

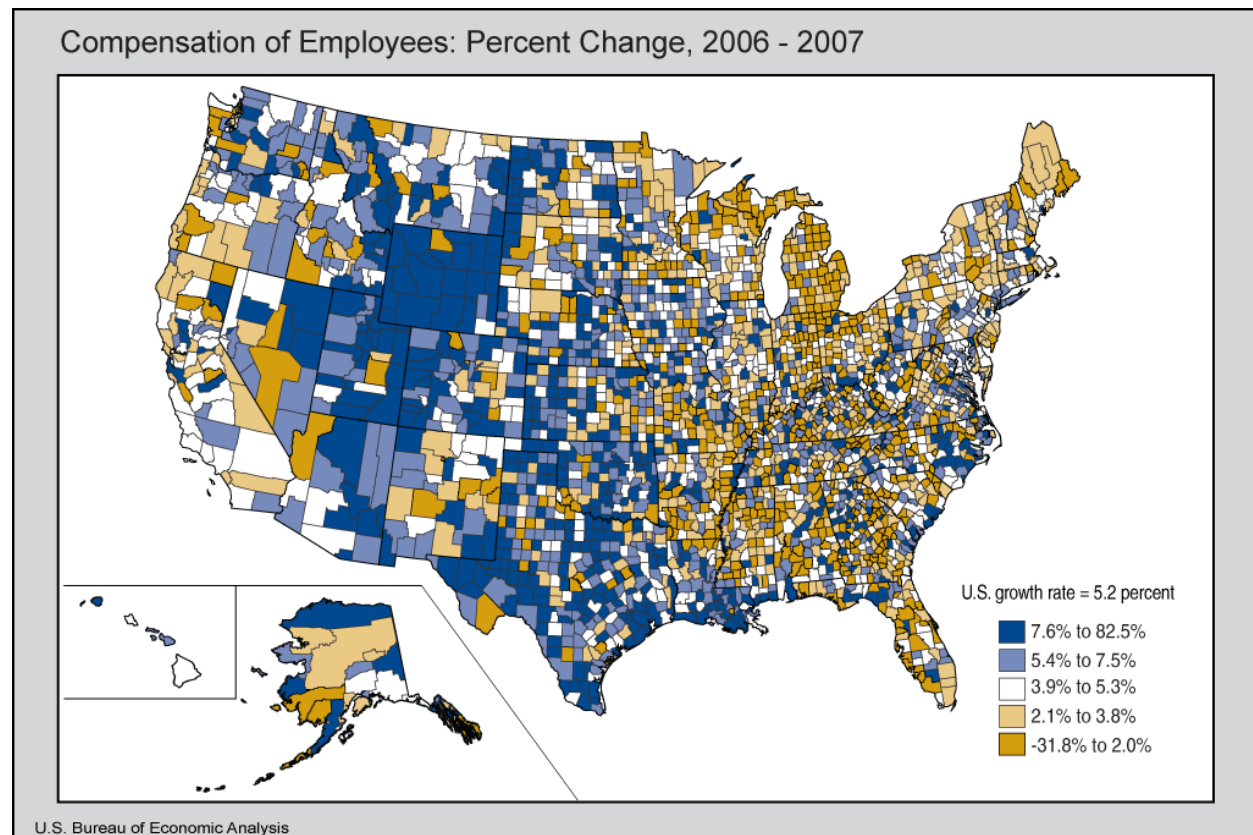
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County Compensation by Industry, 2007

Total compensation of U.S. workers grew 5.2% in 2007 and most counties shared in that growth, according to statistics released today by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Compensation grew in over 90% of the 3,111 counties in the U.S., as the average annual compensation per job in the U.S. grew by 4.1% to \$53,892. Inflation, as measured by the national price index for personal consumption expenditures, grew 2.6% in 2007.



Large counties, those with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, represent 5.3% of the 3,111 counties in the U.S., but account for almost two-thirds (65.8%) of total national compensation.

In these 164 counties, all metropolitan:

- Total compensation grew by 5.5% in 2007, ranging from -0.6% in Montgomery County, Ohio to 12.4% in Collin County, Texas
- Average annual compensation per job in 2007 ranged from \$41,520 in El Paso, Texas to \$116,977 in New York County (Manhattan), New York
- The management of companies and enterprises sector had the largest rate of growth for total compensation in 2007 at 10.5%, while the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting sector had the smallest rate of growth at 1.4%
- The professional and technical services sector represented the largest share of 2007 total compensation at 10.8%

Medium sized counties, those with total compensation of at least \$1 billion and less than \$10 billion, represent 21.4% of all U.S. counties, and account for 25.8% of total national compensation. In these 667 counties:

- Total compensation grew by 4.8% in 2007, ranging from -11.4% in Maury County, Tennessee to 24.7% in Geary County, Kansas
- Average annual compensation per job in 2007 ranged from \$31,580 in Sevier, Tennessee to \$94,127 in North Slope Borough, Alaska
- The mining sector had the largest rate of growth for total compensation in 2007 at 12.2%, while the non-durable manufacturing sector had the smallest rate of growth at 0.4%
- The health care and social assistance sector represented the largest share of 2007 total compensation at 11.2%

Small counties, those with total compensation of less than \$1 billion, represent the remaining 73.3% of all U.S. counties, but account for only 8.4% of total national compensation. In these 2,280 counties:

- Total compensation grew by 4.6% in 2007, ranging from -31.8% in West Carroll Parish, Louisiana to 82.5% in Slope County, North Dakota
- Average annual compensation per job in 2007 ranged from \$24,990 in McPherson County, Nebraska to \$89,574 in Eureka County, Nevada
- The mining sector had the largest rate of growth for total compensation in 2007 at 11.7%, while the non-durable manufacturing sector had the smallest rate of growth at 0.2%
- The local government sector represented the largest share of 2007 total compensation at 16.0%

The compensation by industry statistics cover 114 industries for 3,111 counties. The 2005–2006 statistics have been revised to incorporate newly available source data, while the 2007 statistics are released for the first time.

In addition to the county statistics, BEA is releasing compensation by industry for metropolitan areas, metropolitan divisions, micropolitan areas, combined statistical areas, and BEA economic areas. Table CA06, Compensation of Employees by Industry, for all areas for 1998–2007 can be accessed interactively at www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis.

Tables presenting the comprehensive measure of personal income for local areas—including CA05, Personal Income by Major Source and Earnings by Industry—will be released April 23, 2009.

Definitions

Compensation is the income accruing to employees as remuneration for their work. As a component of personal income, compensation is the sum of wage and salary *disbursements* and supplements to wages and salaries; as a component of Gross Domestic Product by state, compensation is the sum of wage and salary *accruals* and supplements to wages and salaries. The difference between disbursements and accruals is typically very small and arises when employees receive retroactive wage payments. Such payments are recorded in wage and salary accruals when earned and in wage and salary disbursements when paid.

Average compensation per job is compensation of employees received, divided by total full-time and part-time wage and salary employment.

The **metropolitan area definitions** used by BEA for its entire series of personal income statistics are the county-based definitions developed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for federal statistical purposes and last updated in November 2007. OMB's general concept of a metropolitan area is that of a geographic area consisting of a large population nucleus together with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with the nucleus. Detailed personal income statistics for metropolitan statistical areas, micropolitan statistical areas, metropolitan divisions, and combined statistical areas are available on the BEA Web site at www.bea.gov.

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Largest 164 Counties in the U.S. by 2007 Total Compensation
Counties with at Least \$10 billion in Total Compensation

County	State	Total Compensation (millions)
New York	New York	\$294,612
Los Angeles	California	\$274,833
Cook	Illinois	\$178,695
Harris	Texas	\$144,297
Dallas	Texas	\$103,705
Maricopa	Arizona	\$101,197
Orange	California	\$100,166
Santa Clara	California	\$94,426
San Diego	California	\$91,370
King	Washington	\$87,615
District of Columbia	District of Columbia	\$68,422
Middlesex	Massachusetts	\$66,516
Hennepin	Minnesota	\$61,893
Miami-Dade	Florida	\$60,106
Fulton	Georgia	\$59,178
Fairfax, Fairfax City + Falls Church	Virginia	\$55,375
Suffolk	Massachusetts	\$55,320
San Francisco	California	\$53,204
Alameda	California	\$51,919
Clark	Nevada	\$50,734
Wayne	Michigan	\$49,923
Oakland	Michigan	\$46,680
Tarrant	Texas	\$44,443
Cuyahoga	Ohio	\$43,663
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	\$43,463
Fairfield	Connecticut	\$43,118
Allegheny	Pennsylvania	\$42,066
Broward	Florida	\$42,045
DuPage	Illinois	\$40,458
Sacramento	California	\$40,035
Nassau	New York	\$39,513
Bexar	Texas	\$39,356
Franklin	Ohio	\$38,893
Suffolk	New York	\$38,762
Mecklenburg	North Carolina	\$38,339
St. Louis	Missouri	\$37,803
Orange	Florida	\$36,913
Hartford	Connecticut	\$36,827
Montgomery	Maryland	\$36,652
Hillsborough	Florida	\$36,032
Montgomery	Pennsylvania	\$35,774
Travis	Texas	\$35,575
San Bernardino	California	\$34,925
Marion	Indiana	\$34,717
Westchester	New York	\$33,247
Bergen	New Jersey	\$32,806
Palm Beach	Florida	\$32,467
San Mateo	California	\$31,784
Hamilton	Ohio	\$31,726
Riverside	California	\$31,488
Salt Lake	Utah	\$31,415
Denver	Colorado	\$31,354
Shelby	Tennessee	\$30,153

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County	State	Total Compensation (millions)
Middlesex	New Jersey	\$29,488
Queens	New York	\$29,363
Duval	Florida	\$29,164
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	\$28,670
Honolulu	Hawaii	\$28,391
Essex	New Jersey	\$26,805
Lake	Illinois	\$26,382
Multnomah	Oregon	\$26,246
Wake	North Carolina	\$25,585
Contra Costa	California	\$25,515
Davidson	Tennessee	\$24,789
Morris	New Jersey	\$24,313
Jefferson	Kentucky	\$24,270
Kings	New York	\$24,032
Erie	New York	\$23,237
Baltimore	Maryland	\$22,921
Baltimore (Independent City)	Maryland	\$22,711
New Haven	Connecticut	\$22,701
Oklahoma	Oklahoma	\$22,658
Pinellas	Florida	\$22,192
Norfolk	Massachusetts	\$22,168
Jackson	Missouri	\$21,903
Jefferson	Alabama	\$21,714
Monroe	New York	\$21,180
Ramsey	Minnesota	\$20,755
Prince George's	Maryland	\$20,739
Ventura	California	\$20,488
Cobb	Georgia	\$19,835
New Castle	Delaware	\$19,545
Macomb	Michigan	\$19,503
Gwinnett	Georgia	\$19,325
Hudson	New Jersey	\$19,144
Pima	Arizona	\$19,101
Anne Arundel	Maryland	\$19,069
Arapahoe	Colorado	\$18,937
Johnson	Kansas	\$18,839
Collin	Texas	\$18,632
DeKalb	Georgia	\$18,593
Worcester	Massachusetts	\$18,507
Tulsa	Oklahoma	\$18,324
Essex	Massachusetts	\$18,179
Chester	Pennsylvania	\$18,149
Union	New Jersey	\$17,833
Douglas	Nebraska	\$17,720
Kent	Michigan	\$17,520
Bernalillo	New Mexico	\$17,380
Pierce	Washington	\$17,368
Arlington	Virginia	\$16,600
Dane	Wisconsin	\$16,580
Fresno	California	\$16,445
Somerset	New Jersey	\$16,242
Washington	Oregon	\$16,164
Providence	Rhode Island	\$16,041

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County	State	Total Compensation (millions)
Monmouth	New Jersey	\$15,977
Snohomish	Washington	\$15,821
Mercer	New Jersey	\$15,410
St. Louis (Independent City)	Missouri	\$15,385
El Paso	Colorado	\$15,344
Polk	Iowa	\$15,207
Bucks	Pennsylvania	\$15,061
Kern	California	\$14,621
Pulaski	Arkansas	\$14,387
Montgomery	Ohio	\$14,372
Guilford	North Carolina	\$14,328
Summit	Ohio	\$14,133
Durham	North Carolina	\$13,872
Sedgwick	Kansas	\$13,859
Norfolk (Independent City)	Virginia	\$13,575
Onondaga	New York	\$13,569
East Baton Rouge	Louisiana	\$13,562
Waukesha	Wisconsin	\$13,483
Albany	New York	\$13,385
Delaware	Pennsylvania	\$12,842
Burlington	New Jersey	\$12,760
Hillsborough	New Hampshire	\$12,759
El Paso	Texas	\$12,536
Camden	New Jersey	\$12,438
Bronx	New York	\$12,434
Jefferson	Colorado	\$12,316
Greenville	South Carolina	\$12,264
Washtenaw	Michigan	\$11,947
Richland	South Carolina	\$11,921
Charleston	South Carolina	\$11,749
Washoe	Nevada	\$11,530
Knox	Tennessee	\$11,387
Brevard	Florida	\$11,337
Madison	Alabama	\$11,252
San Joaquin	California	\$11,244
Bristol	Massachusetts	\$11,240
Lucas	Ohio	\$11,174
Lee	Florida	\$11,123
Kane	Illinois	\$11,106
Lancaster	Pennsylvania	\$11,089
Ada	Idaho	\$11,018
Henrico	Virginia	\$10,933
Sonoma	California	\$10,916
Boulder	Colorado	\$10,853
Orleans	Louisiana	\$10,821
Richmond (Independent City)	Virginia	\$10,716
Santa Barbara	California	\$10,601
Spokane	Washington	\$10,534
Passaic	New Jersey	\$10,528
Hampden	Massachusetts	\$10,431
Jefferson	Louisiana	\$10,358
Cumberland	North Carolina	\$10,260
Lehigh	Pennsylvania	\$10,235
Dauphin	Pennsylvania	\$10,218
Anchorage Municipality	Alaska	\$10,116
Virginia Beach (Independent City)	Virginia	\$10,026
Lake	Indiana	\$10,023
Dakota	Minnesota	\$10,000

Top 5 Sectors with Largest Share of Total Compensation in 2007, United States

	Percent Share of Total Compensation	Percent Growth 2006-07
Health Care and Social Assistance	9.7	6.2
Local Government	9.6	5.5
Professional and Technical Services	8.7	7.8
Durable Manufacturing	8.2	2.0
Finance and Insurance	8.0	6.3

**Top 5 Sectors with Largest Share of Total Compensation in 2007
Counties with 2007 Compensation at least \$10 billion**

	Percent Share of Total Compensation	Percent Growth 2006-07
Professional and Technical Services	10.8	7.9
Finance and Insurance	10.0	6.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	9.1	6.1
Local Government	8.3	5.4
Durable Manufacturing	7.0	2.2

**Top 5 Sectors with Largest Share of Total Compensation in 2007
Counties with 2007 Compensation from \$1 billion to less than \$10 billion**

	Percent Share of Total Compensation	Percent Growth 2006-07
Health Care and Social Assistance	11.2	6.6
Local Government	10.8	5.8
Durable Manufacturing	10.0	2.1
Retail Trade	7.6	3.4
Construction	6.6	3.7

**Top 5 Sectors with Largest Share of Total Compensation in 2007
Counties with 2007 Compensation less than \$1 billion**

	Percent Share of Total Compensation	Percent Growth 2006-07
Local Government	16.0	5.1
Durable Manufacturing	12.0	1.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	9.2	5.9
Non-Durable Manufacturing	7.8	0.2
Retail Trade	7.7	3.9