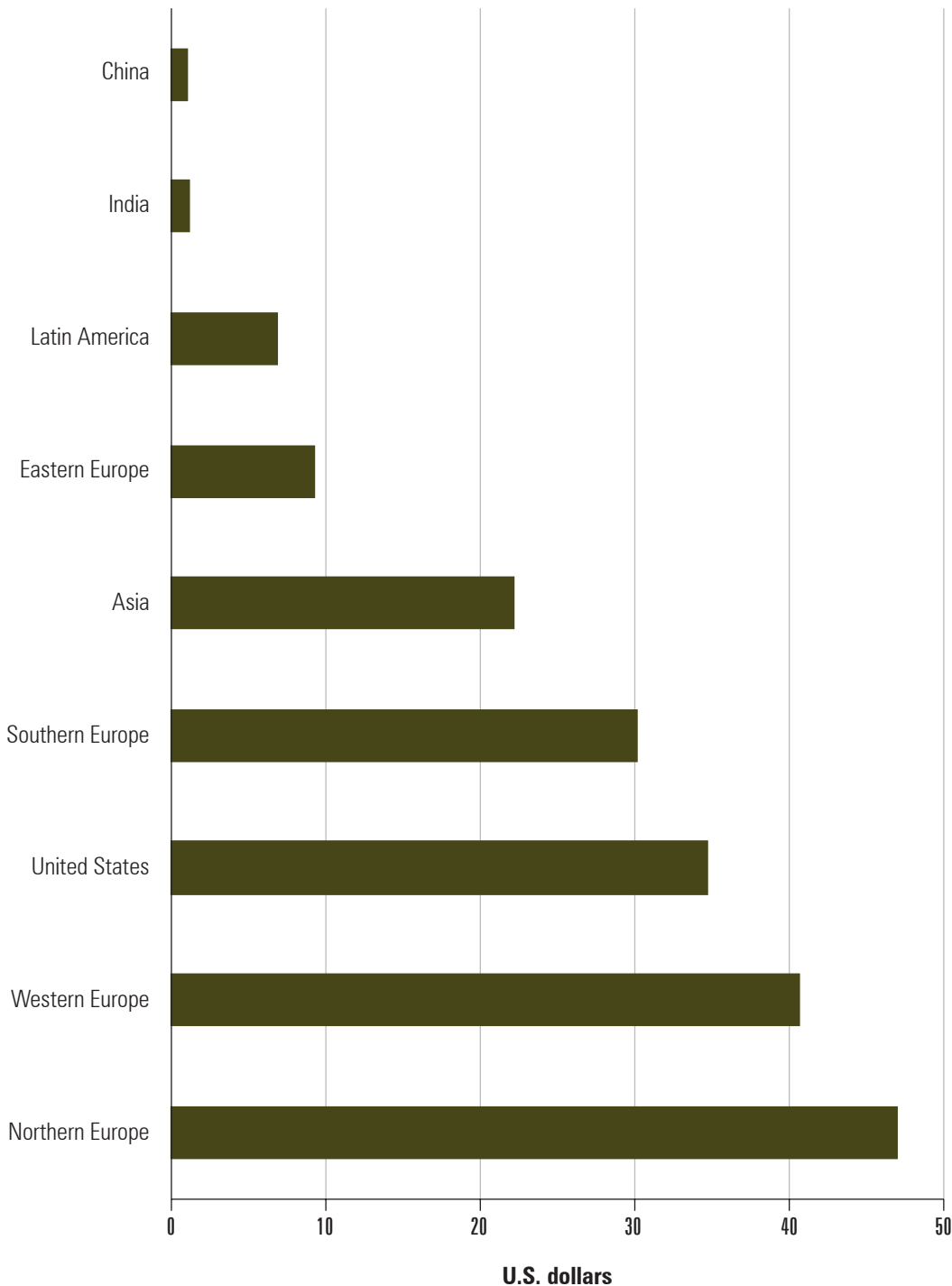


Hourly compensation costs in manufacturing, selected countries and regions, in U.S. dollars, 2010



NOTE: Data for China and India refer to 2007 and are not directly comparable with each other or with data for other countries. Latin America refers to Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico; Western Europe to Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom; Northern Europe to Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden; Southern Europe to Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Spain; Eastern Europe to the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia; and Asia to Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, and Taiwan. Data are trade weighted averages for the regions; see section notes.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

CHART 3.2

Compensation costs in Northern Europe were, on average, \$12 higher than compensation costs in the United States, while those in Latin America were \$28 lower than the U.S. level.

- Eastern European countries, on average, had the lowest hourly compensation costs in Europe, at \$38 below the Northern European level.
- Compensation costs in China were only 5 percent of compensation costs in other Asian countries.