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Introduction

The tables in this bulletin summarize the NCS results for the Brownsville–Harlingen–San Benito, TX, metropolitan area. Data were collected between June 2006 and October 2006; the average reference month is August 2006. 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 have undergone a number of significant changes. Beginning with the 3135 bulletin series, the releases employ:

1. The 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system and the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)
2. An expanded scope of establishments, lowering the minimum establishment size for private industry from 50 workers to 1 worker
3. Imputation for temporary non-response situations
4. Benchmarking of estimated employment
5. Redesigned tables, to reflect the new classification system and to emphasize work levels

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 ag-

gregations 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 earnings¹ and weekly hours for selected worker and establishment characteristics, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Worker and establishment characteristics	Civilian workers			Private industry workers			State and local government workers		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours ³	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours ³	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours ³
	Mean	Relative error ² (percent)		Mean	Relative error ² (percent)		Mean	Relative error ² (percent)	
All workers	\$12.31	4.7	35.2	\$10.57	5.6	34.3	\$18.56	3.5	39.0
Worker characteristics^{4,5}									
Management, professional, and related	23.95	4.2	38.0	23.00	8.2	37.6	24.67	3.7	38.3
Management, business, and financial	25.83	7.8	41.9	25.98	13.1	43.8	25.65	8.0	40.0
Professional and related	23.50	4.5	37.1	22.04	8.7	36.0	24.49	3.8	37.9
Service	7.23	3.0	30.7	6.48	2.0	29.2	10.86	3.8	40.6
Sales and office	10.15	3.5	36.7	10.00	4.1	36.4	11.37	5.1	39.1
Sales and related	10.14	8.4	33.8	10.14	8.4	33.8	—	—	—
Office and administrative support	10.16	4.3	38.7	9.89	5.5	38.7	11.37	5.1	39.1
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	11.62	6.5	40.2	11.13	7.2	40.2	14.92	5.3	40.0
Construction and extraction	9.98	3.9	39.7	9.80	4.8	39.7	11.96	8.7	40.0
Installation, maintenance, and repair	13.58	11.8	41.1	12.95	14.5	41.3	16.46	6.7	40.0
Production, transportation, and material moving	10.95	10.2	37.8	10.90	10.9	37.8	11.69	10.3	37.7
Production	10.53	5.3	38.7	10.35	5.3	38.6	14.88	20.7	40.0
Transportation and material moving	11.21	16.0	37.3	11.26	17.1	37.3	10.56	2.0	37.0
Full time	13.39	5.5	39.5	11.57	6.7	39.5	18.70	3.4	39.5
Part time	6.62	2.0	22.5	6.55	2.1	22.5	10.00	4.8	21.7
Union	23.25	3.0	37.3	21.47	9.7	40.6	—	—	—
Nonunion	12.22	4.7	35.2	10.50	5.6	34.3	18.47	3.6	39.1
Time	11.88	4.7	34.9	9.87	5.4	33.9	18.56	3.5	39.0
Incentive	19.09	12.4	41.3	19.09	12.4	41.3	—	—	—
Establishment characteristics									
Goods producing	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)	11.05	6.8	39.9	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Service providing	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)	10.48	6.5	33.4	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
1-99 workers	10.09	8.4	36.5	10.03	8.5	36.5	13.66	10.9	38.2
100-499 workers	11.41	5.9	31.8	10.81	6.0	31.2	18.11	7.5	38.8
500 workers or more	16.30	3.8	36.4	12.24	8.1	32.7	18.78	4.3	39.0

¹ 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.

² 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.

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

⁴ 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.

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

⁶ 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 earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006**

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All workers	\$12.31	4.7	\$13.39	5.5	\$6.62	2.0
Management occupations	27.90	9.0	27.90	9.0	—	—
Level 9	19.68	5.6	19.68	5.6	—	—
Business and financial operations occupations	20.87	13.2	20.87	13.2	—	—
Architecture and engineering occupations	15.11	25.0	15.11	25.0	—	—
Community and social services occupations	16.50	9.3	16.50	9.3	—	—
Miscellaneous community and social service specialists	13.80	5.7	13.80	5.7	—	—
Social and human service assistants	13.40	5.7	13.40	5.7	—	—
Education, training, and library occupations	24.43	2.9	24.93	2.9	—	—
Level 2	7.85	8.0	8.16	8.9	—	—
Level 7	30.26	1.5	30.26	1.5	—	—
Level 8	25.02	12.1	25.02	12.1	—	—
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	29.36	.9	29.40	1.1	—	—
Level 7	30.44	1.4	—	—	—	—
Level 8	29.17	5.6	—	—	—	—
Elementary and middle school teachers	29.93	.9	29.93	.9	—	—
Level 8	27.11	1.6	27.11	1.6	—	—
Elementary school teachers, except special education	29.82	.3	29.82	.3	—	—
Secondary school teachers	31.03	2.5	31.03	2.5	—	—
Level 8	31.57	4.0	31.57	4.0	—	—
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	30.91	2.4	30.91	2.4	—	—
Teacher assistants	9.99	3.9	10.10	3.9	—	—
Level 2	7.85	8.0	8.16	8.9	—	—
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	25.16	10.2	25.19	11.3	24.58	35.5
Level 4	14.39	9.0	13.72	8.5	—	—
Level 5	16.41	6.1	16.41	6.1	—	—
Level 9	33.94	8.2	34.05	8.5	—	—
Registered nurses	29.48	3.0	29.53	3.1	—	—
Level 9	29.85	4.4	29.94	4.4	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	14.09	12.8	—	—	—	—
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians	14.21	12.3	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	16.77	3.1	16.74	3.2	—	—
Healthcare support occupations	6.95	6.9	7.81	11.7	5.85	3.4
Level 2	6.87	3.3	7.42	8.4	6.01	.2
Level 3	6.85	8.9	7.03	11.0	—	—
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	6.73	2.8	7.18	6.5	6.09	.4
Level 2	6.63	.4	—	—	6.01	.2
Level 3	7.20	12.5	—	—	—	—
Home health aides	6.20	2.3	—	—	6.04	.0
Level 2	6.14	1.5	—	—	6.01	.2
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	8.21	5.3	8.33	5.0	—	—
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	7.24	18.8	—	—	—	—
Protective service occupations	10.38	9.4	10.90	5.4	—	—
Level 4	12.52	6.7	12.52	6.7	—	—
Level 6	12.38	6.1	12.37	6.2	—	—
Police officers	19.51	8.7	19.51	8.7	—	—
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	19.51	8.7	19.51	8.7	—	—
Food preparation and serving related occupations	6.67	3.7	6.81	4.6	6.07	8.2
Level 1	5.84	4.5	5.92	4.7	5.74	6.2
Level 3	8.15	3.2	—	—	—	—
Cooks	7.86	2.3	7.87	2.4	—	—
Food preparation workers	6.79	.4	—	—	—	—
Food service, tipped	3.67	7.5	3.63	7.2	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006** — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Food service, tipped —Continued						
Level 1	\$4.12	7.7	—	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	2.78	16.0	\$2.83	15.2	—	—
Fast food and counter workers	6.32	3.8	—	—	—	—
Level 1	6.08	4.2	—	—	—	—
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	6.35	4.1	—	—	—	—
Level 1	6.13	4.5	—	—	—	—
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	8.43	4.8	8.55	5.1	\$7.47	7.4
Level 1	7.25	7.9	7.20	10.7	7.35	7.8
Level 2	7.64	6.9	7.64	6.9	—	—
Level 3	9.62	2.1	9.60	2.2	—	—
Building cleaning workers	8.41	4.0	8.56	4.1	7.47	7.4
Level 1	7.49	7.5	7.61	11.7	7.35	7.8
Level 2	7.64	6.9	7.64	6.9	—	—
Level 3	9.87	2.5	—	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	8.66	3.4	8.81	3.1	7.49	10.3
Level 1	7.80	8.3	8.17	11.1	7.33	10.7
Level 2	7.82	7.4	7.82	7.4	—	—
Level 3	9.87	2.5	—	—	—	—
Grounds maintenance workers	7.24	10.1	7.24	10.1	—	—
Personal care and service occupations	6.52	5.4	8.89	4.9	5.94	1.7
Level 1	5.95	2.6	—	—	5.95	2.6
Level 2	5.98	.3	—	—	—	—
Level 3	8.25	4.7	—	—	—	—
Personal and home care aides	5.93	1.8	—	—	5.93	1.8
Level 1	5.95	2.7	—	—	5.95	2.7
Sales and related occupations	10.14	8.4	11.04	8.7	7.38	.3
Level 1	8.13	13.3	—	—	—	—
Level 2	7.17	4.3	—	—	—	—
Level 3	7.67	11.1	—	—	—	—
Level 4	12.57	13.8	—	—	—	—
Level 5	12.55	6.5	—	—	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	11.51	14.4	11.51	14.4	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	12.34	21.3	12.34	21.3	—	—
Retail sales workers	9.10	8.2	10.05	10.2	7.39	.2
Level 1	8.13	13.3	—	—	—	—
Level 2	6.62	.0	—	—	—	—
Level 3	7.64	11.4	—	—	—	—
Level 4	13.05	11.1	—	—	—	—
Cashiers, all workers	7.61	9.0	8.13	16.3	7.21	4.6
Level 1	8.16	13.4	—	—	7.66	6.8
Cashiers	7.61	9.0	8.13	16.3	7.21	4.6
Level 1	8.16	13.4	—	—	7.66	6.8
Retail salespersons	10.37	27.6	11.09	26.9	7.80	14.1
Level 3	7.03	9.0	7.02	9.2	—	—
Level 4	13.96	14.4	14.44	15.9	—	—
Office and administrative support occupations	10.16	4.3	10.33	4.3	6.82	3.7
Level 1	7.49	11.6	—	—	—	—
Level 2	8.11	4.5	—	—	—	—
Level 3	8.99	2.5	—	—	—	—
Level 4	11.82	4.7	—	—	—	—
Level 5	12.92	13.0	—	—	—	—
Financial clerks	9.59	8.4	9.64	8.7	—	—
Level 3	8.44	8.2	—	—	—	—
Level 4	11.73	4.4	—	—	—	—
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	11.41	7.1	—	—	—	—
Customer service representatives	8.71	4.0	—	—	—	—
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	11.56	11.9	11.56	11.9	—	—
Stock clerks and order fillers	8.07	22.5	8.47	21.7	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006** — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Secretaries and administrative assistants	\$11.21	10.2	\$11.40	10.0	—	—
Level 3	9.02	4.9	9.22	4.2	—	—
Level 4	11.20	1.1	11.20	1.1	—	—
Medical secretaries	8.90	2.7	9.08	1.9	—	—
Level 3	8.45	6.1	8.63	5.8	—	—
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	11.09	4.6	11.09	4.6	—	—
Level 4	11.10	1.6	11.10	1.6	—	—
Office clerks, general	9.35	8.2	9.43	8.3	—	—
Level 3	10.13	9.8	10.13	9.8	—	—
Construction and extraction occupations	9.98	3.9	10.00	3.9	—	—
Level 2	8.31	9.7	8.31	9.7	—	—
Helpers, construction trades	8.69	8.1	8.69	8.1	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	13.58	11.8	13.58	11.8	—	—
Level 5	14.63	11.9	—	—	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers	17.80	8.1	17.80	8.1	—	—
Production occupations	10.53	5.3	10.70	5.6	—	—
Level 1	6.46	1.8	—	—	—	—
Level 2	8.18	6.5	—	—	—	—
Level 3	9.45	3.2	—	—	—	—
Level 4	11.67	15.7	—	—	—	—
Level 5	14.68	9.6	—	—	—	—
Level 6	14.90	2.6	—	—	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	17.54	8.3	17.54	8.3	—	—
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers	13.27	9.2	13.27	9.2	—	—
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	13.27	9.2	13.27	9.2	—	—
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	10.61	5.4	10.61	5.4	—	—
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	11.30	14.2	11.30	14.2	—	—
Miscellaneous production workers	8.63	13.2	8.89	15.1	—	—
Level 1	6.40	2.1	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving occupations	11.21	16.0	11.62	16.4	\$6.51	4.1
Level 1	5.98	6.6	—	—	—	—
Level 2	7.86	6.0	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor operators	7.86	6.6	7.86	6.6	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand	6.47	4.4	6.51	5.6	6.30	5.8
Level 1	5.84	7.3	5.62	8.3	6.39	6.3
Level 2	7.17	2.1	—	—	—	—
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	6.59	4.0	6.68	6.1	6.37	6.2
Level 1	6.03	9.5	—	—	6.48	6.8
Level 2	7.03	3.4	—	—	—	—
Packers and packagers, hand	6.26	12.3	—	—	—	—

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

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

⁵ 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 earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All workers	\$10.57	5.6	\$11.57	6.7	\$6.55	2.1
Management occupations	26.53	16.3	26.53	16.3	—	—
Level 9	20.76	3.2	20.76	3.2	—	—
Business and financial operations occupations	24.45	15.8	24.45	15.8	—	—
Architecture and engineering occupations	15.39	26.8	15.39	26.8	—	—
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	25.10	10.9	25.13	12.2	24.58	35.5
Level 4	14.51	9.7	—	—	—	—
Level 5	16.41	6.1	16.41	6.1	—	—
Level 9	35.75	9.8	35.95	10.2	—	—
Registered nurses	29.39	2.9	29.45	3.1	—	—
Level 9	29.89	4.9	—	—	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	14.09	12.8	—	—	—	—
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians	14.21	12.3	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	16.95	3.5	—	—	—	—
Healthcare support occupations	6.71	7.4	7.50	13.5	5.85	3.4
Level 2	6.72	3.5	7.22	8.9	6.01	.2
Level 3	6.41	4.0	—	—	—	—
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	6.41	1.4	6.68	3.4	6.09	.4
Level 2	6.44	.4	—	—	6.01	.2
Home health aides	6.20	2.3	—	—	6.04	.0
Level 2	6.14	1.5	—	—	6.01	.2
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	7.36	2.1	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	7.24	18.8	—	—	—	—
Food preparation and serving related occupations	6.24	6.7	6.28	6.1	6.07	8.2
Level 1	5.59	6.3	5.43	8.7	5.74	6.2
Food preparation workers	6.38	5.7	—	—	—	—
Food service, tipped	3.14	6.8	3.01	7.5	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	2.78	16.0	2.83	15.2	—	—
Fast food and counter workers	6.15	1.8	—	—	—	—
Level 1	6.08	4.2	—	—	—	—
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	6.17	1.7	—	—	—	—
Level 1	6.13	4.5	—	—	—	—
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	7.72	9.1	7.80	11.2	7.46	7.4
Level 1	6.50	8.2	—	—	7.34	8.0
Level 2	7.07	10.0	7.07	10.0	—	—
Building cleaning workers	7.49	5.6	7.51	7.2	7.46	7.4
Level 1	6.84	7.8	—	—	7.34	8.0
Level 2	7.07	10.0	7.07	10.0	—	—
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	7.81	6.5	7.93	7.9	7.48	10.5
Level 1	6.97	9.6	—	—	—	—
Personal care and service occupations	6.44	5.6	8.93	5.9	5.94	1.7
Level 1	5.95	2.6	—	—	5.95	2.6
Level 2	5.98	.3	—	—	—	—
Personal and home care aides	5.93	1.8	—	—	5.93	1.8
Level 1	5.95	2.7	—	—	5.95	2.7
Sales and related occupations	10.14	8.4	11.04	8.7	7.38	.3
Level 1	8.13	13.3	9.20	21.0	7.67	6.9
Level 2	7.17	4.3	—	—	6.76	2.0
Level 3	7.67	11.1	7.85	12.6	6.67	1.4
Level 4	12.57	13.8	12.74	15.1	—	—
Level 5	12.55	6.5	12.55	6.5	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	11.51	14.4	11.51	14.4	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	12.34	21.3	12.34	21.3	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Private industry workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006 — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Retail sales workers	\$9.10	8.2	\$10.05	10.2	\$7.39	0.2
Level 1	8.13	13.3	9.20	21.0	7.67	6.9
Level 2	6.62	.0	—	—	6.59	.5
Level 3	7.64	11.4	7.82	12.9	6.64	1.3
Level 4	13.05	11.1	13.36	12.2	—	—
Cashiers, all workers	7.61	9.0	8.13	16.3	7.21	4.6
Level 1	8.16	13.4	—	—	7.66	6.8
Cashiers	7.61	9.0	8.13	16.3	7.21	4.6
Level 1	8.16	13.4	—	—	7.66	6.8
Retail salespersons	10.37	27.6	11.09	26.9	7.80	14.1
Level 3	7.03	9.0	7.02	9.2	—	—
Level 4	13.96	14.4	14.44	15.9	—	—
Office and administrative support occupations	9.89	5.5	10.07	5.5	6.80	4.0
Level 1	7.53	12.2	—	—	—	—
Level 2	7.81	4.8	8.00	2.8	—	—
Level 3	8.83	2.8	8.89	3.1	—	—
Level 4	12.16	6.6	12.16	6.6	—	—
Level 5	13.07	13.2	13.07	13.2	—	—
Financial clerks	8.91	7.0	8.95	7.5	—	—
Level 3	8.44	8.2	8.48	8.7	—	—
Customer service representatives	8.71	4.0	—	—	—	—
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	11.56	11.9	11.56	11.9	—	—
Stock clerks and order fillers	8.07	22.5	8.47	21.7	—	—
Secretaries and administrative assistants	11.10	14.0	11.36	13.8	—	—
Level 3	8.62	4.2	8.80	3.8	—	—
Medical secretaries	8.90	2.7	9.08	1.9	—	—
Level 3	8.44	6.2	—	—	—	—
Office clerks, general	9.12	12.1	9.12	12.1	—	—
Construction and extraction occupations	9.80	4.8	9.82	4.8	—	—
Level 2	8.17	11.3	8.17	11.3	—	—
Helpers, construction trades	8.69	8.1	8.69	8.1	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	12.95	14.5	12.95	14.5	—	—
Level 5	14.63	11.9	14.63	11.9	—	—
Production occupations	10.35	5.3	10.51	5.6	—	—
Level 1	6.41	1.5	6.55	2.2	—	—
Level 2	8.18	6.5	8.18	6.9	—	—
Level 3	9.45	3.5	9.45	3.5	—	—
Level 4	11.71	16.9	11.71	16.9	—	—
Level 5	14.68	9.6	14.68	9.6	—	—
Level 6	15.28	2.0	15.28	2.0	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	16.70	9.9	16.70	9.9	—	—
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers	13.27	9.2	13.27	9.2	—	—
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	13.27	9.2	13.27	9.2	—	—
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	11.30	14.2	11.30	14.2	—	—
Miscellaneous production workers	8.63	13.2	8.89	15.1	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Private industry workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006 — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Miscellaneous production workers—Continued						
Level 1	\$6.40	2.1	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving occupations	11.26	17.1	\$11.71	17.4	\$6.13	6.3
Level 1	5.98	6.6	5.85	8.0	6.39	6.3
Level 2	7.52	5.5	7.75	5.7	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor operators	7.86	6.6	7.86	6.6	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand	6.46	4.5	6.50	5.6	6.30	5.8
Level 1	5.84	7.3	5.62	8.3	6.39	6.3
Level 2	7.17	2.1	—	—	—	—
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	6.58	4.0	6.67	6.0	6.37	6.2
Level 1	6.03	9.5	—	—	6.48	6.8
Level 2	7.03	3.4	—	—	—	—
Packers and packagers, hand	6.26	12.3	—	—	—	—

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

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

⁵ 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 earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All workers	\$18.56	3.5	\$18.70	3.4	\$10.00	4.8
Management occupations	29.65	8.2	29.65	8.2	-	-
Business and financial operations occupations	17.53	6.5	17.53	6.5	-	-
Community and social services occupations	17.22	9.3	17.22	9.3	-	-
Education, training, and library occupations	25.40	2.7	25.86	2.7	-	-
Level 7	30.26	1.5	30.26	1.5	-	-
Level 8	25.02	12.1	25.02	12.1	-	-
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	30.33	.8	30.37	.9	-	-
Level 7	30.44	1.4	30.44	1.4	-	-
Level 8	29.17	5.6	29.17	5.6	-	-
Elementary and middle school teachers	29.93	.9	29.93	.9	-	-
Level 8	27.11	1.6	27.11	1.6	-	-
Elementary school teachers, except special education	29.82	.3	29.82	.3	-	-
Secondary school teachers	31.08	2.5	31.08	2.5	-	-
Level 8	31.57	4.0	31.57	4.0	-	-
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	30.96	2.4	30.96	2.4	-	-
Teacher assistants	10.50	2.9	10.50	2.9	-	-
Protective service occupations	15.10	5.8	15.12	5.7	-	-
Police officers	19.51	8.7	19.51	8.7	-	-
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	19.51	8.7	19.51	8.7	-	-
Food preparation and serving related occupations	9.81	2.8	9.81	2.8	-	-
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	9.09	1.1	9.09	1.1	-	-
Level 1	8.69	4.7	8.70	4.7	-	-
Level 3	9.56	2.3	9.56	2.3	-	-
Building cleaning workers	9.21	1.6	9.21	1.6	-	-
Level 1	8.86	6.6	-	-	-	-
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	9.21	1.6	9.21	1.6	-	-
Level 1	8.86	6.6	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. **State and local government workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006** — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Office and administrative support occupations	\$11.37	5.1	\$11.46	4.9	—	—
Level 3	10.04	4.8	10.04	4.8	—	—
Level 4	11.35	4.0	11.35	4.0	—	—
Secretaries and administrative assistants	11.53	4.3	11.53	4.3	—	—
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	11.43	4.6	11.43	4.6	—	—
Office clerks, general	9.73	7.9	9.98	6.3	—	—
Construction and extraction occupations	11.96	8.7	11.96	8.7	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	16.46	6.7	16.46	6.7	—	—
Production occupations	14.88	20.7	14.88	20.7	—	—
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	10.61	5.4	10.61	5.4	—	—
Transportation and material moving occupations	10.56	2.0	10.49	1.8	—	—

¹ 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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occupation's rank within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See appendix A for more information.

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⁵ 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 levels¹ for civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings² for full-time and part-time workers³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All workers	\$12.31	4.7	\$13.39	5.5	\$6.62	2.0
Management occupations	27.90	9.0	27.90	9.0	—	—
Group III	31.87	8.8	—	—	—	—
Business and financial operations occupations	20.87	13.2	20.87	13.2	—	—
Group II	16.28	9.0	—	—	—	—
Architecture and engineering occupations	15.11	25.0	15.11	25.0	—	—
Community and social services occupations	16.50	9.3	16.50	9.3	—	—
Group II	14.94	3.7	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous community and social service specialists	13.80	5.7	13.80	5.7	—	—
Group II	14.37	8.2	—	—	—	—
Social and human service assistants	13.40	5.7	13.40	5.7	—	—
Education, training, and library occupations	24.43	2.9	24.93	2.9	—	—
Group I	9.99	3.9	—	—	—	—
Group II	28.02	2.0	—	—	—	—
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	29.36	.9	29.40	1.1	—	—
Group II	29.32	1.0	—	—	—	—
Elementary and middle school teachers	29.93	.9	29.93	.9	—	—
Group II	29.92	.9	—	—	—	—
Elementary school teachers, except special education	29.82	.3	29.82	.3	—	—
Group II	29.80	.3	29.80	.3	—	—
Secondary school teachers	31.03	2.5	31.03	2.5	—	—
Group II	31.01	2.6	—	—	—	—
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	30.91	2.4	30.91	2.4	—	—
Group II	30.89	2.5	30.89	2.5	—	—
Teacher assistants	9.99	3.9	10.10	3.9	—	—
Group I	9.99	3.9	10.10	3.9	—	—
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	25.16	10.2	25.19	11.3	24.58	35.5
Group I	13.89	4.4	—	—	—	—
Group II	17.78	16.8	—	—	—	—
Group III	33.83	7.9	—	—	—	—
Registered nurses	29.48	3.0	29.53	3.1	—	—
Group III	29.80	4.4	29.88	4.4	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	14.09	12.8	—	—	—	—
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians	14.21	12.3	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	16.77	3.1	16.74	3.2	—	—
Healthcare support occupations	6.95	6.9	7.81	11.7	5.85	3.4
Group I	6.95	6.9	—	—	—	—
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	6.73	2.8	7.18	6.5	6.09	.4
Group I	6.73	2.8	—	—	—	—
Home health aides	6.20	2.3	—	—	6.04	.0
Group I	6.20	2.3	—	—	6.04	.0
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	8.21	5.3	8.33	5.0	—	—
Group I	8.21	5.3	8.33	5.0	—	—
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	7.24	18.8	—	—	—	—
Group I	7.24	18.8	—	—	—	—
Protective service occupations	10.38	9.4	10.90	5.4	—	—
Group II	15.62	8.1	—	—	—	—
Police officers	19.51	8.7	19.51	8.7	—	—
Group II	20.08	10.1	—	—	—	—
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	19.51	8.7	19.51	8.7	—	—
Group II	20.08	10.1	20.08	10.1	—	—
Food preparation and serving related occupations	6.67	3.7	6.81	4.6	6.07	8.2
Group I	6.50	3.3	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. **Combined work levels¹ for civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings² for full-time and part-time workers³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006** — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Cooks	\$7.86	2.3	\$7.87	2.4	—	—
Group I	7.86	2.3	—	—	—	—
Food preparation workers	6.79	.4	—	—	—	—
Group I	6.79	.4	—	—	—	—
Food service, tipped	3.67	7.5	3.63	7.2	—	—
Group I	3.67	7.5	—	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	2.78	16.0	2.83	15.2	—	—
Group I	2.78	16.0	2.83	15.2	—	—
Fast food and counter workers	6.32	3.8	—	—	—	—
Group I	6.32	3.8	—	—	—	—
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	6.35	4.1	—	—	—	—
Group I	6.35	4.1	—	—	—	—
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	8.43	4.8	8.55	5.1	\$7.47	7.4
Group I	8.24	4.6	—	—	—	—
Building cleaning workers	8.41	4.0	8.56	4.1	7.47	7.4
Group I	8.41	4.2	—	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	8.66	3.4	8.81	3.1	7.49	10.3
Group I	8.68	3.6	8.84	3.4	7.49	10.3
Grounds maintenance workers	7.24	10.1	7.24	10.1	—	—
Group I	7.24	10.1	—	—	—	—
Personal care and service occupations	6.52	5.4	8.89	4.9	5.94	1.7
Group I	6.24	3.2	—	—	—	—
Personal and home care aides	5.93	1.8	—	—	5.93	1.8
Group I	5.93	1.8	—	—	5.93	1.8
Sales and related occupations	10.14	8.4	11.04	8.7	7.38	.3
Group I	9.38	7.4	—	—	—	—
Group II	12.91	6.9	—	—	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	11.51	14.4	11.51	14.4	—	—
Group II	12.50	12.5	—	—	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	12.34	21.3	12.34	21.3	—	—
Group II	15.27	3.4	15.27	3.4	—	—
Retail sales workers	9.10	8.2	10.05	10.2	7.39	.2
Group I	9.25	8.0	—	—	—	—
Cashiers, all workers	7.61	9.0	8.13	16.3	7.21	4.6
Group I	7.54	11.3	—	—	—	—
Cashiers	7.61	9.0	8.13	16.3	7.21	4.6
Group I	7.54	11.3	7.91	18.8	7.25	6.4
Retail salespersons	10.37	27.6	11.09	26.9	7.80	14.1
Group I	10.86	28.7	11.51	28.0	8.05	16.9
Office and administrative support occupations	10.16	4.3	10.33	4.3	6.82	3.7
Group I	9.51	3.1	—	—	—	—
Group II	13.72	9.5	—	—	—	—
Financial clerks	9.59	8.4	9.64	8.7	—	—
Group I	9.72	9.3	—	—	—	—
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	11.41	7.1	—	—	—	—
Group I	11.41	7.1	—	—	—	—
Customer service representatives	8.71	4.0	—	—	—	—
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	11.56	11.9	11.56	11.9	—	—
Stock clerks and order fillers	8.07	22.5	8.47	21.7	—	—
Group I	8.15	22.7	8.47	21.7	—	—
Secretaries and administrative assistants	11.21	10.2	11.40	10.0	—	—
Group I	9.75	2.9	—	—	—	—
Medical secretaries	8.90	2.7	9.08	1.9	—	—
Group I	8.90	2.7	9.08	1.9	—	—
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	11.09	4.6	11.09	4.6	—	—
Group I	11.09	4.6	11.09	4.6	—	—
Office clerks, general	9.35	8.2	9.43	8.3	—	—
Group I	9.15	9.1	9.23	9.2	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Combined work levels¹ for civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings² for full-time and part-time workers³, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006 — Continued

Occupation ⁴ and level	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Construction and extraction occupations	\$9.98	3.9	\$10.00	3.9	—	—
Group I	8.49	7.1	—	—	—	—
Group II	15.29	5.5	—	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades	8.69	8.1	8.69	8.1	—	—
Group I	8.69	8.1	—	—	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	13.58	11.8	13.58	11.8	—	—
Group I	9.23	8.4	—	—	—	—
Group II	16.62	9.3	—	—	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers	17.80	8.1	17.80	8.1	—	—
Production occupations	10.53	5.3	10.70	5.6	—	—
Group I	8.40	5.9	—	—	—	—
Group II	15.02	6.0	—	—	—	—
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	17.54	8.3	17.54	8.3	—	—
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers	13.27	9.2	13.27	9.2	—	—
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	13.27	9.2	13.27	9.2	—	—
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	10.61	5.4	10.61	5.4	—	—
Group I	9.90	5.0	9.90	5.0	—	—
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	11.30	14.2	11.30	14.2	—	—
Miscellaneous production workers	8.63	13.2	8.89	15.1	—	—
Group I	7.58	10.4	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving occupations	11.21	16.0	11.62	16.4	\$6.51	4.1
Group I	9.05	12.8	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor operators	7.86	6.6	7.86	6.6	—	—
Group I	7.86	6.6	7.86	6.6	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand	6.47	4.4	6.51	5.6	6.30	5.8
Group I	6.47	4.4	—	—	—	—
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	6.59	4.0	6.68	6.1	6.37	6.2
Group I	6.59	4.0	6.68	6.1	6.37	6.2
Packers and packagers, hand	6.26	12.3	—	—	—	—
Group I	6.26	12.3	—	—	—	—

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

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

⁵ 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 percentiles¹, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ²	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$5.75	\$6.50	\$9.03	\$14.18	\$24.81
Management occupations	15.13	16.46	25.96	36.05	40.34
Business and financial operations occupations	14.83	17.55	19.02	30.68	30.68
Architecture and engineering occupations	8.00	8.00	9.99	23.68	30.45
Community and social services occupations	10.26	11.66	15.85	17.91	27.38
Miscellaneous community and social service specialists	8.76	10.71	14.21	16.47	18.08
Social and human service assistants	8.76	10.26	14.08	16.26	17.51
Education, training, and library occupations	9.30	12.40	26.03	32.57	35.87
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	23.53	25.40	29.46	33.72	37.15
Elementary and middle school teachers	24.81	25.95	30.92	32.57	35.11
Elementary school teachers, except special education	24.81	25.73	30.43	32.57	35.30
Secondary school teachers	23.53	26.03	30.43	35.21	38.87
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	23.53	25.95	30.18	34.95	38.92
Teacher assistants	6.69	8.86	9.79	11.68	12.12
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	9.35	13.50	17.56	28.54	36.80
Registered nurses	24.01	27.84	29.87	31.77	33.65
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	9.00	11.42	11.47	19.00	22.11
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians	11.00	11.00	13.50	13.50	19.70
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	15.00	15.84	16.00	17.56	18.75
Healthcare support occupations	5.15	6.00	6.35	7.50	9.50
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	5.65	6.00	6.35	7.35	8.53
Home health aides	5.50	6.00	6.20	6.35	7.35
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	6.50	7.17	7.77	9.12	10.28
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	5.15	5.15	6.19	8.50	12.50
Protective service occupations	5.25	5.25	10.13	14.09	20.32
Police officers	14.13	14.21	16.44	25.84	25.84
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	14.13	14.21	16.44	25.84	25.84
Food preparation and serving related occupations	5.15	5.85	6.00	8.00	8.87
Cooks	7.25	7.25	8.00	8.30	8.73
Food preparation workers	5.15	5.50	5.90	8.40	10.22
Food service, tipped	2.15	2.15	3.25	5.15	6.25
Waiters and waitresses	2.15	2.15	2.16	3.25	4.25
Fast food and counter workers	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.50	7.25
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.50	7.25
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	5.81	6.78	8.40	9.78	10.44
Building cleaning workers	5.84	7.00	8.60	9.84	10.44
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	5.84	7.22	8.88	9.92	10.44
Grounds maintenance workers	5.50	5.50	8.00	8.40	8.40
Personal care and service occupations	5.15	5.77	6.05	6.85	8.05
Personal and home care aides	5.15	5.15	6.05	6.05	6.85
Sales and related occupations	5.90	7.10	8.80	11.54	14.53
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	7.83	10.11	10.11	13.80	15.20
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	7.83	8.45	13.26	14.70	18.63
Retail sales workers	5.65	6.25	7.53	9.60	11.93
Cashiers, all workers	5.55	6.20	7.20	8.36	10.90
Cashiers	5.55	6.20	7.20	8.36	10.90
Retail salespersons	5.75	6.90	7.81	10.68	15.70

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. **Civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles¹, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006** — Continued

Occupation ²	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Office and administrative support occupations	\$6.50	\$7.87	\$9.60	\$11.78	\$14.17
Financial clerks	6.50	7.06	9.50	11.74	12.52
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	9.50	10.21	11.46	12.40	13.95
Customer service representatives	7.14	7.50	8.53	9.21	10.40
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	7.50	9.89	12.24	14.12	14.12
Stock clerks and order fillers	5.50	5.75	6.50	8.30	11.04
Secretaries and administrative assistants	7.50	8.50	10.35	13.75	16.39
Medical secretaries	7.25	7.50	8.50	9.72	10.80
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	9.13	9.96	10.67	12.47	13.84
Office clerks, general	6.50	7.50	9.35	11.39	11.86
Construction and extraction occupations	6.50	7.50	8.75	11.75	15.00
Helpers, construction trades	6.25	7.75	8.00	10.00	11.75
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	7.75	8.62	12.57	16.00	22.80
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers	13.86	13.86	14.92	22.71	24.33
Production occupations	6.39	6.70	9.75	12.87	17.00
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	10.50	13.52	18.89	19.47	24.04
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers	9.50	11.31	11.74	17.00	18.00
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	9.50	11.31	11.74	17.00	18.00
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	8.05	9.28	10.75	12.00	12.28
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	6.00	7.65	8.87	16.96	20.16
Miscellaneous production workers	5.51	6.39	7.69	10.25	12.17
Transportation and material moving occupations	5.40	6.90	8.75	15.00	21.88
Industrial truck and tractor operators	6.48	7.00	8.50	8.75	8.75
Laborers and material movers, hand	5.15	5.30	6.00	7.19	8.44
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	5.15	5.26	6.45	7.22	8.44
Packers and packagers, hand	5.15	5.40	5.40	6.50	7.70

¹ 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.

² 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 percentiles¹, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ²	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$5.50	\$6.05	\$8.00	\$11.79	\$17.12
Management occupations	15.13	15.60	21.49	35.00	41.30
Business and financial operations occupations	17.32	19.02	30.68	30.68	30.68
Architecture and engineering occupations	8.00	8.00	11.00	23.68	30.45
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	9.35	13.17	17.12	27.84	45.00
Registered nurses	24.70	27.84	29.61	31.77	31.77
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	9.00	11.42	11.47	19.00	22.11
Health diagnosing and treating practitioner support technicians	11.00	11.00	13.50	13.50	19.70
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	15.00	16.00	16.75	18.00	18.75
Healthcare support occupations	5.15	5.85	6.19	7.17	8.50
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	5.65	6.00	6.35	6.50	7.49
Home health aides	5.50	6.00	6.20	6.35	7.35
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	6.44	6.50	7.33	7.96	8.53
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	5.15	5.15	6.19	8.50	12.50
Food preparation and serving related occupations	5.15	5.75	6.00	7.00	8.00
Food preparation workers	5.15	5.50	5.83	7.25	8.40
Food service, tipped	2.15	2.15	2.38	4.25	5.15
Waiters and waitresses	2.15	2.15	2.16	3.25	4.25
Fast food and counter workers	5.50	5.90	6.00	6.50	6.55
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.55
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	5.50	5.84	6.85	9.15	10.46
Building cleaning workers	5.78	5.84	7.00	8.92	10.31
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	5.78	5.84	7.21	9.79	10.40
Personal care and service occupations	5.15	5.65	6.05	6.50	7.25
Personal and home care aides	5.15	5.15	6.05	6.05	6.85
Sales and related occupations	5.90	7.10	8.80	11.54	14.53
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	7.83	10.11	10.11	13.80	15.20
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	7.83	8.45	13.26	14.70	18.63
Retail sales workers	5.65	6.25	7.53	9.60	11.93
Cashiers, all workers	5.55	6.20	7.20	8.36	10.90
Cashiers	5.55	6.20	7.20	8.36	10.90
Retail salespersons	5.75	6.90	7.81	10.68	15.70
Office and administrative support occupations	6.50	7.50	9.21	11.39	14.12
Financial clerks	6.50	6.92	8.75	10.21	11.96
Customer service representatives	7.14	7.50	8.53	9.21	10.40
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	7.50	9.89	12.24	14.12	14.12
Stock clerks and order fillers	5.50	5.75	6.50	8.30	11.04
Secretaries and administrative assistants	7.25	8.47	9.98	14.21	16.39
Medical secretaries	7.25	7.50	8.50	9.72	10.80
Office clerks, general	6.40	7.42	8.46	11.39	11.39
Construction and extraction occupations	6.25	7.25	8.50	11.55	14.50
Helpers, construction trades	6.25	7.75	8.00	10.00	11.75
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	7.75	8.01	11.00	15.00	23.38
Production occupations	6.39	6.60	9.70	12.86	16.63
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	10.50	13.52	18.46	19.00	21.11
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers	9.50	11.31	11.74	17.00	18.00
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	9.50	11.31	11.74	17.00	18.00
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	6.00	7.65	8.87	16.96	20.16
Miscellaneous production workers	5.51	6.39	7.69	10.25	12.17

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 7. Private industry workers: Hourly wage percentiles¹, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006 — Continued

Occupation ²	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Transportation and material moving occupations	\$5.40	\$6.50	\$8.50	\$15.00	\$21.88
Industrial truck and tractor operators	6.48	7.00	8.50	8.75	8.75
Laborers and material movers, hand	5.15	5.30	6.00	7.19	8.44
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	5.15	5.26	6.45	7.22	8.44
Packers and packagers, hand	5.15	5.40	5.40	6.50	7.70

¹ 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.

² 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 percentiles¹, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ²	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$8.85	\$10.06	\$14.28	\$26.38	\$34.14
Management occupations	15.07	19.28	33.30	37.48	39.44
Business and financial operations occupations	14.34	15.53	18.16	20.84	20.84
Community and social services occupations	10.26	12.70	15.99	18.35	28.82
Education, training, and library occupations	10.06	19.23	26.86	32.63	36.02
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	24.00	25.72	30.12	33.85	37.28
Elementary and middle school teachers	24.81	25.95	30.92	32.57	35.11
Elementary school teachers, except special education	24.81	25.73	30.43	32.57	35.30
Secondary school teachers	23.53	26.03	30.61	35.28	38.89
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	23.53	26.03	30.39	35.01	38.93
Teacher assistants	8.86	9.26	10.06	11.71	12.62
Protective service occupations	10.13	10.97	14.09	16.44	25.84
Police officers	14.13	14.21	16.44	25.84	25.84
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	14.13	14.21	16.44	25.84	25.84
Food preparation and serving related occupations	8.24	8.87	9.50	10.22	12.63
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	7.55	8.30	9.00	9.86	10.44
Building cleaning workers	7.38	8.51	9.64	9.92	10.44
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	7.38	8.51	9.64	9.92	10.44
Office and administrative support occupations	8.36	9.52	10.88	12.47	14.55
Secretaries and administrative assistants	9.52	9.96	11.44	12.52	14.43
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	9.52	9.96	11.06	12.47	14.07
Office clerks, general	7.73	8.28	9.58	10.83	12.21
Construction and extraction occupations	9.31	10.08	10.08	15.58	15.58
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	8.64	14.49	16.86	17.87	22.71
Production occupations	8.63	9.90	12.00	18.89	31.31
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	8.05	9.28	10.75	12.00	12.28
Transportation and material moving occupations	8.65	9.26	9.80	11.95	13.51

¹ 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.

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 9. Full-time¹ civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles², Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ³	Full-time workers				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$6.00	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$15.07	\$26.38
Management occupations	15.13	16.46	25.96	36.05	40.34
Business and financial operations occupations	14.83	17.55	19.02	30.68	30.68
Architecture and engineering occupations	8.00	8.00	9.99	23.68	30.45
Community and social services occupations	10.26	11.66	15.85	17.99	27.38
Miscellaneous community and social service specialists	8.76	10.71	14.21	16.47	18.08
Social and human service assistants	8.76	10.26	14.08	16.26	17.51
Education, training, and library occupations	9.32	17.80	26.51	32.57	35.99
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	23.53	25.40	29.50	33.72	37.17
Elementary and middle school teachers	24.81	25.95	30.92	32.57	35.11
Elementary school teachers, except special education	24.81	25.73	30.43	32.57	35.30
Secondary school teachers	23.53	26.03	30.43	35.21	38.87
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	23.53	25.95	30.18	34.95	38.92
Teacher assistants	7.70	9.11	9.89	11.71	12.30
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	9.35	13.50	17.50	28.35	34.14
Registered nurses	24.09	27.84	29.87	31.77	33.67
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	15.00	15.84	16.00	17.50	18.75
Healthcare support occupations	6.00	6.35	7.35	8.53	11.87
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	6.00	6.35	6.44	7.73	9.24
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	6.50	7.32	7.81	9.24	10.51
Protective service occupations	5.25	5.25	10.13	14.13	20.68
Police officers	14.13	14.21	16.44	25.84	25.84
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	14.13	14.21	16.44	25.84	25.84
Food preparation and serving related occupations	5.15	6.00	6.00	8.00	9.22
Cooks	7.25	7.25	8.00	8.30	8.73
Food service, tipped	2.15	2.15	3.25	4.38	6.59
Waiters and waitresses	2.15	2.15	2.16	3.25	4.25
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	5.84	7.00	8.53	9.82	10.44
Building cleaning workers	5.84	7.06	8.84	9.84	10.44
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	5.84	7.55	9.18	9.92	10.44
Grounds maintenance workers	5.50	5.50	8.00	8.40	8.40
Personal care and service occupations	5.35	6.25	8.05	11.00	14.77
Sales and related occupations	6.25	7.65	10.11	13.01	14.97
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	7.83	10.11	10.11	13.80	15.20
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	7.83	8.45	13.26	14.70	18.63
Retail sales workers	5.75	6.75	7.81	10.94	14.97
Cashiers, all workers	6.25	6.25	7.65	9.45	11.53
Cashiers	6.25	6.25	7.65	9.45	11.53
Retail salespersons	5.75	7.30	8.25	10.94	20.40
Office and administrative support occupations	6.81	8.28	9.77	11.93	14.21
Financial clerks	6.50	7.27	9.50	11.90	12.52
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	7.50	9.89	12.24	14.12	14.12
Stock clerks and order fillers	5.50	6.00	6.50	9.35	11.04
Secretaries and administrative assistants	7.63	8.79	10.57	13.75	16.39
Medical secretaries	7.00	8.25	8.50	10.00	10.85
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	9.13	9.96	10.67	12.47	13.84
Office clerks, general	6.40	7.50	9.56	11.39	11.90

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 9. Full-time¹ civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles², Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006 — Continued

Occupation ³	Full-time workers				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Construction and extraction occupations	\$6.25	\$7.50	\$8.75	\$11.75	\$15.00
Helpers, construction trades	6.25	7.75	8.00	10.00	11.75
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	7.75	8.62	12.57	16.00	22.80
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers	13.86	13.86	14.92	22.71	24.33
Production occupations	6.39	6.81	10.00	12.91	17.00
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	10.50	13.52	18.89	19.47	24.04
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers	9.50	11.31	11.74	17.00	18.00
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	9.50	11.31	11.74	17.00	18.00
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	8.05	9.28	10.75	12.00	12.28
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	6.00	7.65	8.87	16.96	20.16
Miscellaneous production workers	6.39	6.39	8.50	10.25	12.73
Transportation and material moving occupations	5.40	7.00	8.75	15.00	21.88
Industrial truck and tractor operators	6.48	7.00	8.50	8.75	8.75
Laborers and material movers, hand	5.15	5.15	5.90	7.22	8.44
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	5.15	5.15	6.45	8.00	8.44

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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-time¹ civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles², Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006**

Occupation ³	Part-time workers				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$5.15	\$5.50	\$6.05	\$6.85	\$8.24
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	9.00	11.88	19.00	45.00	45.00
Healthcare support occupations	5.15	5.15	6.00	6.19	6.50
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	5.50	5.85	6.00	6.30	6.50
Home health aides	5.50	5.75	6.00	6.25	6.50
Food preparation and serving related occupations	5.15	5.49	5.65	6.50	8.40
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	5.30	6.50	7.40	8.00	10.31
Building cleaning workers	5.30	6.50	7.40	8.00	10.31
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	5.30	5.81	7.00	10.31	10.31
Personal care and service occupations	5.15	5.30	6.05	6.05	6.85
Personal and home care aides	5.15	5.15	6.05	6.05	6.85
Sales and related occupations	5.60	6.00	7.00	8.30	9.57
Retail sales workers	5.60	6.00	7.00	8.30	10.00
Cashiers, all workers	5.50	5.80	7.00	8.25	9.45
Cashiers	5.50	5.80	7.00	8.25	9.45
Retail salespersons	5.85	6.25	7.00	9.25	10.98
Office and administrative support occupations	6.00	6.15	6.98	7.50	8.24
Transportation and material moving occupations	5.37	5.40	6.00	7.00	7.80
Laborers and material movers, hand	5.37	5.60	6.00	7.00	7.30
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	5.48	5.60	6.20	7.00	7.30

¹ 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.

² 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 more 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.

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 11. Full-time¹ civilian workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$13.39	\$10.00	\$529	\$398	39.5	\$26,202	\$20,384	1,957
Management occupations	27.90	25.96	1,195	1,188	42.8	58,113	54,001	2,083
Business and financial operations occupations	20.87	19.02	835	761	40.0	43,410	39,562	2,080
Architecture and engineering occupations	15.11	9.99	605	400	40.0	31,434	20,779	2,080
Community and social services occupations	16.50	15.85	660	634	40.0	32,971	32,970	1,998
Miscellaneous community and social service specialists	13.80	14.21	552	568	40.0	28,648	29,548	2,075
Social and human service assistants	13.40	14.08	536	563	40.0	27,798	29,293	2,075
Education, training, and library occupations	24.93	26.51	954	1,021	38.3	36,561	39,243	1,467
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	29.40	29.50	1,115	1,123	37.9	42,183	42,243	1,435
Elementary and middle school teachers	29.93	30.92	1,129	1,140	37.7	42,280	42,639	1,412
Elementary school teachers, except special education	29.82	30.43	1,127	1,140	37.8	42,222	42,639	1,416
Secondary school teachers	31.03	30.43	1,179	1,154	38.0	44,657	43,300	1,439
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	30.91	30.18	1,173	1,148	38.0	44,341	42,990	1,434
Teacher assistants	10.10	9.89	391	373	38.7	14,789	13,990	1,464
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	25.19	17.50	1,004	700	39.8	51,436	36,557	2,042
Registered nurses	29.53	29.87	1,176	1,195	39.8	57,820	57,897	1,958
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	16.74	16.00	662	640	39.6	34,450	33,280	2,059
Healthcare support occupations	7.81	7.35	270	240	34.5	14,018	12,480	1,795
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	7.18	6.44	233	220	32.5	12,134	11,440	1,689
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	8.33	7.81	333	312	40.0	17,325	16,245	2,080
Protective service occupations	10.90	10.13	457	408	42.0	23,779	21,191	2,182
Police officers	19.51	16.44	792	657	40.6	41,164	34,187	2,110
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	19.51	16.44	792	657	40.6	41,164	34,187	2,110
Food preparation and serving related occupations	6.81	6.00	261	240	38.4	12,959	12,480	1,904
Cooks	7.87	8.00	307	319	39.0	15,411	16,401	1,959
Food service, tipped	3.63	3.25	119	81	32.6	5,835	4,214	1,606
Waiters and waitresses	2.83	2.16	89	73	31.3	4,604	3,801	1,628
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	8.55	8.53	333	336	39.0	17,186	17,468	2,010
Building cleaning workers	8.56	8.84	331	344	38.7	17,040	17,820	1,990
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	8.81	9.18	349	355	39.6	17,958	18,387	2,038
Grounds maintenance workers	7.24	8.00	290	320	40.0	15,058	16,640	2,080
Personal care and service occupations	8.89	8.05	356	322	40.0	18,490	16,736	2,080
Sales and related occupations	11.04	10.11	438	384	39.7	22,785	19,968	2,063

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 11. Full-time¹ civilian workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006 — Continued

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	\$11.51	\$10.11	\$477	\$455	41.5	\$24,825	\$23,660	2,157
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	12.34	13.26	493	500	39.9	25,622	26,000	2,077
Retail sales workers	10.05	7.81	390	304	38.8	20,295	15,808	2,020
Cashiers, all workers	8.13	7.65	322	296	39.6	16,747	15,392	2,060
Cashiers	8.13	7.65	322	296	39.6	16,747	15,392	2,060
Retail salespersons	11.09	8.25	425	308	38.3	22,113	16,016	1,993
Office and administrative support occupations	10.33	9.77	410	391	39.7	20,911	19,781	2,024
Financial clerks	9.64	9.50	385	380	40.0	19,419	19,760	2,015
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	11.56	12.24	463	490	40.0	24,053	25,459	2,080
Stock clerks and order fillers	8.47	6.50	339	260	40.0	17,608	13,520	2,080
Secretaries and administrative assistants	11.40	10.57	446	423	39.1	22,467	20,862	1,970
Medical secretaries	9.08	8.50	363	340	40.0	18,879	17,680	2,080
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	11.09	10.67	440	417	39.7	20,718	20,138	1,868
Office clerks, general	9.43	9.56	376	382	39.9	19,566	19,874	2,075
Construction and extraction occupations	10.00	8.75	400	350	40.0	20,794	18,200	2,080
Helpers, construction trades	8.69	8.00	347	320	40.0	18,065	16,640	2,080
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	13.58	12.57	558	480	41.1	28,993	24,960	2,135
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers	17.80	14.92	778	686	43.7	40,461	35,670	2,273
Production occupations	10.70	10.00	429	400	40.1	22,322	20,800	2,087
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	17.54	18.89	737	760	42.0	38,328	39,520	2,185
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers	13.27	11.74	531	470	40.0	27,610	24,419	2,080
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	13.27	11.74	531	470	40.0	27,610	24,419	2,080
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	10.61	10.75	425	430	40.0	22,075	22,354	2,080
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	11.30	8.87	452	355	40.0	23,501	18,450	2,080
Miscellaneous production workers	8.89	8.50	355	340	39.9	18,445	17,680	2,076
Transportation and material moving occupations	11.62	8.75	467	350	40.1	23,890	17,555	2,055
Industrial truck and tractor operators ..	7.86	8.50	315	340	40.0	16,357	17,680	2,080
Laborers and material movers, hand ..	6.51	5.90	251	230	38.5	13,046	11,960	2,003
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	6.68	6.45	261	258	39.1	13,584	13,408	2,033

¹ 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.

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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 12. Full-time¹ private industry workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$11.57	\$8.79	\$457	\$344	39.5	\$23,704	\$17,826	2,049
Management occupations	26.53	21.49	1,202	1,032	45.3	62,512	53,639	2,356
Business and financial operations occupations	24.45	30.68	978	1,227	40.0	50,863	63,808	2,080
Architecture and engineering occupations	15.39	11.00	616	440	40.0	32,010	22,880	2,080
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	25.13	17.00	1,002	680	39.9	52,086	35,360	2,073
Registered nurses	29.45	29.64	1,172	1,185	39.8	60,931	61,630	2,069
Healthcare support occupations	7.50	6.48	253	240	33.8	13,169	12,480	1,756
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	6.68	6.35	209	184	31.2	10,860	9,555	1,625
Food preparation and serving related occupations	6.28	6.00	241	240	38.3	12,498	12,480	1,989
Food service, tipped	3.01	2.38	95	78	31.7	4,964	4,056	1,649
Waiters and waitresses	2.83	2.16	89	73	31.3	4,604	3,801	1,628
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	7.80	6.50	293	240	37.6	15,208	12,480	1,951
Building cleaning workers	7.51	6.75	275	258	36.7	14,274	12,896	1,902
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	7.93	7.25	308	296	38.9	15,974	15,371	2,013
Personal care and service occupations	8.93	8.00	357	320	40.0	18,565	16,640	2,080
Sales and related occupations	11.04	10.11	438	384	39.7	22,785	19,968	2,063
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	11.51	10.11	477	455	41.5	24,825	23,660	2,157
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	12.34	13.26	493	500	39.9	25,622	26,000	2,077
Retail sales workers	10.05	7.81	390	304	38.8	20,295	15,808	2,020
Cashiers, all workers	8.13	7.65	322	296	39.6	16,747	15,392	2,060
Cashiers	8.13	7.65	322	296	39.6	16,747	15,392	2,060
Retail salespersons	11.09	8.25	425	308	38.3	22,113	16,016	1,993
Office and administrative support occupations	10.07	9.50	399	373	39.6	20,709	19,427	2,056
Financial clerks	8.95	8.75	358	350	40.0	18,479	18,200	2,065
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	11.56	12.24	463	490	40.0	24,053	25,459	2,080
Stock clerks and order fillers	8.47	6.50	339	260	40.0	17,608	13,520	2,080
Secretaries and administrative assistants	11.36	10.33	441	423	38.8	22,917	21,986	2,017
Medical secretaries	9.08	8.50	363	340	40.0	18,879	17,680	2,080
Office clerks, general	9.12	8.46	364	338	39.9	18,908	17,588	2,072
Construction and extraction occupations	9.82	8.50	393	340	40.0	20,422	17,680	2,080
Helpers, construction trades	8.69	8.00	347	320	40.0	18,065	16,640	2,080
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	12.95	11.00	535	440	41.3	27,804	22,880	2,148
Production occupations	10.51	9.85	422	394	40.1	21,943	20,488	2,087
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	16.70	18.46	704	680	42.1	36,602	35,360	2,192

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 12. Full-time¹ private industry workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006 — Continued

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers	\$13.27	\$11.74	\$531	\$470	40.0	\$27,610	\$24,419	2,080
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	13.27	11.74	531	470	40.0	27,610	24,419	2,080
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	11.30	8.87	452	355	40.0	23,501	18,450	2,080
Miscellaneous production workers	8.89	8.50	355	340	39.9	18,445	17,680	2,076
Transportation and material moving occupations	11.71	8.75	470	340	40.2	24,452	17,680	2,088
Industrial truck and tractor operators ..	7.86	8.50	315	340	40.0	16,357	17,680	2,080
Laborers and material movers, hand ..	6.50	5.90	250	230	38.5	13,021	11,960	2,003
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	6.67	6.45	261	258	39.1	13,547	13,408	2,032

¹ 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.

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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Table 13. Full-time¹ State and local government workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$18.70	\$14.51	\$739	\$603	39.5	\$32,389	\$32,292	1,732
Management occupations	29.65	33.30	1,186	1,332	40.0	53,804	57,167	1,815
Business and financial operations occupations	17.53	18.16	701	726	40.0	36,470	37,777	2,080
Community and social services occupations	17.22	15.99	689	639	40.0	34,234	34,253	1,988
Education, training, and library occupations	25.86	27.04	987	1,041	38.2	37,663	39,931	1,456
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	30.37	30.12	1,150	1,140	37.8	43,276	42,639	1,425
Elementary and middle school teachers	29.93	30.92	1,129	1,140	37.7	42,280	42,639	1,412
Elementary school teachers, except special education	29.82	30.43	1,127	1,140	37.8	42,222	42,639	1,416
Secondary school teachers	31.08	30.61	1,182	1,159	38.0	44,738	43,360	1,440
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	30.96	30.39	1,176	1,152	38.0	44,421	43,290	1,435
Teacher assistants	10.50	10.06	405	386	38.6	15,165	14,453	1,444
Protective service occupations	15.12	14.09	665	621	44.0	34,577	32,289	2,288
Police officers	19.51	16.44	792	657	40.6	41,164	34,187	2,110
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	19.51	16.44	792	657	40.6	41,164	34,187	2,110
Food preparation and serving related occupations	9.81	9.50	381	359	38.8	14,989	14,050	1,528
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	9.09	9.00	364	360	40.0	18,677	18,468	2,055
Building cleaning workers	9.21	9.64	369	386	40.0	18,883	19,668	2,050
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	9.21	9.64	369	386	40.0	18,883	19,668	2,050
Office and administrative support occupations	11.46	10.92	458	437	40.0	21,722	20,811	1,895
Secretaries and administrative assistants	11.53	11.44	461	458	40.0	21,297	19,471	1,847
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	11.43	11.06	457	442	40.0	21,022	19,471	1,839
Office clerks, general	9.98	9.93	399	397	40.0	20,754	20,652	2,080
Construction and extraction occupations	11.96	10.08	478	403	40.0	24,873	20,956	2,080
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	16.46	16.86	658	674	40.0	34,230	35,069	2,080
Production occupations	14.88	12.00	595	480	40.0	30,945	24,960	2,080
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	10.61	10.75	425	430	40.0	22,075	22,354	2,080

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 13. Full-time¹ State and local government workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006 — Continued

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
Transportation and material moving occupations	\$10.49	\$9.80	\$419	\$392	40.0	\$17,934	\$15,523	1,710

¹ 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.

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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Table 14. **Size of establishment: Mean hourly earnings¹ of private industry establishments for major occupational groups, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006**

Occupational group ²	Total	1-99 workers	100-499 workers	500 workers or more
All workers	\$10.57	\$10.03	\$10.81	\$12.24
Management, professional, and related	23.00	18.47	38.20	21.72
Management, business, and financial	25.98	23.79	—	—
Professional and related	22.04	15.41	38.91	19.44
Service	6.48	6.48	6.40	6.57
Sales and office	10.00	10.44	9.29	8.98
Sales and related	10.14	10.63	9.30	—
Office and administrative support	9.89	10.29	9.27	8.98
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	11.13	11.11	10.94	—
Construction and extraction	9.80	6.95	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair	12.95	13.04	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving	10.90	11.28	9.43	13.72
Production	10.35	8.98	9.67	—
Transportation and material moving	11.26	12.30	9.24	—
	Relative error ³ (percent)			
All workers	5.6	8.5	6.0	8.1
Management, professional, and related	8.2	12.9	11.4	12.2
Management, business, and financial	13.1	15.7	—	—
Professional and related	8.7	13.2	11.7	5.6
Service	2.0	3.4	5.6	2.1
Sales and office	4.1	5.1	2.6	3.9
Sales and related	8.4	8.9	4.4	—
Office and administrative support	5.5	7.8	4.9	3.9
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	7.2	12.9	6.6	—
Construction and extraction	4.8	7.1	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair	14.5	16.0	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving	10.9	15.8	20.6	5.3
Production	5.3	10.9	5.5	—
Transportation and material moving	17.1	17.3	38.5	—

¹ 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.

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

³ 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-time¹ private industry workers, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$10.50	\$8.50	\$420	\$334	39.9	\$21,817	\$17,389	2,077
Management occupations	23.35	15.60	1,002	756	42.9	52,119	39,335	2,232
Business and financial operations occupations ...	24.45	30.68	978	1,227	40.0	50,863	63,808	2,080
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	15.38	11.00	615	440	40.0	31,992	22,880	2,080
Sales and related occupations	11.27	10.11	459	455	40.7	23,850	23,660	2,117
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	11.12	10.11	464	455	41.7	24,119	23,660	2,170
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	11.80	8.80	471	313	39.9	24,487	16,286	2,076
Retail sales workers	10.05	7.00	408	270	40.6	21,225	14,040	2,111
Retail salespersons	12.69	7.50	521	300	41.1	27,115	15,600	2,136
Office and administrative support occupations	10.54	10.00	416	400	39.4	21,618	20,800	2,050
Financial clerks	8.86	8.75	355	350	40.0	18,439	18,200	2,080
Office clerks, general	8.94	8.46	356	338	39.9	18,523	17,588	2,072
Construction and extraction occupations	6.92	7.00	277	280	40.0	14,398	14,560	2,080
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	13.04	11.00	540	440	41.4	28,067	22,880	2,153
Production occupations	8.98	7.65	359	306	40.0	18,678	15,912	2,080
Transportation and material moving occupations	12.56	12.00	503	480	40.1	26,159	24,960	2,083
Laborers and material movers, hand	6.72	6.30	269	252	40.0	13,967	13,104	2,080
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	6.74	6.00	270	240	40.0	14,020	12,480	2,080

¹ 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.

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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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-time¹ private industry workers, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupation ²	Hourly earnings ³		Weekly earnings ⁴			Annual earnings ⁵		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$13.46	\$9.70	\$521	\$374	38.7	\$26,910	\$19,240	2,000
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	30.01	19.70	1,194	788	39.8	62,103	40,976	2,070
Registered nurses	28.90	28.85	1,146	1,154	39.7	59,586	60,008	2,062
Food preparation and serving related occupations	6.55	5.89	208	170	31.8	10,753	8,840	1,641
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	8.82	8.18	319	299	36.2	16,528	15,522	1,875
Building cleaning workers	7.98	7.23	283	288	35.4	14,641	14,997	1,834
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	8.98	9.06	343	316	38.1	17,699	16,432	1,970
Sales and related occupations	10.47	10.03	390	363	37.3	20,295	18,886	1,937
Retail sales workers	10.04	9.64	371	346	37.0	19,293	17,992	1,922
Cashiers, all workers	10.21	10.76	399	429	39.1	20,748	22,318	2,032
Cashiers	10.21	10.76	399	429	39.1	20,748	22,318	2,032
Retail salespersons	9.54	9.10	343	322	36.0	17,853	16,723	1,872
Office and administrative support occupations	9.27	8.88	370	352	39.9	19,146	18,408	2,066
Secretaries and administrative assistants	9.54	9.50	378	380	39.6	19,667	19,760	2,061
Production occupations	11.88	11.00	478	440	40.3	24,873	22,880	2,094
Transportation and material moving occupations	9.72	7.00	393	280	40.4	20,416	14,560	2,100
Laborers and material movers, hand	6.37	5.40	240	193	37.6	12,469	10,043	1,957
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	6.64	6.45	258	258	38.8	13,398	13,408	2,017

¹ 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.

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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Table 17. Union¹ and nonunion workers: Mean hourly earnings² for major occupational groups, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupational group ³	Union			Nonunion		
	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	State and local government workers	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	State and local government workers
All workers	\$23.25	\$21.47	–	\$12.22	\$10.50	\$18.47
Management, professional, and related	–	–	–	23.88	22.99	24.57
Management, business, and financial	–	–	–	25.83	25.98	25.65
Professional and related	–	–	–	23.41	22.04	24.36
Service	–	–	–	7.22	6.47	10.86
Sales and office	–	–	–	10.12	9.96	11.37
Sales and related	–	–	–	10.14	10.14	–
Office and administrative support	–	–	–	10.11	9.83	11.37
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	–	–	–	11.20	10.63	14.92
Construction and extraction	–	–	–	–	9.80	11.96
Installation, maintenance, and repair	–	–	–	12.79	11.91	16.46
Production, transportation, and material moving	–	–	–	10.94	10.89	11.72
Production	–	–	–	10.53	10.34	14.88
Transportation and material moving	–	–	–	11.20	11.25	10.49
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)					
All workers	3.0	9.7	–	4.7	5.6	3.6
Management, professional, and related	–	–	–	4.2	8.2	3.8
Management, business, and financial	–	–	–	7.8	13.3	8.0
Professional and related	–	–	–	4.5	8.7	4.0
Service	–	–	–	3.0	2.1	3.8
Sales and office	–	–	–	3.6	4.1	5.1
Sales and related	–	–	–	8.4	8.4	–
Office and administrative support	–	–	–	4.3	5.5	5.1
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	–	–	–	6.2	7.0	5.3
Construction and extraction	–	–	–	–	4.8	8.7
Installation, maintenance, and repair	–	–	–	11.7	14.3	6.7
Production, transportation, and material moving	–	–	–	10.3	11.0	11.4
Production	–	–	–	5.4	5.3	20.7
Transportation and material moving	–	–	–	16.2	17.2	1.8

¹ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

² 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.

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

information.

⁴ 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 workers¹: Mean hourly earnings² for major occupational groups, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupational group ³	Time		Incentive	
	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	Civilian workers	Private industry workers
All workers	\$11.88	\$9.87	\$19.09	\$19.09
Management, professional, and related	22.90	20.35	—	—
Management, business, and financial	26.79	27.99	—	—
Professional and related	22.03	18.27	—	—
Service	7.19	6.42	—	—
Sales and office	9.69	9.44	12.77	12.77
Sales and related	8.38	8.38	15.52	15.52
Office and administrative support	10.37	10.13	7.91	7.91
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	11.13	10.54	—	—
Construction and extraction	—	9.80	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair	12.72	11.76	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving	10.36	10.27	—	—
Production	10.53	10.35	—	—
Transportation and material moving	10.24	10.22	—	—
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)			
All workers	4.7	5.4	12.4	12.4
Management, professional, and related	4.6	9.6	—	—
Management, business, and financial	7.6	12.1	—	—
Professional and related	4.8	8.1	—	—
Service	2.9	1.9	—	—
Sales and office	3.8	4.4	15.1	15.1
Sales and related	2.7	2.7	11.8	11.8
Office and administrative support	4.6	6.0	2.9	2.9
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	5.2	5.3	—	—
Construction and extraction	—	4.8	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair	10.9	12.6	—	—
Production, transportation, and material moving	10.3	11.2	—	—
Production	5.3	5.3	—	—
Transportation and material moving	18.4	20.2	—	—

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000

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

⁴ 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 19. Industry sector¹: Mean hourly earnings² for private industry workers by major occupational group, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006

Occupational group ³	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
All workers	\$9.73	\$11.95	\$11.72	-	-	\$9.05	\$11.90	\$6.26	-
Management, professional, and related	-	21.34	22.94	-	-	-	25.41	-	-
Management, business, and financial	-	-	26.45	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional and related	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.40	-	-
Service	-	-	7.27	-	-	6.00	6.55	6.20	-
Sales and office	-	12.23	9.91	-	-	10.47	9.52	-	-
Sales and related	-	-	9.85	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office and administrative support	-	11.31	10.05	-	-	10.47	9.60	-	-
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	9.71	-	16.51	-	-	-	-	-	-
Installation, maintenance, and repair ..	-	-	17.17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Production, transportation, and material moving	-	11.21	12.32	-	-	6.62	-	-	-
Production	-	11.57	10.81	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving ...	-	-	12.45	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)								
All workers	5.0	12.9	8.6	-	-	17.9	4.6	6.4	-
Management, professional, and related	-	2.4	16.4	-	-	-	13.6	-	-
Management, business, and financial	-	-	25.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional and related	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.1	-	-
Service	-	-	24.9	-	-	4.5	.3	7.3	-
Sales and office	-	9.8	5.4	-	-	13.8	4.6	-	-
Sales and related	-	-	9.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office and administrative support	-	10.3	11.5	-	-	13.8	5.5	-	-
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	5.3	-	6.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Installation, maintenance, and repair ..	-	-	10.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Production, transportation, and material moving	-	17.5	13.8	-	-	8.1	-	-	-
Production	-	2.2	18.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving ...	-	-	15.6	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

² 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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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

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 employing 50 or more workers. 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 Brownsville–Harlingen–San Benito, TX, Metropolitan Statistical Area consists of Cameron County.

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 em-

ployment 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 or part-time, union or nonunion, and time or 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 metropolitan 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 collec-

tion. 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 characteris-

tics 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, poststratification, 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 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.

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 \$16.46 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 workers¹ represented by the survey, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006**

Occupational group ²	Civilian workers	Private industry workers	State and local government workers
All workers	112,100	87,000	25,200
Management, professional, and related	23,600	9,000	14,600
Management, business, and financial	3,800	1,800	1,900
Professional and related	19,900	7,100	12,700
Service	38,700	33,300	5,400
Sales and office	26,000	23,100	2,900
Sales and related	10,800	10,800	–
Office and administrative support	15,200	12,200	2,900
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	9,700	8,500	1,200
Construction and extraction	4,900	4,500	400
Installation, maintenance, and repair	4,200	3,400	800
Production, transportation, and material moving	14,100	13,100	1,000
Production	5,300	5,100	200
Transportation and material moving	8,800	8,000	800

¹ 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.

² 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, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX, August 2006**

Establishments	Total	Private industry	State and local government
Total in sampling frame ¹	4,184	4,158	26
Total in sample	240	217	23
Responding	168	147	21
Refused or unable to provide data	30	28	2
Out of business or not in survey scope	42	42	0

¹ 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.