

RSE Table 32

Private industry sector<sup>1</sup>: Relative standard errors<sup>2</sup> of mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> for major occupational groups

Occupational group <sup>4</sup>	Goods producing			Service providing						
	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Trade, transportation, and utilities					Financial activities	
	Relative error <sup>5</sup>			All	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Transportation and warehousing	Utilities	All	Finance and insurance
	Relative error <sup>5</sup>			Relative error <sup>5</sup>						
All workers .....	6.2%	–	1.4%	–	–	–	2.3%	2.0%	–	–
Management, professional, and related .....	9.0	–	1.2	–	–	–	3.3	2.0	–	–
Management, business, and financial .....	14.2	–	1.9	–	–	–	3.7	3.7	–	–
Professional and related .....	5.8	–	1.3	–	–	–	4.6	2.3	–	–
Service .....	5.8	–	6.0	–	–	–	8.0	9.8	–	–
Sales and office .....	6.5	–	2.0	–	–	–	2.5	3.8	–	–
Sales and related ...	13.4	–	6.1	–	–	–	8.8	13.2	–	–
Office and administrative support .....	6.1	–	1.4	–	–	–	3.4	3.7	–	–
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	7.2	–	2.5	–	–	–	3.7	2.1	–	–
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	8.3	–	2.5	–	–	–	4.1	2.0	–	–

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**Private industry sector<sup>1</sup>: Relative standard errors<sup>2</sup> of mean hourly earnings<sup>3</sup> for major occupational groups — Continued**

Occupational group <sup>4</sup>	Service providing							
	Financial activities	Education and health services			Leisure and hospitality			Other services
	Real estate and rental and leasing	All	Educational services	Health care and social assistance	All	Arts, entertainment, and recreation	Accommodation and food services	Relative error <sup>5</sup>
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<b>All workers</b> .....	—	1.9%	2.1%	2.2%	1.8%	—	2.5%	—
Management, professional, and related .....	—	2.7	1.8	3.2	6.5	—	8.0	—
Management, business, and financial .....	—	2.0	2.6	2.5	5.5	—	5.2	—
Professional and related .....	—	3.1	2.3	3.6	15.2	—	—	—
Service .....	—	1.3	2.9	1.3	1.5	—	1.2	—
Sales and office .....	—	1.2	1.7	1.4	2.6	—	2.2	—
Sales and related .....	—	7.4	7.7	10.5	5.0	—	5.6	—
Office and administrative support .....	—	1.1	1.7	1.4	3.9	—	3.0	—
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance .....	—	3.1	4.4	3.9	5.3	—	8.5	—
Installation, maintenance, and repair .....	—	4.4	6.8	5.1	6.7	—	9.4	—

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	Relative error <sup>5</sup>			All	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Transportation and warehousing	Utilities	All	Finance and insurance
				Relative error <sup>5</sup>						
Production, transportation, and material moving .....	6.9%	—	1.1%	—	—	—	3.1%	5.0%	—	—
Production .....	9.7	—	1.1	—	—	—	14.9	3.1	—	—
Transportation and material moving .....	5.2	—	2.3	—	—	—	3.2	12.8	—	—

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Production, transportation, and material moving .....	—	7.3%	6.2%	7.7%	4.0%	—	4.2%	—
Production .....	—	5.0	11.0	5.2	9.5	—	9.8	—
Transportation and material moving .....	—	11.5	8.8	12.1	2.7	—	2.7	—

<sup>1</sup> Industry sectors are determined by the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).  
<sup>2</sup> 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. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.  
<sup>3</sup> 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, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighed by hours.

<sup>4</sup> A classification system including about 800 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.  
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NOTE: Dashes indicate that data did not meet publication criteria.  
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