

Appendix table 6-3

Hourly compensation costs for production workers in manufacturing, by selected region/country: Selected years, 1975–2005

Year	U.S.	EU-15	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	UK	Japan	South Korea
1975.....	6.16	4.80	4.50	NA	4.64	2.52	3.35	2.97	0.32
1980.....	9.63	9.40	8.90	NA	8.09	5.86	7.52	5.46	0.95
1981.....	10.62	8.39	7.99	NA	7.52	5.52	7.27	3.75	1.01
1982.....	11.43	8.08	7.82	NA	7.38	5.26	6.87	3.98	1.08
1983.....	11.84	7.87	7.71	NA	7.64	4.54	6.45	5.97	1.14
1984.....	12.27	7.39	7.26	NA	7.30	4.45	5.99	6.17	1.20
1985.....	12.71	7.61	7.48	NA	7.56	4.64	6.22	6.27	1.23
1986.....	12.99	10.30	10.22	NA	10.37	6.21	7.59	9.13	1.30
1987.....	13.30	12.69	12.20	NA	12.89	7.58	9.01	10.68	1.59
1988.....	13.61	13.73	12.85	NA	13.85	8.49	10.52	12.50	2.20
1989.....	14.04	13.53	12.55	NA	14.26	8.90	10.47	12.39	3.16
1990.....	14.81	16.58	15.36	NA	17.28	11.30	12.61	12.59	3.70
1991.....	15.52	17.19	15.52	NA	18.14	12.18	13.65	14.51	4.61
1992.....	15.95	18.85	17.31	NA	18.91	13.39	14.29	16.13	5.21
1993.....	16.37	17.57	16.46	23.89	15.38	11.49	12.48	18.86	5.63
1994.....	16.78	18.46	17.10	25.33	15.40	11.39	12.97	20.98	6.38
1995.....	17.17	21.07	19.26	30.10	15.69	12.70	13.79	23.47	7.28
1996.....	17.74	21.12	18.99	29.58	17.10	13.33	14.12	20.44	8.21
1997.....	18.20	19.50	17.10	25.96	16.06	12.07	15.68	18.98	7.85
1998.....	18.52	19.59	17.32	25.17	15.83	11.94	16.97	17.62	5.67
1999.....	18.90	19.40	17.00	24.57	15.55	11.92	17.33	20.44	7.36
2000.....	19.65	17.89	15.46	22.67	13.84	10.65	16.84	21.93	8.23
2001.....	20.52	17.88	15.65	22.47	13.61	10.78	16.85	19.35	7.72
2002.....	21.33	19.53	17.13	24.22	14.75	11.95	18.36	18.60	8.77
2003.....	22.20	23.83	21.14	29.64	18.11	15.01	21.33	20.26	9.69
2004.....	22.82	26.81	23.89	32.50	20.48	17.14	24.76	21.84	11.13
2005.....	23.65	27.52	24.63	33.00	21.05	17.78	25.66	21.76	13.56

NA = not available

EU = European Union; UK = United Kingdom

NOTES: Hourly compensation costs include direct pay and employer social insurance expenditures and other labor taxes. Hourly compensation costs computed in national currencies converted to U.S. dollars at prevailing market currency exchange rates. EU-15 includes member countries before expansion of membership on 1 May 2004.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, International Comparisons of Hourly Compensation Costs for Production Workers in Manufacturing (November 2006), <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ichcc.toc.htm>, accessed 15 January 2007.