

Table 12. Standard errors for defined benefit plans: Early retirement¹ availability, State and local government workers, National Compensation Survey, 2007

Characteristics	Early retirement available	Early retirement not available	Not determinable
All workers	1.2	1.2	0.3
Worker characteristics			
Management, professional, and related	1.2	1.2	0.3
Professional and related	1.2	1.2	0.3
Teachers	1.0	1.1	(²)
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	0.9	0.9	(²)
Service	1.8	1.6	0.6
Protective service	2.7	2.6	0.9
Sales and office	2.0	1.9	0.5
Office and administrative support	2.1	2.0	0.5
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	2.4	2.3	(²)
Production, transportation, and material moving	3.0	2.3	(²)
Full time	1.2	1.2	0.3
Part time	2.2	2.2	(²)
Union	1.5	1.4	0.4
Nonunion	1.9	1.9	0.3
Average wage less than \$15 per hour ³	2.1	2.0	0.6
Average wage \$15 per hour or higher ³	1.1	1.1	0.3
Average wage less than \$24 per hour ³	1.7	1.6	0.4
Average wage \$24 per hour or higher ³	1.0	1.0	0.4
Establishment characteristics			
Education and health services	1.1	1.2	0.4
Educational services	1.1	1.2	0.4
Elementary and secondary schools ..	0.9	0.9	0.5
Junior colleges, colleges, and universities	3.5	3.5	(²)
Health care and social assistance	3.1	2.8	(²)
Hospitals	3.8	3.7	(²)
Public administration	1.9	1.8	0.4
1 to 99 workers	2.4	2.3	(²)
1 to 49 workers	3.5	3.3	(²)
50 to 99 workers	2.4	2.4	(²)
100 workers or more	1.2	1.2	0.3
100 to 499 workers	1.8	1.7	0.7
500 workers or more	1.3	1.3	0.3
State government	2.6	2.4	(²)
Local government	1.0	1.0	0.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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Geographic areas			
New England	6.9	6.9	(²)
Middle Atlantic	0.4	0.4	(²)
East North Central	1.5	0.8	1.1
West North Central	3.2	(²)	(²)
South Atlantic	0.5	0.4	0.3
East South Central	12.0	(²)	(²)
West South Central	1.8	1.8	(²)
Mountain	0.8	(²)	(²)
Pacific	4.2	4.0	(²)

¹ Early retirement is defined as the point at which a worker could retire and immediately receive accrued benefits based on service and earnings, but reduced for each year prior to normal retirement age.

² These data do not meet publication criteria.

³ The wage breakouts are based on the average wage for each occupation surveyed, which may include workers both above and below the threshold. See the Technical Note for more details.