Employment and wages of the 2.4 million laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand, varied by industry and geographic area.

FIGURE 14

- The largest employer of hand laborers and movers of freight, stock, and material was the employment services industry, which includes temporary help agencies.
- Ten percent of workers in this occupation earned less than \$7.41 per hour, and 10 percent of workers earned more than \$17.24 per hour.
- Motor vehicle manufacturing paid these workers the highest mean wage, \$46,290 per year. Some of the top-paying areas for this occupation are home to motor vehicle manufacturing or motor vehicle parts manufacturing plants, according to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.
- Workers in this occupation perform unskilled general labor, such as manually moving freight, stock, or other materials.

Profile of laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand, May 2007

National employment estimate and wage estimates for this occupation						
	Hourly wage					
Employment 2,363,440	Mean \$11.00	10th percentile \$7.41	25th percentile \$8.52	Median \$10.53	75th percentile \$13.53	90th percentile \$17.24

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Industries with the highest levels of employment			
Industry	Employ- ment	Hourly mean wage	
Employment services	431,790	\$ 9.82	
Warehousing and storage	149,010	12.74	
Couriers	148,800	12.02	
General freight trucking	75,250	14.21	
Grocery and related product wholesalers	72,410	12.10	

States with the highest concentration of these workers				
State	Percent of State employment	Employment in occupation	Hourly mean wage	
Tennessee	3.02	82,600	\$10.62	
Nevada	2.61	33,480	12.07	
Louisiana	2.57	47,500	10.04	
Indiana	2.39	70,040	11.59	
Arkansas	2.32	27,190	10.10	

Highest paying industries			
Industry	Employment	Hourly mean wage	
Motor vehicle manufacturing	4,200	\$22.25	
Support activities for water transportation	14,720	19.30	
Metal ore mining	300	18.78	
Natural gas distribution	190	18.67	
Wired telecommunications carriers	450	18.38	

Highest paying Metropolitan areas				
Area	Hourly mean wage	Employ- ment in occupation	Percent of area employment	
Kokomo, IN	\$18.41	720	1.61	
Anchorage, AK	16.82	3,080	1.89	
Lansing-East Lansing, MI	15.13	3,720	1.78	
Flint, MI	14.84	1,690	1.15	
Nashua, NH-MA	14.65	2,550	1.89	



