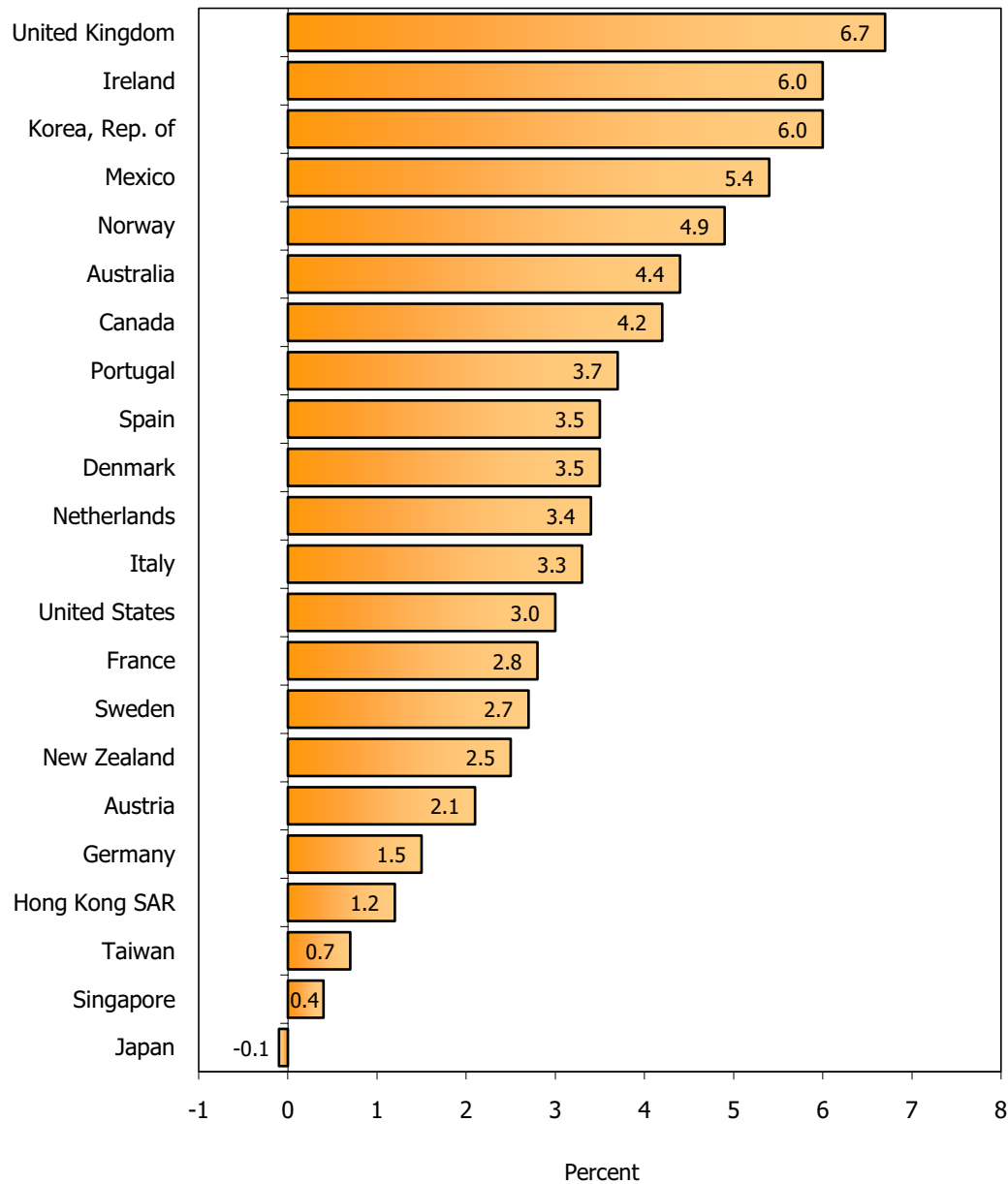


### 3.2 Average annual growth rates for hourly compensation costs, 1996-2006 for production workers in manufacturing in U.S. dollars

- Growth in hourly compensation costs in U.S. dollars was greatest for the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Republic of Korea.
- Only Japan had a decrease in hourly compensation costs over the period.



**NOTE:** Hong Kong SAR stands for Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

**SOURCE:** Bureau of Labor Statistics.