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HIGHLIGHTS OF PROVIDENCE–NEW BEDFORD–FALL RIVER NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY, FEBRUARY 2010

Workers in the Providence-New Bedford-Fall River metropolitan area earned an average of \$22.37 per hour in February 2010, according to new survey results from the National Compensation Survey (NCS) released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Denis M. McSweeney noted that wage data were reported for workers in a wide range of occupational groups, including average hourly earnings of \$41.71 for healthcare practitioner and technical occupations and \$14.88 for healthcare support occupations. Another occupational group, food preparation and serving related, had a mean hourly wage rate of \$9.28. The NCS data available for the Providence area include earnings for 19 major occupational groups with additional detail for selected occupations within those groups. (See table 1.)

Registered nurses, part of the healthcare practitioner and technical occupational group, earned \$34.73 per hour. Within the healthcare support occupational group, nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants averaged \$14.19 per hour. Food preparation workers, within the food preparation and serving related occupational group, registered an average hourly wage of \$9.91. (See table 1.)

Broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics is available from the NCS for the local area. Full-time workers averaged \$24.19 per hour while their part-time counterparts earned \$15.24. Union workers earned \$28.09 and non-union workers, \$21.29. Workers in establishments with 1-99 workers averaged \$17.65 per hour, those in establishments with 100-499 workers earned \$22.69, and those in establishments with 500 or more employees earned \$31.14.

The occupational wage data available from the NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. NCS results also include the work level and respective earnings for occupations determined by a point factor leveling process. The four occupational leveling factors are: knowledge, job controls and complexity, contacts, and physical environment. Details on the NCS are available at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/home.htm>.

The NCS data reported here covered 218 establishments with one or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. Agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed, and the Federal Government were excluded from the survey. This sample of establishments represented 615,700 workers in the Providence-New Bedford-Fall River Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) which

is comprised of Bristol County in Massachusetts; and Bristol, Kent, Newport, Providence, and Washington Counties in Rhode Island.

Survey Availability

Complete survey results are contained in the Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA National Compensation Survey February 2010 which is available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/compub.htm>.

For personal assistance or further information on the National Compensation Survey data, as well as other Bureau data, contact the New England Information Office by calling (617) 565-2327 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone : (617) 565-2072, Federal Relay Services : 1-800-877-8339.

Table 1. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers², Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA, February 2010**

Occupation ³	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All workers	\$22.37	6.5	\$24.19	5.9	\$15.24	17.4
Management occupations	37.50	8.1	37.46	8.1	–	–
Marketing and sales managers	38.53	14.7	38.53	14.7	–	–
Computer and information systems managers	49.72	18.1	49.72	18.1	–	–
Financial managers	36.43	12.4	36.43	12.4	–	–
Education administrators	37.93	15.6	37.93	15.6	–	–
Business and financial operations occupations	32.70	6.1	33.84	6.2	–	–
Computer and mathematical science occupations	43.05	12.4	36.40	12.5	–	–
Life, physical, and social science occupations	30.64	6.4	30.64	6.4	–	–
Community and social services occupations	19.32	10.7	22.66	11.4	–	–
Social workers	18.43	16.1	21.56	16.1	–	–
Miscellaneous community and social service specialists	18.49	25.4	–	–	–	–
Education, training, and library occupations	42.20	8.8	44.76	9.2	17.95	7.1
Postsecondary teachers	71.02	14.4	71.02	14.4	–	–
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	44.28	7.8	45.07	7.9	–	–
Elementary and middle school teachers	45.26	8.5	45.93	8.2	–	–
Elementary school teachers, except special education	44.47	12.1	45.53	11.9	–	–
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education	46.56	12.6	46.56	12.6	–	–
Secondary school teachers	51.49	.9	54.10	3.7	–	–
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	56.66	3.2	56.66	3.2	–	–
Teacher assistants	15.67	7.1	16.18	9.3	–	–
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	26.95	13.8	27.43	13.6	–	–
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	41.71	15.9	44.67	16.8	30.70	4.4
Registered nurses	34.73	6.2	37.76	6.7	29.82	4.5
Therapists	41.41	11.2	–	–	–	–
Healthcare support occupations	14.88	3.5	14.99	2.8	14.54	7.6
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	13.84	2.7	13.69	2.0	14.36	12.3
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	14.19	1.8	14.01	3.2	14.86	11.5
Miscellaneous healthcare support occupations	16.81	4.1	–	–	–	–
Protective service occupations	23.38	4.0	25.26	5.2	11.46	7.0
Food preparation and serving related occupations	9.28	6.7	11.27	4.9	7.34	6.9
Cooks	13.77	4.1	14.60	10.6	–	–
Cooks, institution and cafeteria	14.98	12.8	15.26	14.8	–	–
Food preparation workers	9.91	2.3	–	–	9.91	2.3
Food service, tipped	5.71	21.7	–	–	4.97	5.7
Bartenders	6.77	25.9	–	–	–	–
Waiters and waitresses	2.79	2.7	–	–	–	–
Fast food and counter workers	9.33	7.9	–	–	8.41	5.1
Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concession, and coffee shop	9.34	8.6	–	–	–	–
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	13.80	6.8	14.59	6.9	–	–
Building cleaning workers	12.24	5.3	12.92	5.4	–	–
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	12.79	7.5	14.26	8.0	–	–
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	11.49	6.6	11.57	6.7	–	–
Personal care and service occupations	10.94	10.5	–	–	10.84	4.9
Recreation and fitness workers	10.42	5.3	–	–	10.11	4.1
Recreation workers	10.24	5.3	–	–	9.91	4.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. **Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers², Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA, February 2010** — Continued

Occupation ³	Total		Full-time workers		Part-time workers	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Sales and related occupations	\$13.85	12.5	\$16.95	4.4	\$10.25	15.4
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	20.96	10.4	20.96	10.4	—	—
Retail sales workers	10.14	6.6	12.72	.5	8.71	.1
Cashiers, all workers	9.23	.9	—	—	8.64	.9
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Retail salespersons	11.44	6.3	13.19	.7	8.89	2.3
Office and administrative support occupations	16.47	3.1	17.13	3.7	13.34	6.4
Financial clerks	16.79	4.5	16.63	4.2	—	—
Customer service representatives	16.10	8.2	16.60	8.2	—	—
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	12.72	4.0	—	—	—	—
Stock clerks and order fillers	11.40	5.0	—	—	—	—
Secretaries and administrative assistants	19.54	10.1	20.70	10.2	—	—
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants	22.95	12.1	22.95	12.1	—	—
Office clerks, general	15.19	11.3	—	—	—	—
Construction and extraction occupations	21.16	12.2	21.28	11.8	—	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	21.55	7.8	21.55	7.8	—	—
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers	20.23	10.4	20.23	10.4	—	—
Maintenance and repair workers, general	21.88	7.6	21.88	7.6	—	—
Production occupations	15.17	4.8	15.30	5.4	13.31	7.0
Machine tool cutting setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	19.65	11.7	19.65	11.7	—	—
Textile machine setters, operators, and tenders	12.79	3.3	12.79	3.3	—	—
Miscellaneous production workers	16.53	3.7	17.46	2.4	—	—
Transportation and material moving occupations	16.16	10.0	16.59	11.3	12.82	16.2
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	18.89	6.1	—	—	—	—
Laborers and material movers, hand	11.15	10.6	11.25	11.0	—	—
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	11.39	13.3	11.54	15.1	—	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

³ Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard

Occupational Classification (SOC) system.

⁴ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria. Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.