

Occupational Compensation Survey: Pay and Benefits Alaska July 1995



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This summary presents results of a July 1995 survey of occupational pay in Alaska. This is 1 of over 120 areas which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys at the request of the Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact any BLS regional office identified on the back page.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communications, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 110 establishments employing 33,013 workers was selected to represent 431 establishments employing 84,222 workers in the area. Data collected from the sample of establishments were appropriately weighted to represent all establishments within the survey. Labor-management coverage for white-collar workers was 9 percent and for blue-collar workers, 42 percent.

Table 1 presents the weekly hours and pay of selected professional, administrative, technical, and clerical workers. Table 2 presents the hourly pay of maintenance, toolroom, material movement, and custodial workers. Classification of workers by occupation is based on a uniform set of job

descriptions designed to take account of variation among establishments in duties within the same job. Data are not shown if employment in the occupation is insufficient to merit presentation or if there is a possibility that data for an individual establishment may be disclosed.

Tables 3, 4, and 5 present information on paid holidays, vacation pay provisions, and insurance, health, and retirement plans for blue-collar and white-collar workers. See table 6 and the Scope and Method of Survey for further information on the composition of the occupational groups studied and the scope of the survey. The job descriptions used in for the survey are available upon request.

For additional information regarding this survey or similar surveys conducted in this regional area, please contact the BLS San Francisco Regional Office at (415) 744-6600. You may also write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics at: Division of Occupational Pay and Employee Benefits, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20212-0001 or call the Occupational Compensation Survey Program information line at (202) 606-6220.

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Table 1. Weekly hours and pay of professional, administrative, technical, and clerical occupations, Alaska, July 1995

Occupation and level	Number of workers	Average weekly hours ¹ (standard)	Weekly pay (in dollars) ²			Percent of workers receiving straight-time weekly pay (in dollars) of—																						
			Mean	Median	Middle range	225 and under 250	250 - 275	275 - 300	300 - 350	350 - 400	400 - 450	450 - 500	500 - 550	550 - 600	600 - 700	700 - 800	800 - 900	900 - 1000	1000 - 1100	1100 - 1200	1200 - 1300	1300 - 1400	1400 - 1500	1500 - 1600	1600 - 1700	1700 - 1800		
ADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS																												
Computer Programmers	45	40.0	\$756	\$792	\$687 - \$820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	13	11	27	36	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Systems Analysts	107	40.0	1,021	1,020	865 - 1,148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	14	13	19	18	21	6	2	3	3	-	1	-	
Level 1	19	40.0	793	-	- - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	42	26	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 2	62	40.0	1,005	985	883 - 1,108	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	15	26	16	26	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	
TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS																												
Computer Operators	175	40.0	728	590	507 - 1,212	-	-	-	1	4	5	15	15	14	15	1	5	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 2	68	40.0	522	498	458 - 542	-	-	-	1	10	9	34	22	12	1	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 3	84	40.0	924	1,212	588 - 1,212	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13	18	12	-	2	-	-	-	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CLERICAL OCCUPATIONS																												
Clerks, Accounting	730	40.0	453	431	380 - 519	-	-	-	13	20	21	14	16	8	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 2	278	40.0	388	376	340 - 400	-	-	-	32	39	19	4	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 3	373	40.0	488	491	415 - 536	-	-	-	-	9	27	18	22	14	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Clerks, General	346	39.9	458	442	360 - 533	7	1	1	10	11	22	20	5	10	4	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 2	99	39.9	332	346	250 - 360	23	4	3	20	33	5	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 3	226	39.9	502	464	430 - 561	-	-	(³)	6	3	31	23	8	14	2	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Key Entry Operators	110	40.0	405	400	340 - 471	-	-	11	17	17	24	15	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 1	47	40.0	348	340	297 - 400	-	-	26	32	17	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 2	63	40.0	447	470	400 - 504	-	-	-	6	17	22	27	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Secretaries	192	39.9	568	551	481 - 643	-	-	-	5	-	9	13	19	16	27	5	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 2	48	39.7	520	546	412 - 616	-	-	-	10	-	23	6	10	13	33	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 3	85	40.0	560	546	488 - 640	-	-	-	-	-	4	25	28	12	27	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 4	50	40.0	650	613	558 - 709	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	16	30	26	14	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Switchboard-Operator-Receptionists	230	39.8	394	387	338 - 429	-	-	4	23	25	32	10	2	4	-	(³)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Word Processors	43	39.3	536	519	462 - 588	-	-	-	-	-	21	21	12	28	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Level 2	15	39.0	604	-	- - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	27	7	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

¹ Standard hours reflect the workweek for which employees receive their regular straight-time salaries (exclusive of pay for overtime at regular and/or premium rates), and the earnings correspond to these weekly hours.

² Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are performance bonuses and lump-sum payments of the type negotiated in the auto and aerospace industries, as well as profit-sharing payments, attendance bonuses, Christmas or year-end bonuses, and other nonproduction bonuses. Pay increases, but not bonuses, under cost-of-living clauses, and incentive payments, however, are included. See Scope and Method of Survey for definitions and

methods used to compute means, medians, and middle ranges.

³ Less than 0.5 percent.

NOTE: Because of rounding, sums of individual intervals may not equal 100 percent. Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria. Overall occupation or occupational levels may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 2. Hourly pay of maintenance, toolroom, material movement, and custodial occupations, Alaska, July 1995

Occupation and level	Number of workers	Hourly pay (in dollars) ¹			Percent of workers receiving straight-time hourly pay (in dollars) of—																							
		Mean	Median	Middle range	4.50 - 4.75	4.75 - 5.00	5.00 - 6.00	6.00 - 7.00	7.00 - 8.00	8.00 - 9.00	9.00 - 10.00	10.00 - 11.00	11.00 - 12.00	12.00 - 13.00	13.00 - 14.00	14.00 - 15.00	15.00 - 16.00	16.00 - 17.00	17.00 - 18.00	18.00 - 19.00	19.00 - 20.00	20.00 - 22.00	22.00 - 24.00	24.00 - 26.00	26.00 - 28.00	28.00 and over		
MAINTENANCE AND TOOLROOM OCCUPATIONS																												
General Maintenance Workers	190	\$12.10	\$10.55	\$10.00 - \$14.00	-	-	-	-	3	4	4	41	10	3	9	16	3	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Level 1	148	11.02	10.54	10.00 - 11.50	-	-	-	-	3	5	5	51	11	3	6	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Level 2	42	15.89	14.42	13.75 - 20.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	21	33	2	-	2	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	
Maintenance Mechanics, Motor Vehicle ...	105	21.05	20.05	15.90 - 27.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	8	14	9	4	3	5	22	-	-	17	² 14	-	
Skilled Multi-Craft Maintenance Workers	94	24.44	27.00	18.00 - 30.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	17	1	5	19	1	-	1	-	6	² 48	-	
MATERIAL MOVEMENT AND CUSTODIAL OCCUPATIONS																												
Guards	370	11.93	10.25	7.50 - 17.55	-	-	6	11	10	4	11	12	2	2	7	-	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Level 1	197	8.61	8.00	6.00 - 10.25	-	-	12	20	18	7	4	23	4	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors	776	7.96	7.50	6.50 - 9.19	1	3	15	14	21	13	15	10	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Material Movement and Storage Workers	733	14.45	12.40	9.50 - 20.05	-	-	-	-	4	11	13	11	7	8	7	5	2	1	4	(³)	(³)	18	3	-	-	6	-	
Level 2	659	13.98	12.10	9.50 - 17.00	-	-	-	-	3	12	15	12	7	8	7	5	(³)	1	5	(³)	(³)	14	4	-	-	5	-	
Shipping/Receiving Clerks	101	10.36	9.00	8.00 - 12.50	-	-	-	-	22	9	26	5	11	3	9	10	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Truckdrivers	846	14.99	14.95	12.40 - 17.75	-	-	-	(³)	2	1	6	5	7	8	12	8	7	12	15	2	2	9	2	-	2	-	-	
Light Truck	113	9.64	9.50	8.75 - 10.50	-	-	-	4	14	11	27	20	16	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tractor Trailer	345	16.37	16.25	13.00 - 17.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	17	12	5	8	8	18	4	5	7	4	-	5	-	-	

¹ Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are performance bonuses and lump-sum payments of the type negotiated in the auto and aerospace industries, as well as profit-sharing payments, attendance bonuses, Christmas or year-end bonuses, and other nonproduction bonuses. Pay increases, but not bonuses, under cost-of-living clauses, and incentive payments, however, are included. See Scope and Method of Survey for definitions and methods used to compute means, medians, and middle ranges.

² All workers were at \$30.00 and under \$32.00.

³ Less than 0.5 percent.

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Table 3. Annual paid holidays for full-time workers, Alaska, July 1995

Number of holidays	White-collar workers	Blue-collar workers
All full-time workers (in percent)	100	100
In establishments not providing paid holidays	3	9
In establishments providing paid holidays	97	91
Number of holidays:		
6 half days	(¹)	3
8 half days	(¹)	1
1 holiday	(¹)	-
3 holidays	3	1
5 holidays	(¹)	3
6 holidays	11	8
7 holidays	10	11
8 holidays	22	19
Plus 1 half day	(¹)	-
9 holidays	20	13
Plus 2 half days	1	-
10 holidays	15	21
Plus 1 half day	5	-
11 holidays	5	6
12 holidays	4	5
Total paid holiday time ²		
2 days or more	97	91
3 days or more	97	91
4 days or more	94	87
5 days or more	94	86
6 days or more	94	83
7 days or more	83	75
8 days or more	73	64
9 days or more	50	45
10 days or more	30	32
11 days or more	10	11
12 days or more	4	5
Average number of paid holidays where provided (in days)	8.5	8.3

¹ Less than 0.5 percent.

² Full and half days are combined. For example, the proportion of workers receiving 10 or more days includes those receiving *at least* 10 full days, or 9 full days plus 2 half days, or 8 full days and 4 half days, and so on.

NOTE: Because of rounding, sums of individual items may not equal totals. Dashes indicate that no data were reported.

**Table 4. Annual paid vacation provisions for full-time workers,
Alaska, July 1995**

Item	White-collar workers	Blue-collar workers
All full-time workers (in percent)	100	100
In establishments not providing paid vacations	1	8
In establishments providing paid vacations	99	92
Length-of-time payment	99	92
By vacation pay provisions for: ¹		
Six months of service:		
Under 1 week	1	13
1 week	39	23
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	9	7
2 weeks	3	1
6 weeks	(²)	1
1 year of service:		
1 week	15	31
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	6
2 weeks	65	45
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	2	5
3 weeks	8	1
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	4	2
4 weeks	3	1
9 weeks	(²)	1
2 years of service:		
1 week	1	9
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	6
2 weeks	73	56
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	3	9
3 weeks	12	2
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	3	1
4 weeks	1	1
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	4	1
5 weeks	2	6
10 weeks	(²)	1
3 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	71	62
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	7
3 weeks	15	7
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	5	5
4 weeks	1	1
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	2	2
5 weeks	4	6
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. Annual paid vacation provisions for full-time workers,
Alaska, July 1995 — Continued**

Item	White-collar workers	Blue-collar workers
By vacation pay provisions for: ¹		
4 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	62	60
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	7
3 weeks	23	7
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	6	3
4 weeks	1	1
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	2	6
5 weeks	2	6
6 weeks	2	-
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1
5 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	19	22
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	7
3 weeks	61	44
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	3	2
4 weeks	8	1
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	-	1
5 weeks	2	6
Over 5 and under 6 weeks	2	6
6 weeks	2	-
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1
8 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	5	5
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	1	4
3 weeks	72	54
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	3	8
4 weeks	11	3
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	(²)	3
5 weeks	2	6
Over 5 and under 6 weeks	2	6
Over 6 and under 7 weeks	2	-
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. Annual paid vacation provisions for full-time workers,
Alaska, July 1995 — Continued**

Item	White-collar workers	Blue-collar workers
By vacation pay provisions for: ¹		
10 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	2	3
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	-
3 weeks	42	41
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	3	7
4 weeks	39	22
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	4	3
5 weeks	3	7
6 weeks	(²)	1
Over 6 and under 7 weeks	4	6
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1
12 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	2	3
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	-
3 weeks	36	38
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	4	(²)
4 weeks	44	26
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	4	8
5 weeks	2	7
6 weeks	(²)	1
Over 6 and under 7 weeks	4	6
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1
15 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	2	1
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	-
3 weeks	19	30
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	3	-
4 weeks	60	33
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	4	8
5 weeks	6	10
6 weeks	1	1
Over 6 and under 7 weeks	4	6
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. Annual paid vacation provisions for full-time workers,
Alaska, July 1995 — Continued**

Item	White-collar workers	Blue-collar workers
By vacation pay provisions for: ¹		
20 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	2	1
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	-
3 weeks	19	25
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	3	-
4 weeks	49	31
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	2	8
5 weeks	16	17
Over 5 and under 6 weeks	2	(²)
6 weeks	1	1
Over 6 and under 7 weeks	4	6
7 weeks	(²)	1
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1
25 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	2	1
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	-
3 weeks	19	25
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	3	-
4 weeks	47	31
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	2	8
5 weeks	16	17
Over 5 and under 6 weeks	2	(²)
6 weeks	3	1
Over 6 and under 7 weeks	4	6
7 weeks	(²)	(²)
8 weeks	(²)	1
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1
30 years of service:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	2	1
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	-
3 weeks	19	25
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	3	-
4 weeks	47	31
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	2	8
5 weeks	13	14
Over 5 and under 6 weeks	2	(²)
6 weeks	6	3
Over 6 and under 7 weeks	4	6
7 weeks	(²)	(²)
8 weeks	(²)	1
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. Annual paid vacation provisions for full-time workers,
Alaska, July 1995 — Continued**

Item	White-collar workers	Blue-collar workers
By vacation pay provisions for: ¹		
Maximum vacation available:		
1 week	-	1
Over 1 and under 2 weeks	(²)	1
2 weeks	2	1
Over 2 and under 3 weeks	(²)	-
3 weeks	19	25
Over 3 and under 4 weeks	3	-
4 weeks	47	31
Over 4 and under 5 weeks	2	8
5 weeks	13	14
Over 5 and under 6 weeks	2	(²)
6 weeks	6	3
Over 6 and under 7 weeks	4	6
7 weeks	(²)	(²)
8 weeks	(²)	1
Over 10 weeks	(²)	1

¹ Payments other than "length of time" are converted to an equivalent time basis; for example, 2 percent of annual earnings was considered as 1 week's pay. Periods of service are chosen arbitrarily and do not necessarily reflect individual provisions for progression; for example, changes in proportions at 20 years include changes between 15 and 20 years. Estimates are cumulative. Thus, the proportion eligible for at least 3 weeks' pay for 20 years include those eligible for at least 3 weeks' pay after fewer years of service.

² Less than 0.5 percent.

NOTE: Because of rounding, sums of individual items may not equal totals. Dashes indicate that no data were reported.

Table 5. Insurance, health, and retirement plans offered to full-time workers, Alaska, July 1995

Type of plan	White-collar workers	Blue-collar workers
All full-time workers (in percent)	100	100
In establishments offering at least one of the benefits shown below ¹	99	95
Life insurance	92	88
Wholly employer financed	80	72
Accidental death and dismemberment insurance	78	80
Wholly employer financed	71	71
Sickness and accident insurance or sick leave or both	85	70
Sickness and accident insurance	18	22
Wholly employer financed	16	17
Sick leave (full pay, no waiting period)	73	49
Sick leave (partial pay or waiting period)	11	18
Long-term disability insurance	64	49
Wholly employer financed	54	41
Hospitalization, surgical, and medical insurance	99	94
Wholly employer financed	36	52
Health maintenance organizations	14	8
Wholly employer financed	1	3
Dental care	91	82
Wholly employer financed	33	48
Vision care	66	60
Wholly employer financed	33	42
Hearing care	45	33
Wholly employer financed	19	19
Alcohol and drug abuse treatment	99	93
Wholly employer financed	36	52
Retirement benefits ²	87	69
Wholly employer financed	59	52
Defined benefit	26	37
Wholly employer financed	23	34
Defined contribution	77	56
Wholly employer financed	37	19

¹ Estimates listed after type of benefit are for all plans for which the employer pays at least part of the cost. Excluded are plans required by the Federal Government such as Social Security and Railroad Retirement.

² Establishments providing more than one type of retirement plan may cause the sum of the separate plans to be greater than the total for all retirement plans.

NOTE: Because of rounding, sums of individual items may not equal totals. Dashes indicate that no data were reported.

Table 6. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied, Alaska¹, July 1995

Industry division ²	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments				
	Within scope of survey ³	Studied	Within scope of survey				Studied ⁴
			Total ⁴		Full-time white-collar workers ⁵	Full-time blue-collar workers ⁶	
			Number	Percent			
All divisions	431	110	84,222	100	23,986	18,760	33,013
Manufacturing	118	30	26,958	32	2,601	779	9,300
Service producing ⁷	313	80	57,264	68	21,385	17,981	23,713

¹ The "workers within scope of survey" estimates provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. Estimates are not intended, however, for comparison with other statistical series to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) establishments employing fewer than 50 workers are excluded from the scope of the survey.

² The *Standard Industrial Classification Manual* was used in classifying establishments by industry. All government operations were excluded from the scope of the survey.

³ Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets (within a metropolitan area or nonmetropolitan county) of service producing companies are considered as one establishment when located within the same industry division.

⁴ Includes part-time, seasonal, temporary, and other workers excluded from separate white-

and blue-collar categories.

⁵ Full-time, year-round permanent workers in professional, technical, and related occupations; executive, administrative, and managerial occupations; sales occupations; and administrative support occupations, including clerical.

⁶ Full-time, year-round permanent workers in precision, craft, and repair occupations; machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors; handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers; and service occupations, except households.

⁷ Includes transportation, communications, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; personal services; business services; automotive repair services and garages; motion pictures; membership organizations (excluding religious organizations); and miscellaneous services.

Scope and Method of Survey

Sampling procedures

The survey was conducted on a sample basis, using a listing of establishments (sampling frame) which fell within the designated scope of the survey. The sampling frame was developed using data from unemployment insurance reports and checked for accuracy and completeness. Establishments known to be missing were added; out-of-business and out-of-scope establishments were removed; some units were combined or split to meet the establishment/collection unit definitions; and, for some, address, employment, type of industry, or other information was corrected.

A sample of establishments was selected after a detailed stratification by industry and number of employees of all establishments within the scope of the survey. From this stratified universe, a probability sample was selected, with each establishment having a predetermined chance of selection. To obtain optimum accuracy at minimum cost, a greater proportion of large than small establishments was selected. When data were combined, each establishment was weighted according to its probability of selection so that unbiased estimates were generated. If data were not available for an establishment originally selected, the weights of other similar establishments were increased to account for the missing unit.

Data for the survey were obtained primarily by personal visits of Bureau field economists. Collection of the survey was from June 1995 through August 1995 and reflects an average payroll reference of July 1995. Data obtained for a payroll period prior to the end of July 1995 were updated to include general wage changes, if granted, scheduled to be effective through that date.

Occupations and pay

Occupational employment and pay data are shown for full-time workers, i.e., those hired to work a regular weekly schedule. Pay data exclude premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are performance bonuses and lump-sum payments of the type negotiated in the auto and aerospace industries, as well as profit-sharing payments, attendance bonuses, Christmas or year-end bonuses, and other nonproduction bonuses. Pay increases, but not bonuses, under cost-of-living allowance clauses, and incentive payments, however, are included. Weekly hours in table 1 refer to the standard workweek (rounded to the nearest tenth of an hour) for which employees receive regular straight-time pay. Average weekly pay are rounded to the nearest dollar. Tables 1 and 2 provide distributions of workers by pay.

The *mean* is computed for each job by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The *median* designates position—one-half of

the workers receive the same as or more and one-half receive the same as or less than the rate shown. The *middle range* is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate. Medians and middle ranges are not provided when they do not meet reliability criteria.

Occupational employment estimates represent the total in all establishments within the scope of the study and not the number actually studied, and are intended as a general guide to the size and composition of the labor force rather than as precise measures of employment. Each group of establishments of a certain size, however, is given its proper weight in the combined data.

Employee Benefits

The incidence of employee benefits is studied for full-time, year-round permanent white-collar and blue-collar workers. Provisions which apply to a majority of the white- and blue-collar categories are considered to apply to all white- and blue-collar workers in the establishment. Similarly, if fewer than half of the workers are covered, the benefits are considered nonexistent in the establishment. Holidays, vacations, insurance and health plans are considered applicable to employees currently eligible for the benefits. Retirement plans are considered applicable to employees currently eligible for participation and those who will eventually become eligible.

Paid holidays (table 3). Holidays are included if workers who are not required to work are paid for the time off and those required to work receive premium pay or compensatory time off. They are included only if they are granted annually on a formal basis (provided for in written form or established by custom). Holidays are included even though in a particular year they fall on a nonworkday and employees are not granted another day off. Data are tabulated to show the percent of workers who are granted specific numbers of whole and half holidays.

Paid vacations (table 4). Establishments report their method of calculating vacation (time basis, percent of annual pay, flat-sum payment, etc.) and the amount of vacation pay granted. Only basic formal plans are reported. Vacation bonuses, vacation-saving plans, and "extended" or "sabbatical" benefits beyond basic plans are excluded. For tabulating vacation pay granted, all provisions are expressed on a time basis. Vacation pay calculated on other than a time basis is converted to its equivalent time period. Two percent of annual pay, for example,

is tabulated as 1 week's vacation pay. Periods of service are chosen arbitrarily and do not necessarily reflect individual provisions for progression ; for example, changes in proportions at 20 years include changes between 15 and 20 years. Estimates are cumulative. Thus, the proportion eligible for at least 3 week's pay after 20 years includes those eligible for at least 3 week's pay after fewer years of service. Provisions after each specified length of service are related to all white- or blue-collar workers in an establishment regardless of length of service. Counts of white- or blue-collar workers by length of service were not obtained. The tabulations present, therefore, statistical measures of these provisions rather than proportions of workers actually receiving specific benefits.

Insurance, health, and retirement plans (table 5). Plans are included for which the employer pays either all or part of the cost. The benefits may be underwritten by an insurance company, paid directly by an employer or union, or provided by a health maintenance organization (HMO). Workers provided the option of an insurance plan or an HMO are reported under both types of plans. A plan is included even though a majority of the employees in an establishment do

not choose to participate in it because they are required to bear part of its cost (provided the choice to participate is available to the majority). Federally required plans such as Social Security and railroad retirement are excluded. Benefit plans legally required by State governments, however, are included.

Labor-Management coverage

This survey collected the percent of workers covered by labor-management agreements in this area. An establishment is considered to have an agreement covering all white-collar or blue-collar workers if a majority of such workers is covered by a labor-management agreement determining wages and salaries. Therefore, all other white- or blue-collar workers are employed in establishments that either do not have labor-management agreements in effect, or have agreements that apply to fewer than half of their white- or blue-collar workers. Because establishments with fewer than 50 workers are excluded from the survey, estimates are not necessarily representative of the extent to which all workers in the area may be covered by the provisions of labor-management agreements.