

Country Notes and Data Sources for International Comparisons of Hourly Compensation Costs in Manufacturing, 2010

The scope of coverage and definitions explained in the Technical Notes of the news release entitled “International Comparisons of Hourly Compensation Costs in Manufacturing, 2010” apply generally to all countries in the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) series. More detailed country-specific information is contained in this document. Each country note consists of two parts: when applicable, the first part lists differences from the coverage and definitions included in the Technical Notes of the news release at www.bls.gov/ilc/ichcctn.pdf, and summarized below; the second part lists the major data sources used to create the estimates.

In general:

- Compensation costs exclude employer expenditures on recruitment, vocational training, and maintenance of company-provided facilities.
- Pay for sick leave is included in employers’ social insurance expenditures (and not as part of directly-paid benefits).
- Full-time and part-time workers are included.
- The self-employed, unpaid family workers, contract workers, and workers in private households are excluded.
- Earnings and compensation data relate to firms with a minimum of ten employees.
- Data relate to the entire country.
- Data relate to an average for the calendar year.
- Compensation estimates are adjusted to be comparable to NAICS.

ARGENTINA. Direct pay includes pay for sick leave. Some data referring to production workers are used to calculate compensation estimates for all employees.

Data Sources. National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC): Encuesta Industrial Anual (Annual Industrial Survey), Encuesta Industrial Mensual (Monthly Industrial Survey).

AUSTRALIA. Part-time workers are excluded. Data cover establishments with 1 or more employee.

Data Sources. Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS): Survey of Average Weekly Earnings, Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours, Survey of Labor Costs, Economic Activity Survey, Annual Manufacturing Industry Collection Survey.

AUSTRIA. Earnings data cover establishments with 1 or more employee. Direct pay includes pay for sick leave.

Data Sources. Statistics Austria (ÖSTAT): Konjunkturerhebung (Business Cycle Survey). Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

BELGIUM. Earnings data refer to October only.

Data Sources. Service public fédéral Emploi, Travail et Concertation sociale: L'indice des salaires conventionnels (Index of Collective Bargaining Salaries). SPF Economie, PME, Classes moyennes et Energie: Enquête sur la structure et la répartition des salaires (Structure of Earnings Survey). Institut National de Statistique (NIS): Enquête semestrielle sur les gains horaires bruts des ouvriers dans l'industrie (Biannual survey on the hourly earnings of workers in industry). Federation des Entreprises de Belgique: Les Charges Sociales. Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

BRAZIL. Hours worked data refer to select urban areas only and include unpaid family workers. Direct pay includes pay for sick leave.

Data Sources. Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE): Pesquisa Industrial Anual – Empresa (Annual Industrial Survey – Establishment), Pesquisa Industrial Mensal do Emprego e Salário (Monthly Industrial Survey of Employment and Wages). Departamento Intersindical de Estatística e Estudos Socioeconômicos (DIEESE): Pesquisa de Emprego e Desemprego (Survey of Employment and Unemployment).

CANADA. Earnings data cover establishments with 1 or more employee.

Data Sources. Statistics Canada: Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours, Wages and Working Conditions in Canada, Employer Labor Costs in Canada, Estimate of Labor Income.

CZECH REPUBLIC. Data cover establishments with 1 or more employee.

Data Sources. Czech Statistical Office: Labor Cost Survey, Registered Number of Employees and Their Wages, Labour Force Sample Survey.

DENMARK.

Data Sources. Danish Employers' Confederation: Annual Survey of Earnings, Survey of Other Labor Costs. Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

ESTONIA. Data cover establishments with 1 or more employee.

Data Sources. Statistics Estonia: Survey of Wages and Salaries, Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

FINLAND. Earnings data cover establishments with 1 or more employee. Data for Finland refer to each firm's accounting year. However, the most common accounting year among firms coincides with the calendar year.

Data Sources. Statistics Finland: Regional and Industrial Statistics on Manufacturing, Index of Wage and Salary Earnings. Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

FRANCE. Part-time workers are excluded. Earnings data cover establishments with 1 or more employee.

Data Sources. Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Vieillesse and Directorate-General of Taxes: Déclaration Annuelle des Données Sociales (Annual Survey of Social Data). Ministère du Travail et des Affaires Sociales: Enquête sur l'activité et les conditions d'emploi de la main-d'œuvre (ACEMO) (Survey on the Economic Activity and Working Conditions of the Labor Force). INSEE: L'Indice du coût du travail (ICT) (Index of Hourly Labor Cost). Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

GERMANY. Part-time workers are excluded.

Data Sources. Germany Federal Statistical Office: Vierteljährliche Verdiensterhebung (Quarterly Earnings Survey), Volkswirtschaftliche Gesamtrechnungen der Länder (National Accounts). Institute for Employment Research of the Federal Employment Services (IAB): Working Time and the Volume of Work in Germany. Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

GREECE.

Data Sources. Hellenic Statistical Authority: Βραχυχρόνιες Στατιστικές (Short Term Statistics). Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

HUNGARY. Part-time workers are excluded. Earnings data cover establishments with 5 or more employees.

Data Sources. Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO): Foglalkoztatottság és kereseti arányok (Employment and Earnings Survey), A munkaerőköltség alakulása (Labor Cost Survey). Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

IRELAND. Earnings data cover establishments with 3 or more employees.

Data Sources. Central Statistical Office (CSO): Earnings, Hours, and Employment Costs Survey; Quarterly Industrial Inquiry of Employment, Earnings, and Hours Worked. Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

ISRAEL. Data cover establishments with 1 or more employee.

Data Sources. Central Bureau of Statistics: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, Statistical Abstract of Israel.

ITALY.

Data Sources. Istituto Nazionale di Statistica (Istat): Indagine sulle retribuzioni e orari contrattuali (Survey of Contractual Remunerations and Working Hours). Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

JAPAN. Earnings data cover establishments with 5 or more employees; other compensation data cover establishments with 30 or more employees. Direct pay includes pay for sick leave.

Data Sources. Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare: 毎月勤労統計調査 (Monthly Labor Survey), 就労条件総合調査 (General Survey on Working Conditions).

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF. Earnings data cover establishments with 5 or more employees.

Data Sources. Ministry of Labor: Monthly Labor Survey / Survey on Wages and Working Hours at Establishments, Labor Cost of Enterprise Survey. Korea Productivity Center: Index of Hours Worked.

MEXICO. Data cover establishments with 15 or more employees.

Data Sources. INEGI: Encuesta Industrial Mensual (Monthly Industrial Survey).

NETHERLANDS.

Data Sources. Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS): Indexcijfers van CAO Lonen (Indexes of Collectively Agreed Wages), Labor Costs Survey. Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

NEW ZEALAND. Earnings data cover establishments with 1 or more employee. Sick leave and some seasonal and irregular bonuses are excluded.

Data Sources. Statistics New Zealand: Quarterly Employment Survey, Labor Cost Index.

NORWAY. Earnings data cover establishments with 5 or more employees.

Data Sources. Statistics Norway: Lønnsstatistikk. Ansatte i industri (Wage Statistics/Employees in Manufacturing Survey), Arbeidskraftundersøkelsene (Labor Force Survey). Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

THE PHILIPPINES. Data cover establishments with 20 or more employees.

Data Sources. National Statistics Office: Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry, Labor Force Survey. National Statistics Coordination Board: Quarterly Survey of Philippine Business and Industry. Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics: Labor Cost Survey.

POLAND.

Data Sources. Central Statistical Office (CSO): Outlays and Results in Industry, Statistical Yearbook of Poland, Labor Cost Survey.

PORTUGAL. Part-time workers are excluded. Earnings data cover establishments with 1 or more employee.

Data Sources. Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Bureau of Strategy and Planning: Inquérito aos Ganhos e Duração de Trabalho (Survey of Earnings and Working Time), Quadros de Pessoal (Administrative Personnel Tables). National Institute of Statistics: Inquerito Mensal a Industria (Monthly Industrial Survey). Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

SINGAPORE. Earnings data refer to June only and cover establishments with 25 or more employees. Part-time workers are excluded. Pay for time worked includes direct allowances for food, housing, and transportation. Direct pay excludes pay in kind. Total compensation costs include employer expenditures on recruitment.

Data Sources. Central Provident Fund Board: Occupational Wage Survey. Ministry of Manpower (MOM): Labor Market Survey, Labor Cost Survey, Conditions of Employment Survey.

SLOVAKIA. Earnings data cover establishments with 20 or more employees. Direct pay includes pay for sick leave. Total compensation costs include employer expenditures on recruitment.

Data Sources. Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic (SOSR): annual survey of establishments, Total Labor Costs Survey.

SPAIN. Earnings data cover establishments with 1 or more employee.

Data Sources. Instituto Nacional de Estadística: Encuesta Trimestral de Coste Laboral (Quarterly Labor Cost Survey), Encuesta Anual de Coste Laboral (Annual Labor Cost survey), Encuesta de Salarios en la Industria y los Servicios (Survey of Wages in Industry and Services). Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

SWEDEN. Earnings data cover establishments with 5 or more employees.

Data Sources. Statistiska Centralbyrån (Statistics Sweden, SCB): Konjunkturstatistik, löner för privat sektor (Wages and Salaries in the Private Sector, KLP), National Accounts. Svenskt Näringsliv (Confederation of Swedish Enterprise): Fakta om Löner och Arbetstider (Facts on Wages and Working Hours). Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

SWITZERLAND. Pay for time worked includes pay in kind. Data are not adjusted to be comparable to NAICS.

Data Sources. Office fédéral de la statistique (OFS): Coûts de la main-d'œuvre (Labor Costs), L'enquête suisse sur la structure des salaires (Swiss Earnings Structure Survey), Indice suisse des salaires (Index of the Evolution of Wages/Swiss Wage Index), Statistique du volume du travail (Work Volume Statistics).

TAIWAN. Earnings data cover establishments with 1 or more employee.

Data Sources. Directorate General of Budget, Accounting, and Statistics (DGBAS): 受雇員工薪資調 (Employees' Earnings Survey), 受雇員工動向調 (Employee Movement Survey).

UNITED KINGDOM. Earnings data cover all registered jobs.

Data Sources. Office for National Statistics (ONS): Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, New Earnings Survey, Monthly Wages and Salary Survey. Eurostat: Labor Cost Survey.

UNITED STATES. Data cover establishments with 1 or more employee. Pay in kind is excluded.

Data Sources. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Current Employment Statistics, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation. Census Bureau: Annual Survey of Manufactures.

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