

Table 61. Hourly compensation costs in U.S. dollars for production workers in manufacturing, 29 countries or areas, 1975-99

Year	United States	Canada	Mexico	Australia <sup>1</sup>	Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	Israel	Japan	Korea	New Zealand	Singapore
1975 .....	\$6.36	\$5.96	\$1.47	\$5.62	\$0.76	\$2.25	\$3.00	\$0.32	\$3.15	\$0.84
1976 .....	6.92	7.06	1.64	6.22	.87	2.38	3.25	.42	2.94	.86
1977 .....	7.59	7.34	1.34	6.29	1.03	2.68	3.96	.56	3.30	.91
1978 .....	8.28	7.42	1.62	7.00	1.18	2.57	5.45	.76	4.06	1.05
1979 .....	9.04	7.87	1.91	7.47	1.31	3.30	5.40	1.01	4.62	1.26
1980 .....	9.87	8.67	2.21	8.47	1.51	3.79	5.52	.96	5.22	1.49
1981 .....	10.87	9.57	2.82	9.80	1.55	4.18	6.08	1.02	5.59	1.80
1982 .....	11.68	10.45	1.97	9.98	1.66	4.43	5.60	1.09	5.51	1.96
1983 .....	12.14	11.16	1.42	9.31	1.51	4.88	6.03	1.15	5.09	2.21
1984 .....	12.55	11.15	1.56	9.83	1.58	4.65	6.23	1.20	4.56	2.46
1985 .....	13.01	10.95	1.59	8.20	1.73	4.06	6.34	1.23	4.38	2.47
1986 .....	13.26	11.07	1.09	8.54	1.88	5.20	9.22	1.31	5.39	2.23
1987 .....	13.52	12.02	1.04	9.46	2.09	6.34	10.79	1.59	6.64	2.31
1988 .....	13.91	13.47	1.25	11.35	2.40	7.67	12.63	2.20	8.02	2.67
1989 .....	14.32	14.72	1.43	12.41	2.79	7.69	12.53	3.17	7.65	3.15
1990 .....	14.91	15.94	1.58	13.07	3.20	8.55	12.80	3.71	8.17	3.78
1991 .....	15.58	17.28	1.84	13.53	3.58	8.79	14.67	4.61	8.20	4.35
1992 .....	16.09	17.17	2.17	13.02	3.92	9.09	16.38	5.22	7.76	4.95
1993 .....	16.51	16.55	2.40	12.49	4.29	8.82	19.21	5.64	8.85	5.25
1994 .....	16.87	15.88	2.47	14.12	4.61	9.19	21.35	6.40	8.76	6.29
1995 .....	17.19	16.10	1.51	15.27	4.82	10.54	23.82	7.29	9.91	7.33
1996 .....	17.70	16.64	1.54	16.88	5.14	11.32	21.00	8.22	10.81	8.32
1997 .....	18.27	16.47	1.78	16.58	5.42	12.04	19.54	7.86	10.81	8.24
1998 .....	18.66	15.60	1.84	14.92	5.47	12.02	18.29	5.39	9.01	7.77
1999 .....	19.20	15.60	2.12	15.89	5.44	11.91	20.89	6.71	9.14	7.18
	Sri Lanka	Taiwan	Austria <sup>3</sup>	Belgium	Denmark	Finland <sup>4</sup>	France	Germany <sup>5</sup>	Greece	Ireland
1975 .....	\$0.28	\$0.40	\$4.51	\$6.41	\$6.28	\$4.61	\$4.52	\$6.31	\$1.69	\$3.03
1976 .....	.24	.46	4.78	6.90	6.63	5.19	4.70	6.68	1.92	2.86
1977 .....	.32	.53	5.67	8.29	7.25	5.58	5.21	7.81	2.29	3.12
1978 .....	.26	.62	6.91	10.14	8.98	5.88	6.43	9.58	2.84	3.97
1979 .....	.23	.79	7.96	11.82	10.53	7.51	7.69	11.21	3.37	4.85
1980 .....	.22	1.00	8.88	13.11	10.83	8.24	8.94	12.25	3.73	5.95
1981 .....	.21	1.21	7.78	11.31	9.41	8.04	8.02	10.45	3.66	5.59
1982 .....	.24	1.24	7.78	9.49	8.87	8.03	7.85	10.28	4.12	5.71
1983 .....	.25	1.29	7.81	9.08	8.69	7.54	7.74	10.19	3.78	5.67
1984 .....	.25	1.42	7.35	8.63	8.03	7.77	7.29	9.37	3.74	5.59
1985 .....	.28	1.50	7.58	8.97	8.13	8.16	7.52	9.53	3.66	5.92
1986 .....	.29	1.73	10.73	12.43	11.07	10.71	10.28	13.34	4.07	8.02
1987 .....	.30	2.26	13.67	15.25	14.61	13.44	12.29	16.91	4.61	9.31
1988 .....	.31	2.81	14.52	15.82	15.19	15.70	12.95	18.16	5.22	10.00
1989 .....	.31	3.52	14.16	15.48	14.53	16.85	12.65	17.66	5.49	9.61
1990 .....	.35	3.93	17.75	19.17	18.04	21.03	15.49	21.88	6.76	11.66
1991 .....	.40	4.36	18.09	19.75	18.39	21.25	15.65	22.63	6.95	11.91
1992 .....	.40	5.09	20.29	22.05	20.20	19.92	17.47	25.38	7.60	13.12
1993 .....	.42	5.24	20.16	21.44	19.11	16.63	16.79	25.19	7.23	11.90
1994 .....	.45	5.56	21.55	23.07	20.30	19.06	17.63	26.70	7.73	12.42
1995 .....	.48	5.94	25.32	26.65	24.07	24.10	20.01	31.58	9.17	13.61
1996 .....	.48	5.95	24.80	25.97	24.11	23.41	19.93	31.20	9.59	13.91
1997 .....	.46	5.90	21.97	22.88	22.03	21.32	17.99	27.68	9.20	13.61
1998 .....	.47	5.27	22.21	23.20	22.69	21.66	18.28	27.52	8.91	13.39
1999 .....	—	5.62	21.83	22.82	22.96	21.10	17.98	26.93	—	13.57

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 61. Hourly compensation costs in U.S. dollars for production workers in manufacturing, 29 countries or areas, 1975-99—Continued

Year	Italy	Luxem- bourg	Nether- lands	Norway	Portugal	Spain	Sweden	Switzer- land	United King- dom
1975 .....	\$4.67	\$6.50	\$6.58	\$6.77	\$1.58	\$2.53	\$7.18	\$6.09	\$3.37
1976 .....	4.34	6.99	6.90	7.52	1.66	2.86	8.25	6.45	3.21
1977 .....	4.99	8.06	8.02	8.56	1.58	3.18	8.88	6.88	3.45
1978 .....	5.83	9.86	9.98	9.51	1.63	3.88	9.65	9.59	4.41
1979 .....	7.06	11.12	11.41	10.28	1.68	5.31	11.33	10.56	5.70
1980 .....	8.15	12.03	12.06	11.59	2.06	5.89	12.51	11.09	7.56
1981 .....	7.57	9.85	9.91	11.01	2.04	5.55	11.80	10.14	7.31
1982 .....	7.44	8.61	9.78	10.83	1.88	5.28	10.07	10.42	6.92
1983 .....	7.70	8.15	9.49	10.32	1.62	4.56	8.89	10.46	6.49
1984 .....	7.35	7.79	8.70	10.07	1.45	4.47	9.17	9.64	6.04
1985 .....	7.63	7.81	8.75	10.37	1.53	4.66	9.66	9.66	6.27
1986 .....	10.47	10.86	12.22	13.24	2.08	6.25	12.43	13.76	7.66
1987 .....	13.02	13.35	15.14	16.79	2.52	7.63	15.12	17.08	9.09
1988 .....	13.98	14.22	15.83	18.45	2.78	8.55	16.82	18.01	10.61
1989 .....	14.40	13.92	15.00	18.29	2.97	8.96	17.52	16.73	10.56
1990 .....	17.45	16.74	18.06	21.47	3.77	11.38	20.93	20.86	12.70
1991 .....	18.32	17.14	18.13	21.63	4.24	12.29	22.15	21.69	13.74
1992 .....	19.35	19.10	20.10	23.03	5.17	13.50	24.59	23.23	14.37
1993 .....	15.80	18.74	19.94	20.21	4.50	11.62	17.59	22.63	12.41
1994 .....	15.89	20.33	20.73	20.97	4.60	11.54	18.62	24.91	12.80
1995 .....	16.22	23.35	24.12	24.38	5.37	12.88	21.44	29.30	13.67
1996 .....	17.75	22.55	23.22	25.05	5.58	13.51	24.37	28.34	14.09
1997 .....	17.57	19.02	20.98	23.72	5.38	12.24	22.22	24.19	15.47
1998 .....	17.11	18.74	21.17	23.50	5.48	12.14	22.02	24.38	16.43
1999 .....	16.60	—	20.94	23.91	—	12.11	21.58	23.56	16.56

<sup>1</sup> Production and nonproduction workers other than those in managerial, executive, professional, and higher supervisory positions.

<sup>2</sup> Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China. Average of selected manufacturing industries.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes handicraft manufacturers, printing and publishing, and miscellaneous manufacturing.

<sup>4</sup> Including mining and electrical power plants.

<sup>5</sup> Former West Germany. Excluding handicraft manufacturers.

Dash indicates data not available.