

Table 629. Average Hourly Earnings by Private Industry Group: 1990 to 2008

[In dollars. Average earnings include overtime. Data are for production workers in natural resources and mining, manufacturing, and construction, and nonsupervisory employees in the service providing industries. See headnote, Table 617]

Private industry group	Current dollars					Constant (1982) dollars ¹				
	1990	2000	2005	2007	2008	1990	2000	2005	2007	2008
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS										
Total private	10.20	14.02	16.13	17.43	18.08	7.66	8.04	8.18	8.33	8.30
Natural resources and mining	13.40	16.55	18.72	20.97	22.50	10.07	9.50	9.50	10.02	10.33
Construction	13.42	17.48	19.46	20.95	21.87	10.08	10.03	9.87	10.01	10.04
Manufacturing	10.78	14.32	16.56	17.26	17.74	8.10	8.22	8.40	8.25	8.14
Trade, transportation, and utilities	9.83	13.31	14.92	15.78	16.16	7.39	7.64	7.57	7.54	7.42
Information	13.40	19.07	22.06	23.96	24.77	10.07	10.94	11.19	11.45	11.37
Financial activities ²	9.99	14.98	17.95	19.64	20.27	7.51	8.59	9.11	9.39	9.31
Professional and business services ²	11.14	15.52	18.08	20.15	21.19	8.37	8.90	9.17	9.63	9.73
Education and health services ²	10.00	13.95	16.71	18.11	18.88	7.51	8.00	8.48	8.65	8.67
Leisure and hospitality ²	6.02	8.32	9.38	10.41	10.84	4.52	4.77	4.76	4.97	4.98
Other services	9.08	12.73	14.34	15.42	16.08	6.82	7.30	7.28	7.37	7.38
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Total private	350	481	544	590	608	263	276	276	282	279
Natural resources and mining	603	735	854	963	1014	453	422	433	460	465
Construction	513	686	750	817	842	386	393	381	390	387
Manufacturing	436	591	673	712	724	328	339	342	340	333
Trade, transportation, and utilities	332	450	498	526	536	249	258	253	251	246
Information	480	701	805	875	908	360	402	408	418	417
Financial activities ²	355	537	645	705	726	266	308	327	337	334
Professional and business services ²	381	535	619	701	738	286	307	314	335	339
Education and health services ²	319	449	545	590	614	240	258	276	282	282
Leisure and hospitality ²	156	217	241	266	273	117	125	122	127	125
Other services	298	413	443	477	495	224	237	225	228	227

¹ Earnings in current dollars divided by the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) on a 1982 base; see text, Section 14. ² For composition of industries, see Table 612.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, "Employment, Hours, and Earnings—National"; <<http://www.bls.gov/ces/data.htm>>.