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## **HIGHLIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-MARION-CHILLICOTHE, OH NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY MARCH 2007**

Workers in the Columbus-Marion-Chillicothe Combined Statistical Area earned an average of \$20.02 per hour in March 2007, according to new survey results from the National Compensation Survey (NCS) released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Jay A. Mousa noted that wage data were reported for workers in a wide range of occupational groups, including average hourly earnings of \$18.16 for construction and extraction occupations and \$14.93 for office and administrative support occupations. Another occupational group, healthcare support, had a mean hourly wage rate of \$11.46. The NCS data available for the Columbus area include earnings for 21 major occupational groups with additional detail for selected occupations within those groups. (See table 1.)

Carpenters, part of the construction and extraction occupational group, earned \$18.34 per hour. Within the office and administrative support group, executive secretaries and administrative assistants averaged \$20.00 per hour. Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants, an occupation within healthcare support, earned \$10.95 per hour. (See table 1.)

Broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics is available from NCS for the local area. Full-time workers averaged \$20.83 per hour while their part-time counterparts earned \$15.04. Union workers earned \$22.87 and non-union workers, \$19.43. Workers in establishments with 1-99 workers averaged \$16.71 per hour, those in establishments with 100-499 workers earned \$19.93, and those in establishments with 500 or more employees earned \$24.12.

The occupational wage data available from NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. NCS results also include the work level and respective earnings for occupations determined by a point factor leveling process. The four occupational leveling factors are: knowledge, job controls and complexity, contacts, and physical environment. Details on the NCS are available at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/home.htm>.

The NCS data provided here covered 374 establishments with one or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. Agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed, and the Federal Government were excluded from the survey. This sample of establishments represented 864,600 workers in the Columbus-Marion-Chillicothe Combined Statistical Area (CSA), which is comprised of Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, Ross, and Union Counties in Ohio.

### **Survey Availability**

Complete survey results are contained in the Columbus-Marion-Chillicothe, OH National Compensation Survey March 2007. The bulletin is available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/compub.htm>.

For additional information, please contact the Bureau of Labor Statistics Midwest Information Office in Chicago at (312) 353-1880 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

Table 1. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup>, Columbus-Marion-Chillicothe, OH CSA, March 2007**

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>4</sup> (percent)
<b>All workers</b> .....	\$20.02	5.0	\$20.83	2.9	\$15.04	29.5
<b>Management occupations</b> .....	44.93	13.4	46.35	13.0	—	—
General and operations managers .....	52.76	15.0	52.76	15.0	—	—
Computer and information systems managers .....	51.35	13.7	51.35	13.7	—	—
Financial managers .....	30.37	10.4	30.37	10.4	—	—
Education administrators .....	33.31	15.3	—	—	—	—
<b>Business and financial operations occupations</b> .....	28.77	7.8	28.80	8.0	—	—
Buyers and purchasing agents .....	32.01	12.6	32.01	12.6	—	—
Claims adjusters, appraisers, examiners, and investigators .....	21.48	10.2	21.48	10.2	—	—
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Human resources, training, and labor relations specialists .....	29.52	8.4	29.52	8.4	—	—
<b>Computer and mathematical science occupations</b> .....	28.73	6.6	28.73	6.6	—	—
<b>Architecture and engineering occupations</b> .....	28.50	10.2	28.50	10.2	—	—
Engineers .....	30.26	11.2	30.26	11.2	—	—
Electrical and electronics engineers .....	28.67	14.8	28.67	14.8	—	—
Engineering technicians, except drafters .....	18.33	12.4	18.33	12.4	—	—
<b>Life, physical, and social science occupations</b> .....	32.36	12.3	32.36	12.3	—	—
Physical scientists .....	34.83	17.5	34.83	17.5	—	—
<b>Community and social services occupations</b> .....	16.67	11.1	16.81	11.1	—	—
<b>Legal occupations</b> .....	25.48	15.7	—	—	—	—
<b>Education, training, and library occupations</b> .....	40.25	6.9	40.95	6.4	23.82	7.6
Postsecondary teachers .....	56.82	7.6	57.62	7.2	—	—
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers .....	38.90	3.5	39.47	2.0	26.71	18.8
Elementary and middle school teachers .....	40.84	1.2	40.81	1.2	—	—
Elementary school teachers, except special education .....	39.67	1.2	39.62	1.4	—	—
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education .....	43.18	3.8	43.18	3.8	—	—
Secondary school teachers .....	35.42	11.9	37.99	4.1	—	—
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education .....	36.41	1.9	36.41	1.9	—	—
Special education teachers .....	36.38	4.5	35.69	4.0	—	—
Other teachers and instructors .....	32.94	25.8	—	—	—	—
Librarians .....	37.44	19.1	37.44	19.1	—	—
Teacher assistants .....	13.27	3.9	13.34	3.6	—	—
<b>Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media   occupations</b> .....	13.49	11.0	15.12	5.6	10.11	21.4
<b>Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations</b> .....	44.27	32.1	31.71	12.0	—	—
Pharmacists .....	47.37	.8	—	—	—	—
Registered nurses .....	36.11	18.7	38.14	19.6	27.76	4.5
Diagnostic related technologists and technicians .....	21.24	16.4	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses .....	20.74	3.1	21.04	3.6	—	—
<b>Healthcare support occupations</b> .....	11.46	4.9	11.52	4.8	11.04	6.8
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides .....	11.18	7.2	11.21	7.2	11.02	7.3
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants .....	10.95	1.7	10.96	2.3	10.90	2.0
<b>Protective service occupations</b> .....	20.59	3.8	20.82	3.7	—	—
Bailliffs, correctional officers, and jailers .....	16.57	3.6	16.57	3.6	—	—
<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b> .....	7.87	3.4	10.91	4.0	6.68	7.3
Cooks .....	11.72	8.1	12.47	9.8	—	—
Food service, tipped .....	4.93	20.4	—	—	5.08	22.1
Waiters and waitresses .....	3.82	19.4	—	—	3.93	24.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup>, Columbus-Marion-Chillicothe, OH CSA, March 2007** — Continued

Occupation <sup>3</sup>	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
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<b>Food preparation and serving related occupations</b>						
—Continued						
Fast food and counter workers .....	\$7.38	5.8	—	—	\$7.12	2.1
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food .....	7.38	5.8	—	—	7.12	2.1
Food servers, nonrestaurant .....	8.90	5.1	—	—	—	—
<b>Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations</b> .....	11.12	4.1	\$11.76	6.2	8.84	9.3
Building cleaning workers .....	10.78	6.5	11.41	8.9	8.19	8.6
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	11.71	10.2	—	—	—	—
Maids and housekeeping cleaners .....	8.90	7.1	9.35	9.7	—	—
Grounds maintenance workers .....	11.58	7.6	—	—	—	—
<b>Personal care and service occupations</b> .....	11.01	8.8	12.51	10.0	9.53	14.4
Recreation and fitness workers .....	11.39	11.7	—	—	—	—
<b>Sales and related occupations</b> .....	17.05	14.1	21.75	12.8	8.24	18.5
Retail sales workers .....	12.85	19.4	16.86	16.9	8.33	26.0
Cashiers, all workers .....	8.91	6.2	—	—	9.07	2.5
Cashiers .....	8.99	6.8	—	—	—	—
Counter and rental clerks and parts salespersons .....	15.11	22.8	—	—	—	—
Retail salespersons .....	—	—	19.05	24.8	—	—
Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing .....	27.86	26.5	27.86	26.5	—	—
<b>Office and administrative support occupations</b> .....	14.93	2.6	15.17	2.6	11.13	4.5
First-line supervisors/managers of office and administrative support workers .....	21.76	11.0	21.76	11.0	—	—
Financial clerks .....	13.90	6.7	14.12	6.7	11.33	15.8
Bill and account collectors .....	11.87	9.1	11.41	8.8	—	—
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks .....	16.33	10.7	16.84	10.3	—	—
Tellers .....	10.49	3.5	10.52	3.8	—	—
Credit authorizers, checkers, and clerks .....	13.64	3.3	13.65	3.3	—	—
Customer service representatives .....	14.16	3.2	14.38	3.2	—	—
Order clerks .....	13.46	6.8	—	—	—	—
Receptionists and information clerks .....	11.20	5.4	—	—	—	—
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks .....	12.73	7.9	12.72	7.9	—	—
Stock clerks and order fillers .....	12.05	2.3	12.14	2.9	—	—
Secretaries and administrative assistants .....	17.93	3.0	17.94	3.0	—	—
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants .....	20.00	4.3	20.00	4.3	—	—
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive .....	16.64	2.2	16.66	2.2	—	—
Data entry and information processing workers .....	12.86	7.1	12.86	7.1	—	—
Data entry keyers .....	12.55	8.2	12.55	8.2	—	—
Insurance claims and policy processing clerks .....	15.91	9.6	16.08	9.8	—	—
Office clerks, general .....	13.93	6.8	14.00	7.1	12.30	4.7
<b>Construction and extraction occupations</b> .....	18.16	2.6	18.13	2.6	—	—
Carpenters .....	18.34	1.7	18.34	1.7	—	—
<b>Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations</b> .....	19.76	5.7	19.75	6.0	—	—
Automotive technicians and repairers .....	19.96	8.6	19.96	8.6	—	—
Automotive service technicians and mechanics .....	19.96	8.6	19.96	8.6	—	—
Bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists .....	17.33	3.0	17.45	2.7	—	—
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers .....	18.29	12.6	18.29	12.6	—	—
Maintenance and repair workers, general .....	17.28	18.8	17.28	18.8	—	—
<b>Production occupations</b> .....	15.39	10.8	15.40	11.0	—	—
Miscellaneous production workers .....	19.18	16.3	19.44	18.0	—	—
<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b> .....	13.84	7.3	14.38	8.8	11.16	5.1
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers .....	17.69	14.1	18.26	13.4	—	—
Truck drivers, light or delivery services .....	18.40	13.4	18.40	13.4	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor operators .....	14.09	7.6	14.07	7.6	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand .....	11.32	4.7	11.55	6.0	10.76	4.1

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<b>Transportation and material moving occupations</b>						
–Continued						
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand .....	\$11.83	4.6	\$12.36	7.6	\$10.95	3.5
Packers and packagers, hand .....	10.90	5.3	11.33	4.8	–	–

<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.

<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> Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard

Occupational Classification (SOC) system.

<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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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