

Table 637. Workers Paid Hourly Rates by Selected Characteristics: 2008

[Data are annual averages (75,305 represents 75,305,000). For employed wage and salary workers, excluding the incorporated self-employed. Based on the Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Characteristic	Number of workers paid hourly rates (1,000)			Number of workers at or below prevailing federal minimum wage	
	Total	Below (federal min wage)	At (federal min wage)	Number (1,000)	Percent of hourly paid workers
Total, 16 years and over ¹	75,305	1,940	286	2,226	3.0
16 to 24 years	15,680	961	161	1,122	7.2
25 years and over	59,626	979	125	1,104	1.9
Male, 16 years old and over . . .	37,334	638	90	728	2.0
16 to 24 years	7,978	326	58	384	4.8
25 years and over	29,356	313	32	345	1.2
Female, 16 years old and over . .	37,972	1,302	196	1,497	3.9
16 to 24 years	7,701	635	103	738	9.6
25 years and over	30,270	666	93	759	2.5
White ²	60,464	1,568	215	1,783	2.9
Black ²	9,866	259	49	308	3.1
Asian ²	2,844	58	11	69	2.4
Hispanic origin ³	13,070	285	39	324	2.5
Full-time workers	56,837	778	95	873	1.5
Part-time workers ⁴	18,334	1,162	191	1,353	7.4
Private sector industries	65,758	1,832	261	2,093	3.2
Public sector industries	9,547	108	25	133	1.4

¹ Includes races not shown separately. Also includes a small number of multiple jobholders whose full- or part-time status can not be determined for their principal job. ² For persons in this race group only. See footnote 4, Table 575. ³ Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be any race. ⁴ Working fewer than 35 hours per week.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2009; <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm>> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.