

Gap between manufacturing compensation and consumer price indexes, selected countries, average annual growth rates, 2007–2010

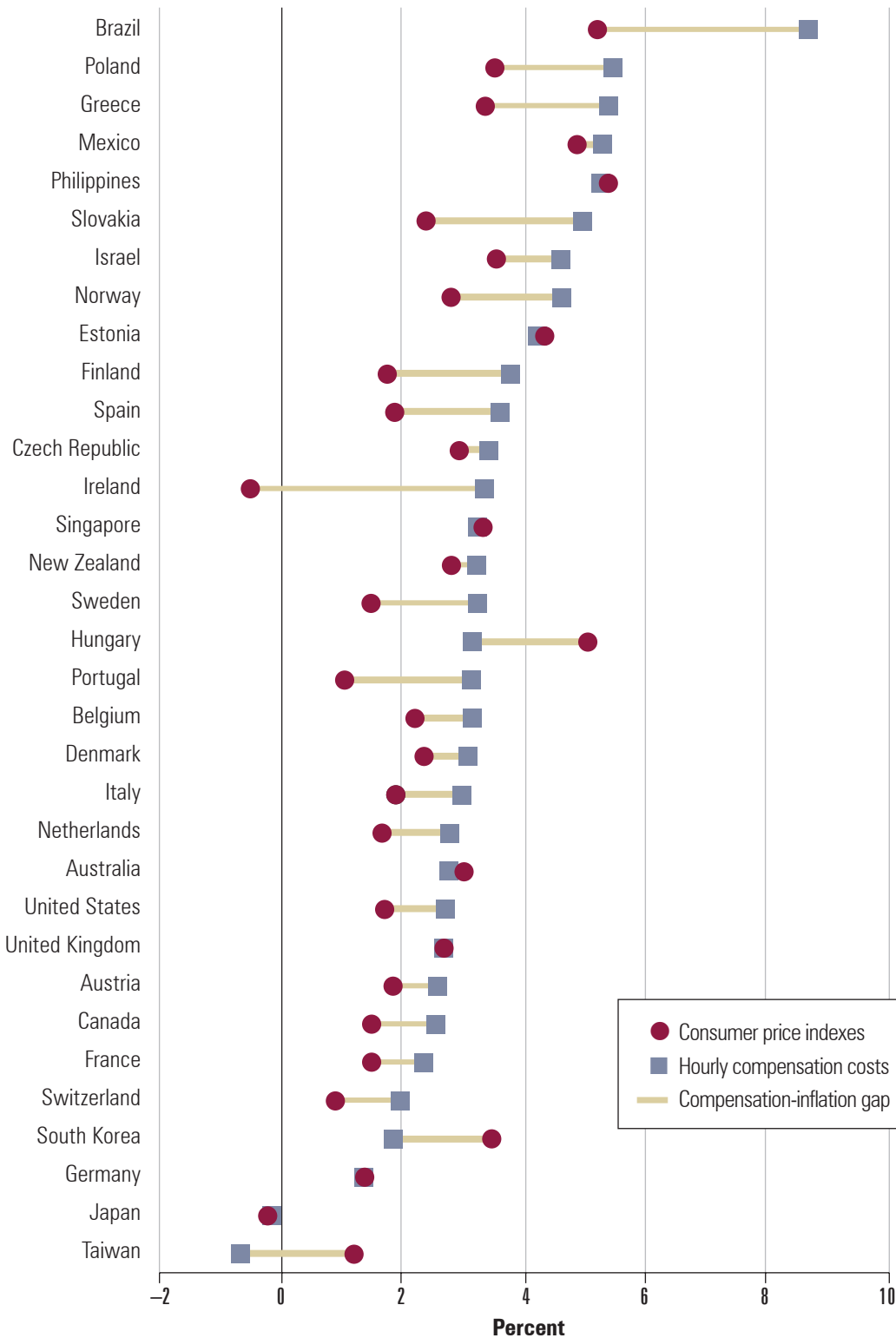


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The gap between the growth rates for hourly compensation costs and the consumer price indexes (CPI) indicates the degree to which manufacturing worker compensation has kept up with inflation.

- Compensation growth outpaced inflation in most countries between 2007 and 2010. The compensation-inflation gap was largest in Ireland, Brazil, and Slovakia.
- Compensation growth rates lagged inflation most notably in Hungary, Taiwan, and South Korea.

NOTE: Hourly compensation growth rates are based on national currency-denominated costs.

SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the national statistical offices of the Philippines, Singapore, and Taiwan.