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# Preface

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# Introduction

The tables in this bulletin summarize the NCS results for the New Orleans–Metairie–Kenner, LA, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Data were collected between September 2006 and October 2007; the average reference month is May 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 earnings<sup>1</sup> and weekly hours for selected worker and establishment characteristics, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Worker and establishment characteristics	Civilian workers			Private industry workers			State and local government workers		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>3</sup>	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>3</sup>	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours <sup>3</sup>
	Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)		Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)	
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$19.14	5.2	36.3	\$18.77	6.1	36.1	\$21.67	6.0	37.6
<b>Worker characteristics<sup>4,5</sup></b>									
Management, professional, and related .....	30.48	5.8	39.1	32.12	7.0	39.8	26.63	6.0	37.7
Management, business, and financial .....	36.32	11.8	40.4	37.25	12.2	40.8	—	—	—
Professional and related .....	28.50	4.6	38.7	29.59	6.1	39.3	26.64	5.9	37.8
Service .....	10.62	13.2	31.4	10.49	14.4	30.9	12.19	6.0	38.4
Sales and office .....	15.89	9.6	35.6	16.06	10.1	35.4	13.67	15.1	38.0
Sales and related .....	17.36	24.8	32.9	17.36	24.8	32.9	—	—	—
Office and administrative support .....	15.02	4.6	37.4	15.19	4.8	37.3	13.67	15.1	38.0
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	19.04	4.4	40.1	19.14	4.6	40.1	—	—	—
Construction and extraction .....	18.97	2.1	40.0	19.07	2.2	40.0	—	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	19.10	8.2	40.1	19.21	8.7	40.1	—	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	16.24	8.7	37.7	16.27	9.2	38.0	15.76	19.2	33.3
Production .....	19.13	17.2	39.8	19.13	17.2	39.8	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving .....	14.93	9.7	36.8	14.84	10.6	37.2	15.76	19.2	33.3
Full time .....	20.17	5.3	39.4	19.89	6.2	39.6	21.90	6.2	38.4
Part time .....	9.10	5.4	20.5	9.01	5.6	20.5	11.89	6.1	19.0
Union .....	21.57	9.0	38.1	19.98	9.8	38.3	30.15	15.9	36.9
Nonunion .....	18.90	5.5	36.2	18.65	6.3	35.9	20.66	7.3	37.6
Time .....	18.80	5.5	36.2	18.36	6.4	36.0	21.67	6.0	37.6
Incentive .....	26.82	27.6	38.4	26.82	27.6	38.4	—	—	—
<b>Establishment characteristics</b>									
Goods producing .....	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	—	—	—	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
Service providing .....	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	—	—	—	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
1-99 workers .....	16.33	6.7	35.0	16.23	7.2	34.9	18.03	12.9	36.3
100-499 workers .....	19.57	8.2	37.5	19.60	8.8	37.4	19.32	15.6	38.9
500 workers or more .....	24.32	8.8	38.0	24.80	12.3	38.1	23.34	4.5	37.7

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>6</sup> 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 earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup> by work levels<sup>3</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007**

Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$19.14	5.2	\$20.17	5.3	\$9.10	5.4
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	42.53	9.7	42.53	9.7	—	—
Level 9 .....	33.36	8.4	33.36	8.4	—	—
Level 11 .....	69.55	23.7	69.55	23.7	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	40.76	15.1	40.76	15.1	—	—
Engineering managers .....	60.65	9.2	60.65	9.2	—	—
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	24.76	15.3	24.60	15.6	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	41.39	11.7	41.39	11.7	—	—
Accountants and auditors .....	21.48	27.9	21.48	27.9	—	—
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	24.68	13.6	24.68	13.6	—	—
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	35.51	13.0	35.51	13.0	—	—
Level 11 .....	41.49	3.0	41.49	3.0	—	—
Engineers .....	37.79	14.6	37.79	14.6	—	—
Level 11 .....	41.52	3.5	41.52	3.5	—	—
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	28.76	10.1	28.76	10.1	—	—
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	18.57	14.5	18.45	14.7	—	—
Social workers .....	18.91	5.1	18.91	5.1	—	—
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	31.98	7.2	32.53	7.3	9.58	32.4
Level 4 .....	12.44	5.2	—	—	—	—
Level 8 .....	31.66	8.0	31.84	8.0	—	—
Level 9 .....	34.01	3.6	33.90	3.5	—	—
Level 10 .....	39.62	1.9	39.67	1.9	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	31.01	18.8	—	—	—	—
Postsecondary teachers .....	41.95	14.6	42.49	14.6	—	—
Miscellaneous postsecondary teachers .....	29.02	8.1	29.21	7.4	—	—
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	34.23	2.9	34.23	2.9	—	—
Level 8 .....	35.04	3.8	35.04	3.8	—	—
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	32.27	2.9	32.27	2.9	—	—
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	32.35	.4	32.35	.4	—	—
Teacher assistants .....	13.84	10.3	13.84	10.3	—	—
Level 4 .....	12.44	5.2	—	—	—	—
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations</b> .....	18.21	15.9	18.21	15.9	—	—
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	25.71	3.1	26.01	3.3	16.78	20.0
Level 5 .....	15.95	2.0	15.93	2.0	—	—
Level 7 .....	23.52	4.4	23.64	4.3	—	—
Level 9 .....	29.76	5.5	29.76	5.5	—	—
Registered nurses .....	31.30	4.4	31.30	4.4	—	—
Level 9 .....	29.92	6.5	29.92	6.5	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	18.29	3.5	18.29	3.5	—	—
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians .....	14.90	7.0	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses .....	18.75	11.7	18.73	12.1	—	—
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	16.37	27.6	16.67	27.6	—	—
Level 2 .....	10.30	5.5	—	—	—	—
Level 3 .....	11.18	6.5	11.18	6.5	—	—
Level 4 .....	10.92	13.0	11.21	13.1	—	—
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides .....	9.36	3.8	9.48	3.3	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants .....	9.39	2.5	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations .....	12.12	8.7	12.12	8.7	—	—
Level 4 .....	12.83	18.5	12.83	18.5	—	—
<b>Protective service occupations</b> .....	14.44	5.3	14.15	3.9	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup> by work levels<sup>3</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007 — Continued**

Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	\$8.06	16.0	\$8.51	17.3	\$7.07	19.9
Level 1 .....	7.93	2.3	7.91	3.6	7.96	1.9
Level 2 .....	7.46	16.5	7.60	26.1	—	—
Level 3 .....	5.98	23.2	6.45	22.8	5.15	26.0
Level 4 .....	10.28	35.2	10.45	33.2	—	—
Cooks .....	11.48	9.3	11.18	12.7	—	—
Food service, tipped .....	4.39	4.7	4.12	16.7	4.76	20.9
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.93	9.8	—	—	3.22	24.4
Food servers, nonrestaurant .....	7.84	17.5	—	—	—	—
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	9.81	3.1	9.74	4.2	—	—
Level 1 .....	9.43	3.3	9.60	4.3	—	—
Building cleaning workers .....	9.50	2.8	9.63	3.3	—	—
Level 1 .....	9.43	3.3	9.60	4.3	—	—
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	—	—	9.55	5.2	—	—
Maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	9.63	5.2	9.63	5.2	—	—
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	9.53	6.9	10.09	10.5	8.41	4.0
Level 3 .....	7.80	3.8	—	—	—	—
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	17.36	24.8	19.92	25.2	8.07	10.2
Level 2 .....	10.15	15.9	—	—	—	—
Level 3 .....	9.83	9.6	10.13	8.6	—	—
Level 4 .....	14.60	8.7	14.66	9.2	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	—	—	13.06	17.0	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	25.27	30.1	25.59	31.3	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	17.36	28.1	17.51	29.9	—	—
Retail sales workers .....	10.12	14.5	11.48	10.9	7.89	9.0
Level 2 .....	10.15	15.9	—	—	—	—
Cashiers, all workers .....	8.53	4.4	—	—	8.31	2.5
Cashiers .....	8.53	4.4	—	—	8.31	2.5
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	15.02	4.6	15.28	4.7	10.97	7.7
Level 2 .....	10.88	5.5	10.88	5.5	—	—
Level 3 .....	10.97	6.2	11.17	7.4	9.06	10.3
Level 4 .....	14.51	7.0	14.63	6.6	—	—
Level 5 .....	16.71	11.7	16.71	11.7	—	—
Level 6 .....	21.06	5.3	21.06	5.3	—	—
Level 7 .....	28.77	15.6	28.77	15.6	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	18.74	9.5	19.06	9.2	—	—
Financial clerks .....	12.13	8.0	12.47	10.0	10.76	8.5
Level 3 .....	10.01	6.5	—	—	—	—
Level 4 .....	12.55	5.9	12.98	6.9	—	—
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	11.76	3.8	12.02	4.5	—	—
Tellers .....	10.93	.3	10.65	2.3	—	—
Customer service representatives .....	20.14	5.4	20.14	5.4	—	—
Receptionists and information clerks .....	8.96	6.5	9.13	8.7	—	—
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	17.72	3.8	17.80	3.9	—	—
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants .....	20.19	6.1	20.19	6.1	—	—
Office clerks, general .....	13.26	8.0	13.26	8.0	—	—
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	18.97	2.1	18.85	1.5	—	—
Level 5 .....	18.11	9.7	18.11	9.7	—	—
Level 6 .....	20.25	4.9	20.25	4.9	—	—
Electricians .....	19.42	1.0	19.09	1.0	—	—
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	19.10	8.2	19.10	8.2	—	—
Level 5 .....	16.34	10.7	16.34	10.7	—	—
Level 6 .....	17.12	4.5	17.12	4.5	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	24.03	7.0	24.03	7.0	—	—
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers .....	16.96	5.1	16.96	5.1	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.



Table 2. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup> by work levels<sup>3</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007** — Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	\$19.13	17.2	\$19.13	17.2	—	—
Level 4 .....	15.23	9.5	15.23	9.5	—	—
Level 5 .....	19.34	16.1	19.34	16.1	—	—
Level 7 .....	30.49	6.2	30.49	6.2	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers .....	25.47	26.0	25.47	26.0	—	—
Machinists .....	24.70	.0	24.70	.0	—	—
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers .....	17.07	.5	17.07	.5	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	14.93	9.7	15.60	9.2	\$8.78	10.5
Level 1 .....	9.40	8.2	9.77	6.2	—	—
Level 3 .....	12.74	2.6	—	—	—	—
Level 4 .....	18.34	7.4	18.34	7.4	—	—
Level 5 .....	15.61	4.1	—	—	—	—
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	11.90	20.0	12.85	17.2	—	—
Sailors and marine oilers .....	14.79	8.0	14.79	8.0	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand .....	10.44	1.6	10.56	2.1	—	—
Level 1 .....	10.28	3.2	10.40	3.1	—	—
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	10.43	2.3	10.49	2.7	—	—
Level 1 .....	10.26	3.7	—	—	—	—

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

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

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 3. Private industry workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup> by work levels<sup>3</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$18.77	6.1	\$19.89	6.2	\$9.01	5.6
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	42.96	10.1	42.96	10.1	—	—
Level 9 .....	33.36	8.4	33.36	8.4	—	—
Level 11 .....	70.46	23.8	70.46	23.8	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	40.76	15.1	40.76	15.1	—	—
Engineering managers .....	60.65	9.2	60.65	9.2	—	—
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	25.93	17.1	25.77	17.4	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	41.39	11.7	41.39	11.7	—	—
Accountants and auditors .....	21.75	33.2	21.75	33.2	—	—
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	24.68	13.6	24.68	13.6	—	—
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	36.70	14.5	36.70	14.5	—	—
Level 11 .....	41.49	3.0	41.49	3.0	—	—
Engineers .....	37.79	14.6	37.79	14.6	—	—
Level 11 .....	41.52	3.5	41.52	3.5	—	—
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	28.50	14.2	28.50	14.2	—	—
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	16.25	19.0	15.96	19.3	—	—
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	38.13	19.5	41.21	18.4	9.76	34.5
Postsecondary teachers .....	49.97	6.9	51.22	5.0	—	—
Miscellaneous postsecondary teachers .....	20.53	19.9	—	—	—	—
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations</b> .....	18.21	15.9	18.21	15.9	—	—
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	26.90	3.3	27.46	3.8	16.78	20.0
Level 9 .....	30.00	8.1	30.00	8.1	—	—
Registered nurses .....	33.60	7.7	33.60	7.7	—	—
Level 9 .....	30.72	8.2	30.72	8.2	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	18.29	3.5	18.29	3.5	—	—
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	16.74	28.2	17.01	28.1	—	—
Level 3 .....	11.18	6.5	11.18	6.5	—	—
Level 4 .....	10.92	13.0	11.21	13.1	—	—
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides .....	9.07	3.0	9.21	2.2	—	—
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations .....	12.12	8.7	12.12	8.7	—	—
Level 4 .....	12.83	18.5	12.83	18.5	—	—
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	8.05	16.0	8.50	17.3	7.07	19.9
Level 1 .....	7.93	2.3	7.91	3.6	7.96	1.9
Level 2 .....	7.40	16.6	—	—	—	—
Level 3 .....	5.98	23.2	6.45	22.8	5.15	26.0
Level 4 .....	10.28	35.2	10.45	33.2	—	—
Cooks .....	11.48	9.3	11.18	12.7	—	—
Food service, tipped .....	4.39	4.7	4.12	16.7	4.76	20.9
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.93	9.8	—	—	3.22	24.4
Food servers, nonrestaurant .....	7.84	17.5	—	—	—	—
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	9.85	3.3	9.79	4.6	—	—
Level 1 .....	9.45	3.3	9.64	4.4	—	—
Building cleaning workers .....	9.51	2.9	9.66	3.6	—	—
Level 1 .....	9.45	3.3	9.64	4.4	—	—
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	9.52	7.3	10.13	10.9	8.19	3.4
Level 3 .....	7.73	3.7	—	—	—	—
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	17.36	24.8	19.92	25.2	8.07	10.2
Level 2 .....	10.15	15.9	—	—	—	—
Level 3 .....	9.83	9.6	10.13	8.6	—	—
Level 4 .....	14.60	8.7	14.66	9.2	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Private industry workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup> by work levels<sup>3</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007 — Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Sales and related occupations —Continued</b>						
Not able to be leveled .....	—	—	\$13.06	17.0	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	\$25.27	30.1	25.59	31.3	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	17.36	28.1	17.51	29.9	—	—
Retail sales workers .....	10.12	14.5	11.48	10.9	\$7.89	9.0
Level 2 .....	10.15	15.9	—	—	—	—
Cashiers, all workers .....	8.53	4.4	—	—	8.31	2.5
Cashiers .....	8.53	4.4	—	—	8.31	2.5
<b>Office and administrative support occupations .....</b>						
Level 2 .....	15.19	4.8	15.50	5.1	10.97	7.7
Level 3 .....	11.05	6.3	11.05	6.3	—	—
Level 4 .....	10.98	6.2	11.19	7.5	9.06	10.3
Level 5 .....	14.56	7.3	14.70	6.9	—	—
Level 6 .....	18.58	6.0	18.58	6.0	—	—
Level 7 .....	21.43	5.3	21.43	5.3	—	—
Level 7 .....	28.77	15.6	28.77	15.6	—	—
Not able to be leveled .....	20.48	15.9	21.35	13.1	—	—
Financial clerks .....	12.11	8.1	12.44	10.2	10.76	8.5
Level 3 .....	10.01	6.5	—	—	—	—
Level 4 .....	12.50	6.1	12.93	7.3	—	—
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	11.69	4.1	11.95	4.6	—	—
Tellers .....	10.93	.3	10.65	2.3	—	—
Customer service representatives .....	20.14	5.4	20.14	5.4	—	—
Receptionists and information clerks .....	8.86	8.0	9.04	12.2	—	—
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	17.77	4.0	17.86	4.2	—	—
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants .....	20.65	5.2	20.65	5.2	—	—
<b>Construction and extraction occupations .....</b>						
Electricians .....	19.07	2.2	18.95	1.6	—	—
Electricians .....	19.47	1.0	19.14	1.1	—	—
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations .....</b>						
Level 5 .....	19.21	8.7	19.21	8.7	—	—
Level 6 .....	16.34	10.7	16.34	10.7	—	—
Level 6 .....	17.35	5.0	17.35	5.0	—	—
<b>Production occupations .....</b>						
Level 4 .....	19.13	17.2	19.13	17.2	—	—
Level 5 .....	15.23	9.5	15.23	9.5	—	—
Level 5 .....	19.34	16.1	19.34	16.1	—	—
Level 7 .....	30.49	6.2	30.49	6.2	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers .....	25.47	26.0	25.47	26.0	—	—
Machinists .....	24.70	.0	24.70	.0	—	—
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers .....	17.07	.5	17.07	.5	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations .....</b>						
Level 1 .....	14.84	10.6	15.53	9.9	—	—
Level 4 .....	9.40	8.2	9.77	6.2	—	—
Level 4 .....	17.66	4.6	17.66	4.6	—	—
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	11.93	20.8	12.85	17.2	—	—
Sailors and marine oilers .....	14.79	8.0	14.79	8.0	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand .....	10.44	1.6	10.56	2.1	—	—
Level 1 .....	10.28	3.2	10.40	3.1	—	—
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	10.43	2.3	10.49	2.7	—	—
Level 1 .....	10.26	3.7	—	—	—	—

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

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

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 4. State and local government workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup> by work levels<sup>3</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$21.67	6.0	\$21.90	6.2	\$11.89	6.1
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	30.08	1.4	30.12	1.5	—	—
Level 8 .....	32.17	8.2	32.17	8.2	—	—
Level 9 .....	34.21	3.7	34.21	3.7	—	—
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	35.57	2.1	35.57	2.1	—	—
Level 8 .....	35.04	3.8	35.04	3.8	—	—
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	34.62	1.7	34.62	1.7	—	—
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	34.48	1.9	34.48	1.9	—	—
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	23.76	4.6	23.76	4.6	—	—
Level 7 .....	24.03	3.2	24.03	3.2	—	—
Registered nurses .....	27.82	3.1	27.82	3.1	—	—
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	13.67	15.1	13.67	15.1	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	15.76	19.2	—	—	—	—

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

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

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 5. Combined work levels<sup>1</sup> for civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>2</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>3</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$19.14	5.2	\$20.17	5.3	\$9.10	5.4
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	42.53	9.7	42.53	9.7	—	—
Group III .....	47.14	14.2	—	—	—	—
Engineering managers .....	60.65	9.2	60.65	9.2	—	—
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	24.76	15.3	24.60	15.6	—	—
Group II .....	19.20	8.3	—	—	—	—
Group III .....	23.16	32.7	—	—	—	—
Accountants and auditors .....	21.48	27.9	21.48	27.9	—	—
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	24.68	13.6	24.68	13.6	—	—
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	35.51	13.0	35.51	13.0	—	—
Group II .....	27.79	7.5	—	—	—	—
Group III .....	42.28	9.2	—	—	—	—
Engineers .....	37.79	14.6	37.79	14.6	—	—
Group III .....	42.31	9.5	—	—	—	—
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	28.76	10.1	28.76	10.1	—	—
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	18.57	14.5	18.45	14.7	—	—
Group II .....	19.64	2.2	—	—	—	—
Social workers .....	18.91	5.1	18.91	5.1	—	—
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	31.98	7.2	32.53	7.3	9.58	32.4
Group I .....	12.44	5.2	—	—	—	—
Group II .....	29.34	7.1	—	—	—	—
Group III .....	47.68	5.5	—	—	—	—
Postsecondary teachers .....	41.95	14.6	42.49	14.6	—	—
Group II .....	19.62	6.4	—	—	—	—
Group III .....	52.93	2.3	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous postsecondary teachers .....	29.02	8.1	29.21	7.4	—	—
Group III .....	42.93	21.8	—	—	—	—
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	34.23	2.9	34.23	2.9	—	—
Group II .....	33.04	4.4	—	—	—	—
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	32.27	2.9	32.27	2.9	—	—
Group II .....	31.35	3.2	—	—	—	—
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	32.35	.4	32.35	.4	—	—
Teacher assistants .....	13.84	10.3	13.84	10.3	—	—
Group I .....	12.44	5.2	—	—	—	—
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations</b> .....	18.21	15.9	18.21	15.9	—	—
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	25.71	3.1	26.01	3.3	16.78	20.0
Group I .....	14.13	2.6	—	—	—	—
Group II .....	23.97	5.7	—	—	—	—
Group III .....	34.12	4.1	—	—	—	—
Registered nurses .....	31.30	4.4	31.30	4.4	—	—
Group II .....	27.07	3.3	27.07	3.3	—	—
Group III .....	33.53	7.7	33.53	7.7	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	18.29	3.5	18.29	3.5	—	—
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians .....	14.90	7.0	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses .....	18.75	11.7	18.73	12.1	—	—
Group II .....	19.36	12.2	19.36	12.7	—	—
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	16.37	27.6	16.67	27.6	—	—
Group I .....	10.82	7.4	—	—	—	—
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides .....	9.36	3.8	9.48	3.3	—	—
Group I .....	9.36	3.8	—	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants .....	9.39	2.5	—	—	—	—
Group I .....	9.39	2.5	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Combined work levels<sup>1</sup> for civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>2</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>3</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007 — Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations .....	\$12.12	8.7	\$12.12	8.7	—	—
Group I .....	12.08	9.0	—	—	—	—
<b>Protective service occupations</b> .....	14.44	5.3	14.15	3.9	—	—
Group II .....	15.37	3.8	—	—	—	—
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	8.06	16.0	8.51	17.3	\$7.07	19.9
Group I .....	7.76	14.5	—	—	—	—
Cooks .....	11.48	9.3	11.18	12.7	—	—
Group I .....	11.48	9.3	—	—	—	—
Food service, tipped .....	4.39	4.7	4.12	16.7	4.76	20.9
Group I .....	4.39	4.7	—	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.93	9.8	—	—	3.22	24.4
Group I .....	2.93	9.8	—	—	3.22	24.4
Food servers, nonrestaurant .....	7.84	17.5	—	—	—	—
Group I .....	7.84	17.5	—	—	—	—
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	9.81	3.1	9.74	4.2	—	—
Group I .....	9.73	2.6	—	—	—	—
Building cleaning workers .....	9.50	2.8	9.63	3.3	—	—
Group I .....	9.50	2.8	—	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	—	—	9.55	5.2	—	—
Group I .....	—	—	9.55	5.2	—	—
Maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	9.63	5.2	9.63	5.2	—	—
Group I .....	9.63	5.2	9.63	5.2	—	—
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	9.53	6.9	10.09	10.5	8.41	4.0
Group I .....	8.53	5.6	—	—	—	—
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	17.36	24.8	19.92	25.2	8.07	10.2
Group I .....	10.74	9.8	—	—	—	—
Group II .....	28.09	19.9	—	—	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	25.27	30.1	25.59	31.3	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	17.36	28.1	17.51	29.9	—	—
Retail sales workers .....	10.12	14.5	11.48	10.9	7.89	9.0
Group I .....	10.47	11.8	—	—	—	—
Cashiers, all workers .....	8.53	4.4	—	—	8.31	2.5
Group I .....	8.38	1.7	—	—	—	—
Cashiers .....	8.53	4.4	—	—	8.31	2.5
Group I .....	8.38	1.7	—	—	8.31	2.5
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	15.02	4.6	15.28	4.7	10.97	7.7
Group I .....	13.12	6.6	—	—	—	—
Group II .....	19.79	6.4	—	—	—	—
Financial clerks .....	12.13	8.0	12.47	10.0	10.76	8.5
Group I .....	11.18	3.6	—	—	—	—
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	11.76	3.8	12.02	4.5	—	—
Group I .....	11.19	7.0	11.46	9.0	—	—
Tellers .....	10.93	.3	10.65	2.3	—	—
Group I .....	10.93	.3	10.65	2.3	—	—
Customer service representatives .....	20.14	5.4	20.14	5.4	—	—
Receptionists and information clerks .....	8.96	6.5	9.13	8.7	—	—
Group I .....	8.81	6.5	8.93	8.6	—	—
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	17.72	3.8	17.80	3.9	—	—
Group II .....	19.95	3.4	—	—	—	—
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants .....	20.19	6.1	20.19	6.1	—	—
Group II .....	20.43	5.9	20.43	5.9	—	—
Office clerks, general .....	13.26	8.0	13.26	8.0	—	—
Group I .....	12.58	7.6	12.58	7.6	—	—
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	18.97	2.1	18.85	1.5	—	—
Group II .....	20.00	3.5	—	—	—	—
Electricians .....	19.42	1.0	19.09	1.0	—	—
Group II .....	—	—	19.43	3.1	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Combined work levels<sup>1</sup> for civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>2</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>3</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007 — Continued

Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	\$19.10	8.2	\$19.10	8.2	—	—
Group I .....	14.23	8.5	—	—	—	—
Group II .....	17.52	4.1	—	—	—	—
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers .....	16.96	5.1	16.96	5.1	—	—
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	19.13	17.2	19.13	17.2	—	—
Group I .....	13.11	2.3	—	—	—	—
Group II .....	23.77	18.8	—	—	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers .....	25.47	26.0	25.47	26.0	—	—
Group II .....	25.47	26.0	25.47	26.0	—	—
Machinists .....	24.70	.0	24.70	.0	—	—
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers .....	17.07	.5	17.07	.5	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	14.93	9.7	15.60	9.2	\$8.78	10.5
Group I .....	13.00	8.8	—	—	—	—
Group II .....	21.79	15.0	—	—	—	—
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	11.90	20.0	12.85	17.2	—	—
Sailors and marine oilers .....	14.79	8.0	14.79	8.0	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand .....	10.44	1.6	10.56	2.1	—	—
Group I .....	10.44	1.6	—	—	—	—
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	10.43	2.3	10.49	2.7	—	—
Group I .....	10.43	2.3	10.49	2.7	—	—

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where

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

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

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

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 6. Civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles<sup>1</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$8.09	\$10.42	\$15.36	\$23.59	\$36.00
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	27.60	29.48	40.15	53.00	57.69
Engineering managers .....	47.17	53.00	53.00	66.36	93.51
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	15.28	15.66	19.00	31.25	47.40
Accountants and auditors .....	15.66	15.66	15.66	21.03	44.95
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	19.43	19.43	21.86	21.87	47.40
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	20.25	25.73	35.07	40.00	52.12
Engineers .....	20.25	33.57	35.07	40.00	52.69
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	17.95	22.23	26.85	34.54	37.26
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	8.55	11.38	18.39	22.33	32.33
Social workers .....	11.38	15.88	20.35	21.65	24.28
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	12.55	17.80	32.75	39.13	44.60
Postsecondary teachers .....	15.39	22.44	34.70	64.50	79.77
Miscellaneous postsecondary teachers .....	13.59	19.44	23.58	33.67	55.08
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	27.30	30.88	35.43	39.13	40.00
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	22.01	29.47	33.87	37.81	39.13
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	22.51	29.93	34.50	36.24	39.13
Teacher assistants .....	11.70	12.09	14.43	15.29	16.76
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media   occupations</b> .....	13.00	13.00	15.00	21.64	31.25
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	15.00	16.35	25.00	31.40	36.77
Registered nurses .....	22.00	25.62	29.85	35.00	39.47
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	10.00	15.00	16.25	25.00	28.26
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians .....	10.36	12.43	15.69	16.25	18.65
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses .....	14.42	15.84	16.21	24.08	24.08
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	8.84	9.16	11.75	31.00	31.00
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides .....	8.55	8.84	8.90	10.00	10.31
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants .....	8.89	8.89	9.00	10.00	10.06
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations .....	9.50	10.71	11.75	12.64	18.08
<b>Protective service occupations</b> .....	9.69	11.50	14.17	16.38	18.65
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	2.17	5.54	7.99	10.13	13.53
Cooks .....	7.00	7.35	12.33	14.00	14.00
Food service, tipped .....	2.13	2.17	3.05	6.06	7.82
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.13	2.13	2.60	3.00	5.54
Food servers, nonrestaurant .....	5.06	6.00	7.63	9.00	12.00
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance   occupations</b> .....	8.00	8.50	9.45	10.00	13.25
Building cleaning workers .....	8.00	8.50	9.25	10.00	11.50
Maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	8.50	8.50	9.25	10.00	11.16
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	6.80	7.30	8.00	10.00	13.00
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	7.67	9.00	11.76	15.85	37.10
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	9.22	12.78	15.35	28.04	44.09
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	9.22	10.07	15.35	16.35	26.30
Retail sales workers .....	7.00	8.00	9.00	12.00	15.00
Cashiers, all workers .....	6.50	8.00	8.00	9.21	9.79
Cashiers .....	6.50	8.00	8.00	9.21	9.79
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	9.62	10.98	13.75	17.50	21.79
Financial clerks .....	9.00	10.00	11.00	13.20	15.63
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	7.57	10.04	11.78	14.42	14.83

See footnotes at end of table.



Table 6. **Civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles<sup>1</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007** —  
Continued

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Tellers .....	\$9.50	\$10.00	\$10.32	\$11.70	\$13.20
Customer service representatives .....	16.72	16.93	21.25	21.41	25.50
Receptionists and information clerks .....	7.59	7.59	8.37	9.34	12.09
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	13.67	17.50	17.50	20.00	20.19
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants .....	16.83	20.19	20.35	22.27	22.27
Office clerks, general .....	10.82	11.06	11.53	14.41	18.68
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	14.00	16.00	19.50	20.50	25.00
Electricians .....	15.00	16.00	18.50	25.00	25.00
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	13.20	15.00	17.27	20.71	29.30
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers .....	11.78	17.27	17.27	17.27	20.66
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	10.62	13.00	16.73	26.19	28.87
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers .....	13.83	15.40	22.59	35.58	41.44
Machinists .....	18.25	18.50	28.87	28.87	28.87
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers .....	14.00	16.00	18.00	18.03	18.50
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	8.00	10.00	14.12	17.92	22.00
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	6.50	7.00	12.00	14.12	20.29
Sailors and marine oilers .....	10.42	14.17	14.38	14.38	22.82
Laborers and material movers, hand .....	8.50	10.00	10.00	10.75	11.62
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	8.83	10.00	10.00	10.75	11.62

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 7. Private industry workers: Hourly wage percentiles<sup>1</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$8.00	\$10.03	\$15.00	\$22.00	\$35.51
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	22.32	29.48	40.15	53.00	66.36
Engineering managers .....	47.17	53.00	53.00	66.36	93.51
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	15.66	15.66	19.23	35.05	49.42
Accountants and auditors .....	15.66	15.66	15.66	21.03	44.95
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	19.43	19.43	21.86	21.87	47.40
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	20.25	30.29	35.07	40.00	52.69
Engineers .....	20.25	33.57	35.07	40.00	52.69
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	17.95	26.51	26.85	36.88	37.26
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	8.55	8.55	17.02	21.65	22.33
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	10.67	20.36	28.83	64.50	79.77
Postsecondary teachers .....	17.43	28.83	44.98	79.77	79.77
Miscellaneous postsecondary teachers .....	13.59	13.59	21.09	27.97	29.88
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations</b> .....	13.00	13.00	15.00	21.64	31.25
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	15.00	16.25	25.53	36.06	39.47
Registered nurses .....	22.04	29.04	31.40	36.77	39.47
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	10.00	15.00	16.25	25.00	28.26
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	8.84	9.05	11.75	31.00	31.00
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides .....	7.79	8.84	8.89	9.00	10.06
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations .....	9.50	10.71	11.75	12.64	18.08
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	2.17	5.54	7.99	10.13	13.53
Cooks .....	7.00	7.35	12.33	14.00	14.00
Food service, tipped .....	2.13	2.17	3.05	6.06	7.82
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.13	2.13	2.60	3.00	5.54
Food servers, nonrestaurant .....	5.06	6.00	7.63	9.00	12.00
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	8.00	8.50	9.45	10.00	13.25
Building cleaning workers .....	8.00	8.50	9.25	10.00	11.50
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	6.65	7.30	8.00	10.00	13.00
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	7.67	9.00	11.76	15.85	37.10
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	9.22	12.78	15.35	28.04	44.09
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	9.22	10.07	15.35	16.35	26.30
Retail sales workers .....	7.00	8.00	9.00	12.00	15.00
Cashiers, all workers .....	6.50	8.00	8.00	9.21	9.79
Cashiers .....	6.50	8.00	8.00	9.21	9.79
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	9.79	11.00	13.96	17.50	21.79
Financial clerks .....	9.00	10.00	11.00	13.20	15.63
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	7.57	10.04	11.78	14.42	14.83
Tellers .....	9.50	10.00	10.32	11.70	13.20
Customer service representatives .....	16.72	16.93	21.25	21.41	25.50
Receptionists and information clerks .....	7.20	7.59	8.09	10.75	12.60
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	14.42	17.50	17.50	20.00	20.19
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants .....	16.83	20.19	22.27	22.27	22.27
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	14.00	16.00	19.50	20.50	25.00
Electricians .....	15.00	16.00	19.00	25.00	25.00
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	12.75	15.00	17.27	20.71	29.30
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	10.62	13.00	16.73	26.19	28.87
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers .....	13.83	15.40	22.59	35.58	41.44

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 7. Private industry workers: Hourly wage percentiles<sup>1</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007 — Continued

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Machinists .....	\$18.25	\$18.50	\$28.87	\$28.87	\$28.87
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers .....	14.00	16.00	18.00	18.03	18.50
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations .....</b>	<b>7.69</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>14.17</b>	<b>18.32</b>	<b>20.50</b>
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	6.50	7.00	12.00	14.12	20.29
Sailors and marine oilers .....	10.42	14.17	14.38	14.38	22.82
Laborers and material movers, hand .....	8.50	10.00	10.00	10.75	11.62
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	8.83	10.00	10.00	10.75	11.62

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 8. State and local government workers: Hourly wage percentiles<sup>1</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$10.00	\$12.61	\$18.11	\$29.52	\$36.32
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	13.11	17.45	33.00	39.01	40.41
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	29.46	31.88	36.21	39.14	40.00
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	28.57	30.88	35.15	39.03	39.15
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	29.12	30.88	35.15	37.12	39.13
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	14.38	16.35	24.50	28.31	32.25
Registered nurses .....	21.64	25.51	26.10	29.57	32.25
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	9.34	10.17	11.53	15.72	18.68
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	10.00	10.70	12.86	15.59	30.17

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 9. Full-time<sup>1</sup> civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles<sup>2</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Full-time workers				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$9.00	\$11.53	\$16.25	\$25.00	\$36.77
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	27.60	29.48	40.15	53.00	57.69
Engineering managers .....	47.17	53.00	53.00	66.36	93.51
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	15.28	15.66	19.00	29.01	47.40
Accountants and auditors .....	15.66	15.66	15.66	21.03	44.95
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	19.43	19.43	21.86	21.87	47.40
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	20.25	25.73	35.07	40.00	52.12
Engineers .....	20.25	33.57	35.07	40.00	52.69
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	17.95	22.23	26.85	34.54	37.26
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	8.55	9.57	18.03	22.24	32.77
Social workers .....	11.38	15.88	20.35	21.65	24.28
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	13.11	20.45	32.88	39.14	44.98
Postsecondary teachers .....	15.39	22.82	35.51	64.50	79.77
Miscellaneous postsecondary teachers .....	13.59	19.81	23.79	34.30	55.08
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	27.30	30.88	35.43	39.13	40.00
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	22.01	29.47	33.87	37.81	39.13
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	22.51	29.93	34.50	36.24	39.13
Teacher assistants .....	11.70	12.09	14.43	15.29	16.76
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations</b> .....	13.00	13.00	15.00	21.64	31.25
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	15.00	16.35	25.62	31.40	36.77
Registered nurses .....	22.00	25.62	29.85	35.00	39.47
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	10.00	15.00	16.25	25.00	28.26
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses .....	14.42	15.84	16.00	24.08	24.08
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	8.85	9.50	11.75	31.00	31.00
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides .....	8.84	8.84	9.00	10.00	11.00
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations .....	9.50	10.71	11.75	12.64	18.08
<b>Protective service occupations</b> .....	9.69	11.50	14.17	16.38	18.65
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	2.17	6.06	8.00	10.70	14.00
Cooks .....	7.00	7.25	12.33	14.00	14.00
Food service, tipped .....	2.13	2.17	2.60	6.06	6.06
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	8.00	8.50	9.43	10.00	11.89
Building cleaning workers .....	8.00	8.50	9.25	10.00	11.50
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	7.00	8.50	9.25	10.31	12.52
Maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	8.50	8.50	9.25	10.00	11.16
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	6.83	7.18	8.14	10.00	13.75
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	9.00	10.00	13.22	24.62	40.43
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	9.22	13.00	15.85	28.04	78.02
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	9.22	10.07	15.35	16.35	26.30
Retail sales workers .....	7.73	9.00	10.00	12.00	15.00
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	9.79	11.09	13.96	17.54	21.96
Financial clerks .....	9.50	10.00	11.17	14.42	15.63
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	7.57	10.04	12.00	14.42	14.83
Tellers .....	9.50	10.00	10.32	11.50	11.93
Customer service representatives .....	16.72	16.93	21.25	21.41	25.50
Receptionists and information clerks .....	7.59	7.59	9.34	9.34	12.60

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 9. Full-time<sup>1</sup> civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles<sup>2</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007  
— Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Full-time workers				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	\$13.34	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$20.00	\$20.19
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants ....	16.83	20.19	20.35	22.27	22.27
Office clerks, general .....	10.82	11.06	11.53	14.41	18.68
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	14.00	15.90	19.50	20.50	25.00
Electricians .....	15.00	16.00	17.50	25.00	25.00
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	13.20	15.00	17.27	20.71	29.30
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers .....	11.78	17.27	17.27	17.27	20.66
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	10.62	13.00	16.73	26.19	28.87
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers .....	13.83	15.40	22.59	35.58	41.44
Machinists .....	18.25	18.50	28.87	28.87	28.87
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers .....	14.00	16.00	18.00	18.03	18.50
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	8.83	10.75	14.38	20.00	22.82
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	7.00	7.00	14.12	16.49	20.29
Sailors and marine oilers .....	10.42	14.17	14.38	14.38	22.82
Laborers and material movers, hand .....	8.83	10.00	10.23	10.75	11.62
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	8.83	10.00	10.00	10.75	11.62

<sup>1</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 10. Part-time<sup>1</sup> civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles<sup>2</sup>, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Part-time workers				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.50	\$10.00	\$13.30
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	6.00	6.00	6.00	13.54	17.43
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	10.36	10.36	19.54	21.52	21.52
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	2.13	4.15	7.63	8.92	12.00
Food service, tipped .....	2.13	2.17	4.15	6.11	10.00
Waiters and waitresses .....	2.13	2.17	2.62	4.15	5.54
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	6.80	7.37	7.72	9.31	10.26
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	9.20
Retail sales workers .....	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	9.00
Cashiers, all workers .....	6.50	7.50	8.00	9.00	9.62
Cashiers .....	6.50	7.50	8.00	9.00	9.62
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	7.20	9.00	10.22	13.20	15.00
Financial clerks .....	6.98	10.22	10.22	13.20	13.20
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	6.25	6.50	8.53	9.12	13.22

<sup>1</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 11. Full-time<sup>1</sup> civilian workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$20.17	\$16.25	\$796	\$640	39.4	\$40,476	\$33,280	2,007
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	42.53	40.15	1,757	1,606	41.3	90,114	80,496	2,119
Engineering managers .....	60.65	53.00	2,562	2,385	42.2	133,216	124,025	2,196
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	24.60	19.00	969	760	39.4	50,404	39,510	2,049
Accountants and auditors .....	21.48	15.66	857	626	39.9	44,563	32,569	2,074
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	24.68	21.86	987	874	40.0	51,334	45,469	2,080
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	35.51	35.07	1,468	1,511	41.4	76,357	78,593	2,150
Engineers .....	37.79	35.07	1,572	1,528	41.6	81,735	79,433	2,163
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	28.76	26.85	1,163	1,128	40.4	59,802	58,643	2,079
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	18.45	18.03	738	721	40.0	37,009	38,251	2,005
Social workers .....	18.91	20.35	756	814	40.0	39,329	42,328	2,080
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	32.53	32.88	1,175	1,195	36.1	43,643	44,026	1,342
Postsecondary teachers .....	42.49	35.51	1,653	1,351	38.9	64,906	54,126	1,527
Miscellaneous postsecondary teachers .....	29.21	23.79	1,168	951	40.0	46,378	37,612	1,588
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	34.23	35.43	1,202	1,261	35.1	44,006	46,086	1,285
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	32.27	33.87	1,138	1,217	35.3	41,834	44,422	1,296
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	32.35	34.50	1,141	1,220	35.3	42,057	44,422	1,300
Teacher assistants .....	13.84	14.43	490	505	35.4	17,717	18,076	1,280
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations</b> .....	18.21	15.00	728	600	40.0	37,873	31,200	2,080
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	26.01	25.62	1,030	1,000	39.6	53,262	51,709	2,048
Registered nurses .....	31.30	29.85	1,230	1,161	39.3	63,950	60,397	2,043
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	18.29	16.25	730	650	39.9	37,970	33,800	2,076
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses .....	18.73	16.00	736	636	39.3	38,266	33,072	2,043
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	16.67	11.75	644	455	38.6	33,480	23,664	2,008
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides .....	9.48	9.00	369	354	39.0	19,212	18,396	2,026
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations .....	12.12	11.75	454	446	37.5	23,616	23,171	1,949
<b>Protective service occupations</b> .....	14.15	14.17	617	567	43.6	32,082	29,476	2,268
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	8.51	8.00	309	280	36.3	16,037	14,560	1,884
Cooks .....	11.18	12.33	453	519	40.5	23,547	27,012	2,106
Food service, tipped .....	4.12	2.60	134	87	32.6	6,993	4,514	1,696
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	9.74	9.43	373	354	38.3	19,230	18,418	1,974
Building cleaning workers .....	9.63	9.25	368	354	38.2	18,960	18,418	1,969

See footnotes at end of table.



Table 11. Full-time<sup>1</sup> civilian workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007 — Continued

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	\$9.55	\$9.25	\$356	\$340	37.2	\$17,836	\$17,290	1,867
Maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	9.63	9.25	367	360	38.2	19,100	18,720	1,984
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	10.09	8.14	384	320	38.1	16,189	15,288	1,605
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	19.92	13.22	796	552	39.9	41,381	28,683	2,077
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	25.59	15.85	1,036	654	40.5	53,877	34,008	2,105
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	17.51	15.35	711	614	40.6	36,969	31,928	2,111
Retail sales workers .....	11.48	10.00	455	400	39.6	23,650	20,800	2,061
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	15.28	13.96	597	558	39.1	31,057	29,041	2,033
Financial clerks .....	12.47	11.17	499	447	40.0	25,934	23,223	2,080
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	12.02	12.00	481	480	40.0	24,994	24,960	2,080
Tellers .....	10.65	10.32	426	413	40.0	22,147	21,466	2,080
Customer service representatives .....	20.14	21.25	805	850	40.0	41,885	44,200	2,080
Receptionists and information clerks ..	9.13	9.34	350	327	38.3	18,202	17,001	1,993
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	17.80	17.50	684	678	38.4	35,586	35,263	1,999
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants .....	20.19	20.35	745	779	36.9	38,724	40,530	1,918
Office clerks, general .....	13.26	11.53	530	461	40.0	27,579	23,982	2,080
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	18.85	19.50	754	780	40.0	39,207	40,560	2,080
Electricians .....	19.09	17.50	764	700	40.0	39,708	36,400	2,080
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	19.10	17.27	766	691	40.1	39,845	35,917	2,086
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers .....	16.96	17.27	679	691	40.0	35,285	35,917	2,080
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	19.13	16.73	761	669	39.8	39,558	34,798	2,067
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers .....	25.47	22.59	980	888	38.5	50,963	46,201	2,001
Machinists .....	24.70	28.87	988	1,155	40.0	51,366	60,050	2,080
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers .....	17.07	18.00	683	720	40.0	35,505	37,440	2,080

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 11. Full-time<sup>1</sup> civilian workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007 — Continued

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	\$15.60	\$14.38	\$634	\$575	40.6	\$32,683	\$29,900	2,095
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	12.85	14.12	537	600	41.8	27,933	31,200	2,173
Sailors and marine oilers .....	14.79	14.38	615	575	41.6	31,997	29,900	2,164
Laborers and material movers, hand ..	10.56	10.23	387	400	36.6	20,112	20,800	1,904
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	10.49	10.00	379	400	36.2	19,722	20,800	1,880

<sup>1</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

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

<sup>3</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 12. Full-time<sup>1</sup> private industry workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$19.89	\$16.00	\$788	\$636	39.6	\$40,702	\$33,045	2,046
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	42.96	40.15	1,795	1,606	41.8	93,346	83,502	2,173
Engineering managers .....	60.65	53.00	2,562	2,385	42.2	133,216	124,025	2,196
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	25.77	19.23	1,025	765	39.8	53,286	39,790	2,068
Accountants and auditors .....	21.75	15.66	867	626	39.9	45,104	32,569	2,073
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	24.68	21.86	987	874	40.0	51,334	45,469	2,080
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	36.70	35.07	1,521	1,528	41.4	79,086	79,433	2,155
Engineers .....	37.79	35.07	1,572	1,528	41.6	81,735	79,433	2,163
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	28.50	26.85	1,165	1,128	40.9	60,593	58,643	2,126
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	15.96	17.02	638	681	40.0	33,200	35,404	2,080
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	41.21	32.77	1,529	1,232	37.1	59,500	49,265	1,444
Postsecondary teachers .....	51.22	44.98	1,953	1,687	38.1	77,408	73,739	1,511
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations</b> .....	18.21	15.00	728	600	40.0	37,873	31,200	2,080
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	27.46	28.00	1,097	1,100	39.9	57,033	57,200	2,077
Registered nurses .....	33.60	31.40	1,340	1,256	39.9	69,699	65,318	2,074
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians .....	18.29	16.25	730	650	39.9	37,970	33,800	2,076
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	17.01	11.75	656	455	38.5	34,088	23,664	2,004
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides .....	9.21	8.89	357	354	38.7	18,565	18,396	2,015
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations .....	12.12	11.75	454	446	37.5	23,616	23,171	1,949
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	8.50	8.00	308	280	36.3	16,035	14,560	1,886
Cooks .....	11.18	12.33	453	519	40.5	23,547	27,012	2,106
Food service, tipped .....	4.12	2.60	134	87	32.6	6,993	4,514	1,696
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	9.79	9.43	373	354	38.1	19,408	18,418	1,982
Building cleaning workers .....	9.66	9.25	367	343	38.0	19,106	17,836	1,977
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	10.13	8.00	385	320	38.0	16,124	14,934	1,592
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	19.92	13.22	796	552	39.9	41,381	28,683	2,077
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	25.59	15.85	1,036	654	40.5	53,877	34,008	2,105
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	17.51	15.35	711	614	40.6	36,969	31,928	2,111
Retail sales workers .....	11.48	10.00	455	400	39.6	23,650	20,800	2,061
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	15.50	14.41	608	558	39.2	31,619	29,041	2,041
Financial clerks .....	12.44	11.00	498	440	40.0	25,884	22,880	2,080
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	11.95	11.78	478	471	40.0	24,856	24,500	2,080

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 12. Full-time<sup>1</sup> private industry workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007 — Continued

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
Tellers .....	\$10.65	\$10.32	\$426	\$413	40.0	\$22,147	\$21,466	2,080
Customer service representatives .....	20.14	21.25	805	850	40.0	41,885	44,200	2,080
Receptionists and information clerks ..	9.04	7.59	362	304	40.0	18,810	15,787	2,080
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	17.86	17.50	687	678	38.5	35,714	35,263	2,000
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants .....	20.65	22.27	767	779	37.1	39,867	40,530	1,930
<b>Construction and extraction occupations .....</b>	<b>18.95</b>	<b>19.50</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>39,424</b>	<b>40,560</b>	<b>2,080</b>
Electricians .....	19.14	17.50	766	700	40.0	39,812	36,400	2,080
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations .....</b>	<b>19.21</b>	<b>17.27</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>40,068</b>	<b>35,917</b>	<b>2,086</b>
<b>Production occupations .....</b>	<b>19.13</b>	<b>16.73</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>39,558</b>	<b>34,798</b>	<b>2,067</b>
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers .....	25.47	22.59	980	888	38.5	50,963	46,201	2,001
Machinists .....	24.70	28.87	988	1,155	40.0	51,366	60,050	2,080
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers .....	17.07	18.00	683	720	40.0	35,505	37,440	2,080
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations .....</b>	<b>15.53</b>	<b>14.38</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>33,009</b>	<b>29,900</b>	<b>2,125</b>
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	12.85	14.12	537	600	41.8	27,933	31,200	2,173
Sailors and marine oilers .....	14.79	14.38	615	575	41.6	31,997	29,900	2,164
Laborers and material movers, hand ..	10.56	10.23	387	400	36.6	20,112	20,800	1,904
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	10.49	10.00	379	400	36.2	19,722	20,800	1,880

<sup>1</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

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

<sup>3</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 13. Full-time<sup>1</sup> State and local government workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$21.90	\$18.46	\$841	\$752	38.4	\$39,236	\$38,336	1,792
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	30.12	33.00	1,080	1,193	35.9	39,623	43,646	1,316
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	35.57	36.21	1,250	1,267	35.1	45,630	46,380	1,283
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	34.62	35.15	1,225	1,236	35.4	44,764	44,989	1,293
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	34.48	35.15	1,225	1,236	35.5	44,743	44,989	1,298
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	23.76	24.50	930	970	39.1	47,623	50,440	2,004
Registered nurses .....	27.82	26.10	1,069	1,025	38.4	55,585	53,290	1,998
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	13.67	11.53	520	461	38.0	27,035	23,982	1,978

<sup>1</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

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

<sup>3</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 14. **Size of establishment: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> of private industry establishments for major occupational groups, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007**

Occupational group <sup>2</sup>	Total	1-99 workers	100-499 workers	500 workers or more
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$18.77	\$16.23	\$19.60	\$24.80
Management, professional, and related .....	32.12	27.49	31.90	36.50
Management, business, and financial .....	37.25	32.73	33.30	50.25
Professional and related .....	29.59	24.60	30.55	32.93
Service .....	10.49	10.76	9.64	10.40
Sales and office .....	16.06	14.40	20.89	15.33
Sales and related .....	17.36	12.44	37.17	—
Office and administrative support .....	15.19	16.13	12.67	15.92
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	19.14	19.38	18.43	—
Construction and extraction .....	19.07	18.72	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	19.21	20.01	16.75	20.38
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	16.27	15.44	14.12	22.94
Production .....	19.13	13.63	15.95	25.05
Transportation and material moving .....	14.84	15.94	13.48	14.63
	Relative error <sup>3</sup> (percent)			
<b>All workers</b> .....	6.1	7.2	8.8	12.3
Management, professional, and related .....	7.0	10.7	12.5	11.7
Management, business, and financial .....	12.2	18.7	24.9	11.2
Professional and related .....	6.1	8.8	6.1	11.2
Service .....	14.4	21.4	5.4	5.9
Sales and office .....	10.1	6.7	23.2	10.0
Sales and related .....	24.8	15.3	26.6	—
Office and administrative support .....	4.8	5.0	5.1	10.1
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	4.6	6.2	6.6	—
Construction and extraction .....	2.2	5.3	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	8.7	10.8	8.4	4.7
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	9.2	16.0	8.4	17.2
Production .....	17.2	3.3	7.8	14.4
Transportation and material moving .....	10.6	19.0	11.7	16.4

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

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

<sup>3</sup> The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 15. Establishments with fewer than 100 workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours for full-time<sup>1</sup> private industry workers, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$17.50	\$15.43	\$692	\$620	39.6	\$35,944	\$32,094	2,055
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	35.33	33.00	1,543	1,320	43.7	80,211	68,640	2,270
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> ...	24.99	19.23	985	769	39.4	51,200	40,000	2,049
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	16.60	14.18	616	567	37.1	24,242	25,772	1,460
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	21.26	18.08	815	651	38.3	42,354	33,836	1,993
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	8.15	8.00	288	249	35.3	14,969	12,948	1,836
Food service, tipped .....	3.78	2.60	122	87	32.3	6,342	4,514	1,679
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	14.05	12.00	561	480	39.9	29,177	24,960	2,076
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers .....	18.48	15.35	750	614	40.6	38,997	31,928	2,111
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers .....	17.70	15.35	719	614	40.6	37,391	31,928	2,113
Retail sales workers .....	11.55	10.00	457	400	39.6	23,790	20,800	2,059
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> ....	16.51	17.50	645	678	39.1	33,551	35,263	2,033
Financial clerks .....	12.26	10.32	490	413	40.0	25,491	21,466	2,080
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	18.60	17.50	717	678	38.6	37,305	35,263	2,006
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	18.53	19.50	741	780	40.0	38,542	40,560	2,080
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	20.01	17.27	804	691	40.2	41,811	35,917	2,089
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	13.63	12.00	545	480	40.0	28,350	24,960	2,080
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	17.32	14.38	718	596	41.5	37,352	30,994	2,157
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	12.40	13.00	510	520	41.1	26,516	27,040	2,139

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

<sup>3</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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 16. Establishments with 100 workers or more: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours for full-time<sup>1</sup> private industry workers, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$22.57	\$16.67	\$895	\$669	39.7	\$45,969	\$34,320	2,037
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	48.95	40.15	1,979	1,606	40.4	102,885	83,502	2,102
Engineering managers .....	67.62	66.36	2,705	2,654	40.0	140,659	138,020	2,080
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> ...	26.11	16.75	1,042	670	39.9	54,188	34,840	2,076
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	41.85	38.19	1,674	1,528	40.0	87,049	79,433	2,080
Engineers .....	45.18	38.19	1,807	1,528	40.0	93,981	79,433	2,080
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	28.50	26.85	1,165	1,128	40.9	60,593	58,643	2,126
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	51.62	44.98	1,915	1,687	37.1	74,179	65,776	1,437
Postsecondary teachers .....	56.28	64.50	2,131	2,419	37.9	81,550	94,070	1,449
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	28.13	28.21	1,123	1,114	39.9	58,392	57,952	2,076
Registered nurses .....	33.60	31.40	1,340	1,256	39.9	69,699	65,318	2,074
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	10.18	10.00	396	394	38.9	20,605	20,488	2,023
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations .....	10.89	11.10	431	430	39.6	22,434	22,353	2,060
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	9.73	10.37	390	415	40.0	20,256	21,570	2,082
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	10.22	10.00	379	370	37.0	19,682	19,240	1,926
Building cleaning workers .....	10.04	9.80	370	370	36.8	19,215	19,240	1,913
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	10.98	8.00	406	320	37.0	15,431	11,432	1,406
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	33.12	24.69	1,324	985	40.0	68,827	51,203	2,078
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> ....	14.29	13.06	563	523	39.4	29,288	27,173	2,050
Financial clerks .....	12.68	11.78	507	471	40.0	26,384	24,500	2,080
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks ...	12.42	11.78	497	471	40.0	25,843	24,500	2,080
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	13.12	12.98	496	519	37.8	25,772	27,000	1,964
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive .....	12.63	12.98	475	442	37.7	24,721	22,968	1,958
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	19.82	20.00	793	800	40.0	41,232	41,600	2,080
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	17.58	17.50	703	700	40.0	36,558	36,400	2,080
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers .....	17.27	18.24	691	730	40.0	35,915	37,939	2,080
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	21.37	18.25	848	730	39.7	44,077	37,960	2,062
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers .....	25.47	22.59	980	888	38.5	50,963	46,201	2,001
Machinists .....	24.70	28.87	988	1,155	40.0	51,366	60,050	2,080
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	13.78	11.25	555	474	40.3	28,862	24,640	2,095
Laborers and material movers, hand .....	10.62	10.23	386	400	36.4	20,088	20,800	1,892

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<sup>3</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

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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 17. Union<sup>1</sup> and nonunion workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>2</sup> for major occupational groups, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupational group <sup>3</sup>	Union			Nonunion		
	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	State and local government workers	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	State and local government workers
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$21.57	\$19.98	\$30.15	\$18.90	\$18.65	\$20.66
Management, professional, and related .....	32.09	—	32.09	30.41	32.12	25.63
Management, business, and financial .....	—	—	—	36.32	37.25	—
Professional and related .....	32.09	—	32.09	28.26	29.59	25.55
Service .....	—	—	—	10.57	10.49	11.68
Sales and office .....	—	—	—	15.90	16.07	13.67
Sales and related .....	—	—	—	17.42	17.42	—
Office and administrative support .....	—	—	—	15.01	15.18	13.67
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance ....	21.01	21.01	—	17.98	18.04	—
Construction and extraction .....	18.52	18.52	—	19.43	19.69	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	—	—	—	17.18	17.10	—
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	19.78	19.79	—	15.23	15.19	15.73
Production .....	24.56	24.56	—	16.82	16.82	—
Transportation and material moving .....	16.31	16.30	—	14.61	14.47	15.73
	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)					
<b>All workers</b> .....	9.0	9.8	15.9	5.5	6.3	7.3
Management, professional, and related .....	15.5	—	15.5	6.2	7.0	7.0
Management, business, and financial .....	—	—	—	11.8	12.2	—
Professional and related .....	15.5	—	15.5	4.9	6.1	6.2
Service .....	—	—	—	13.6	14.6	5.7
Sales and office .....	—	—	—	9.6	10.1	15.1
Sales and related .....	—	—	—	24.8	24.8	—
Office and administrative support .....	—	—	—	4.6	4.8	15.1
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance ....	11.7	11.7	—	2.8	2.9	—
Construction and extraction .....	.3	.3	—	2.0	2.6	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	—	—	—	3.1	3.1	—
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	15.5	15.5	—	9.0	9.7	19.6
Production .....	12.8	12.8	—	12.1	12.1	—
Transportation and material moving .....	9.0	9.0	—	12.3	13.7	19.6

<sup>1</sup> Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

<sup>2</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more

information.

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

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 18. Time and incentive workers<sup>1</sup>: Mean hourly earnings<sup>2</sup> for major occupational groups, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupational group <sup>3</sup>	Time		Incentive	
	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	Civilian workers	Private industry workers
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$18.80	\$18.36	\$26.82	\$26.82
Management, professional, and related .....	30.41	32.01	—	—
Management, business, and financial .....	36.05	36.97	—	—
Professional and related .....	28.50	29.59	—	—
Service .....	10.70	10.57	—	—
Sales and office .....	14.16	14.21	32.66	32.66
Sales and related .....	12.29	12.29	32.84	32.84
Office and administrative support .....	15.00	15.17	—	—
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	19.04	19.14	—	—
Construction and extraction .....	—	19.07	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	19.10	19.21	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	16.29	16.32	—	—
Production .....	19.13	19.13	—	—
Transportation and material moving .....	14.91	14.81	—	—
	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)			
<b>All workers</b> .....	5.5	6.4	27.6	27.6
Management, professional, and related .....	5.9	7.1	—	—
Management, business, and financial .....	12.0	12.4	—	—
Professional and related .....	4.6	6.1	—	—
Service .....	13.2	14.5	—	—
Sales and office .....	3.4	3.4	28.7	28.7
Sales and related .....	7.4	7.4	28.9	28.9
Office and administrative support .....	4.5	4.8	—	—
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	4.4	4.6	—	—
Construction and extraction .....	—	2.2	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	8.2	8.7	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	9.2	9.8	—	—
Production .....	17.2	17.2	—	—
Transportation and material moving .....	10.4	11.4	—	—

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

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

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

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 19. Industry sector<sup>1</sup>: Mean hourly earnings<sup>2</sup> for private industry workers by major occupational group, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007

Occupational group <sup>3</sup>	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
<b>All workers</b> .....	-	-	-	-	\$14.52	-	-	-	\$14.78
Management, professional, and related .....	-	-	-	-	25.20	-	-	-	-
Management, business, and financial .....	-	-	-	-	27.85	-	-	-	-
Professional and related .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales and office .....	-	-	-	-	12.41	-	-	-	-
Sales and related .....	-	-	-	-	11.21	-	-	-	-
Office and administrative support .....	-	-	-	-	12.95	-	-	-	-
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Installation, maintenance, and repair ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Production .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)									
<b>All workers</b> .....	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	6.8
Management, professional, and related .....	-	-	-	-	15.0	-	-	-	-
Management, business, and financial .....	-	-	-	-	18.5	-	-	-	-
Professional and related .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales and office .....	-	-	-	-	6.7	-	-	-	-
Sales and related .....	-	-	-	-	15.5	-	-	-	-
Office and administrative support .....	-	-	-	-	11.5	-	-	-	-
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Installation, maintenance, and repair ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Production .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

<sup>2</sup> Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. 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 New Orleans–Metairie–Kenner, LA, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. Tammany Parishes, LA.

### 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 met-

ropolitan 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 characteristics 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 me-

dian, 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 workers<sup>1</sup> represented by the survey, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007**

Occupational group <sup>2</sup>	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	State and local government workers
<b>All workers</b> .....	477,800	413,300	64,500
Management, professional, and related .....	119,400	79,000	40,500
Management, business, and financial .....	27,800	24,900	–
Professional and related .....	91,700	54,100	37,600
Service .....	97,300	91,000	6,400
Sales and office .....	146,500	136,800	9,600
Sales and related .....	58,900	58,900	–
Office and administrative support .....	87,600	78,000	9,600
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance ....	45,200	42,800	–
Construction and extraction .....	22,000	21,300	–
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	23,200	21,400	–
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	69,400	63,700	5,600
Production .....	20,200	20,200	–
Transportation and material moving .....	49,200	43,500	5,600

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Workers are classified by occupation using the

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

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

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.



Appendix table 2. **Survey establishment response, New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA, May 2007**

Establishments	Total	Private industry	State and local government
Total in sampling frame <sup>1</sup> .....	22,791	22,227	564
Total in sample .....	255	232	23
Responding .....	131	113	18
Refused or unable to provide data .....	75	71	4
Out of business or not in survey scope .....	49	48	1

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.