—
Miscellaneous production workers	13.27	11.3	13.33	11.7	—	—
Transportation and material moving occupations	12.18	6.3	12.51	6.9	\$9.84	11.8
Level 1	8.69	3.2	8.56	1.2	9.02	11.0
Level 4	14.13	5.2	—	—	—	—
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	14.53	6.5	14.55	6.5	—	—
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	14.70	6.6	14.70	6.6	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand	10.20	5.2	10.54	4.7	9.16	12.0
Level 1	8.52	5.0	8.15	3.6	9.02	11.0
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	10.70	5.6	—	—	9.49	12.3
Level 1	9.23	10.2	—	—	9.22	10.7
Packers and packagers, hand	9.71	6.0	9.93	6.0	—	—
Level 1	8.10	3.8	8.10	4.3	—	—

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. See appendix A for more information.

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 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.

⁴ Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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Table 4. **State and local government workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007**

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All workers	\$26.55	6.3	\$27.03	6.5	\$19.18	19.9
Management occupations	39.54	4.2	39.54	4.2	–	–
Not able to be leveled	39.01	5.5	39.01	5.5	–	–
Business and financial operations occupations	21.62	10.9	21.62	10.9	–	–
Community and social services occupations	21.73	18.8	21.73	18.8	–	–
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	33.66	9.7	33.18	11.1	–	–
Level 9	38.29	1.2	–	–	–	–
Registered nurses	38.28	1.2	–	–	–	–
Level 9	38.29	1.2	–	–	–	–
Healthcare support occupations	14.07	12.9	14.24	14.2	–	–
Protective service occupations	24.09	4.1	24.44	5.4	–	–
Office and administrative support occupations	15.18	2.2	15.18	2.2	–	–
Not able to be leveled	15.54	8.4	15.54	8.4	–	–

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, 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. See appendix A for more information.

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 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.

⁴ Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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Table 5. Combined work levels¹ for civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings² for full-time and part-time workers³, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All workers	\$17.34	3.6	\$18.37	3.9	\$10.47	5.4
Management occupations	36.50	7.6	36.50	7.6	–	–
Group III	38.05	10.6	–	–	–	–
Education administrators	39.75	6.0	39.75	6.0	–	–
Business and financial operations occupations	28.55	11.4	28.55	11.4	–	–
Group II	32.92	8.5	–	–	–	–
Computer and mathematical science occupations	20.33	12.8	20.33	12.8	–	–
Life, physical, and social science occupations	21.35	1.0	21.35	1.0	–	–
Community and social services occupations	21.73	18.8	21.73	18.8	–	–
Education, training, and library occupations	35.79	2.3	39.08	2.8	15.01	8.0
Group II	39.42	6.2	–	–	–	–
Postsecondary teachers	36.66	22.6	–	–	–	–
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	41.46	2.4	42.65	2.0	–	–
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	29.41	10.5	29.24	11.0	32.09	24.8
Group II	21.67	1.3	–	–	–	–
Group III	43.44	8.4	–	–	–	–
Registered nurses	37.88	1.3	37.45	2.1	–	–
Group III	38.19	1.1	37.79	1.8	–	–
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	20.68	2.4	20.68	2.4	–	–
Group II	20.68	2.4	20.68	2.4	–	–
Healthcare support occupations	11.18	8.4	11.38	7.8	–	–
Group I	9.90	5.5	–	–	–	–
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	9.49	3.9	9.57	3.7	–	–
Group I	9.28	2.9	–	–	–	–
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	9.49	3.9	9.57	3.7	–	–
Group I	9.28	2.9	9.35	2.7	–	–
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	14.60	8.7	14.76	9.0	–	–
Group I	12.76	3.1	–	–	–	–
Protective service occupations	16.98	24.6	16.89	25.5	–	–
Food preparation and serving related occupations	8.70	2.9	9.43	6.7	8.05	1.8
Group I	8.52	2.6	–	–	–	–
Cooks	12.34	6.0	–	–	–	–
Food preparation workers	7.89	4.8	–	–	–	–
Group I	7.89	4.8	–	–	–	–
Food service, tipped	7.65	2.0	–	–	7.63	3.7
Group I	7.65	2.0	–	–	–	–
Fast food and counter workers	8.59	8.1	–	–	8.16	2.2
Group I	8.59	8.1	–	–	–	–
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	8.65	8.1	–	–	8.22	1.7
Group I	8.65	8.1	–	–	8.22	1.7
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	11.39	14.5	12.32	7.6	–	–
Group I	9.99	11.9	–	–	–	–
Building cleaning workers	9.56	10.5	10.58	11.5	–	–
Group I	8.54	4.7	–	–	–	–
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	9.96	16.9	12.84	20.5	–	–
Personal care and service occupations	12.94	11.4	14.53	10.5	9.28	11.2
Group I	10.22	8.2	–	–	–	–
Sales and related occupations	13.07	7.3	14.09	9.3	9.10	9.4
Group I	10.66	2.4	–	–	–	–
Group II	17.60	5.7	–	–	–	–

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Combined work levels¹ for civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings² for full-time and part-time workers³, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007 — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Sales and related occupations —Continued						
Retail sales workers	\$11.46	7.4	\$12.23	10.7	\$8.98	7.0
Group I	10.63	3.5	—	—	—	—
Cashiers, all workers	10.34	1.6	10.42	1.8	10.10	12.2
Group I	10.34	1.6	—	—	—	—
Cashiers	10.34	1.6	10.42	1.8	10.10	12.2
Group I	10.34	1.6	10.42	1.8	10.10	12.2
Retail salespersons	12.63	11.3	14.04	10.7	8.14	.7
Group I	11.11	9.8	13.14	4.8	8.14	.7
Office and administrative support occupations	14.72	2.7	14.86	2.8	13.15	9.0
Group I	13.96	4.4	—	—	—	—
Group II	17.37	4.5	—	—	—	—
Financial clerks	15.19	5.3	15.34	5.6	—	—
Group I	15.63	6.2	—	—	—	—
Billing and posting clerks and machine operators	15.18	3.7	—	—	—	—
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	15.30	8.4	15.30	8.4	—	—
Group I	15.96	10.0	15.96	10.0	—	—
Customer service representatives	16.96	3.2	17.12	2.9	—	—
Loan interviewers and clerks	14.38	1.4	—	—	—	—
Receptionists and information clerks	10.30	11.5	10.66	9.2	—	—
Group I	10.31	11.5	10.66	9.2	—	—
Office clerks, general	14.88	7.3	14.88	7.3	—	—
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	12.22	22.4	12.44	25.7	—	—
Group I	8.26	6.0	—	—	—	—
Construction and extraction occupations	15.68	4.7	16.40	6.0	—	—
Group I	12.30	3.7	—	—	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	17.60	7.4	17.60	7.4	—	—
Group II	19.28	9.0	—	—	—	—
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers	16.68	6.6	16.68	6.6	—	—
Group II	19.93	2.6	—	—	—	—
Production occupations	14.50	5.7	14.51	5.7	—	—
Group I	13.59	6.7	—	—	—	—
Group II	17.50	3.8	—	—	—	—
Printers	13.49	1.2	13.49	1.2	—	—
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	15.35	18.8	15.35	18.8	—	—
Miscellaneous production workers	13.27	11.3	13.33	11.7	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Combined work levels¹ for civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings² for full-time and part-time workers³, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007 — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Production occupations –Continued						
Miscellaneous production workers –Continued						
Group I	\$11.02	6.2	–	–	–	–
Transportation and material moving occupations	12.42	5.8	\$12.75	6.3	\$9.84	11.8
Group I	11.06	6.4	–	–	–	–
Group II	15.49	6.0	–	–	–	–
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	14.68	5.7	14.71	5.7	–	–
Group I	14.27	4.9	–	–	–	–
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	14.83	5.8	14.83	5.8	–	–
Laborers and material movers, hand	10.20	5.2	10.54	4.7	9.16	12.0
Group I	10.20	5.2	–	–	–	–
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	10.70	5.6	–	–	9.49	12.3
Group I	10.70	5.6	–	–	9.49	12.3
Packers and packagers, hand	9.71	6.0	9.93	6.0	–	–
Group I	9.71	6.0	9.93	6.0	–	–

¹ Combined work levels simplify the presentation of work levels by combining levels 1 through 15 into four broad groups. Group I combines levels 1-4, group II combines levels 5-8, group III combines levels 9-12, and group IV combines levels 13-15.

² 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. 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 Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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Table 6. Civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles¹, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ²	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$7.65	\$9.55	\$14.44	\$19.50	\$31.29
Management occupations	15.30	22.46	36.44	46.77	63.63
Education administrators	15.30	15.30	51.10	63.63	66.09
Business and financial operations occupations	17.70	20.31	27.44	29.74	41.17
Computer and mathematical science occupations	15.40	15.40	18.03	24.43	29.31
Life, physical, and social science occupations	18.93	19.33	19.33	20.38	30.98
Community and social services occupations	12.10	16.76	18.71	23.38	36.36
Education, training, and library occupations	13.99	19.98	36.69	49.33	57.19
Postsecondary teachers	17.34	19.17	44.78	48.00	49.73
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	24.48	32.22	42.18	52.85	57.98
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	18.00	20.50	23.09	37.66	45.82
Registered nurses	33.70	34.00	37.91	41.00	44.94
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	18.50	20.00	20.50	21.15	22.98
Healthcare support occupations	8.75	9.25	9.55	12.01	15.80
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	8.50	9.03	9.25	9.60	10.86
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	8.50	9.03	9.25	9.60	10.86
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	10.00	12.30	15.00	15.80	19.64
Protective service occupations	7.50	7.50	14.96	25.36	29.02
Food preparation and serving related occupations	7.30	7.50	7.50	8.58	12.80
Cooks	10.00	11.25	12.80	12.95	15.40
Food preparation workers	7.30	7.30	7.50	8.58	8.58
Food service, tipped	7.30	7.30	7.50	7.50	7.70
Fast food and counter workers	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.50	13.33
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.60	13.48
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	7.50	8.45	10.00	13.00	18.49
Building cleaning workers	7.50	7.50	8.50	9.25	17.97
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	7.50	7.50	7.50	9.95	18.23
Personal care and service occupations	8.20	8.75	12.00	19.34	20.33
Sales and related occupations	7.50	8.00	11.05	16.83	19.17
Retail sales workers	7.50	8.00	9.55	13.99	17.11
Cashiers, all workers	7.50	8.00	9.00	10.87	18.15
Cashiers	7.50	8.00	9.00	10.87	18.15
Retail salespersons	7.79	8.70	11.86	16.83	16.83
Office and administrative support occupations	10.00	12.55	14.00	17.00	18.76
Financial clerks	11.50	13.04	14.50	17.95	18.75
Billing and posting clerks and machine operators	13.50	13.95	14.42	16.00	18.00
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	11.32	13.01	14.50	18.75	18.75
Customer service representatives	12.26	16.32	17.76	18.13	18.76
Loan interviewers and clerks	12.28	12.98	15.00	15.55	17.80
Receptionists and information clerks	8.00	8.52	10.00	10.00	14.50
Office clerks, general	11.17	12.13	14.00	17.00	19.00
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	7.50	7.50	7.72	17.67	23.79
Construction and extraction occupations	9.02	12.00	13.41	21.60	24.61
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	13.70	14.99	15.77	17.61	28.15
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers	14.99	14.99	14.99	17.69	22.24
Production occupations	8.40	10.50	14.00	18.94	19.82
Printers	10.70	11.80	12.99	13.07	18.93
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	7.55	9.00	15.79	18.94	28.36

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. **Civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles¹, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007** — Continued

Occupation ²	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Production occupations –Continued					
Miscellaneous production workers	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$13.54	\$19.08	\$19.08
Transportation and material moving occupations					
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	7.78	8.64	12.50	15.50	16.55
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	12.00	12.78	15.70	16.00	16.71
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	12.07	13.25	15.71	16.00	16.71
Laborers and material movers, hand	7.50	7.78	10.00	11.08	15.18
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	7.50	10.00	10.93	11.08	13.40
Packers and packagers, hand	7.50	7.50	7.93	9.40	15.18

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 Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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Table 7. Private industry workers: Hourly wage percentiles¹, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ²	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$7.50	\$8.75	\$12.75	\$16.83	\$21.60
Management occupations	21.64	24.04	29.27	37.66	48.20
Business and financial operations occupations	20.31	25.96	28.92	36.92	61.54
Life, physical, and social science occupations	18.93	19.33	19.33	20.38	30.98
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	9.02	19.95	21.13	23.07	34.40
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	19.00	20.14	20.73	21.15	23.07
Healthcare support occupations	8.60	9.25	9.25	10.00	13.56
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	8.50	9.00	9.25	9.36	9.95
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	8.50	9.00	9.25	9.36	9.95
Food preparation and serving related occupations	7.30	7.50	7.50	8.55	11.12
Food preparation workers	7.30	7.30	7.50	8.58	8.58
Food service, tipped	7.30	7.30	7.50	7.50	7.50
Fast food and counter workers	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	9.15
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	9.15
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	7.50	8.10	9.25	12.00	15.00
Building cleaning workers	7.50	7.50	8.45	8.77	9.50
Personal care and service occupations	8.20	8.86	13.50	19.34	20.33
Sales and related occupations	7.50	8.00	11.00	16.83	19.03
Retail sales workers	7.50	8.00	9.55	13.99	17.11
Cashiers, all workers	7.50	8.00	9.00	10.87	18.15
Cashiers	7.50	8.00	9.00	10.87	18.15
Retail salespersons	7.79	8.70	11.86	16.83	16.83
Office and administrative support occupations	10.00	12.13	14.00	17.76	18.75
Financial clerks	11.00	13.59	17.00	18.75	18.75
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	11.00	13.23	18.75	18.75	18.75
Customer service representatives	12.26	16.32	17.76	18.13	18.76
Loan interviewers and clerks	12.28	12.98	15.00	15.55	17.80
Receptionists and information clerks	8.00	8.52	10.00	10.00	14.50
Office clerks, general	12.13	12.13	17.00	17.00	21.00
Construction and extraction occupations	9.02	12.00	13.41	15.50	25.04
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	13.70	14.99	14.99	16.56	28.15
Production occupations	8.40	9.48	13.42	18.29	20.09
Printers	10.70	11.80	12.99	13.07	18.93
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	7.55	9.00	15.79	18.94	28.36
Miscellaneous production workers	9.00	9.00	13.54	19.08	19.08
Transportation and material moving occupations	7.78	8.64	11.76	15.30	16.00
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	12.00	12.64	14.85	16.00	16.38
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	12.00	12.78	15.13	16.00	16.38
Laborers and material movers, hand	7.50	7.78	10.00	11.08	15.18
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	7.50	10.00	10.93	11.08	13.40
Packers and packagers, hand	7.50	7.50	7.93	9.40	15.18

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nonproduction bonuses; and tips.

² Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

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Table 8. State and local government workers: Hourly wage percentiles¹, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ²	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$12.52	\$15.25	\$20.63	\$36.15	\$50.32
Management occupations	15.30	15.30	41.82	62.58	64.22
Business and financial operations occupations	15.72	17.70	20.35	23.61	29.74
Community and social services occupations	12.10	16.76	18.71	23.38	36.36
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	18.89	22.27	34.00	39.72	46.25
Registered nurses	33.95	34.93	38.01	41.31	45.00
Healthcare support occupations	10.18	11.28	12.41	19.13	19.64
Protective service occupations	14.96	19.24	24.78	27.62	31.69
Office and administrative support occupations	12.54	13.01	14.12	15.84	21.41

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 Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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Table 9. Full-time¹ civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles², Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ³	Full-time workers				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$8.58	\$11.00	\$15.00	\$20.41	\$33.95
Management occupations	15.30	22.46	36.44	46.77	63.63
Education administrators	15.30	15.30	51.10	63.63	66.09
Business and financial operations occupations	17.70	20.31	27.44	29.74	41.17
Computer and mathematical science occupations	15.40	15.40	18.03	24.43	29.31
Life, physical, and social science occupations	18.93	19.33	19.33	20.38	30.98
Community and social services occupations	12.10	16.76	18.71	23.38	36.36
Education, training, and library occupations	17.99	28.43	40.56	50.73	57.82
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	25.84	33.19	42.57	53.46	57.98
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	18.80	20.50	22.68	36.49	45.53
Registered nurses	33.70	34.00	37.26	40.23	44.28
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	18.50	20.00	20.50	21.15	22.98
Healthcare support occupations	9.00	9.25	9.60	12.41	19.13
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	8.75	9.25	9.25	9.70	10.98
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	8.75	9.25	9.25	9.70	10.98
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	10.00	12.41	15.00	17.25	19.64
Protective service occupations	7.50	7.50	14.23	25.36	29.29
Food preparation and serving related occupations	7.50	7.50	8.50	10.73	13.99
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	8.50	9.05	12.00	14.44	20.46
Building cleaning workers	8.26	8.50	9.05	10.20	17.97
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	8.50	8.73	11.00	17.97	18.49
Personal care and service occupations	8.85	9.90	13.50	19.34	20.33
Sales and related occupations	8.00	9.00	12.64	16.83	22.05
Retail sales workers	8.00	9.00	11.05	16.83	17.11
Cashiers, all workers	7.50	8.00	9.00	10.20	18.15
Cashiers	7.50	8.00	9.00	10.20	18.15
Retail salespersons	9.20	10.30	13.38	16.83	16.83
Office and administrative support occupations	10.50	12.55	14.12	17.00	18.76
Financial clerks	11.50	13.06	14.50	18.00	18.75
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	11.32	13.01	14.50	18.75	18.75
Customer service representatives	14.91	16.45	17.79	18.76	18.76
Receptionists and information clerks	8.52	9.38	10.00	12.10	14.50
Office clerks, general	11.17	12.13	14.00	17.00	19.00
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	7.50	7.50	7.72	17.67	23.79
Construction and extraction occupations	10.00	12.50	14.27	21.60	24.61
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	13.70	14.99	15.77	17.61	28.15
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers	14.99	14.99	14.99	17.69	22.24
Production occupations	8.40	10.50	14.00	18.94	19.82
Printers	10.70	11.80	12.99	13.07	18.93
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	7.55	9.00	15.79	18.94	28.36
Miscellaneous production workers	9.00	9.00	13.54	19.08	19.08

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 9. Full-time¹ civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles², Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007 — Continued

Occupation ³	Full-time workers				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Transportation and material moving occupations	\$7.93	\$9.40	\$13.40	\$15.65	\$16.65
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	12.00	13.25	15.70	16.00	16.71
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	12.07	13.25	15.71	16.00	16.71
Laborers and material movers, hand	7.50	7.84	10.90	11.08	15.18
Packers and packagers, hand	7.50	7.50	7.93	13.84	15.18

¹ 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.

² 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.

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Table 10. Part-time¹ civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles², Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ³	Part-time workers				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$10.95	\$14.70
Education, training, and library occupations	10.13	11.61	13.79	16.57	17.70
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	8.50	10.38	39.06	43.85	47.50
Food preparation and serving related occupations	7.30	7.50	7.50	7.50	10.50
Food service, tipped	7.30	7.30	7.50	7.50	7.50
Fast food and counter workers	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.50	9.75
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.50	11.12
Personal care and service occupations	7.50	8.20	8.20	9.18	9.75
Sales and related occupations	7.50	7.50	7.90	9.00	11.05
Retail sales workers	7.50	7.50	7.90	9.00	10.87
Cashiers, all workers	7.50	7.50	9.00	10.87	13.73
Cashiers	7.50	7.50	9.00	10.87	13.73
Retail salespersons	7.50	7.65	7.90	8.35	8.95
Office and administrative support occupations	8.00	10.07	13.73	13.73	17.80
Transportation and material moving occupations	7.50	7.65	8.45	11.48	13.80
Laborers and material movers, hand	7.50	7.50	8.45	10.50	11.48
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	7.50	7.50	8.45	11.48	11.48

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² 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.

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Table 11. Full-time¹ civilian workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$18.37	\$15.00	\$729	\$600	39.7	\$36,241	\$31,179	1,973
Management occupations	36.50	36.44	1,506	1,506	41.2	73,362	78,331	2,010
Education administrators	39.75	51.10	1,590	2,044	40.0	70,875	100,378	1,783
Business and financial operations occupations	28.55	27.44	1,133	1,085	39.7	58,905	56,400	2,063
Computer and mathematical science occupations	20.33	18.03	813	721	40.0	42,278	37,502	2,080
Life, physical, and social science occupations	21.35	19.33	854	773	40.0	44,417	40,200	2,080
Community and social services occupations	21.73	18.71	859	748	39.5	40,838	38,917	1,879
Education, training, and library occupations	39.08	40.56	1,431	1,468	36.6	53,976	55,101	1,381
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	42.65	42.57	1,556	1,579	36.5	57,577	58,411	1,350
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	29.24	22.68	1,135	923	38.8	59,022	48,017	2,019
Registered nurses	37.45	37.26	1,375	1,356	36.7	71,481	70,518	1,909
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	20.68	20.50	821	820	39.7	42,714	42,640	2,066
Healthcare support occupations	11.38	9.60	447	384	39.3	23,240	19,964	2,041
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	9.57	9.25	373	370	38.9	19,379	19,240	2,025
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	9.57	9.25	373	370	38.9	19,379	19,240	2,025
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	14.76	15.00	590	600	40.0	30,704	31,200	2,080
Protective service occupations	16.89	14.23	704	558	41.7	36,585	29,016	2,166
Food preparation and serving related occupations	9.43	8.50	374	328	39.7	19,229	17,290	2,040
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	12.32	12.00	489	480	39.7	25,437	24,960	2,064
Building cleaning workers	10.58	9.05	417	349	39.4	21,666	18,160	2,047
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	12.84	11.00	514	440	40.0	26,711	22,880	2,080
Personal care and service occupations	14.53	13.50	574	540	39.5	28,507	27,830	1,962
Sales and related occupations	14.09	12.64	559	505	39.7	29,073	26,250	2,064
Retail sales workers	12.23	11.05	484	442	39.6	25,162	22,984	2,058
Cashiers, all workers	10.42	9.00	417	360	40.0	21,671	18,720	2,080
Cashiers	10.42	9.00	417	360	40.0	21,671	18,720	2,080
Retail salespersons	14.04	13.38	548	535	39.0	28,507	27,810	2,030
Office and administrative support occupations	14.86	14.12	593	565	39.9	30,671	29,370	2,064
Financial clerks	15.34	14.50	614	580	40.0	31,911	30,160	2,080
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	15.30	14.50	612	580	40.0	31,819	30,160	2,080
Customer service representatives	17.12	17.79	673	711	39.3	34,977	36,947	2,043
Receptionists and information clerks ..	10.66	10.00	427	400	40.0	22,180	20,800	2,080
Office clerks, general	14.88	14.00	595	560	40.0	30,949	29,120	2,080

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 11. Full-time¹ civilian workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007 — Continued

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	\$12.44	\$7.72	\$498	\$309	40.0	\$19,290	\$7,800	1,551
Construction and extraction occupations	16.40	14.27	656	571	40.0	29,057	29,682	1,772
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	17.60	15.77	704	631	40.0	36,607	32,802	2,080
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers	16.68	14.99	667	600	40.0	34,690	31,179	2,080
Production occupations	14.51	14.00	580	560	40.0	29,887	29,120	2,060
Printers	13.49	12.99	540	520	40.0	28,060	27,025	2,080
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	15.35	15.79	614	632	40.0	30,867	30,160	2,011
Miscellaneous production workers	13.33	13.54	533	542	40.0	27,719	28,159	2,080
Transportation and material moving occupations	12.75	13.40	510	536	40.0	25,863	26,287	2,028
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	14.71	15.70	588	628	40.0	29,059	29,120	1,976
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	14.83	15.71	593	628	40.0	29,275	30,878	1,974
Laborers and material movers, hand ..	10.54	10.90	422	436	40.0	21,325	22,672	2,023
Packers and packagers, hand	9.93	7.93	397	317	40.0	19,713	16,490	1,986

¹ 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.

² Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

³ 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. See appendix A for more information.

⁴ Mean weekly earnings are the straight-time weekly wages or salaries

paid to employees. Median weekly earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

⁵ Mean annual earnings are the straight-time annual wages or salaries paid to employees. Median annual earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean annual hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a year, exclusive of overtime.

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Table 12. Full-time¹ private industry workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$15.00	\$13.56	\$598	\$542	39.8	\$30,395	\$28,080	2,026
Management occupations	30.93	29.27	1,282	1,202	41.4	66,642	62,499	2,154
Business and financial operations occupations	32.85	28.92	1,274	1,142	38.8	66,247	59,401	2,016
Life, physical, and social science occupations	21.35	19.33	854	773	40.0	44,417	40,200	2,080
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	22.98	21.13	917	845	39.9	47,692	43,940	2,075
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	20.90	20.73	836	829	40.0	43,474	43,118	2,080
Healthcare support occupations	10.52	9.30	414	370	39.4	21,550	19,240	2,049
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	9.35	9.25	367	370	39.3	19,076	19,240	2,041
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	9.35	9.25	367	370	39.3	19,076	19,240	2,041
Food preparation and serving related occupations	8.73	8.10	346	302	39.6	17,985	15,723	2,060
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	11.80	11.00	468	440	39.6	24,312	22,880	2,061
Building cleaning workers	8.98	8.73	352	348	39.2	18,298	18,096	2,037
Sales and related occupations	13.98	12.64	555	505	39.7	28,861	26,250	2,064
Retail sales workers	12.23	11.05	484	442	39.6	25,162	22,984	2,058
Cashiers, all workers	10.42	9.00	417	360	40.0	21,671	18,720	2,080
Cashiers	10.42	9.00	417	360	40.0	21,671	18,720	2,080
Retail salespersons	14.04	13.38	548	535	39.0	28,507	27,810	2,030
Office and administrative support occupations	14.75	14.42	589	571	39.9	30,563	29,710	2,072
Financial clerks	16.17	17.83	647	713	40.0	33,628	37,084	2,080
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	16.44	18.75	658	750	40.0	34,192	39,000	2,080
Customer service representatives	17.12	17.79	673	711	39.3	34,977	36,947	2,043
Receptionists and information clerks ..	10.66	10.00	427	400	40.0	22,180	20,800	2,080
Office clerks, general	15.73	17.00	629	680	40.0	32,722	35,360	2,080
Construction and extraction occupations	15.78	13.41	631	536	40.0	26,893	27,897	1,705
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	17.53	14.99	701	600	40.0	36,470	31,179	2,080
Production occupations	14.12	13.42	565	537	40.0	29,053	27,851	2,058
Printers	13.49	12.99	540	520	40.0	28,060	27,025	2,080
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	15.35	15.79	614	632	40.0	30,867	30,160	2,011
Miscellaneous production workers	13.33	13.54	533	542	40.0	27,719	28,159	2,080

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 12. Full-time¹ private industry workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007 — Continued

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
Transportation and material moving occupations	\$12.51	\$12.64	\$500	\$506	40.0	\$25,302	\$24,960	2,023
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	14.55	14.85	582	594	40.0	28,535	28,581	1,961
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	14.70	15.13	588	605	40.0	28,771	28,581	1,958
Laborers and material movers, hand ..	10.54	10.90	422	436	40.0	21,325	22,672	2,023
Packers and packagers, hand	9.93	7.93	397	317	40.0	19,713	16,490	1,986

¹ 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.

² Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

³ 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. See appendix A for more information.

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paid to employees. Median weekly earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

⁵ Mean annual earnings are the straight-time annual wages or salaries paid to employees. Median annual earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean annual hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a year, exclusive of overtime.

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Table 13. Full-time¹ State and local government workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$27.03	\$21.25	\$1,059	\$867	39.2	\$49,941	\$44,457	1,848
Management occupations	39.54	41.82	1,627	1,721	41.2	76,663	89,507	1,939
Business and financial operations occupations	21.62	20.35	891	944	41.2	46,327	49,109	2,143
Community and social services occupations	21.73	18.71	859	748	39.5	40,838	38,917	1,879
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	33.18	33.95	1,266	1,224	38.2	65,836	63,648	1,984
Healthcare support occupations	14.24	12.41	552	496	38.8	28,705	25,813	2,016
Protective service occupations	24.44	25.36	1,056	1,047	43.2	54,902	54,425	2,246
Office and administrative support occupations	15.18	14.12	607	565	40.0	30,993	29,370	2,042

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² Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

³ 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. See appendix A for more information.

⁴ Mean weekly earnings are the straight-time weekly wages or salaries

paid to employees. Median weekly earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

⁵ Mean annual earnings are the straight-time annual wages or salaries paid to employees. Median annual earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean annual hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a year, exclusive of overtime.

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Table 14. **Size of establishment: Mean hourly earnings¹ of private industry establishments for major occupational groups, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007**

Occupational group ²	Total	1-99 workers	100-499 workers	500 workers or more
All workers	\$14.11	\$13.88	\$14.44	\$15.08
Management, professional, and related	25.90	26.23	25.24	—
Management, business, and financial	31.95	31.64	35.12	—
Professional and related	21.78	22.25	21.24	—
Service	9.53	9.54	9.47	—
Sales and office	13.77	14.16	12.93	13.42
Sales and related	12.97	13.47	11.86	—
Office and administrative support	14.59	14.90	14.20	13.42
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	15.97	16.12	15.12	—
Construction and extraction	14.97	15.02	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair	17.53	16.96	22.44	—
Production, transportation, and material moving	13.02	11.90	13.45	13.97
Production	14.11	14.81	14.27	—
Transportation and material moving	12.18	10.84	12.29	—
	Relative error ³ (percent)			
All workers	3.4	4.4	4.2	4.2
Management, professional, and related	7.6	11.7	11.4	—
Management, business, and financial	6.9	8.6	8.9	—
Professional and related	8.2	14.4	6.9	—
Service	6.3	7.3	1.5	—
Sales and office	4.7	5.3	7.5	12.0
Sales and related	7.5	9.1	8.0	—
Office and administrative support	3.5	3.9	7.4	12.0
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	5.2	5.4	13.7	—
Construction and extraction	5.5	6.2	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair	8.0	8.3	18.9	—
Production, transportation, and material moving	3.8	7.8	5.3	1.8
Production	5.1	8.3	9.4	—
Transportation and material moving	6.3	9.3	10.1	—

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² Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

³ 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 15. Establishments with fewer than 100 workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours for full-time¹ private industry workers, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$15.05	\$13.50	\$599	\$540	39.8	\$30,436	\$28,080	2,023
Management occupations	25.40	24.04	1,093	1,138	43.0	56,823	59,201	2,238
Business and financial operations occupations ...	33.96	28.92	1,311	1,152	38.6	68,153	59,927	2,007
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	24.42	22.31	973	892	39.8	50,577	46,405	2,071
Food preparation and serving related occupations	8.75	8.10	346	302	39.6	18,010	15,723	2,059
Sales and related occupations	14.48	12.64	578	505	39.9	30,066	26,285	2,076
Retail sales workers	12.00	11.05	478	442	39.9	24,869	22,984	2,073
Cashiers, all workers	10.44	9.00	418	360	40.0	21,719	18,720	2,080
Cashiers	10.44	9.00	418	360	40.0	21,719	18,720	2,080
Office and administrative support occupations	15.08	14.88	601	595	39.8	31,228	30,940	2,070
Financial clerks	16.00	17.00	640	680	40.0	33,279	35,360	2,080
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks ...	16.38	18.75	655	750	40.0	34,065	39,000	2,080
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	16.96	14.99	678	600	40.0	35,281	31,179	2,080
Production occupations	14.81	13.30	592	532	40.0	30,799	27,664	2,080
Transportation and material moving occupations	11.06	10.93	442	437	40.0	22,116	22,724	2,000

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⁴ Mean weekly earnings are the straight-time weekly wages or salaries paid to

employees. Median weekly earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

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Table 16. Establishments with 100 workers or more: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours for full-time¹ private industry workers, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$14.92	\$13.65	\$595	\$546	39.9	\$30,322	\$28,159	2,032
Life, physical, and social science occupations	22.36	20.38	894	815	40.0	46,499	42,386	2,080
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	21.27	21.01	851	840	40.0	44,236	43,701	2,080
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	9.18	8.77	367	351	40.0	19,096	18,242	2,080
Building cleaning workers	9.18	8.77	367	351	40.0	19,096	18,242	2,080
Sales and related occupations	12.71	12.62	497	490	39.1	25,847	25,501	2,034
Retail sales workers	12.97	11.66	501	450	38.7	26,067	23,423	2,010
Retail salespersons	13.40	12.62	515	468	38.5	26,802	24,352	2,000
Office and administrative support occupations	14.12	12.64	567	505	40.1	29,310	26,264	2,075
Financial clerks	16.95	17.83	678	713	40.0	35,264	37,084	2,080
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	22.36	23.14	894	926	40.0	46,512	48,131	2,080
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers	18.57	23.14	743	926	40.0	38,636	48,131	2,080
Production occupations	13.93	13.52	557	541	40.0	28,578	28,122	2,052
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	13.69	12.44	548	498	40.0	27,317	25,376	1,996
Miscellaneous production workers	15.01	13.54	600	542	40.0	31,211	28,159	2,080
Transportation and material moving occupations	13.65	15.30	546	612	40.0	27,887	31,824	2,042
Laborers and material movers, hand	10.42	8.75	417	350	40.0	20,684	18,200	1,985
Packers and packagers, hand	10.20	8.65	408	346	40.0	20,157	16,490	1,976

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² Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

³ 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. See appendix A for more information.

⁴ Mean weekly earnings are the straight-time weekly wages or salaries paid to

employees. Median weekly earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

⁵ Mean annual earnings are the straight-time annual wages or salaries paid to employees. Median annual earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean annual hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a year, exclusive of overtime.

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Table 17. Union¹ and nonunion workers: Mean hourly earnings² for major occupational groups, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupational group ³	Union			Nonunion		
	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	State and local government workers	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	State and local government workers
All workers	\$23.59	\$17.04	\$25.21	\$15.71	\$13.94	\$28.89
Management, professional, and related	32.46	–	32.61	30.24	25.97	35.16
Management, business, and financial	–	–	–	35.99	31.95	40.61
Professional and related	34.28	–	34.47	26.20	21.79	31.31
Service	17.43	9.26	19.00	9.87	9.54	13.93
Sales and office	15.62	–	15.35	13.73	13.66	–
Sales and related	–	–	–	12.76	12.76	–
Office and administrative support	15.27	–	15.04	14.60	14.53	–
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	20.53	–	17.56	15.49	15.23	–
Construction and extraction	–	–	–	15.69	14.94	–
Installation, maintenance, and repair	24.11	–	–	16.28	16.28	–
Production, transportation, and material moving	16.65	16.15	–	12.63	12.60	–
Production	18.91	–	–	13.70	13.70	–
Transportation and material moving	15.22	14.94	–	11.76	11.66	–
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)					
All workers	4.7	11.8	4.3	4.8	3.7	15.0
Management, professional, and related	6.1	–	6.2	9.5	7.7	13.4
Management, business, and financial	–	–	–	12.5	6.9	19.3
Professional and related	6.3	–	6.4	7.4	8.4	7.5
Service	8.6	5.9	7.2	6.1	6.5	14.6
Sales and office	3.7	–	4.9	5.1	5.3	–
Sales and related	–	–	–	9.4	9.4	–
Office and administrative support	5.3	–	5.7	3.4	3.6	–
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	13.2	–	9.2	3.2	2.7	–
Construction and extraction	–	–	–	5.4	5.7	–
Installation, maintenance, and repair	11.8	–	–	4.0	4.0	–
Production, transportation, and material moving	5.3	7.7	–	4.1	4.2	–
Production	2.6	–	–	4.7	4.7	–
Transportation and material moving	6.9	9.0	–	5.9	6.1	–

¹ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

² 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. See appendix A for more information.

³ Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. 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 18. Time and incentive workers¹: Mean hourly earnings² for major occupational groups, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupational group ³	Time		Incentive	
	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	Civilian workers	Private industry workers
All workers	\$17.19	\$13.62	\$19.66	\$19.66
Management, professional, and related	31.00	25.39	—	—
Management, business, and financial	33.14	31.25	—	—
Professional and related	30.14	21.78	—	—
Service	10.94	9.38	—	—
Sales and office	13.39	13.05	20.48	20.48
Sales and related	11.52	11.40	20.44	20.44
Office and administrative support	14.63	14.47	—	—
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	15.60	14.95	—	—
Construction and extraction	—	11.96	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair	17.84	17.78	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving	13.34	13.01	—	—
Production	14.50	14.11	—	—
Transportation and material moving	12.36	12.09	—	—
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)			
All workers	3.9	3.1	9.2	9.2
Management, professional, and related	5.0	7.8	—	—
Management, business, and financial	9.0	7.8	—	—
Professional and related	5.2	8.2	—	—
Service	5.4	6.1	—	—
Sales and office	2.6	3.2	17.4	17.4
Sales and related	3.5	3.5	19.9	19.9
Office and administrative support	2.6	3.5	—	—
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	8.2	9.2	—	—
Construction and extraction	—	2.4	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair	9.1	9.9	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving	4.2	4.0	—	—
Production	5.7	5.1	—	—
Transportation and material moving	6.5	7.2	—	—

¹ 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.

² 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. See appendix A for more information.

³ Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

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Table 19. Industry sector¹: Mean hourly earnings² for private industry workers by major occupational group, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007

Occupational group ³	Goods producing		Service providing						
	Construction	Manufacturing	Trade, transportation, and utilities	Information	Financial activities	Professional and business services	Education and health services	Leisure and hospitality	Other services
All workers	\$15.54	\$16.46	\$13.88	\$19.99	\$19.35	–	–	\$9.42	–
Management, professional, and related	–	26.77	–	22.44	–	–	–	–	–
Management, business, and financial	–	31.58	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Professional and related	–	21.35	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Service	–	–	9.32	–	–	–	–	8.96	–
Sales and office	–	19.40	12.41	–	14.58	–	–	–	–
Sales and related	–	–	11.86	–	13.15	–	–	–	–
Office and administrative support	–	14.52	14.16	–	15.09	–	–	–	–
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	15.03	17.24	16.47	–	–	–	–	–	–
Installation, maintenance, and repair ..	–	19.02	16.78	–	–	–	–	–	–
Production, transportation, and material moving	–	14.26	13.59	–	–	–	–	–	–
Production	–	14.52	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Transportation and material moving ...	–	13.15	13.23	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)								
All workers	4.3	4.5	6.5	17.6	13.6	–	–	7.7	–
Management, professional, and related	–	6.7	–	18.5	–	–	–	–	–
Management, business, and financial	–	20.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Professional and related	–	1.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Service	–	–	10.3	–	–	–	–	7.3	–
Sales and office	–	19.1	5.4	–	10.9	–	–	–	–
Sales and related	–	–	5.9	–	25.5	–	–	–	–
Office and administrative support	–	10.7	5.3	–	8.5	–	–	–	–
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	4.4	8.1	8.7	–	–	–	–	–	–
Installation, maintenance, and repair ..	–	4.8	8.7	–	–	–	–	–	–
Production, transportation, and material moving	–	4.6	5.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Production	–	3.7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Transportation and material moving ...	–	7.5	6.4	–	–	–	–	–	–

¹ Industry sectors are determined by the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

² 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. See appendix A for more information.

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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 one worker or more in private goods-producing industries (mining, construction, and manufacturing); private service-providing industries (trade, transportation, and utilities, information, financial activities, professional and business services, education and health services, leisure and hospitality, and other services); State governments; and local governments. Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, 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 agency within the sampled area.

The statistical area covered by this survey is defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as of December 2003. The Visalia–Porterville, CA, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) consists of Tulare County, CA.

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. 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 clarify 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 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) 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. If a specific work level could not be determined, wages were still collected.

In step one, the jobs to be sampled were selected at each establishment by the BLS field economist. 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. The number of jobs selected followed this schedule:

<i>Number of employees</i>	<i>Number of selected jobs</i>
1-49	Up to 4
50-249	6
250 or more	8

The second step of the process entailed classifying the selected jobs into occupations based on their duties. NCS uses the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. A selected job may fall into any one of about 800 occupational classifications, from accountant to zoologist. When workers could be classified in more than one occupation, they were classified in the occupation that required the higher skill level. When there was no perceptible difference in skill level, the workers were classified in the occupation that described their primary activity.

Each occupational classification is an element of a broader classification known as a major group. Occupations can fall into any of 22 major groups. Appendix B contains a complete list of all individual occupations, classified by the major group 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. A knowledge guide for 24 families of closely related occupations 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>.

Combined work levels

This bulletin includes a table which simplifies the presentation of work levels by combining them into four broad groups. The groups were determined by combinations of knowledge, job controls and complexity, contacts, physical environment, and supervisory duties, and are meant to be comparable across different occupations. The broad groups and the combined work levels are:

<i>Group designation</i>	<i>Levels combined</i>
Group I	Levels 1-4
Group II	Levels 5-8
Group III	Levels 9-12
Group IV	Levels 13-15

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 or subsidized room and board
- Payments made by third parties (for example, tips)
- 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.

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

Time-based worker. Any employee whose earnings are solely tied to an hourly rate or salary.

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.

Nonunion worker. An employee in an occupation not meeting the conditions for union coverage.

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

Level. A ranking within an occupation based on the requirements of the position.

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 during the initial interview, 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.

If average hourly earnings data were not provided by a sample member during the update interview, then missing average hourly earnings were imputed by multiplying prior average hourly earnings by the rate of change in the average hourly earnings of respondents. The regression model that takes into account available establishment characteris-

tics is used to derive the rate of change in the average hourly earnings.

Establishments that were determined to be out of business or outside the scope of the survey had their weights changed to zero.

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. The sample weight reflects the inverse of each unit's probability of selection at each sample selection stage and four weight adjustment factors. The first factor adjusts for establishment nonresponse and the second factor adjusts for occupational nonresponse. The third factor adjusts for any special situations that may have occurred during data collection. The fourth factor, post-stratification, also called benchmarking, is introduced to adjust estimated employment totals to the current counts of employment by industry. The latest available employment counts were used to derive average hourly earnings in this publication.

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 through 10 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 \$17.75, with a relative standard error of 1.0 percent for this estimate. At the 90-percent level, the confidence interval for this estimate is from \$17.46 to \$18.04 (\$17.75 minus and plus \$0.29, where \$0.29 is the product of 1.645 times 1.0 percent times \$17.75). 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, computer edits of the data, and detailed data review.

Appendix table 1. **Number of workers¹ represented by the survey, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007**

Occupational group ²	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	State and local government workers
All workers	110,400	81,200	29,200
Management, professional, and related	26,900	8,400	18,500
Management, business, and financial	6,400	2,800	3,500
Professional and related	20,500	5,500	15,000
Service	26,000	21,600	4,400
Sales and office	28,300	25,000	3,300
Sales and related	13,700	13,600	–
Office and administrative support	14,600	11,400	3,200
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	12,100	10,500	1,600
Construction and extraction	5,600	4,800	–
Installation, maintenance, and repair	5,300	4,900	–
Production, transportation, and material moving	17,100	15,800	–
Production	7,100	6,400	–
Transportation and material moving	10,100	9,300	–

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.

² Workers are classified by occupation using the

2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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

Appendix table 2. **Survey establishment response, Visalia-Porterville, CA, July 2007**

Establishments	Total	Private industry	State and local government
Total in sampling frame ¹	5,391	5,043	348
Total in sample	204	174	30
Responding	134	106	28
Refused or unable to provide data	41	39	2
Out of business or not in survey scope	29	29	0

¹ The list of establishments from which the survey sample was selected (sampling frame) was developed from State unemployment insurance reports and is based on the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For private industries, an establishment is usually a single physical location. For State and local governments, an establishment is defined as all locations of a

government entity.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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