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Preface

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) provides comprehensive measures of occupational earnings, compensation cost trends, and detailed benefit provisions. It integrates three Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) programs—the Occupational Compensation Survey (OCS), the Employment Cost Index (ECI), and the Employee Benefits Survey (EBS). OCS provides data on occupational earnings; the ECI measures changes in labor costs, as well as average hourly employer costs for employee compensation; and the EBS provides information on detailed benefit provisions. When fully integrated, the NCS will provide data on benefit costs and provisions as well as wages. This bulletin, a product of the first phase of the NCS, focuses on occupational earnings.

The NCS replaced the Occupational Compensation Survey (OCS) with the release of the 1997 data. The major difference between these two surveys is that the OCS used the same preselected list of occupations for all localities. The NCS uses a probability-based sample of establishments and occupations that is intended to more fully represent the employment patterns and occupational mix of each locality.

This bulletin presents aggregate pay data from the metropolitan and nonmetropolitan local area surveys conducted in the West South Central census division. (See Technical Note). It provides estimates of occupational pay for the census division, as well as selected data on worker and establishment characteristics.

NCS bulletins are published for each of the nine census divisions: New England, Middle Atlantic, East North Cen-

tral, West North Central, South Atlantic, East South Central, West South Central, Mountain, and Pacific. (See Technical Note.) Data also are published for some individual localities, as well as for the entire United States. The census division publications may be useful to NCS data users in localities for which separate data were not published.

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Occupational Wages in the West South Central Census Division, 1998

Overview

This bulletin provides 1998 National Compensation Survey (NCS) estimates of occupational pay in the West South Central census division. The bulletin highlights average (mean) hourly pay for workers by seven characteristics:

- Private industry and State and local government
- Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas
- Selected occupations and major occupational groups
- Full-time and part-time status
- Bargaining status
- Size of establishment
- Work level

Wages in the West South Central census division averaged \$14.62 per hour during 1998. Workers in private industry in the West South Central region averaged \$14.27 per hour, pay of workers in State and local government averaged \$15.63 per hour. The nationwide hourly average for all workers covered by the survey was \$15.72.

Table 1 in this bulletin provides an overview of average pay data for workers in private industry and State and local government, by selected worker and establishment characteristics. For example, white-collar workers in private industry averaged \$18.20 per hour and blue-collar workers averaged \$12.07. Corresponding averages in State and local government were \$17.95 and \$10.97. In the West South Central census division, service workers averaged \$6.69 in private industry and \$10.68 in State and local governments. In most census divisions, average hourly earnings are generally lower for private industry workers than for State and local government workers; part of this difference can be explained by differences in the occupational and industrial mix of the two sectors. For example, professional specialty and technical occupations are proportionately more prevalent in State and local government than in private industry.

Full-time workers in the West South Central region averaged \$15.28 per hour while part-time workers averaged \$7.52.

In private industry, full-time workers averaged \$15.07 an hour and part-time workers averaged \$7.13. For workers in State and local government, average hourly pay was \$15.82 and \$10.67 respectively. Full-time or part-time designation is determined by the employer.

Workers in the smallest establishment-size category studied (50-99) averaged \$12.27. Workers in largest establishment-size category (2,500 workers or more) averaged \$17.61.

Table 2 shows that workers in metropolitan areas averaged \$14.86 per hour, more than the average pay for workers in nonmetropolitan areas, \$13.08. Table 2 also shows that for most of the worker and establishment characteristics presented, average pay for metropolitan area workers was higher than for their counterparts in nonmetropolitan areas. See the Technical Note for definitions of metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas.

Among the nine census divisions, average earnings were generally highest in the New England, Middle Atlantic, and Pacific regions. Average earnings for all census divisions, and for other characteristics, can be seen in tables 1 and 2.

Full-time, part-time, and combined average pay rates for occupations in private industry and in State and local government are shown in tables 3, 4, and 5. These tables contain wage rates and mean weekly hours for individual occupations and for major occupational groups. All registered nurses, for example, averaged \$19.33 per hour (table 3). Registered nurses in private industry averaged \$19.14 (table 4), while their counterparts in State and local government averaged \$19.77 per hour (table 5). Laborers, except construction, averaged \$7.98 in private industry and \$8.61 in State and local government. Janitors and cleaners, a service occupation, averaged \$6.68 in private industry and \$7.79 in State and local government.

Earnings by occupational group and level are shown in table 6. In determining the work level, the Bureau applies a "generic leveling" technique to all occupations selected during the collection process, using 10 criteria to level occupations. Usually, the levels tend to show higher pay at higher levels. In this region, average hourly earnings of white-collar workers ranged from \$6.64 for work level 1 to \$65.14 for

level 15. Average earnings of blue-collar workers ranged from \$6.89 (level 1) to \$25.35 (level 9); service workers ranged from \$5.85 (level 1) to \$22.68 (level 10). The Technical Note has more information on generic leveling.

Table A in the Technical Note shows the number of establishments studied in the West South Central census division by employment size; more establishments were studied

in the 100- to 499-worker group than in any other size category. This table also shows the number of establishments represented. Table B shows the number of workers represented by the surveys in the West South Central census division by major occupational groups such as professional specialty and technical, sales, and transportation and material moving.

Table 1. Summary, West South Central: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours by selected characteristics, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,² 1998

Worker and establishment characteristics, and geographic areas	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error (percent)		Mean	Relative error (percent)		Mean	Relative error (percent)	
Total	\$14.62	1.8	37.2	\$14.27	2.3	36.9	\$15.63	1.2	38.0
Worker characteristics:³									
White-collar occupations ⁴	18.12	1.4	37.7	18.20	1.8	37.6	17.95	1.0	37.8
Professional specialty and technical ... Executive, administrative, and managerial	22.11	1.2	37.7	22.92	1.8	38.0	21.12	1.2	37.3
Sales	26.82	1.3	40.3	28.25	1.7	40.7	23.08	1.7	39.4
Administrative support	13.00	3.1	33.8	13.05	3.2	33.9	8.97	7.0	27.7
Blue-collar occupations ⁴	10.74	1.3	38.2	11.17	1.4	38.1	9.77	1.7	38.3
Precision production, craft, and repair Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	11.96	2.6	38.7	12.07	2.8	38.8	10.97	1.8	38.6
Transportation and material moving ... Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	15.40	2.4	39.9	15.75	2.6	39.9	12.90	2.2	39.9
Service occupations ⁴	10.12	3.4	39.6	10.14	3.5	39.6	8.68	9.9	39.8
Full time	12.57	2.8	39.6	13.16	2.7	40.6	10.27	2.7	36.3
Part time	8.37	1.9	36.0	8.35	2.0	35.7	8.57	4.2	39.1
Union	7.94	2.1	33.3	6.69	1.9	31.5	10.68	2.6	38.2
Nonunion	15.28	1.6	39.8	15.07	2.0	39.9	15.82	1.2	39.5
Time	7.52	2.7	21.5	7.13	2.6	21.9	10.67	2.8	18.7
Incentive	17.01	4.5	37.4	17.07	5.2	37.3	16.58	1.5	37.5
Nonincentive	14.46	1.8	37.1	14.05	2.3	36.8	15.60	1.2	38.0
Time	14.56	1.7	37.0	14.17	2.2	36.7	15.63	1.2	38.0
Incentive	15.92	7.3	39.7	15.90	7.3	39.7	-	-	-
Establishment characteristics:									
Goods producing	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	15.73	2.9	40.0	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Service producing	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	13.56	2.2	35.5	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
50-99 workers ⁶	12.27	3.3	35.8	12.10	3.6	35.7	13.69	11.2	36.9
100-499 workers	12.86	2.0	37.1	12.81	2.2	37.0	13.20	2.8	37.4
500-999 workers	16.26	4.0	37.7	16.05	4.6	37.6	17.04	4.5	38.0
1000-2499 workers	16.39	3.3	37.9	16.93	4.1	37.6	15.44	3.3	38.4
2500 workers or more	17.61	2.1	37.8	19.51	3.7	37.0	16.41	1.4	38.2
Geographic areas:⁷									
Metropolitan	14.86	2.1	37.2	14.54	2.5	36.9	15.88	1.3	38.3
Nonmetropolitan	13.08	5.6	37.1	12.09	9.5	37.1	14.66	3.5	37.0
New England	17.38	1.4	35.1	16.50	1.7	35.0	21.35	1.3	35.5
Middle Atlantic	18.10	1.5	35.8	17.14	1.8	35.8	21.72	1.6	35.5
East North Central	16.08	.8	36.2	15.44	.9	36.3	19.32	1.5	35.7
West North Central	14.85	1.6	36.5	14.05	1.9	36.3	17.87	1.2	37.0
South Atlantic	14.40	1.0	37.1	13.82	1.1	36.9	16.22	1.4	38.0
East South Central	11.87	2.3	37.7	11.21	2.6	37.9	15.93	2.2	36.8
West South Central	14.62	1.8	37.2	14.27	2.3	36.9	15.63	1.2	38.0
Mountain	14.58	2.7	36.4	13.30	2.9	36.4	18.32	2.9	36.4
Pacific	17.86	1.3	36.2	16.82	1.7	36.4	21.26	1.0	35.5

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, and 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 In this census division, collection was conducted between July 1997 and April 1999. The average reference period was August 1998.

³ Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining. Wages of time workers are based solely on hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

⁴ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See Technical Note for more information.

⁵ Classification of establishments into goods-producing and service-producing industries applies to private industry only.

⁶ Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

⁷ Data are presented for metropolitan and nonmetropolitan area divisions as well as 9 census area divisions. See Technical Note for a list of survey areas in each census area division and the States comprising the 9 census area divisions.

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Table 2. **Summary, West South Central: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours by selected characteristics, metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998**

Worker and establishment characteristics, and geographic areas	Total			Metropolitan areas			Nonmetropolitan areas		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error (percent)		Mean	Relative error (percent)		Mean	Relative error (percent)	
Total	\$14.62	1.8	37.2	\$14.86	2.1	37.2	\$13.08	5.6	37.1
Private Industry	14.27	2.3	36.9	14.54	2.5	36.9	12.09	9.5	37.1
State and local government	15.63	1.2	38.0	15.88	1.3	38.3	14.66	3.5	37.0
Worker characteristics:⁴									
White-collar occupations ⁵	18.12	1.4	37.7	18.25	1.5	37.7	17.07	3.9	37.1
Professional specialty and technical ...	22.11	1.2	37.7	22.50	1.4	37.8	19.73	2.3	37.3
Executive, administrative, and managerial	26.82	1.3	40.3	27.07	1.4	40.5	24.34	6.8	38.3
Sales	13.00	3.1	33.8	13.13	3.2	34.2	8.94	4.3	26.0
Administrative support	10.74	1.3	38.2	10.88	1.5	38.1	9.40	3.3	38.4
Blue-collar occupations ⁵	11.96	2.6	38.7	11.93	2.5	38.6	12.11	8.9	39.3
Precision production, craft, and repair Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	15.40	2.4	39.9	15.24	1.5	40.0	16.02	8.8	39.7
Transportation and material moving ...	10.12	3.4	39.6	10.26	3.9	39.5	9.27	8.5	39.9
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	12.57	2.8	39.6	12.88	3.0	39.7	9.97	1.1	38.7
Service occupations ⁵	8.37	1.9	36.0	8.38	2.2	35.6	8.34	4.1	38.5
	7.94	2.1	33.3	8.11	2.6	33.2	7.17	2.4	33.8
Full time	15.28	1.6	39.8	15.56	1.8	39.9	13.47	5.7	39.5
Part time	7.52	2.7	21.5	7.56	3.0	21.8	7.19	4.0	19.3
Union	17.01	4.5	37.4	17.65	3.2	37.1	—	—	—
Nonunion	14.46	1.8	37.1	14.67	2.1	37.2	13.18	5.5	36.9
Time	14.56	1.7	37.0	14.80	1.9	37.1	13.07	5.6	37.0
Incentive	15.92	7.3	39.7	15.94	7.4	39.7	—	—	—
Establishment characteristics:									
Goods producing ⁶	15.73	2.9	40.0	16.17	3.2	40.0	13.70	10.1	40.1
Service producing ⁶	13.56	2.2	35.5	13.84	2.5	35.6	10.31	9.5	34.3
50-99 workers ⁷	12.27	3.3	35.8	12.00	3.1	35.8	12.98	7.2	35.8
100-499 workers	12.86	2.0	37.1	13.09	2.1	36.9	11.63	7.2	38.0
500-999 workers	16.26	4.0	37.7	16.58	3.7	37.7	14.42	14.8	37.2
1000-2499 workers	16.39	3.3	37.9	16.00	2.8	37.9	—	—	—
2500 workers or more	17.61	2.1	37.8	17.61	2.1	37.8	—	—	—
Geographic areas:⁸									
New England	17.38	1.4	35.1	17.75	1.2	35.2	14.75	3.6	34.2
Middle Atlantic	18.10	1.5	35.8	18.39	1.6	35.7	13.58	1.6	36.2
East North Central	16.08	.8	36.2	16.55	.8	36.2	13.55	1.3	36.5
West North Central	14.85	1.6	36.5	15.83	2.4	36.5	12.10	2.3	36.4
South Atlantic	14.40	1.0	37.1	14.89	.7	37.0	12.00	4.4	37.7
East South Central	11.87	2.3	37.7	13.88	2.2	36.9	9.97	4.3	38.6
West South Central	14.62	1.8	37.2	14.86	2.1	37.2	13.08	5.6	37.1
Mountain	14.58	2.7	36.4	14.73	3.4	36.5	13.99	3.3	36.0
Pacific	17.86	1.3	36.2	18.04	1.3	36.2	14.96	2.8	35.6

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, and 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 Metropolitan areas can be a Metropolitan Statistical Area or Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the Office of Management and Budget, 1994. Nonmetropolitan areas are counties that do not fit the definitions above. For more information, see Technical Note.

³ In this census division, collection was conducted between July 1997 and April 1999. The average reference period was August 1998.

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are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

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Table 3. Selected occupations, West South Central: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
All	\$14.62	1.8	37.2	\$15.28	1.6	39.8	\$7.52	2.7	21.5
All excluding sales	14.74	1.8	37.4	15.31	1.6	39.8	7.68	3.2	21.6
White collar	18.12	1.4	37.7	18.68	1.3	39.8	9.65	2.4	20.9
White collar excluding sales	18.88	1.3	38.3	19.16	1.3	39.7	11.92	2.4	20.6
Professional specialty and technical	22.11	1.2	37.7	22.36	1.3	39.4	16.17	2.7	18.6
Professional specialty	23.69	1.2	37.7	23.95	1.2	39.5	17.40	2.9	17.9
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	30.21	2.3	40.7	30.20	2.3	40.8	-	-	-
Petroleum engineers	43.08	4.9	40.2	43.08	4.9	40.2	-	-	-
Chemical engineers	34.75	4.1	40.3	34.75	4.1	40.3	-	-	-
Civil engineers	31.74	8.8	41.9	31.74	8.8	41.9	-	-	-
Electrical and electronic engineers	29.58	1.8	40.4	29.58	1.8	40.4	-	-	-
Industrial engineers	25.10	3.4	41.6	25.10	3.4	41.6	-	-	-
Mechanical engineers	27.05	3.3	41.1	27.05	3.3	41.1	-	-	-
Engineers, n.e.c.	30.62	5.0	40.7	30.61	5.0	40.7	-	-	-
Mathematical and computer scientists	26.69	2.2	40.2	26.68	2.2	40.3	-	-	-
Computer systems analysts and scientists	27.01	2.4	40.2	27.00	2.5	40.2	-	-	-
Operations and systems researchers and analysts	26.20	4.3	41.1	26.20	4.3	41.1	-	-	-
Natural scientists	26.36	5.9	40.0	26.36	5.9	40.0	-	-	-
Geologists and geodesists	37.94	9.1	40.2	37.94	9.1	40.2	-	-	-
Physical scientists, n.e.c.	19.79	3.1	40.0	19.79	3.1	40.0	-	-	-
Biological and life scientists	24.52	17.9	40.0	24.52	17.9	40.0	-	-	-
Medical scientists	16.27	17.7	39.7	16.27	17.7	39.7	-	-	-
Health related	20.10	1.2	36.1	20.05	1.2	39.6	20.58	3.2	20.2
Physicians	28.11	17.5	44.3	27.89	17.8	44.9	-	-	-
Registered nurses	19.33	.9	35.9	19.31	.9	39.4	19.51	2.7	20.2
Pharmacists	26.10	2.1	39.0	26.11	2.1	40.0	-	-	-
Dietitians	14.91	11.2	40.0	14.91	11.2	40.0	-	-	-
Respiratory therapists	16.41	3.5	33.9	16.36	4.0	39.8	16.74	3.4	18.0
Occupational therapists	19.87	1.9	36.2	19.22	1.9	39.3	-	-	-
Physical therapists	21.47	5.9	37.6	20.78	5.2	39.4	-	-	-
Speech therapists	24.68	2.8	35.2	24.18	3.3	39.5	29.85	2.4	16.5
Therapists, n.e.c.	18.97	17.9	30.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teachers, college and university	31.82	3.5	33.4	32.58	3.9	38.9	19.40	3.4	10.2
Mathematical science teachers	27.87	5.6	35.9	27.86	5.8	38.5	-	-	-
Computer science teachers	24.69	1.6	19.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical science teachers	39.45	4.4	37.5	39.50	4.4	39.5	-	-	-
Health specialties teachers	22.77	6.1	34.0	22.92	6.4	35.4	-	-	-
Business, commerce, and marketing teachers ..	27.91	8.8	37.3	27.91	8.8	37.3	-	-	-
English teachers	20.73	13.8	26.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trade and industrial teachers	21.90	9.6	35.3	22.29	10.5	39.6	-	-	-
Teachers, post secondary, subject not specified	47.13	8.4	32.5	-	-	-	18.24	10.7	6.1
Teachers, post secondary, n.e.c.	27.11	1.5	32.8	27.69	1.6	38.8	18.68	8.0	10.0
Teachers, except college and university	22.88	1.3	37.2	23.17	1.4	38.4	11.70	5.4	16.6
Prekindergarten and kindergarten	21.52	6.7	37.6	21.92	6.7	38.2	-	-	-
Elementary school teachers	23.00	1.5	38.1	23.01	1.5	38.3	16.87	14.5	12.9
Secondary school teachers	23.69	1.9	38.1	23.71	1.9	38.3	9.52	14.5	8.5
Teachers, special education	23.43	1.5	37.5	23.59	1.5	38.0	-	-	-
Teachers, n.e.c.	20.66	4.5	34.8	21.29	4.5	39.6	14.93	12.8	16.7
Substitute teachers	7.58	3.4	17.2	-	-	-	7.58	3.7	16.4
Vocational and educational counselors	24.61	3.4	37.4	24.79	3.5	39.4	-	-	-
Librarians, archivists, and curators	16.31	5.5	38.9	16.39	5.7	39.7	-	-	-
Librarians	16.07	6.8	38.7	16.16	7.0	39.6	-	-	-
Social scientists and urban planners	20.38	3.8	38.2	20.22	4.0	39.5	-	-	-
Economists	23.52	12.7	40.2	23.52	12.7	40.2	-	-	-
Psychologists	21.67	3.8	36.3	21.41	4.3	38.8	-	-	-
Urban planners	22.86	2.0	40.0	22.86	2.0	40.0	-	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious workers	13.00	1.9	39.5	13.02	1.9	40.1	11.82	3.0	20.7
Social workers	13.06	1.7	39.4	13.08	1.7	39.9	11.78	3.0	20.9
Recreation workers	10.30	9.8	39.2	10.29	9.8	39.3	-	-	-
Lawyers and judges	37.43	3.5	37.8	39.17	3.9	41.4	-	-	-
Lawyers	37.00	3.6	37.8	38.75	4.1	41.5	-	-	-
Judges	43.97	9.6	36.7	44.93	9.4	40.0	-	-	-

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Table 3. Selected occupations, West South Central: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Professional specialty and technical —Continued									
Professional specialty—Continued									
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.									
	\$20.60	4.7	35.8	\$21.76	4.8	40.2	\$10.53	8.2	18.4
Technical writers	22.64	5.6	38.9	23.54	5.4	40.0	—	—	—
Designers	21.06	10.1	38.1	21.56	10.0	40.9	—	—	—
Actors and directors	27.37	35.7	40.0	27.37	35.7	40.0	—	—	—
Painters, sculptors, craft artists, and artist printmakers									
	11.08	6.1	35.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Photographers	9.61	9.7	39.6	9.71	10.0	40.5	—	—	—
Artists, performers, and related workers, n.e.c.	14.99	36.3	30.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Editors and reporters	17.49	4.7	39.5	17.57	4.8	40.1	—	—	—
Public relations specialists	25.66	12.2	33.6	27.46	13.0	40.0	—	—	—
Announcers	11.52	1.2	40.2	11.67	1.4	42.8	—	—	—
Athletes	18.13	21.1	16.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Professional, n.e.c.	24.87	4.8	38.7	25.50	5.0	40.1	—	—	—
Technical	16.86	3.7	37.8	17.06	3.8	39.2	12.46	3.3	21.0
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians									
	13.53	3.1	37.5	13.60	3.3	39.9	12.49	9.7	19.9
Health record technologists and technicians	12.11	7.4	38.5	12.12	7.4	39.5	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	14.85	2.9	37.4	14.94	3.4	39.9	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	12.15	1.7	37.2	12.06	1.7	39.5	13.06	5.5	23.5
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	12.38	2.3	36.5	12.41	2.3	40.0	11.86	5.8	15.2
Electrical and electronic technicians	17.66	1.4	39.7	17.72	1.4	40.1	—	—	—
Mechanical engineering technicians	22.60	8.3	41.8	22.81	8.6	43.0	—	—	—
Engineering technicians, n.e.c.	16.97	3.5	40.0	16.97	3.5	40.0	—	—	—
Drafters	18.82	6.7	39.9	18.93	6.7	40.1	—	—	—
Surveying and mapping technicians	14.65	6.2	40.0	14.65	6.2	40.0	—	—	—
Biological technicians	12.25	6.2	40.0	12.25	6.2	40.0	—	—	—
Chemical technicians	19.04	5.4	40.1	19.04	5.4	40.1	—	—	—
Science technicians, n.e.c.	16.01	13.8	40.0	16.01	13.8	40.0	—	—	—
Airplane pilots and navigators	63.43	24.7	27.9	63.43	24.7	27.9	—	—	—
Broadcast equipment operators	10.33	20.1	37.5	12.98	19.0	39.8	—	—	—
Computer programmers	20.21	3.3	39.8	20.16	3.3	40.2	—	—	—
Legal assistants	16.97	3.2	40.4	16.97	3.2	40.4	—	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c.	16.12	5.9	39.9	16.09	5.9	39.9	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial									
	26.82	1.3	40.3	26.87	1.3	40.5	14.04	12.2	16.3
Executives, administrators, and managers	30.24	1.7	40.4	30.26	1.8	40.6	17.78	17.8	7.6
Legislators	5.22	.0	37.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Administrators and officials, public administration									
	24.47	4.3	38.3	24.42	4.3	40.3	—	—	—
Financial managers	31.11	4.2	40.6	31.11	4.2	40.6	—	—	—
Personnel and labor relations managers	32.51	4.9	39.7	32.51	4.9	39.7	—	—	—
Purchasing managers	31.14	5.4	40.4	31.14	5.4	40.4	—	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations	35.22	3.9	40.5	35.34	3.9	40.8	—	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields	30.14	3.0	39.7	30.14	3.0	39.7	—	—	—
Managers, medicine and health	24.05	5.7	39.9	24.09	5.8	40.1	—	—	—
Managers, food servicing and lodging establishments	17.69	16.4	41.2	17.69	16.4	41.2	—	—	—
Managers, properties and real estate	27.63	10.1	39.8	27.63	10.1	39.8	—	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c.	21.89	10.0	39.7	21.89	10.0	39.7	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	33.17	2.5	41.2	33.17	2.5	41.2	—	—	—
Management related	21.36	1.8	40.1	21.43	1.8	40.4	13.04	12.9	23.4
Accountants and auditors	20.46	1.9	40.3	20.45	1.9	40.3	—	—	—
Underwriters	20.98	7.2	40.0	20.98	7.2	40.0	—	—	—
Other financial officers	25.39	5.2	41.5	25.39	5.2	41.5	—	—	—
Management analysts	24.33	4.3	40.1	24.33	4.3	40.1	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	20.05	4.6	40.2	20.06	4.6	40.3	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Selected occupations, West South Central: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Executive, administrative, and managerial									
—Continued									
Management related—Continued									
Buyers, wholesale and retail trade, except farm products	\$26.92	21.9	40.6	\$26.92	21.9	40.6	—	—	—
Purchasing agents and buyers, n.e.c.	21.27	4.5	40.2	21.27	4.5	40.2	—	—	—
Construction inspectors	15.77	8.4	40.0	15.77	8.4	40.0	—	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction	19.03	6.3	40.1	19.03	6.3	40.1	—	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	21.17	3.4	39.2	21.47	3.4	40.1	\$12.50	13.0	23.9
Sales									
Supervisors, sales	13.00	3.1	33.8	14.66	3.1	40.0	6.76	1.4	21.4
Supervisors, sales	18.45	3.8	40.9	18.56	3.8	41.5	—	—	—
Insurance sales	58.35	42.1	40.2	58.35	42.1	40.2	—	—	—
Real estate sales	23.94	18.1	40.0	23.94	18.1	40.0	—	—	—
Securities and financial services sales	15.82	11.3	39.4	16.09	10.7	39.8	—	—	—
Advertising and related sales	23.54	9.4	37.4	24.54	8.7	39.5	—	—	—
Sales, other business services	15.54	9.5	35.9	16.74	6.6	40.2	—	—	—
Sales engineers	31.99	3.9	44.6	31.99	3.9	44.6	—	—	—
Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale	19.48	9.2	41.1	19.65	9.4	41.5	—	—	—
Sales workers, motor vehicles and boats	19.33	8.7	46.2	19.33	8.7	46.2	—	—	—
Sales workers, apparel	8.34	2.6	26.5	9.39	2.9	37.1	7.39	2.3	21.0
Sales workers, shoes	8.89	11.0	23.8	—	—	—	7.32	5.1	20.3
Sales workers, furniture and home furnishings ..	14.64	18.9	33.8	15.67	18.8	38.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, radio, tv, hi-fi, and appliances ...	9.57	18.4	36.5	9.71	19.0	37.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, hardware and building supplies ..	9.73	6.2	35.6	10.13	7.0	40.0	8.20	6.1	25.0
Sales workers, parts	16.83	6.4	42.0	16.86	6.4	42.0	—	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities	10.82	4.6	33.6	11.71	4.7	39.1	7.14	3.3	21.2
Sales counter clerks	7.69	5.1	28.5	8.70	4.7	39.4	5.82	2.0	18.9
Cashiers	6.93	1.2	28.6	7.51	1.3	37.6	6.11	1.4	21.5
Demonstrators, promoters, and models, sales ..	9.55	8.5	27.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales support, n.e.c.	11.29	5.0	38.6	11.56	5.1	40.2	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical									
Supervisors, general office	10.74	1.3	38.2	10.91	1.3	39.7	7.94	1.8	23.1
Supervisors, general office	14.88	3.0	39.9	14.88	3.0	39.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, computer equipment operators	17.63	5.4	40.0	17.63	5.4	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, financial records processing	16.81	5.3	40.0	16.81	5.3	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, distribution, scheduling, and adjusting clerks	17.91	5.2	40.2	17.91	5.2	40.2	—	—	—
Computer operators	12.12	4.3	38.9	12.22	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
Peripheral equipment operators	10.40	8.0	40.0	10.40	8.0	40.0	—	—	—
Secretaries	11.85	2.4	39.2	11.90	2.5	39.6	9.05	7.3	25.5
Stenographers	14.61	5.5	39.1	14.69	5.4	39.9	—	—	—
Typists	9.98	2.3	38.1	9.99	2.3	39.5	—	—	—
Interviewers	8.67	7.1	37.2	8.83	8.1	40.0	7.78	2.6	26.5
Hotel clerks	7.12	4.0	36.9	7.23	3.8	39.7	—	—	—
Transportation ticket and reservation agents	11.98	5.3	37.5	12.22	5.5	40.0	9.69	5.9	23.3
Receptionists	8.44	2.7	35.9	8.69	2.7	39.5	6.71	3.7	22.0
Information clerks, n.e.c.	10.04	2.9	38.2	10.18	3.6	39.6	9.12	2.9	31.1
Correspondence clerks	15.47	6.3	40.0	15.47	6.3	40.0	—	—	—
Order clerks	10.77	4.0	38.0	10.92	4.0	39.4	7.64	5.2	22.0
Personnel clerks, except payroll and timekeeping	10.42	3.8	34.0	10.74	4.9	39.8	—	—	—
Library clerks	8.74	3.5	33.1	8.84	4.4	39.2	8.33	5.1	20.2
File clerks	8.88	5.9	36.7	9.17	6.3	39.7	6.25	4.6	21.6
Records clerks, n.e.c.	9.50	2.7	38.6	9.57	2.6	39.6	7.51	11.2	21.9
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks ...	10.33	2.7	39.1	10.38	2.7	39.5	6.83	4.2	22.0
Payroll and timekeeping clerks	11.80	3.8	40.1	11.80	3.8	40.1	—	—	—
Billing clerks	10.78	5.3	40.0	10.78	5.3	40.0	—	—	—
Cost and rate clerks	11.90	17.0	40.0	11.90	17.0	40.0	—	—	—

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Table 3. Selected occupations, West South Central: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Administrative support, including clerical									
—Continued									
Billing, posting, and calculating machine operators	\$9.60	14.7	33.6	\$8.94	18.4	40.0	—	—	—
Duplicating machine operators	9.20	3.4	34.4	11.31	9.3	39.7	\$7.65	4.8	31.4
Telephone operators	9.69	7.7	39.1	9.99	8.2	39.7	—	—	—
Mail clerks, except postal service	8.18	3.4	37.4	8.22	3.9	39.8	7.95	5.5	28.2
Messengers	8.80	8.0	37.1	8.99	7.9	40.0	—	—	—
Dispatchers	10.58	4.8	38.7	10.68	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Production coordinators	13.25	4.0	40.0	13.25	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	9.85	4.4	38.4	10.05	4.9	39.8	7.96	3.7	28.3
Stock and inventory clerks	9.61	2.2	39.3	9.67	2.3	40.0	7.69	2.3	25.5
Meter readers	10.63	6.2	39.7	10.63	6.2	40.2	—	—	—
Weighers, measurers, checkers, and samplers	11.72	7.5	40.0	11.72	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Expeditors	14.10	7.4	40.0	14.10	7.4	40.0	—	—	—
Material recording, scheduling, and distribution clerks, n.e.c.	9.00	3.5	39.9	9.01	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators	14.09	7.5	39.3	14.09	7.5	39.3	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance ..	13.21	4.8	39.1	13.29	4.9	40.0	9.87	14.5	20.8
Eligibility clerks, social welfare	9.34	4.1	39.1	9.34	4.1	39.6	—	—	—
Bill and account collectors	12.04	5.5	38.0	12.16	5.7	39.9	—	—	—
General office clerks	9.97	1.9	37.0	10.16	1.9	39.8	7.62	4.9	19.6
Bank tellers	8.79	5.6	31.2	9.52	6.2	40.0	7.56	3.5	22.7
Data entry keyers	9.23	2.1	38.5	9.52	2.6	39.8	7.35	3.4	31.6
Statistical clerks	9.58	10.1	39.2	9.63	10.2	39.7	—	—	—
Teachers' aides	8.43	3.2	38.2	8.44	3.2	38.5	6.59	6.9	17.2
Administrative support, n.e.c.	10.60	2.6	37.6	10.82	2.4	39.8	8.27	6.7	23.6
Blue collar	11.96	2.6	38.7	12.20	2.6	40.3	7.40	3.3	22.8
Precision production, craft, and repair									
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	21.52	2.9	40.6	21.52	2.9	40.6	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics	15.71	3.0	41.6	15.71	3.0	41.6	—	—	—
Automobile mechanic apprentices	10.87	16.9	40.0	10.96	17.2	40.9	—	—	—
Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics	13.26	5.9	40.2	13.26	5.9	40.2	—	—	—
Aircraft engine mechanics	20.15	12.6	40.0	20.15	12.6	40.0	—	—	—
Automobile body and related repairers	15.03	7.3	41.3	15.03	7.3	41.3	—	—	—
Aircraft mechanics, except engine	18.31	5.2	40.4	18.31	5.2	40.4	—	—	—
Heavy equipment mechanics	14.85	1.7	40.5	14.85	1.7	40.5	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers	16.17	6.6	40.0	16.17	6.6	40.0	—	—	—
Machinery maintenance	11.19	4.3	40.0	11.19	4.3	40.0	—	—	—
Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment	17.01	7.8	38.3	18.20	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
Data processing equipment repairers	15.53	8.4	40.0	15.53	8.4	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone line installers and repairers	15.69	2.1	40.0	15.69	2.1	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone installers and repairers	17.30	9.8	40.0	17.30	9.8	40.0	—	—	—
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics	15.11	3.8	40.0	15.11	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
Office machine repairers	16.85	9.3	40.0	16.85	9.3	40.0	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	14.65	3.1	38.8	14.80	3.0	39.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, carpenters and related workers	17.44	4.5	42.3	17.44	4.5	42.3	—	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers	19.76	4.5	40.0	19.76	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	15.43	5.5	40.0	15.43	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	14.02	6.8	40.4	14.02	6.8	40.4	—	—	—
Carpenters	13.01	4.8	39.2	13.10	4.8	39.8	—	—	—
Electricians	17.16	5.3	40.0	17.16	5.3	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical apprentices	9.06	10.6	40.0	9.06	10.6	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical power installers and repairers	19.41	8.1	40.0	19.41	8.1	40.0	—	—	—
Painters, construction and maintenance	11.07	3.4	40.0	11.07	3.4	40.0	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Selected occupations, West South Central: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar —Continued									
Precision production, craft, and repair —Continued									
Plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters	\$14.63	4.1	40.0	\$14.63	4.1	40.0	—	—	—
Plumber, pipefitter, and steamfitter apprentices	10.77	10.3	40.0	10.77	10.3	40.0	—	—	—
Concrete and terrazzo finishers	11.10	3.6	40.6	11.10	3.6	40.6	—	—	—
Insulation workers	11.54	6.2	33.7	11.96	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Structural metal workers	14.53	3.2	40.0	14.53	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
Construction trades, n.e.c.	11.52	5.4	39.9	11.56	5.5	39.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, extractive	16.45	14.0	39.1	17.54	10.1	41.0	—	—	—
Drillers, oil well	16.20	1.1	41.4	16.20	1.1	41.4	—	—	—
Mining, n.e.c.	20.04	3.2	40.1	20.04	3.2	40.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, production	19.73	3.1	40.3	19.72	3.1	40.4	—	—	—
Precision assemblers, metal	13.83	8.9	40.0	13.83	8.9	40.0	—	—	—
Machinists	16.52	4.2	39.7	16.51	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
Boilermakers	18.01	5.1	40.0	18.01	5.1	40.0	—	—	—
Sheet metal workers	14.92	8.7	40.0	14.92	8.7	40.0	—	—	—
Cabinet makers and bench carpenters	9.56	.6	40.0	9.56	.6	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	9.52	2.7	40.0	9.52	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous precision workers, n.e.c.	15.81	20.7	38.6	16.04	20.4	39.9	—	—	—
Bakers	8.08	2.6	37.6	8.12	2.9	40.0	—	—	—
Food batchmakers	7.78	6.5	37.1	7.45	5.2	39.8	—	—	—
Inspectors, testers, and graders	15.76	4.7	41.2	15.76	4.7	41.2	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	11.99	6.9	39.5	12.03	6.9	40.0	—	—	—
Power plant operators	19.13	4.3	40.0	19.13	4.3	40.0	—	—	—
Stationary engineers	12.67	4.6	40.0	12.67	4.6	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous plant and system operators, n.e.c.	21.57	1.9	39.9	21.57	1.9	39.9	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	10.12	3.4	39.6	10.17	3.3	40.0	\$5.97	2.6	22.1
Lathe and turning machine operators	11.40	8.0	40.0	11.40	8.0	40.0	—	—	—
Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators	10.02	7.0	40.0	10.02	7.0	40.0	—	—	—
Numerical control machine operators	14.87	5.9	40.0	14.87	5.9	40.0	—	—	—
Fabricating machine operators, n.e.c.	13.44	8.1	40.0	13.44	8.1	40.0	—	—	—
Molding and casting machine operators	12.15	9.4	40.0	12.15	9.4	40.0	—	—	—
Printing press operators	12.48	6.3	39.8	12.48	6.3	39.8	—	—	—
Photoengravers and lithographers	15.40	6.1	39.8	15.40	6.1	39.8	—	—	—
Textile sewing machine operators	7.19	2.2	40.0	7.19	2.2	40.0	—	—	—
Pressing machine operators	7.55	9.0	39.9	7.55	9.0	39.9	—	—	—
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators	6.79	2.9	39.6	6.82	2.9	40.0	—	—	—
Packaging and filling machine operators	8.19	8.6	40.0	8.19	8.6	40.0	—	—	—
Mixing and blending machine operators	10.27	14.7	40.0	10.27	14.7	40.0	—	—	—
Separating, filtering, and clarifying machine operators	16.39	6.1	40.2	16.39	6.1	40.2	—	—	—
Painting and paint spraying machine operators	12.05	3.3	40.0	12.05	3.3	40.0	—	—	—
Furnace, kiln, and oven operators, except food	10.20	17.3	40.0	10.20	17.3	40.0	—	—	—
Slicing and cutting machine operators	10.38	11.7	40.0	10.38	11.7	40.0	—	—	—
Photographic process machine operators	8.85	7.3	37.4	9.17	6.8	39.8	—	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	10.43	3.2	39.8	10.43	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
Welders and cutters	11.79	3.8	40.0	11.79	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
Assemblers	11.01	3.3	39.4	11.14	3.0	39.9	6.06	3.7	26.4
Hand cutting and trimming	6.99	8.4	38.0	7.07	9.0	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous hand working, n.e.c.	9.46	6.5	33.7	10.14	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Production inspectors, checkers and examiners	10.66	4.8	40.0	10.66	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
Production testers	9.06	15.1	39.9	9.06	15.1	39.9	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	12.57	2.8	39.6	12.87	2.9	41.9	9.29	8.0	25.0
Supervisors, motor vehicle operators	11.75	7.5	40.9	11.97	8.4	41.3	—	—	—
Truck drivers	12.09	3.2	42.7	12.10	3.3	44.0	11.93	14.8	27.7
Driver-sales workers	11.98	4.1	42.7	12.06	3.9	43.0	—	—	—
Bus drivers	10.97	4.4	32.6	11.20	6.1	37.9	10.46	2.8	24.8
Taxicab drivers and chauffeurs	6.57	2.7	30.8	6.62	4.8	39.8	—	—	—
Motor transportation, n.e.c.	6.31	6.0	27.8	6.81	7.8	39.9	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Selected occupations, West South Central: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Transportation and material moving—Continued									
Ship captains and mates, except fishing boats ..	\$15.25	4.9	48.4	\$15.25	4.9	48.4	—	—	—
Sailors and deckhands	7.49	2.9	54.5	7.49	2.9	54.5	—	—	—
Supervisors, material moving equipment	16.21	3.9	41.2	16.21	3.9	41.2	—	—	—
Operating engineers	13.65	8.7	40.0	13.65	8.7	40.0	—	—	—
Crane and tower operators	14.90	4.2	40.0	14.90	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
Excavating and loading machine operators	9.92	3.6	39.9	9.92	3.6	39.9	—	—	—
Grader, dozer, and scrapper operators	10.14	4.3	40.0	10.14	4.3	40.0	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	10.35	3.6	40.4	10.35	3.6	40.5	—	—	—
Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators, n.e.c.	14.42	12.5	39.5	14.60	12.3	40.0	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers									
Supervisors, agriculture-related workers	10.44	10.8	38.5	10.56	11.3	40.0	—	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm ...	8.10	6.1	38.6	8.16	6.2	39.2	6.14	1.6	25.1
Animal caretakers, except farm	6.94	6.5	38.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, handlers, equipment cleaners, and laborers, n.e.c.	13.40	2.7	38.4	13.39	2.9	40.1	—	—	—
Helpers, mechanics and repairers	9.08	4.1	39.2	9.18	4.1	40.3	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades	8.37	4.7	39.5	8.38	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
Construction laborers	7.57	2.0	39.8	7.61	2.0	40.2	—	—	—
Production helpers	8.57	6.3	39.9	8.61	6.4	40.1	—	—	—
Garbage collectors	8.87	7.2	37.2	9.04	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Stevedores	14.37	15.0	40.0	14.37	15.0	40.0	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	7.29	2.9	28.6	8.32	4.0	39.8	5.78	1.4	20.2
Machine feeders and offbearers	7.16	3.6	39.4	7.19	3.7	40.0	—	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	10.00	5.6	35.1	10.25	6.4	39.4	8.47	3.1	21.3
Garage and service station related	7.74	7.6	38.5	8.36	6.9	40.0	—	—	—
Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners	8.93	4.8	39.6	9.00	4.9	40.2	—	—	—
Hand packers and packagers	7.41	4.7	37.2	7.56	5.3	39.9	6.16	5.8	23.7
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	8.04	2.4	38.0	8.14	2.6	39.8	6.92	3.9	25.7
Service									
Protective service	11.78	2.7	38.9	12.07	2.6	41.3	7.93	3.8	21.9
Supervisors, firefighters and fire prevention	17.95	6.2	49.1	17.95	6.2	49.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, police and detectives	16.49	6.6	40.1	16.49	6.6	40.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, guards	13.08	8.8	40.1	13.08	8.8	40.1	—	—	—
Firefighting	12.79	5.7	48.2	12.84	5.7	50.7	—	—	—
Police and detectives, public service	15.49	3.0	40.0	15.75	2.7	40.2	—	—	—
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers	13.10	4.9	39.6	13.06	5.0	40.3	—	—	—
Correctional institution officers	10.01	4.5	40.1	10.02	4.5	40.2	—	—	—
Crossing guards	6.05	2.6	17.4	—	—	—	6.05	2.6	17.4
Guards and police, except public service	7.63	2.2	34.2	7.52	2.5	39.6	8.06	5.2	22.5
Protective service, n.e.c.	8.07	2.7	33.9	8.29	3.0	40.0	6.60	2.2	16.6
Food service	6.23	2.2	31.5	6.78	2.1	38.1	4.92	2.0	22.3
Supervisors, food preparation and service	11.03	4.9	42.0	11.17	5.0	42.8	—	—	—
Bartenders	5.42	4.9	29.6	5.55	5.7	38.8	5.29	7.6	23.8
Waiters and waitresses	3.32	5.7	28.7	3.48	7.5	37.3	3.11	5.6	22.2
Cooks	7.23	2.6	35.3	7.45	2.3	38.1	6.47	4.2	28.1
Food counter, fountain, and related	6.02	2.4	29.4	6.36	4.4	35.6	5.28	2.7	21.1
Kitchen workers, food preparation	6.54	2.0	33.2	6.75	2.2	38.5	5.88	1.1	23.0
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants	5.65	9.2	31.6	6.44	10.4	37.8	4.06	4.2	23.8
Food preparation, n.e.c.	6.31	1.7	28.9	6.47	2.0	37.7	5.99	2.6	19.9
Health service	7.05	1.7	34.4	7.22	1.6	39.1	6.29	3.4	22.3
Dental assistants	8.37	5.2	40.0	8.37	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Health aides, except nursing	8.02	1.8	36.0	8.21	2.1	39.4	6.71	4.4	22.7
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	6.74	2.1	33.9	6.87	2.0	38.9	6.21	3.9	22.2
Cleaning and building service	7.09	1.9	34.7	7.37	1.9	39.5	5.59	1.3	21.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Selected occupations, West South Central: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Service—Continued									
Cleaning and building service—Continued									
Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers	\$10.19	5.9	39.2	\$10.31	5.7	40.4	—	—	—
Maids and housemen	5.84	1.3	36.3	5.88	1.1	39.2	\$5.41	1.9	21.7
Janitors and cleaners	7.09	2.0	34.1	7.43	2.0	39.5	5.60	1.4	21.3
Personal service	7.98	8.0	27.1	9.63	8.2	36.0	5.82	5.9	20.4
Supervisors, personal service	11.63	14.1	39.4	11.63	14.1	39.4	—	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	6.98	2.6	31.8	7.46	3.3	40.0	5.51	2.4	19.6
Public transportation attendants	31.37	8.4	18.6	32.15	8.6	19.7	—	—	—
Baggage porters and bellhops	4.81	6.5	39.5	4.81	6.5	39.5	—	—	—
Welfare service aides	5.46	2.4	25.0	6.12	9.0	39.7	5.24	.6	22.3
Early childhood teachers' assistants	7.71	3.0	29.2	7.90	4.1	39.2	6.84	7.7	13.5
Child care workers, n.e.c.	6.64	4.4	24.3	6.24	6.0	38.0	6.82	4.2	20.8
Service, n.e.c.	7.01	2.0	29.0	7.30	3.2	38.8	6.32	3.3	18.0

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, and 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 All workers include full-time and part-time workers. 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 In this census division, collection was conducted between July 1997 and April 1999.

The average reference period was August 1998.

⁴ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. For more information, see Technical Note.

⁵ 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 Technical Note.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 4. Selected occupations, West South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
All	\$14.27	2.3	36.9	\$15.07	2.0	39.9	\$7.13	2.6	21.9
All excluding sales	14.40	2.3	37.2	15.11	2.0	39.9	7.22	3.2	22.1
White collar	18.20	1.8	37.6	18.96	1.7	40.0	9.06	2.6	21.7
White collar excluding sales	19.39	1.7	38.6	19.77	1.7	40.0	11.49	3.0	22.1
Professional specialty and technical	22.92	1.8	38.0	23.25	1.9	39.8	16.28	3.3	20.3
Professional specialty	25.35	1.5	38.3	25.72	1.6	40.2	18.08	3.3	19.9
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	30.33	2.3	40.7	30.32	2.3	40.8	-	-	-
Petroleum engineers	43.08	4.9	40.2	43.08	4.9	40.2	-	-	-
Chemical engineers	34.75	4.1	40.3	34.75	4.1	40.3	-	-	-
Civil engineers	32.37	9.3	42.2	32.37	9.3	42.2	-	-	-
Electrical and electronic engineers	29.74	1.9	40.5	29.74	1.9	40.5	-	-	-
Industrial engineers	25.19	3.4	41.6	25.19	3.4	41.6	-	-	-
Mechanical engineers	27.05	3.3	41.1	27.05	3.3	41.1	-	-	-
Engineers, n.e.c.	30.72	5.1	40.7	30.72	5.1	40.8	-	-	-
Mathematical and computer scientists	27.47	2.4	40.3	27.46	2.4	40.3	-	-	-
Computer systems analysts and scientists	27.82	2.7	40.2	27.81	2.7	40.3	-	-	-
Operations and systems researchers and analysts	26.28	4.2	41.1	26.28	4.2	41.1	-	-	-
Natural scientists	32.65	6.1	40.0	32.65	6.1	40.0	-	-	-
Geologists and geodesists	38.93	9.2	40.2	38.93	9.2	40.2	-	-	-
Biological and life scientists	25.65	18.3	40.0	25.65	18.3	40.0	-	-	-
Health related	20.16	1.4	35.4	20.11	1.4	39.4	20.52	3.9	20.1
Physicians	44.45	16.7	39.0	44.20	17.1	40.0	-	-	-
Registered nurses	19.14	1.1	35.2	19.07	1.0	39.3	19.66	3.4	19.8
Pharmacists	26.30	1.5	38.8	26.33	1.6	40.0	-	-	-
Respiratory therapists	16.07	3.1	34.0	15.94	3.5	39.7	16.82	3.5	19.0
Occupational therapists	19.82	1.6	36.3	19.06	1.1	40.0	-	-	-
Physical therapists	21.74	7.1	37.3	20.94	6.3	39.3	-	-	-
Speech therapists	27.08	4.9	32.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Therapists, n.e.c.	19.49	18.9	29.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teachers, college and university	33.69	3.7	37.2	33.77	3.7	38.0	-	-	-
Teachers, post secondary, n.e.c.	26.07	7.0	28.4	26.21	7.2	30.1	-	-	-
Teachers, except college and university	14.26	5.8	34.1	14.15	6.0	39.6	14.85	14.9	19.4
Prekindergarten and kindergarten	9.57	7.5	36.8	9.60	8.7	40.0	-	-	-
Elementary school teachers	15.24	13.4	39.1	15.25	13.5	39.7	-	-	-
Secondary school teachers	23.09	5.5	36.2	23.34	5.5	37.8	14.42	18.6	14.6
Teachers, n.e.c.	15.36	10.0	30.7	14.93	11.5	39.7	16.53	12.3	18.9
Vocational and educational counselors	12.80	5.2	35.7	12.75	5.5	40.0	-	-	-
Librarians, archivists, and curators	13.98	13.2	38.4	14.43	14.9	40.0	-	-	-
Librarians	13.98	13.2	38.4	14.43	14.9	40.0	-	-	-
Social scientists and urban planners	20.66	7.9	38.5	20.47	8.2	40.0	-	-	-
Economists	23.81	13.0	40.2	23.81	13.0	40.2	-	-	-
Social, recreation, and religious workers	13.58	5.1	38.4	13.70	5.5	40.6	11.74	3.9	21.1
Social workers	13.34	4.0	37.3	13.48	4.4	39.9	-	-	-
Recreation workers	12.00	16.0	38.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lawyers and judges	41.83	5.2	41.6	41.83	5.2	41.6	-	-	-
Lawyers	41.70	5.2	41.6	41.70	5.2	41.6	-	-	-
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	20.83	5.2	36.6	21.84	5.3	40.2	9.96	12.2	18.5
Technical writers	22.64	5.6	38.9	23.54	5.4	40.0	-	-	-
Designers	21.19	10.3	38.0	21.72	10.2	40.9	-	-	-
Actors and directors	27.37	35.7	40.0	27.37	35.7	40.0	-	-	-
Painters, sculptors, craft artists, and artist printmakers	11.08	6.1	35.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Photographers	9.61	9.7	39.6	9.71	10.0	40.5	-	-	-
Artists, performers, and related workers, n.e.c.	14.51	39.2	32.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Editors and reporters	17.37	5.4	39.9	17.38	5.4	40.1	-	-	-
Public relations specialists	28.38	14.0	39.7	28.61	14.2	40.0	-	-	-
Announcers	11.52	1.2	40.2	11.67	1.4	42.8	-	-	-
Athletes	18.70	21.9	16.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional, n.e.c.	26.07	5.9	40.0	26.11	5.9	40.1	-	-	-
Technical	18.09	4.2	37.6	18.36	4.4	39.1	12.55	4.0	21.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Selected occupations, West South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Professional specialty and technical —Continued									
Technical—Continued									
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	\$13.62	3.1	36.9	\$13.72	3.3	39.8	\$12.49	9.7	19.9
Health record technologists and technicians	13.02	4.8	38.3	13.02	4.7	39.7	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	15.17	3.2	38.2	15.31	3.2	40.2	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	12.55	1.9	36.8	12.47	1.9	39.3	13.18	6.3	24.0
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	13.37	2.1	35.2	13.48	2.1	39.5	12.17	6.2	15.1
Electrical and electronic technicians	17.77	1.5	40.1	17.77	1.5	40.1	—	—	—
Mechanical engineering technicians	22.60	8.3	41.8	22.81	8.6	43.0	—	—	—
Engineering technicians, n.e.c.	19.20	5.4	40.0	19.20	5.4	40.0	—	—	—
Drafters	19.25	6.3	39.9	19.36	6.3	40.1	—	—	—
Chemical technicians	19.03	5.6	40.1	19.03	5.6	40.1	—	—	—
Airplane pilots and navigators	63.43	24.7	27.9	63.43	24.7	27.9	—	—	—
Broadcast equipment operators	10.22	22.3	37.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Computer programmers	20.31	3.4	39.8	20.26	3.5	40.2	—	—	—
Legal assistants	17.44	3.6	40.4	17.44	3.6	40.4	—	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c.	17.30	7.4	40.2	17.25	7.4	40.3	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	28.25	1.7	40.7	28.28	1.7	40.7	16.51	8.2	22.7
Executives, administrators, and managers	32.01	2.0	40.8	32.03	2.0	40.9	—	—	—
Financial managers	31.39	4.6	40.6	31.39	4.6	40.6	—	—	—
Personnel and labor relations managers	34.89	5.5	40.0	34.89	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Purchasing managers	31.14	5.4	40.4	31.14	5.4	40.4	—	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations	35.24	3.9	40.5	35.36	3.9	40.8	—	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields	21.23	6.9	40.1	21.22	6.9	40.3	—	—	—
Managers, medicine and health	25.44	8.8	39.8	25.52	8.9	40.1	—	—	—
Managers, food servicing and lodging establishments	19.02	20.3	41.9	19.02	20.3	41.9	—	—	—
Managers, properties and real estate	27.97	14.2	40.5	27.97	14.2	40.5	—	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c.	23.03	12.7	39.6	23.03	12.7	39.6	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	34.07	2.7	41.2	34.07	2.7	41.2	—	—	—
Management related	22.77	2.2	40.4	22.80	2.2	40.5	16.04	10.5	24.2
Accountants and auditors	21.46	2.2	40.5	21.46	2.2	40.5	—	—	—
Underwriters	20.98	7.2	40.0	20.98	7.2	40.0	—	—	—
Other financial officers	27.35	5.1	41.8	27.35	5.1	41.8	—	—	—
Management analysts	24.79	4.3	40.1	24.79	4.3	40.1	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	21.41	5.1	40.4	21.41	5.1	40.4	—	—	—
Buyers, wholesale and retail trade, except farm products	26.92	21.9	40.6	26.92	21.9	40.6	—	—	—
Purchasing agents and buyers, n.e.c.	21.99	4.5	40.2	21.99	4.5	40.2	—	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction	21.12	7.7	40.4	21.12	7.7	40.4	—	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	22.63	3.8	39.5	22.78	3.9	40.1	—	—	—
Sales	13.05	3.2	33.9	14.71	3.2	40.1	6.75	1.5	21.4
Supervisors, sales	18.51	3.9	41.3	18.55	3.9	41.5	—	—	—
Real estate sales	24.62	18.1	40.0	24.62	18.1	40.0	—	—	—
Securities and financial services sales	15.82	11.3	39.4	16.09	10.7	39.8	—	—	—
Advertising and related sales	23.54	9.4	37.4	24.54	8.7	39.5	—	—	—
Sales, other business services	15.54	9.5	35.9	16.74	6.6	40.2	—	—	—
Sales engineers	31.99	3.9	44.6	31.99	3.9	44.6	—	—	—
Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale	19.48	9.2	41.1	19.65	9.4	41.5	—	—	—
Sales workers, motor vehicles and boats	19.33	8.7	46.2	19.33	8.7	46.2	—	—	—
Sales workers, apparel	8.34	2.6	26.5	9.39	2.9	37.1	7.39	2.3	21.0
Sales workers, shoes	8.89	11.0	23.8	—	—	—	7.32	5.1	20.3
Sales workers, furniture and home furnishings ..	14.64	18.9	33.8	15.67	18.8	38.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, radio, tv, hi-fi, and appliances ...	9.57	18.4	36.5	9.71	19.0	37.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, hardware and building supplies	9.73	6.2	35.6	10.13	7.0	40.0	8.20	6.1	25.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Selected occupations, West South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Sales —Continued									
Sales workers, parts	\$16.83	6.4	42.0	\$16.86	6.4	42.0	—	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities	10.82	4.6	33.6	11.71	4.7	39.1	\$7.14	3.3	21.2
Sales counter clerks	7.70	5.2	29.8	8.70	4.7	39.4	5.73	1.6	20.2
Cashiers	6.90	1.2	28.6	7.48	1.3	37.9	6.11	1.4	21.4
Demonstrators, promoters, and models, sales ..	9.55	8.5	27.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales support, n.e.c.	11.29	5.0	38.6	11.56	5.1	40.2	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical									
Supervisors, general office	15.77	5.2	40.0	15.77	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, financial records processing	16.93	5.2	40.0	16.93	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, distribution, scheduling, and adjusting clerks	17.82	5.5	40.3	17.82	5.5	40.3	—	—	—
Computer operators	12.32	5.2	39.9	12.33	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Peripheral equipment operators	10.42	8.3	40.0	10.42	8.3	40.0	—	—	—
Secretaries	13.13	2.0	39.1	13.23	2.0	39.7	9.13	10.3	24.6
Stenographers	13.72	10.5	39.0	13.80	10.4	40.0	—	—	—
Typists	10.59	2.8	37.5	10.65	2.9	39.5	—	—	—
Interviewers	8.67	4.4	35.7	8.95	5.8	40.0	7.79	2.7	26.6
Hotel clerks	7.05	3.9	36.8	7.16	3.8	39.7	—	—	—
Transportation ticket and reservation agents	11.98	5.4	37.5	12.22	5.5	40.0	9.69	5.9	23.3
Receptionists	8.46	3.1	35.5	8.75	3.1	39.5	6.73	3.8	22.0
Information clerks, n.e.c.	10.01	3.8	38.4	10.19	4.8	39.6	9.02	3.0	32.4
Correspondence clerks	16.30	5.2	40.0	16.30	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Order clerks	10.72	4.3	38.0	10.87	4.2	39.4	7.64	5.2	22.0
Personnel clerks, except payroll and timekeeping	10.47	4.6	37.8	10.62	4.8	39.9	—	—	—
File clerks	8.89	7.6	37.3	9.19	8.0	40.0	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	9.84	3.7	38.1	9.97	3.5	39.6	7.45	12.2	21.9
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks ...	10.42	1.8	39.1	10.50	1.8	39.7	6.83	4.2	22.0
Payroll and timekeeping clerks	11.85	4.4	40.0	11.85	4.4	40.0	—	—	—
Billing clerks	11.03	6.1	40.0	11.03	6.1	40.0	—	—	—
Cost and rate clerks	11.90	17.0	40.0	11.90	17.0	40.0	—	—	—
Billing, posting, and calculating machine operators	9.63	15.4	33.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Duplicating machine operators	9.09	3.8	34.1	11.56	16.7	40.0	7.65	4.8	31.4
Telephone operators	9.69	7.7	39.1	9.99	8.2	39.7	—	—	—
Mail clerks, except postal service	8.27	3.9	37.0	8.35	4.5	39.8	7.95	5.5	28.2
Messengers	9.95	6.8	35.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dispatchers	12.21	13.9	40.2	12.21	13.9	40.2	—	—	—
Production coordinators	13.18	3.9	40.0	13.18	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	9.82	4.4	38.4	10.01	4.9	39.9	7.96	3.7	28.3
Stock and inventory clerks	9.82	2.5	39.2	9.91	2.6	40.0	7.69	2.3	25.5
Meter readers	10.62	8.4	40.3	10.62	8.4	40.3	—	—	—
Weighers, measurers, checkers, and samplers	11.72	7.5	40.0	11.72	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Expeditors	14.10	7.4	40.0	14.10	7.4	40.0	—	—	—
Material recording, scheduling, and distribution clerks, n.e.c.	8.92	3.5	39.9	8.93	3.5	40.0	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators	14.09	7.7	39.3	14.09	7.7	39.3	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance ...	13.36	4.9	39.0	13.45	5.0	40.0	9.87	14.5	20.8
Eligibility clerks, social welfare	9.58	7.7	37.9	9.57	7.9	39.1	—	—	—
Bill and account collectors	12.24	6.2	37.8	12.39	6.4	39.9	—	—	—
General office clerks	10.42	2.3	36.4	10.69	2.4	39.9	7.79	6.1	19.8
Bank tellers	8.79	5.6	31.2	9.52	6.2	40.0	7.56	3.5	22.7
Data entry keyers	9.36	2.1	38.5	9.70	2.6	40.0	7.35	3.4	31.6
Statistical clerks	8.46	9.6	38.3	8.54	10.2	39.5	—	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c.	10.86	2.7	37.7	11.11	2.4	39.8	8.40	8.6	24.5
Blue collar	12.07	2.8	38.8	12.34	2.9	40.3	7.19	3.7	22.7
Precision production, craft, and repair	15.75	2.6	39.9	15.81	2.6	40.2	9.46	4.6	23.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Selected occupations, West South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Precision production, craft, and repair—Continued									
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	\$22.52	3.3	40.7	\$22.52	3.3	40.7	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics	16.13	2.8	41.8	16.13	2.8	41.8	—	—	—
Automobile mechanic apprentices	10.69	20.8	40.0	10.80	21.3	41.2	—	—	—
Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics	13.93	3.8	40.3	13.93	3.8	40.3	—	—	—
Aircraft engine mechanics	20.14	13.0	40.0	20.14	13.0	40.0	—	—	—
Automobile body and related repairers	14.97	7.8	41.4	14.97	7.8	41.4	—	—	—
Aircraft mechanics, except engine	18.31	5.2	40.4	18.31	5.2	40.4	—	—	—
Heavy equipment mechanics	14.74	1.6	40.5	14.74	1.6	40.5	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers	16.25	6.7	40.0	16.25	6.7	40.0	—	—	—
Machinery maintenance	11.17	4.4	40.0	11.17	4.4	40.0	—	—	—
Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment	17.15	7.9	38.5	18.33	4.1	40.0	—	—	—
Data processing equipment repairers	15.57	8.6	40.0	15.57	8.6	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone line installers and repairers	16.20	2.4	40.0	16.20	2.4	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone installers and repairers	17.30	9.8	40.0	17.30	9.8	40.0	—	—	—
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics	15.69	4.5	40.0	15.69	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Office machine repairers	16.15	9.6	40.0	16.15	9.6	40.0	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	15.85	3.8	38.5	16.11	3.5	39.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, carpenters and related workers	18.75	6.0	43.9	18.75	6.0	43.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers	20.85	4.0	40.0	20.85	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	16.23	5.7	41.0	16.23	5.7	41.0	—	—	—
Carpenters	13.05	5.1	39.1	13.15	5.2	39.8	—	—	—
Electricians	17.98	5.5	40.0	17.98	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Electrician apprentices	8.68	10.7	40.0	8.68	10.7	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical power installers and repairers	19.44	8.5	40.0	19.44	8.5	40.0	—	—	—
Painters, construction and maintenance	10.98	4.5	40.0	10.98	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters	15.35	3.1	40.0	15.35	3.1	40.0	—	—	—
Concrete and terrazzo finishers	10.95	4.3	40.6	10.95	4.3	40.6	—	—	—
Insulation workers	11.54	6.2	33.7	11.96	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Structural metal workers	14.53	3.2	40.0	14.53	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
Construction trades, n.e.c.	11.36	7.0	39.8	11.40	7.1	39.8	—	—	—
Supervisors, extractive	16.45	14.0	39.1	17.54	10.1	41.0	—	—	—
Drillers, oil well	16.20	1.1	41.4	16.20	1.1	41.4	—	—	—
Mining, n.e.c.	20.04	3.2	40.1	20.04	3.2	40.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, production	19.88	3.2	40.3	19.87	3.2	40.5	—	—	—
Precision assemblers, metal	13.83	8.9	40.0	13.83	8.9	40.0	—	—	—
Machinists	16.52	4.2	39.7	16.51	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
Boilermakers	18.01	5.1	40.0	18.01	5.1	40.0	—	—	—
Sheet metal workers	14.92	8.7	40.0	14.92	8.7	40.0	—	—	—
Cabinet makers and bench carpenters	9.56	.6	40.0	9.56	.6	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	9.52	2.7	40.0	9.52	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous precision workers, n.e.c.	15.81	20.7	38.6	16.04	20.4	39.9	—	—	—
Bakers	8.08	2.6	37.6	8.12	2.9	40.0	—	—	—
Food batchmakers	7.78	6.5	37.1	7.45	5.2	39.8	—	—	—
Inspectors, testers, and graders	15.55	5.3	41.5	15.55	5.3	41.5	—	—	—
Stationary engineers	13.85	5.7	40.0	13.85	5.7	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous plant and system operators, n.e.c.	21.60	1.9	39.9	21.60	1.9	39.9	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	10.14	3.5	39.6	10.19	3.4	40.0	\$5.97	2.6	22.1
Lathe and turning machine operators	11.40	8.0	40.0	11.40	8.0	40.0	—	—	—
Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators	10.02	7.0	40.0	10.02	7.0	40.0	—	—	—
Numerical control machine operators	14.87	5.9	40.0	14.87	5.9	40.0	—	—	—
Fabricating machine operators, n.e.c.	13.44	8.1	40.0	13.44	8.1	40.0	—	—	—
Molding and casting machine operators	12.15	9.4	40.0	12.15	9.4	40.0	—	—	—
Printing press operators	12.69	7.1	39.9	12.69	7.1	39.9	—	—	—
Photoengravers and lithographers	15.40	6.1	39.8	15.40	6.1	39.8	—	—	—
Textile sewing machine operators	7.19	2.2	40.0	7.19	2.2	40.0	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Selected occupations, West South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors—Continued									
Pressing machine operators	\$7.55	9.0	39.9	\$7.55	9.0	39.9	—	—	—
Laundrying and dry cleaning machine operators	6.89	2.7	39.6	6.93	2.6	40.0	—	—	—
Packaging and filling machine operators	8.19	8.6	40.0	8.19	8.6	40.0	—	—	—
Mixing and blending machine operators	10.27	14.7	40.0	10.27	14.7	40.0	—	—	—
Separating, filtering, and clarifying machine operators	16.39	6.1	40.2	16.39	6.1	40.2	—	—	—
Painting and paint spraying machine operators	11.85	3.0	40.0	11.85	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Furnace, kiln, and oven operators, except food	10.20	17.3	40.0	10.20	17.3	40.0	—	—	—
Slicing and cutting machine operators	10.38	11.7	40.0	10.38	11.7	40.0	—	—	—
Photographic process machine operators	8.85	7.3	37.4	9.17	6.8	39.8	—	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	10.46	3.3	39.8	10.47	3.3	40.0	—	—	—
Welders and cutters	11.82	3.9	40.0	11.82	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
Assemblers	11.01	3.3	39.4	11.14	3.0	39.9	\$6.06	3.7	26.4
Hand cutting and trimming	6.99	8.4	38.0	7.07	9.0	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous hand working, n.e.c.	9.46	6.5	33.7	10.14	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Production inspectors, checkers and examiners	10.67	4.8	40.0	10.67	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
Production testers	9.06	15.1	39.9	9.06	15.1	39.9	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving									
Supervisors, motor vehicle operators	13.16	2.7	40.6	13.51	2.8	42.6	8.90	11.6	25.4
Truck drivers	13.21	7.8	42.0	13.95	6.6	43.3	—	—	—
Driver-sales workers	12.32	3.5	43.0	12.34	3.6	44.4	11.98	14.7	27.8
Bus drivers	11.98	4.1	42.7	12.06	3.9	43.0	—	—	—
Taxicab drivers and chauffeurs	11.89	6.5	35.2	12.35	7.5	40.0	10.72	5.9	26.9
Motor transportation, n.e.c.	6.44	2.6	30.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ship captains and mates, except fishing boats ..	6.31	6.0	27.8	6.81	7.8	39.9	—	—	—
Sailors and deckhands	15.30	5.0	48.7	15.30	5.0	48.7	—	—	—
Supervisors, material moving equipment	7.49	2.9	54.5	7.49	2.9	54.5	—	—	—
Operating engineers	16.18	4.6	41.4	16.18	4.6	41.4	—	—	—
Crane and tower operators	17.07	4.0	40.0	17.07	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Excavating and loading machine operators	15.06	4.3	40.0	15.06	4.3	40.0	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	9.88	4.6	39.9	9.88	4.6	39.9	—	—	—
Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators, n.e.c.	10.35	3.8	40.5	10.36	3.7	40.5	—	—	—
.....	15.37	12.1	39.5	15.62	11.8	40.0	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers									
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm ...	8.35	2.0	35.7	8.63	2.2	39.8	6.59	1.4	22.0
Supervisors, handlers, equipment cleaners, and laborers, n.e.c.	7.09	6.5	38.6	7.12	6.8	38.9	—	—	—
Helpers, mechanics and repairers	13.58	2.7	38.2	13.59	2.9	40.1	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades	9.40	4.6	38.9	9.55	4.5	40.4	—	—	—
Construction laborers	8.35	4.5	39.4	8.35	4.6	40.0	—	—	—
Production helpers	7.61	1.9	39.7	7.66	2.0	40.2	—	—	—
Stevedores	8.56	6.4	39.9	8.60	6.4	40.1	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	14.37	15.0	40.0	14.37	15.0	40.0	—	—	—
Machine feeders and offbearers	7.29	2.9	28.6	8.32	4.0	39.8	5.78	1.4	20.2
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	7.06	3.7	39.4	7.09	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
Garage and service station related	10.06	5.7	35.0	10.33	6.4	39.4	8.47	3.1	21.3
Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners	7.01	7.7	38.2	7.52	7.4	40.0	—	—	—
Hand packers and packagers	8.90	4.8	39.6	8.96	5.0	40.2	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	7.41	4.7	37.2	7.56	5.3	39.9	6.16	5.8	23.7
.....	7.98	2.4	37.9	8.08	2.6	39.7	6.90	4.2	25.9
Service									
Protective service	6.69	1.9	31.5	7.18	1.8	38.5	5.49	1.9	21.8
Supervisors, guards	7.82	2.4	35.6	7.77	2.6	39.8	8.07	5.5	23.1
Guards and police, except public service	12.21	15.4	40.0	12.21	15.4	40.0	—	—	—
Protective service, n.e.c.	7.51	2.3	34.6	7.35	2.5	39.6	8.11	5.7	23.6
Food service	7.85	2.8	34.1	7.96	3.1	40.0	—	—	—
.....	5.94	2.4	31.3	6.51	2.3	38.4	4.72	1.5	22.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Selected occupations, West South Central, private industry: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Service—Continued									
Food service—Continued									
Supervisors, food preparation and service	\$10.88	5.7	43.5	\$11.08	6.1	44.7	—	—	—
Bartenders	5.42	4.9	29.6	5.55	5.7	38.8	\$5.29	7.6	23.8
Waiters and waitresses	3.32	5.7	28.7	3.48	7.5	37.3	3.11	5.6	22.2
Cooks	7.12	2.9	35.4	7.42	2.7	38.6	6.17	4.1	28.1
Food counter, fountain, and related	5.95	2.3	29.3	6.27	4.1	35.6	5.27	2.7	21.1
Kitchen workers, food preparation	6.58	2.0	32.4	6.90	2.0	38.6	5.76	.5	23.0
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants	5.65	9.2	31.6	6.44	10.4	37.8	4.06	4.2	23.8
Food preparation, n.e.c.	5.87	1.1	29.1	6.02	1.4	38.7	5.60	1.3	19.8
Health service	6.77	1.8	33.6	6.91	1.7	38.9	6.28	3.5	22.4
Health aides, except nursing	7.56	1.7	34.0	7.78	2.2	39.1	6.71	4.4	22.7
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	6.59	2.1	33.4	6.69	2.1	38.8	6.20	4.0	22.3
Cleaning and building service	6.64	1.8	33.2	6.95	1.9	39.3	5.55	1.1	21.6
Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers	9.77	8.7	38.4	9.98	8.7	40.8	—	—	—
Maids and housemen	5.82	1.3	36.1	5.87	1.2	39.1	5.41	1.9	21.7
Janitors and cleaners	6.68	2.2	32.0	7.11	2.3	39.2	5.55	1.3	21.6
Personal service	7.97	10.1	25.5	10.41	12.2	34.6	5.75	6.0	20.6
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	6.63	2.7	30.4	7.12	2.9	40.0	5.57	3.9	20.0
Public transportation attendants	31.92	8.3	18.6	32.15	8.6	19.7	—	—	—
Baggage porters and bellhops	4.81	6.5	39.5	4.81	6.5	39.5	—	—	—
Welfare service aides	5.28	1.0	24.3	—	—	—	5.23	.9	22.3
Early childhood teachers' assistants	6.24	1.8	21.0	6.38	2.1	40.0	5.94	1.7	10.6
Child care workers, n.e.c.	6.65	4.9	23.3	—	—	—	7.08	3.2	19.8
Service, n.e.c.	6.79	.9	29.5	7.01	1.8	39.5	6.35	3.2	19.5

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Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
All	\$15.63	1.2	38.0	\$15.82	1.2	39.5	\$10.67	2.8	18.7
All excluding sales	15.65	1.2	38.0	15.83	1.2	39.5	10.75	2.9	18.7
White collar	17.95	1.0	37.8	18.11	1.0	39.2	12.86	3.1	17.4
White collar excluding sales	17.99	1.0	37.9	18.13	1.0	39.3	13.12	3.4	17.3
Professional specialty and technical	21.12	1.2	37.3	21.29	1.3	39.0	15.98	4.3	16.1
Professional specialty	22.19	1.3	37.2	22.37	1.3	38.9	16.44	4.8	15.8
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	23.41	3.1	39.4	23.62	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
Civil engineers	25.57	5.1	40.0	25.57	5.1	40.0	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	18.69	1.0	39.8	18.69	1.0	39.8	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists	19.08	1.2	39.8	19.08	1.2	39.8	—	—	—
Natural scientists	15.90	2.7	40.0	15.90	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
Health related	19.98	2.2	38.0	19.93	2.3	40.0	20.88	1.9	20.5
Registered nurses	19.77	2.2	37.7	19.83	2.4	39.7	18.91	.7	22.0
Pharmacists	25.38	8.9	40.0	25.38	8.9	40.0	—	—	—
Speech therapists	23.35	2.9	36.6	22.70	1.5	39.5	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university	31.41	4.4	32.7	32.31	4.8	39.1	19.35	3.4	10.2
Mathematical science teachers	26.38	6.2	38.9	26.38	6.2	38.9	—	—	—
Medical science teachers	36.95	5.6	37.3	36.99	5.6	39.9	—	—	—
Trade and industrial teachers	23.91	3.1	33.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, post secondary, subject not specified	47.43	8.4	32.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, post secondary, n.e.c.	27.17	1.5	33.1	27.77	1.6	39.5	18.57	8.1	10.0
Teachers, except college and university	23.29	1.4	37.4	23.54	1.4	38.4	10.45	6.5	15.7
Prekindergarten and kindergarten	24.74	1.9	37.8	24.74	1.9	37.8	—	—	—
Elementary school teachers	23.09	1.5	38.1	23.10	1.5	38.3	—	—	—
Secondary school teachers	23.70	1.9	38.2	23.71	1.9	38.3	—	—	—
Teachers, special education	23.85	1.4	37.4	24.02	1.4	38.0	—	—	—
Teachers, n.e.c.	22.24	2.6	36.3	22.76	1.9	39.6	12.35	13.5	14.0
Substitute teachers	7.58	3.4	17.2	—	—	—	7.58	3.7	16.4
Vocational and educational counselors	26.58	2.7	37.7	26.72	2.8	39.4	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	16.58	5.9	39.0	16.59	6.0	39.7	—	—	—
Librarians	16.37	7.5	38.8	16.38	7.6	39.6	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	20.22	3.7	38.0	20.08	3.9	39.2	—	—	—
Psychologists	24.08	2.8	36.3	24.05	3.0	38.4	—	—	—
Urban planners	22.86	2.0	40.0	22.86	2.0	40.0	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	12.88	2.0	39.8	12.88	2.0	39.9	—	—	—
Social workers	13.01	1.9	39.8	13.02	1.9	39.9	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges	31.21	4.8	33.4	33.75	6.3	41.0	—	—	—
Lawyers	29.36	3.4	32.9	31.35	4.8	41.2	—	—	—
Judges	42.72	10.6	36.4	43.72	10.3	40.0	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	18.71	2.8	30.8	20.95	3.5	40.0	12.08	4.3	18.3
Professional, n.e.c.	20.16	3.5	34.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	12.17	1.8	38.7	12.17	1.9	39.9	11.94	7.1	19.1
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	13.14	6.3	40.0	13.14	6.3	40.0	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	14.51	5.4	36.6	14.54	5.9	39.6	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	10.92	1.4	38.4	10.88	1.5	39.9	—	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	10.40	5.1	39.5	10.42	5.2	40.8	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians	14.87	13.4	32.8	16.12	12.1	39.8	—	—	—
Engineering technicians, n.e.c.	13.70	8.4	40.0	13.70	8.4	40.0	—	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c.	12.83	5.1	38.9	12.85	5.1	39.0	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	23.08	1.7	39.4	23.16	1.7	40.0	11.88	18.2	13.0
Executives, administrators, and managers	26.15	2.1	39.4	26.16	2.1	40.0	—	—	—
Legislators	5.22	.0	37.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Administrators and officials, public administration	24.48	4.4	38.3	24.43	4.4	40.4	—	—	—
Financial managers	28.81	7.1	40.0	28.81	7.1	40.0	—	—	—
Personnel and labor relations managers	28.28	11.4	39.2	28.28	11.4	39.2	—	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields	31.00	3.4	39.7	31.00	3.4	39.7	—	—	—
Managers, medicine and health	21.57	2.4	40.0	21.57	2.4	40.0	—	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c.	18.85	9.1	40.0	18.85	9.1	40.0	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	22.22	4.1	41.2	22.22	4.1	41.2	—	—	—

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Table 5. Selected occupations, West South Central, State and local government: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours for full-time and part-time workers,² National Compensation Survey,³ 1998—Continued

Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Executive, administrative, and managerial —Continued									
Management related	\$16.76	2.4	39.3	\$16.88	2.4	39.9	—	—	—
Accountants and auditors	16.49	1.4	39.6	16.49	1.4	39.6	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	15.07	4.1	39.4	15.05	4.1	39.9	—	—	—
Construction inspectors	15.21	10.9	40.0	15.21	10.9	40.0	—	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction	17.25	6.8	39.8	17.25	6.8	39.8	—	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	17.97	6.6	38.4	18.47	6.4	40.0	—	—	—
Sales	8.97	7.0	27.7	9.68	6.9	32.5	—	—	—
Cashiers	7.69	5.2	29.9	8.20	3.8	31.4	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	9.77	1.7	38.3	9.82	1.7	39.5	\$8.17	1.9	20.9
Supervisors, general office	13.69	1.8	39.6	13.69	1.8	39.6	—	—	—
Computer operators	11.47	3.0	36.0	11.83	2.4	39.9	—	—	—
Secretaries	10.30	3.2	39.3	10.32	3.3	39.5	—	—	—
Interviewers	8.67	15.9	39.6	8.69	16.1	40.0	—	—	—
Receptionists	8.27	3.7	38.5	8.34	3.7	39.6	—	—	—
Information clerks, n.e.c.	10.14	1.6	37.6	10.14	1.7	39.5	—	—	—
Personnel clerks, except payroll and timekeeping	10.26	6.8	24.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Library clerks	8.72	3.8	32.4	8.83	4.9	39.0	8.33	5.1	20.2
File clerks	8.85	4.9	35.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	9.00	4.2	39.5	9.00	4.3	39.7	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks ...	10.07	7.8	39.1	10.07	7.8	39.1	—	—	—
Payroll and timekeeping clerks	11.53	2.4	40.9	11.53	2.4	40.9	—	—	—
Billing clerks	9.05	5.2	40.2	9.05	5.2	40.2	—	—	—
Dispatchers	10.13	3.3	38.3	10.24	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	8.37	3.1	40.0	8.37	3.1	40.0	—	—	—
Meter readers	10.66	7.3	38.6	10.66	7.6	40.0	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators	14.03	12.7	40.0	14.03	12.7	40.0	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance ...	11.41	6.6	40.0	11.41	6.6	40.0	—	—	—
Eligibility clerks, social welfare	9.18	3.6	40.0	9.18	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
General office clerks	9.33	2.3	38.0	9.44	2.2	39.8	7.11	5.9	19.2
Data entry keyers	8.02	5.2	38.2	8.02	5.2	38.2	—	—	—
Statistical clerks	10.65	9.1	40.0	10.65	9.1	40.0	—	—	—
Teachers' aides	8.43	3.2	38.2	8.44	3.2	38.5	—	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c.	10.07	4.8	37.4	10.25	5.0	39.9	7.97	6.5	21.7
Blue collar	10.97	1.8	38.6	11.03	1.9	39.7	9.74	3.6	23.6
Precision production, craft, and repair	12.90	2.2	39.9	12.91	2.2	39.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	15.02	6.5	39.8	15.02	6.5	39.8	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics	11.20	2.2	40.0	11.20	2.2	40.0	—	—	—
Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics	11.35	13.4	40.0	11.35	13.4	40.0	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers	13.74	4.8	40.0	13.74	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics	13.94	2.2	40.0	13.94	2.2	40.0	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	11.24	2.8	39.8	11.24	2.8	39.8	—	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers	17.19	7.8	39.9	17.19	7.8	39.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	15.22	6.7	40.0	15.22	6.7	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	12.28	6.9	40.0	12.28	6.9	40.0	—	—	—
Electricians	12.85	6.9	40.0	12.85	6.9	40.0	—	—	—
Plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters	11.93	13.9	40.0	11.93	13.9	40.0	—	—	—
Construction trades, n.e.c.	12.02	5.2	40.0	12.02	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	11.99	6.9	39.5	12.03	6.9	40.0	—	—	—
Stationary engineers	10.39	7.3	40.0	10.39	7.3	40.0	—	—	—

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Occupation ⁴	Total			Full time			Part time		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	\$8.68	9.9	39.8	\$8.68	9.9	39.8	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	10.27	2.7	36.3	10.27	3.1	39.0	\$10.27	3.5	24.0
Truck drivers	9.67	1.8	39.5	9.69	1.8	39.7	—	—	—
Bus drivers	10.45	5.5	31.3	10.51	7.8	36.7	10.34	3.4	24.0
Operating engineers	9.65	3.5	40.0	9.65	3.5	40.0	—	—	—
Grader, dozer, and scrapper operators	10.08	4.3	40.0	10.08	4.3	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators, n.e.c.	10.05	5.5	39.9	10.05	5.5	39.9	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	8.57	4.2	39.1	8.62	4.3	39.9	6.90	2.6	22.2
Supervisors, agriculture-related workers	12.39	4.1	38.0	12.68	4.3	40.0	—	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm ...	8.92	6.1	38.5	8.98	6.1	39.4	—	—	—
Helpers, mechanics and repairers	8.15	3.8	40.0	8.15	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades	8.50	12.0	40.0	8.50	12.0	40.0	—	—	—
Construction laborers	7.37	5.5	40.0	7.37	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Garbage collectors	8.87	7.2	37.2	9.04	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	8.61	7.7	38.3	8.71	8.0	40.0	7.10	3.3	24.0
Service	10.68	2.6	38.2	10.88	2.7	40.4	7.17	1.8	19.6
Protective service	13.51	2.8	40.6	13.69	2.7	41.9	7.59	3.7	19.4
Supervisors, firefighters and fire prevention	17.95	6.2	49.1	17.95	6.2	49.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, police and detectives	16.54	6.8	40.1	16.54	6.8	40.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, guards	14.13	5.4	40.2	14.13	5.4	40.2	—	—	—
Firefighting	12.75	5.7	48.3	12.81	5.8	50.8	—	—	—
Police and detectives, public service	15.49	3.0	40.1	15.75	2.7	40.2	—	—	—
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers	13.10	4.9	39.6	13.06	5.0	40.3	—	—	—
Correctional institution officers	10.72	2.8	40.2	10.72	2.8	40.2	—	—	—
Crossing guards	6.05	2.6	17.4	—	—	—	6.05	2.6	17.4
Guards and police, except public service	8.95	6.4	30.0	9.29	6.9	39.8	—	—	—
Protective service, n.e.c.	8.33	5.5	33.7	8.74	6.8	40.0	6.78	3.3	21.2
Food service	8.13	3.9	33.0	8.25	5.0	37.0	7.53	2.6	21.1
Supervisors, food preparation and service	11.41	7.8	38.7	11.41	7.8	38.7	—	—	—
Cooks	7.84	2.5	35.1	7.59	2.7	36.4	—	—	—
Food counter, fountain, and related	7.96	2.3	32.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation	6.42	4.0	36.1	6.34	4.1	38.0	7.25	2.2	23.1
Food preparation, n.e.c.	7.57	2.5	28.3	7.75	4.5	35.3	7.22	2.9	20.2
Health service	8.26	2.0	38.6	8.32	2.0	39.8	—	—	—
Health aides, except nursing	8.80	2.2	39.9	8.80	2.2	39.9	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	7.79	3.7	37.6	7.87	3.6	39.8	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	8.05	2.9	38.6	8.09	3.0	39.9	6.38	2.8	17.8
Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers	10.64	6.4	40.0	10.64	6.4	40.0	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	7.79	2.5	38.4	7.84	2.6	39.9	6.38	2.8	17.8
Personal service	8.02	3.1	33.8	8.24	3.7	39.0	6.67	8.6	18.5
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	7.27	3.6	33.1	7.70	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Welfare service aides	7.75	10.5	39.1	7.77	10.7	40.0	—	—	—
Early childhood teachers' assistants	8.35	5.4	35.1	8.41	5.7	39.0	—	—	—
Service, n.e.c.	8.31	4.9	26.4	8.56	5.0	36.2	—	—	—

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Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
All	\$14.62	1.8	37.2	\$14.27	2.3	36.9	\$15.63	1.2	38.0
All excluding sales	14.74	1.8	37.4	14.40	2.3	37.2	15.65	1.2	38.0
White collar	18.12	1.4	37.7	18.20	1.8	37.6	17.95	1.0	37.8
1	6.64	.8	27.9	6.59	1.0	27.6	7.05	1.7	30.5
2	7.83	1.2	35.7	7.84	1.4	35.0	7.79	1.7	37.7
3	9.12	1.4	36.5	9.27	1.6	35.8	8.68	1.5	38.6
4	10.81	1.2	37.9	10.98	1.5	38.1	10.22	1.5	37.3
5	13.14	1.3	38.2	13.81	1.4	38.7	11.39	1.4	36.9
6	16.30	1.6	38.8	16.93	2.0	39.1	15.14	3.5	38.2
7	19.46	1.3	38.7	18.86	2.0	39.0	20.29	2.0	38.4
8	20.77	1.1	38.1	19.92	1.4	38.1	21.61	1.5	38.1
9	23.11	.9	38.6	23.95	1.2	39.8	21.82	1.4	36.9
10	27.38	2.4	39.8	28.89	3.1	40.1	23.06	1.7	39.0
11	32.59	2.6	39.6	35.20	3.2	40.0	25.90	1.8	38.5
12	36.45	1.9	40.5	37.45	2.2	40.7	32.94	3.5	39.5
13	44.86	2.1	41.1	45.63	2.2	41.3	40.97	5.7	40.4
14	58.12	2.5	41.4	58.47	2.7	41.5	56.86	7.2	41.4
15	65.14	10.8	40.2	79.25	8.2	40.4	-	-	-
Not able to be leveled	24.84	3.4	35.8	24.18	5.0	35.5	26.12	3.7	36.5
White collar excluding sales	18.88	1.3	38.3	19.39	1.7	38.6	17.99	1.0	37.9
1	7.25	2.3	30.2	7.31	3.5	30.0	7.16	1.5	30.6
2	7.90	1.2	37.2	7.94	1.3	36.9	7.79	1.7	37.9
3	9.08	1.5	37.7	9.27	1.8	37.3	8.69	1.4	38.6
4	10.88	1.2	38.3	11.16	1.5	38.7	10.22	1.5	37.6
5	12.96	1.0	38.0	13.67	1.0	38.6	11.39	1.4	36.9
6	15.83	1.7	38.4	16.29	1.9	38.6	15.14	3.5	38.2
7	19.36	1.3	38.7	18.61	2.2	38.9	20.29	2.0	38.4
8	20.83	1.1	38.0	19.91	1.6	37.7	21.64	1.5	38.2
9	22.90	.9	38.5	23.65	1.3	39.7	21.82	1.4	36.9
10	27.32	2.5	39.8	28.90	3.2	40.1	23.06	1.7	39.0
11	32.02	2.5	39.5	34.58	3.1	39.9	25.90	1.8	38.5
12	36.60	2.0	40.4	37.67	2.3	40.6	32.94	3.5	39.5
13	44.61	2.1	41.2	45.34	2.2	41.3	40.97	5.7	40.4
14	58.12	2.5	41.4	58.47	2.7	41.5	56.86	7.2	41.4
15	65.14	10.8	40.2	79.25	8.2	40.4	-	-	-
Not able to be leveled	24.72	3.3	35.9	23.99	4.9	35.7	26.12	3.7	36.5
Professional specialty and technical	22.11	1.2	37.7	22.92	1.8	38.0	21.12	1.2	37.3
Professional specialty	23.69	1.2	37.7	25.35	1.5	38.3	22.19	1.3	37.2
3	7.45	3.3	31.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	7.56	3.5	16.6	-	-	-	7.35	3.6	14.1
5	13.39	2.9	34.5	14.67	3.8	38.6	12.22	3.0	31.5
6	17.82	2.9	37.6	17.61	2.4	37.5	17.97	4.7	37.7
7	20.87	1.5	37.9	19.51	3.0	37.7	21.59	2.3	38.0
8	21.51	1.4	37.2	19.86	2.5	35.8	22.39	1.6	38.0
9	22.76	.9	37.7	23.66	1.7	39.1	22.03	1.6	36.6
10	27.23	1.2	39.3	28.44	1.3	39.7	24.49	1.7	38.5
11	30.54	2.1	39.8	33.17	2.2	40.7	24.07	2.5	37.6
12	36.76	1.9	40.4	36.89	2.3	40.7	36.22	2.2	39.3
13	43.15	2.8	40.2	42.96	2.6	40.3	43.91	8.8	40.0
14	55.02	5.1	40.3	53.05	5.0	40.5	-	-	-
Not able to be leveled	20.08	7.1	33.0	18.93	10.5	32.1	22.25	8.0	34.9
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	30.21	2.3	40.7	30.33	2.3	40.7	23.41	3.1	39.4
5	20.58	3.6	40.4	20.58	3.6	40.4	-	-	-
6	20.47	5.0	40.0	20.51	5.2	40.0	-	-	-
7	23.42	4.8	41.1	23.55	4.9	41.3	-	-	-
8	27.43	5.2	40.4	27.43	5.2	40.4	-	-	-
9	24.60	3.6	40.3	24.61	3.6	40.3	-	-	-
10	29.52	2.1	39.9	30.18	2.0	39.9	-	-	-
11	34.84	2.7	41.5	35.03	2.8	41.5	-	-	-
12	38.04	2.8	41.3	38.09	2.8	41.3	-	-	-
13	45.09	1.8	41.0	45.09	1.8	41.0	-	-	-
14	46.33	4.7	40.0	46.33	4.7	40.0	-	-	-

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Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Professional specialty and technical—Continued									
Professional specialty—Continued									
Engineers, architects, and surveyors—Continued									
Not able to be leveled	\$24.92	4.3	40.0	\$24.92	4.3	40.0	—	—	—
Petroleum engineers	43.08	4.9	40.2	43.08	4.9	40.2	—	—	—
12	48.91	7.4	40.4	48.91	7.4	40.4	—	—	—
13	46.64	2.7	40.1	46.64	2.7	40.1	—	—	—
Chemical engineers	34.75	4.1	40.3	34.75	4.1	40.3	—	—	—
9	27.42	2.6	40.0	27.42	2.6	40.0	—	—	—
Civil engineers	31.74	8.8	41.9	32.37	9.3	42.2	\$25.57	5.1	40.0
11	33.49	6.3	42.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic engineers	29.58	1.8	40.4	29.74	1.9	40.5	—	—	—
8	30.47	5.7	42.7	30.47	5.7	42.7	—	—	—
9	25.24	2.8	40.0	25.24	2.8	40.0	—	—	—
10	27.41	2.1	40.0	27.95	2.6	40.0	—	—	—
11	31.16	1.0	41.2	31.11	1.0	41.3	—	—	—
12	36.25	2.6	40.8	36.25	2.6	40.8	—	—	—
Industrial engineers	25.10	3.4	41.6	25.19	3.4	41.6	—	—	—
9	23.68	3.3	40.6	23.68	3.3	40.6	—	—	—
11	32.84	1.7	45.3	32.84	1.7	45.3	—	—	—
Mechanical engineers	27.05	3.3	41.1	27.05	3.3	41.1	—	—	—
9	27.12	3.6	41.4	27.12	3.6	41.4	—	—	—
11	29.91	4.6	43.2	29.91	4.6	43.2	—	—	—
12	33.61	7.1	40.0	33.61	7.1	40.0	—	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c.	30.62	5.0	40.7	30.72	5.1	40.7	—	—	—
5	21.11	4.8	40.7	21.11	4.8	40.7	—	—	—
7	24.64	5.2	42.3	24.64	5.2	42.3	—	—	—
8	30.73	6.0	40.0	30.73	6.0	40.0	—	—	—
9	22.43	10.1	40.2	22.43	10.1	40.2	—	—	—
10	30.16	3.0	40.4	30.85	2.6	40.4	—	—	—
11	36.97	5.5	40.9	37.05	5.5	40.9	—	—	—
12	37.34	3.5	40.9	37.34	3.5	40.9	—	—	—
13	42.72	2.6	41.9	42.72	2.6	41.9	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	26.69	2.2	40.2	27.47	2.4	40.3	18.69	1.0	39.8
6	16.90	5.5	40.0	21.38	10.9	40.0	—	—	—
7	22.84	3.6	40.0	23.04	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
8	20.76	6.3	40.2	20.94	6.7	40.3	—	—	—
9	24.86	2.5	40.2	25.60	2.7	40.2	16.68	1.7	40.0
10	26.40	1.5	40.1	26.44	1.5	40.1	—	—	—
11	29.57	4.1	40.4	30.34	4.2	40.5	—	—	—
12	34.07	2.8	40.5	34.07	2.8	40.5	—	—	—
13	43.93	4.0	40.0	43.93	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists	27.01	2.4	40.2	27.82	2.7	40.2	19.08	1.2	39.8
7	23.02	3.7	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	20.40	6.7	40.3	20.55	7.1	40.3	—	—	—
9	25.43	2.8	40.3	25.82	3.0	40.3	—	—	—
10	26.50	1.7	40.1	26.55	1.7	40.1	—	—	—
11	29.95	4.2	40.3	30.85	4.2	40.4	—	—	—
12	34.36	3.4	39.9	34.36	3.4	39.9	—	—	—
13	43.75	4.2	40.0	43.75	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
Operations and systems researchers and analysts	26.20	4.3	41.1	26.28	4.2	41.1	—	—	—
8	24.10	8.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	25.11	7.4	41.9	25.11	7.4	41.9	—	—	—
Natural scientists	26.36	5.9	40.0	32.65	6.1	40.0	15.90	2.7	40.0
5	14.34	9.2	39.5	14.47	13.1	39.2	—	—	—
6	20.09	15.0	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	22.04	9.9	40.0	25.16	9.5	40.0	—	—	—
9	17.33	10.7	40.1	21.48	7.8	40.0	—	—	—
11	39.05	8.9	40.0	39.52	9.1	40.0	—	—	—
12	37.53	3.9	40.8	37.53	3.9	40.8	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Professional specialty and technical—Continued									
Professional specialty—Continued									
Natural scientists—Continued									
13	\$41.12	8.4	40.0	\$41.12	8.4	40.0	—	—	—
Geologists and geodesists	37.94	9.1	40.2	38.93	9.2	40.2	—	—	—
7	27.56	6.8	40.0	27.56	6.8	40.0	—	—	—
11	39.40	6.9	40.0	39.40	6.9	40.0	—	—	—
12	43.64	5.7	41.6	43.64	5.7	41.6	—	—	—
13	50.63	3.2	40.0	50.63	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
Physical scientists, n.e.c.	19.79	3.1	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Biological and life scientists	24.52	17.9	40.0	25.65	18.3	40.0	—	—	—
Medical scientists	16.27	17.7	39.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	20.10	1.2	36.1	20.16	1.4	35.4	\$19.98	2.2	38.0
5	14.18	6.2	36.6	13.54	2.8	34.7	—	—	—
6	18.36	2.1	37.4	18.35	2.7	36.8	18.38	1.8	39.8
7	18.51	2.9	35.3	18.21	2.3	35.1	19.63	8.3	36.1
8	19.22	1.2	34.9	18.92	1.4	33.9	19.85	2.9	37.4
9	21.31	2.2	36.6	20.74	2.2	36.4	22.68	3.8	37.0
10	25.33	1.3	39.9	25.25	1.6	39.9	—	—	—
11	22.97	3.5	40.5	27.92	3.8	38.2	19.36	1.5	42.3
13	46.35	7.3	38.6	45.82	7.2	38.6	—	—	—
Physicians	28.11	17.5	44.3	44.45	16.7	39.0	—	—	—
Registered nurses	19.33	.9	35.9	19.14	1.1	35.2	19.77	2.2	37.7
6	18.83	2.5	37.5	18.97	3.1	36.9	—	—	—
7	17.69	2.3	35.1	17.67	2.3	35.0	17.79	5.8	35.5
8	18.95	1.3	34.8	18.62	1.4	33.8	19.63	3.1	37.1
9	20.69	2.4	37.5	20.02	1.8	37.0	22.62	5.5	39.1
10	24.69	1.6	40.0	23.60	3.1	40.0	—	—	—
11	23.51	4.9	39.3	27.11	5.3	38.5	—	—	—
Pharmacists	26.10	2.1	39.0	26.30	1.5	38.8	25.38	8.9	40.0
7	27.63	6.0	38.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	27.37	2.8	35.7	27.80	3.0	34.9	—	—	—
9	24.94	2.3	40.0	26.77	1.3	40.0	—	—	—
10	26.50	1.0	40.0	27.08	1.3	40.0	—	—	—
Dietitians	14.91	11.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Respiratory therapists	16.41	3.5	33.9	16.07	3.1	34.0	—	—	—
5	15.14	4.5	32.3	15.14	4.5	32.3	—	—	—
7	16.25	6.2	35.4	15.25	4.9	36.3	—	—	—
Occupational therapists	19.87	1.9	36.2	19.82	1.6	36.3	—	—	—
Physical therapists	21.47	5.9	37.6	21.74	7.1	37.3	—	—	—
9	20.99	11.5	38.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Speech therapists	24.68	2.8	35.2	27.08	4.9	32.9	23.35	2.9	36.6
Therapists, n.e.c.	18.97	17.9	30.7	19.49	18.9	29.9	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university	31.82	3.5	33.4	33.69	3.7	37.2	31.41	4.4	32.7
7	18.28	15.0	30.2	—	—	—	19.43	14.2	28.2
8	20.98	3.2	38.0	—	—	—	18.41	3.5	38.6
9	25.44	2.3	29.3	27.75	8.4	35.2	25.09	1.7	28.5
10	29.54	4.8	36.1	31.47	9.9	35.8	28.46	4.2	36.2
11	32.30	6.6	33.1	42.13	7.6	38.2	27.82	2.3	31.1
12	36.42	2.3	39.3	—	—	—	36.80	2.2	39.3
13	43.47	8.8	40.0	—	—	—	44.53	9.4	40.0
Mathematical science teachers	27.87	5.6	35.9	—	—	—	26.38	6.2	38.9
Computer science teachers	24.69	1.6	19.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Medical science teachers	39.45	4.4	37.5	—	—	—	36.95	5.6	37.3
Health specialties teachers	22.77	6.1	34.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Business, commerce, and marketing teachers ..	27.91	8.8	37.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
English teachers	20.73	13.8	26.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trade and industrial teachers	21.90	9.6	35.3	—	—	—	23.91	3.1	33.7
Teachers, post secondary, subject not specified	47.13	8.4	32.5	—	—	—	47.43	8.4	32.5
Teachers, post secondary, n.e.c.	27.11	1.5	32.8	26.07	7.0	28.4	27.17	1.5	33.1
7	18.23	22.7	28.9	—	—	—	18.23	22.7	28.9

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Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Professional specialty and technical —Continued									
Professional specialty—Continued									
Teachers, college and university—Continued									
Teachers, post secondary, n.e.c.—Continued									
8	\$18.28	4.7	39.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	25.93	2.4	32.3	—	—	—	\$26.22	2.6	33.0
10	27.85	6.2	35.7	—	—	—	27.81	6.4	36.8
11	28.91	3.3	28.8	—	—	—	28.78	3.4	28.7
12	34.80	2.7	38.3	—	—	—	35.08	2.7	38.3
Teachers, except college and university	22.88	1.3	37.2	\$14.26	5.8	34.1	23.29	1.4	37.4
3	7.77	5.9	23.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	7.47	4.2	14.2	—	—	—	7.35	3.6	14.1
5	12.83	6.9	23.6	12.02	5.1	38.2	13.29	10.7	19.4
6	21.40	2.2	36.7	12.76	7.3	31.8	23.07	.8	37.8
7	22.70	2.9	38.2	17.03	8.3	36.7	22.86	3.0	38.2
8	23.39	2.5	37.7	13.67	14.7	33.3	23.84	2.1	38.0
9	23.50	1.3	38.3	22.60	6.4	38.4	23.51	1.3	38.3
10	26.91	1.3	39.0	—	—	—	26.91	1.3	39.1
11	29.67	2.9	39.4	25.40	4.1	39.5	29.97	2.5	39.3
Prekindergarten and kindergarten	21.52	6.7	37.6	9.57	7.5	36.8	24.74	1.9	37.8
7	25.27	9.7	38.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	18.92	19.0	38.2	—	—	—	24.61	1.5	37.2
9	24.30	1.5	37.7	—	—	—	24.28	1.5	37.7
Elementary school teachers	23.00	1.5	38.1	15.24	13.4	39.1	23.09	1.5	38.1
5	23.23	5.5	24.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	23.82	1.3	38.3	—	—	—	23.94	1.3	38.3
7	22.56	3.4	38.3	21.79	8.0	38.9	22.56	3.4	38.3
8	23.26	2.0	38.2	—	—	—	23.43	1.9	38.2
9	22.25	2.9	38.4	21.11	4.8	39.3	22.27	2.9	38.4
Secondary school teachers	23.69	1.9	38.1	23.09	5.5	36.2	23.70	1.9	38.2
6	21.69	1.4	39.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	22.96	4.3	38.3	—	—	—	22.94	4.3	38.3
8	24.44	2.8	37.8	21.99	12.4	33.4	24.45	2.8	37.9
9	23.64	.8	38.6	26.67	16.2	38.6	23.63	.8	38.6
11	31.13	1.2	39.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, special education	23.43	1.5	37.5	—	—	—	23.85	1.4	37.4
7	22.59	2.7	39.3	—	—	—	22.59	2.7	39.3
8	24.02	1.6	36.8	—	—	—	24.02	1.6	36.8
9	24.88	2.5	39.5	—	—	—	24.88	2.5	39.5
Teachers, n.e.c.	20.66	4.5	34.8	15.36	10.0	30.7	22.24	2.6	36.3
5	11.78	12.9	18.4	13.60	2.4	35.1	—	—	—
6	15.21	6.2	25.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	21.80	3.3	38.4	15.51	8.5	36.7	22.58	2.5	38.6
8	15.95	18.7	30.2	15.44	23.2	28.8	—	—	—
9	23.64	2.5	39.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Substitute teachers	7.58	3.4	17.2	—	—	—	7.58	3.4	17.2
5	7.83	6.1	20.1	—	—	—	7.83	6.1	20.1
Vocational and educational counselors	24.61	3.4	37.4	12.80	5.2	35.7	26.58	2.7	37.7
6	12.93	3.4	34.3	11.21	3.7	32.9	—	—	—
7	26.68	7.9	39.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	24.79	3.1	34.7	—	—	—	24.78	3.1	34.7
10	26.83	1.7	39.0	—	—	—	26.85	1.7	39.0
11	27.66	4.9	38.8	—	—	—	27.89	4.9	38.7
Librarians, archivists, and curators	16.31	5.5	38.9	13.98	13.2	38.4	16.58	5.9	39.0
7	15.39	2.1	37.4	—	—	—	15.21	1.7	37.2
8	15.54	4.3	39.4	—	—	—	15.50	4.2	39.4
9	23.38	5.7	39.3	—	—	—	23.56	6.4	39.2
Librarians	16.07	6.8	38.7	13.98	13.2	38.4	16.37	7.5	38.8
7	16.20	5.2	35.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	15.54	4.3	39.4	—	—	—	15.50	4.2	39.4
9	24.17	9.0	38.8	—	—	—	24.72	10.6	38.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Professional specialty and technical—Continued									
Professional specialty—Continued									
Social scientists and urban planners	\$20.38	3.8	38.2	\$20.66	7.9	38.5	\$20.22	3.7	38.0
7	14.70	.8	39.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	17.99	8.4	35.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	15.85	3.5	40.0	—	—	—	15.19	3.2	39.8
10	24.02	3.0	38.7	—	—	—	25.24	3.4	38.2
11	30.76	7.4	36.6	—	—	—	28.18	1.1	39.4
Economists	23.52	12.7	40.2	23.81	13.0	40.2	—	—	—
Psychologists	21.67	3.8	36.3	—	—	—	24.08	2.8	36.3
9	19.45	3.1	39.5	—	—	—	20.74	3.4	39.3
10	24.54	2.8	38.2	—	—	—	26.49	1.9	37.6
Urban planners	22.86	2.0	40.0	—	—	—	22.86	2.0	40.0
Social, recreation, and religious workers	13.00	1.9	39.5	13.58	5.1	38.4	12.88	2.0	39.8
5	10.85	2.7	39.4	11.21	5.1	36.3	10.80	2.9	39.8
6	11.90	3.2	39.6	—	—	—	11.79	3.6	39.6
7	12.71	2.7	38.8	11.96	5.7	35.7	12.98	2.8	40.0
8	13.33	1.9	39.3	11.64	6.7	37.2	13.85	1.9	40.0
9	13.66	2.2	39.4	—	—	—	13.55	1.9	39.4
11	17.79	6.6	43.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social workers	13.06	1.7	39.4	13.34	4.0	37.3	13.01	1.9	39.8
5	10.83	3.5	39.7	—	—	—	10.80	3.7	40.0
6	12.18	2.3	39.6	—	—	—	12.08	2.7	39.6
7	12.85	2.8	38.7	12.37	6.8	35.0	13.00	2.8	40.0
8	13.44	1.7	39.3	—	—	—	13.85	1.9	40.0
9	13.88	1.6	39.4	—	—	—	13.83	1.7	39.3
Recreation workers	10.30	9.8	39.2	12.00	16.0	38.1	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges	37.43	3.5	37.8	41.83	5.2	41.6	31.21	4.8	33.4
9	27.68	4.9	27.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	38.52	8.0	40.7	38.52	8.0	40.7	—	—	—
11	35.67	9.5	45.0	37.03	12.2	44.7	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	38.36	14.4	38.0	—	—	—	38.36	14.4	38.0
Lawyers	37.00	3.6	37.8	41.70	5.2	41.6	29.36	3.4	32.9
9	26.88	4.6	27.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	38.52	8.0	40.7	38.52	8.0	40.7	—	—	—
11	35.67	9.5	45.0	37.03	12.2	44.7	—	—	—
Judges	43.97	9.6	36.7	—	—	—	42.72	10.6	36.4
Not able to be leveled	42.69	11.3	36.2	—	—	—	42.69	11.3	36.2
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	20.60	4.7	35.8	20.83	5.2	36.6	18.71	2.8	30.8
5	11.38	6.5	33.5	11.55	7.0	39.9	—	—	—
6	13.53	4.9	39.5	13.57	6.0	40.5	—	—	—
7	15.92	4.8	38.2	15.75	5.3	39.4	—	—	—
8	21.07	3.5	38.0	21.11	4.0	37.7	—	—	—
9	24.67	9.8	40.5	24.67	9.8	40.5	—	—	—
10	26.52	5.5	40.1	26.52	5.5	40.1	—	—	—
11	36.54	9.5	40.7	36.54	9.5	40.7	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	17.59	12.5	30.4	16.77	17.5	29.6	20.17	3.3	33.1
Technical writers	22.64	5.6	38.9	22.64	5.6	38.9	—	—	—
Designers	21.06	10.1	38.1	21.19	10.3	38.0	—	—	—
Actors and directors	27.37	35.7	40.0	27.37	35.7	40.0	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	27.37	35.7	40.0	27.37	35.7	40.0	—	—	—
Painters, sculptors, craft artists, and artist printmakers	11.08	6.1	35.7	11.08	6.1	35.7	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	11.08	6.1	35.7	11.08	6.1	35.7	—	—	—
Photographers	9.61	9.7	39.6	9.61	9.7	39.6	—	—	—
Artists, performers, and related workers, n.e.c.	14.99	36.3	30.2	14.51	39.2	32.2	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	14.99	36.3	30.2	14.51	39.2	32.2	—	—	—
Editors and reporters	17.49	4.7	39.5	17.37	5.4	39.9	—	—	—
7	13.37	4.2	40.0	13.37	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
8	20.06	2.0	40.1	—	—	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Professional specialty and technical—Continued									
Professional specialty—Continued									
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.—Continued									
Public relations specialists	\$25.66	12.2	33.6	\$28.38	14.0	39.7	—	—	—
Announcers	11.52	1.2	40.2	11.52	1.2	40.2	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	11.52	1.2	40.2	11.52	1.2	40.2	—	—	—
Athletes	18.13	21.1	16.2	18.70	21.9	16.2	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	18.13	21.1	16.2	18.70	21.9	16.2	—	—	—
Professional, n.e.c.	24.87	4.8	38.7	26.07	5.9	40.0	\$20.16	3.5	34.3
8	21.27	9.1	39.3	21.27	9.1	39.3	—	—	—
9	23.91	10.4	41.1	23.91	10.4	41.1	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	22.19	4.5	37.1	—	—	—	20.50	3.4	36.3
Technical	16.86	3.7	37.8	18.09	4.2	37.6	12.17	1.8	38.7
2	8.42	2.5	37.8	8.25	2.1	37.2	—	—	—
3	9.83	8.3	34.5	9.96	8.4	34.7	7.52	1.7	32.0
4	11.10	1.8	38.9	11.66	2.2	38.9	9.51	3.7	38.9
5	13.06	1.4	37.7	13.77	1.3	36.9	11.33	2.1	39.8
6	15.36	3.5	37.1	16.16	4.6	37.4	12.62	1.1	36.4
7	19.48	6.5	38.8	19.88	6.8	38.7	14.97	4.6	39.9
8	18.29	2.4	39.5	19.34	2.3	39.6	15.58	5.5	39.3
9	22.65	2.7	38.8	23.52	2.9	38.7	16.04	7.5	39.8
10	38.76	23.4	37.8	38.97	23.4	37.8	—	—	—
11	89.88	20.7	24.8	89.88	20.7	24.8	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	20.00	12.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	13.53	3.1	37.5	13.62	3.1	36.9	13.14	6.3	40.0
2	7.40	4.2	38.1	7.40	4.2	38.1	—	—	—
3	8.31	1.6	37.6	8.31	1.6	37.6	—	—	—
4	12.10	10.7	39.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	11.75	6.4	40.0	11.43	2.8	40.0	—	—	—
6	15.98	4.0	37.8	15.88	4.2	37.7	—	—	—
7	15.65	3.8	33.9	16.13	3.8	33.2	—	—	—
8	14.99	2.3	38.8	15.55	2.7	38.0	—	—	—
9	17.90	3.0	36.9	18.75	3.1	36.1	—	—	—
Health record technologists and technicians	12.11	7.4	38.5	13.02	4.8	38.3	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	14.85	2.9	37.4	15.17	3.2	38.2	14.51	5.4	36.6
5	12.56	2.1	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	14.12	1.6	32.8	13.99	2.6	34.3	14.25	2.0	31.4
7	16.08	4.9	39.5	16.56	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
8	17.93	8.8	40.9	16.17	3.8	41.3	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	12.15	1.7	37.2	12.55	1.9	36.8	10.92	1.4	38.4
4	11.30	2.1	38.7	11.55	2.1	38.4	10.66	4.9	39.6
5	12.28	2.2	36.7	12.94	2.1	35.6	10.52	1.4	40.0
6	12.43	2.8	36.6	12.63	3.0	37.1	11.81	1.2	35.2
7	14.03	2.1	37.2	14.03	2.1	37.2	—	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	12.38	2.3	36.5	13.37	2.1	35.2	10.40	5.1	39.5
2	9.39	1.7	34.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	8.74	.8	29.4	8.89	.9	28.7	—	—	—
4	9.22	4.0	38.3	10.38	4.4	37.5	8.03	5.1	39.1
5	13.30	2.4	34.9	14.00	1.6	32.9	12.09	3.6	38.9
6	13.86	3.5	37.5	14.91	3.6	36.1	—	—	—
8	15.13	5.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians	17.66	1.4	39.7	17.77	1.5	40.1	14.87	13.4	32.8
4	12.24	1.2	39.0	12.30	1.3	40.0	—	—	—
5	15.08	1.6	39.8	15.13	1.6	39.8	—	—	—
6	18.91	3.8	40.0	18.99	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
7	19.31	5.3	40.4	19.37	5.4	40.4	—	—	—
8	19.65	1.8	40.1	19.81	1.8	40.1	—	—	—
9	22.98	2.3	40.0	22.95	2.5	40.0	—	—	—
Mechanical engineering technicians	22.60	8.3	41.8	22.60	8.3	41.8	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Professional specialty and technical—Continued									
Technical—Continued									
Engineering technicians, n.e.c.	\$16.97	3.5	40.0	\$19.20	5.4	40.0	\$13.70	8.4	40.0
5	13.23	5.0	40.0	16.63	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
6	16.30	4.4	40.0	17.16	5.9	40.0	—	—	—
7	20.37	9.1	40.0	23.72	6.4	40.0	—	—	—
8	19.89	4.5	40.1	21.14	5.9	40.1	—	—	—
Drafters	18.82	6.7	39.9	19.25	6.3	39.9	—	—	—
4	15.14	8.3	40.0	15.86	8.1	40.0	—	—	—
5	13.59	9.1	39.2	13.59	9.1	39.2	—	—	—
6	14.82	3.5	40.0	15.42	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
7	19.40	8.6	40.0	19.40	8.6	40.0	—	—	—
8	22.36	4.7	40.0	23.11	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
9	26.18	10.0	40.0	26.18	10.0	40.0	—	—	—
Surveying and mapping technicians	14.65	6.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Biological technicians	12.25	6.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chemical technicians	19.04	5.4	40.1	19.03	5.6	40.1	—	—	—
4	15.96	18.8	40.0	15.96	18.8	40.0	—	—	—
Science technicians, n.e.c.	16.01	13.8	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Airplane pilots and navigators	63.43	24.7	27.9	63.43	24.7	27.9	—	—	—
9	38.25	25.4	30.2	38.25	25.4	30.2	—	—	—
11	119.95	11.7	20.8	119.95	11.7	20.8	—	—	—
Broadcast equipment operators	10.33	20.1	37.5	10.22	22.3	37.4	—	—	—
Computer programmers	20.21	3.3	39.8	20.31	3.4	39.8	—	—	—
6	18.91	9.7	36.6	18.91	9.7	36.6	—	—	—
7	18.22	6.4	40.0	18.22	6.4	40.0	—	—	—
8	18.71	3.3	41.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	22.82	2.8	39.8	22.77	2.8	39.8	—	—	—
Legal assistants	16.97	3.2	40.4	17.44	3.6	40.4	—	—	—
8	19.14	3.0	40.0	19.18	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c.	16.12	5.9	39.9	17.30	7.4	40.2	12.83	5.1	38.9
5	13.54	6.4	40.4	14.76	4.6	40.6	—	—	—
6	16.49	6.4	39.6	17.91	3.2	39.7	—	—	—
7	19.43	2.3	40.6	19.51	2.3	40.6	—	—	—
8	14.27	5.9	37.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	26.82	1.3	40.3	28.25	1.7	40.7	23.08	1.7	39.4
5	14.27	3.2	39.4	15.09	3.2	39.5	11.77	6.1	39.2
6	15.70	3.6	40.0	16.68	3.3	40.4	14.27	6.4	39.4
7	17.65	2.7	40.2	17.97	3.4	40.2	16.89	4.5	40.0
8	19.74	2.2	40.2	20.49	2.2	40.3	17.84	4.3	39.8
9	23.40	2.6	40.1	23.93	2.8	40.7	21.59	3.4	38.0
10	25.85	3.6	40.6	27.65	4.5	41.0	20.96	1.7	39.8
11	30.73	1.6	40.4	32.03	1.8	40.8	27.96	2.2	39.6
12	36.49	3.2	40.3	38.42	3.9	40.5	30.90	5.3	39.6
13	46.05	2.9	42.0	47.49	3.1	42.2	37.21	4.6	40.9
14	59.86	3.3	42.1	60.88	3.5	41.9	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	35.70	3.3	39.3	37.71	5.8	40.4	32.77	2.1	37.8
Executives, administrators, and managers	30.24	1.7	40.4	32.01	2.0	40.8	26.15	2.1	39.4
5	12.92	3.3	38.8	12.36	2.9	38.6	—	—	—
6	14.51	8.9	40.4	15.32	8.0	40.6	13.62	16.6	40.1
7	17.84	5.6	40.8	17.36	6.6	41.3	18.80	8.8	39.9
8	19.74	2.6	40.4	19.60	2.1	40.6	20.08	7.1	40.0
9	23.95	3.2	39.9	24.29	3.4	40.8	22.87	4.5	37.3
10	24.88	3.1	40.2	27.45	4.2	40.4	20.59	2.3	39.9
11	31.35	2.0	40.2	33.18	1.9	40.6	28.16	2.6	39.5
12	36.27	3.5	40.3	38.44	4.5	40.5	30.80	5.4	39.7
13	46.17	3.0	42.1	47.71	3.2	42.3	37.21	4.6	40.9
14	60.07	3.4	42.1	61.17	3.6	41.9	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	36.64	4.1	40.3	38.82	7.6	41.0	33.94	.8	39.4
Legislators	5.22	.0	37.1	—	—	—	5.22	.0	37.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Executive, administrative, and managerial—Continued									
Executives, administrators, and managers—Continued									
Legislators—Continued									
Not able to be leveled	\$5.22	0.0	37.1	—	—	—	\$5.22	0.0	37.1
Administrators and officials, public administration									
7	24.47	4.3	38.3	—	—	—	24.48	4.4	38.3
8	20.43	8.0	40.0	—	—	—	20.38	8.8	40.0
9	19.14	17.3	40.0	—	—	—	18.41	19.7	40.0
10	27.27	15.1	25.4	—	—	—	27.27	15.1	25.4
11	17.06	.7	39.8	—	—	—	17.06	.7	39.8
12	25.81	9.8	43.1	—	—	—	25.81	9.8	43.1
13	28.21	3.3	40.3	—	—	—	28.11	3.3	40.3
Financial managers	31.11	4.2	40.6	\$31.39	4.6	40.6	28.81	7.1	40.0
8	18.32	4.7	41.4	18.32	4.7	41.4	—	—	—
9	24.39	4.4	39.8	24.37	4.6	39.8	—	—	—
10	25.07	8.8	41.3	25.07	8.8	41.3	—	—	—
11	30.73	4.5	40.3	31.80	5.0	40.3	—	—	—
12	39.07	5.5	40.4	41.46	6.0	40.5	—	—	—
13	40.49	12.3	44.5	40.49	12.3	44.5	—	—	—
Personnel and labor relations managers	32.51	4.9	39.7	34.89	5.5	40.0	28.28	11.4	39.2
9	20.14	10.9	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	36.53	5.4	40.0	38.21	4.9	40.0	—	—	—
Purchasing managers	31.14	5.4	40.4	31.14	5.4	40.4	—	—	—
11	33.04	9.7	41.7	33.04	9.7	41.7	—	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations									
9	35.22	3.9	40.5	35.24	3.9	40.5	—	—	—
11	24.35	6.3	39.3	24.35	6.3	39.3	—	—	—
12	29.41	8.2	40.0	29.41	8.2	40.0	—	—	—
13	37.38	4.6	39.8	37.48	4.7	39.8	—	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields	45.93	5.6	41.2	45.93	5.6	41.2	—	—	—
7	30.14	3.0	39.7	21.23	6.9	40.1	31.00	3.4	39.7
8	16.64	2.7	39.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	22.85	10.8	40.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	26.25	5.1	39.8	25.67	15.1	40.0	26.33	5.4	39.7
11	25.03	5.6	39.9	20.38	17.7	40.0	26.49	7.5	39.9
12	29.16	3.4	38.8	—	—	—	29.24	3.4	38.7
13	31.88	8.5	39.6	—	—	—	31.83	8.9	39.7
Managers, medicine and health	34.33	5.4	45.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	24.05	5.7	39.9	25.44	8.8	39.8	21.57	2.4	40.0
10	21.57	3.4	40.0	22.33	9.2	40.0	—	—	—
11	26.41	7.1	40.2	26.91	7.8	40.2	—	—	—
12	30.23	5.4	39.6	30.21	5.5	39.6	—	—	—
13	39.21	5.3	40.3	41.38	5.4	40.4	—	—	—
Managers, food servicing and lodging establishments	40.01	3.7	40.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	17.69	16.4	41.2	19.02	20.3	41.9	—	—	—
Managers, properties and real estate	13.87	3.7	41.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c.	27.63	10.1	39.8	27.97	14.2	40.5	—	—	—
8	21.89	10.0	39.7	23.03	12.7	39.6	18.85	9.1	40.0
9	15.83	2.8	39.2	15.10	3.5	38.8	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	20.38	6.8	39.9	20.72	7.7	39.9	—	—	—
6	33.17	2.5	41.2	34.07	2.7	41.2	22.22	4.1	41.2
7	18.07	8.1	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	20.12	7.3	40.8	19.15	5.5	41.0	—	—	—
9	22.22	3.5	40.4	22.94	3.7	40.6	—	—	—
10	24.51	4.3	41.5	24.98	4.1	41.3	19.62	4.4	44.3
11	25.95	5.8	40.2	26.90	7.4	40.3	—	—	—
12	33.93	2.4	40.8	34.12	2.4	40.9	—	—	—
	36.76	7.7	40.9	36.93	8.0	41.0	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Executive, administrative, and managerial—Continued									
Executives, administrators, and managers—Continued									
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.—Continued									
13	\$49.60	4.2	42.4	\$49.60	4.2	42.4	—	—	—
14	60.29	4.7	42.1	60.29	4.7	42.1	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	40.29	6.7	42.1	40.22	6.8	42.1	—	—	—
Management related	21.36	1.8	40.1	22.77	2.2	40.4	\$16.76	2.4	39.3
5	14.66	3.9	39.6	15.79	3.5	39.7	10.78	1.9	39.2
6	16.10	3.0	39.8	17.07	3.1	40.3	14.54	4.4	39.1
7	17.56	2.5	39.9	18.24	3.3	39.8	15.75	1.3	40.0
8	19.74	3.1	40.0	21.11	2.9	40.2	16.19	1.5	39.6
9	22.37	3.2	40.4	23.28	3.5	40.5	18.51	1.2	39.9
10	27.54	8.2	41.5	27.90	8.6	41.7	—	—	—
11	28.86	2.6	41.2	29.33	3.1	41.4	26.68	1.2	40.2
12	38.25	3.3	40.3	38.30	3.4	40.4	—	—	—
13	43.50	4.9	40.0	43.50	4.9	40.0	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	30.59	7.1	34.8	33.57	8.4	38.4	—	—	—
Accountants and auditors	20.46	1.9	40.3	21.46	2.2	40.5	16.49	1.4	39.6
5	15.48	5.4	39.7	16.09	5.6	40.5	—	—	—
6	16.82	4.6	40.0	16.89	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
7	17.49	2.9	40.2	17.39	3.1	40.3	—	—	—
8	17.97	3.1	39.9	20.77	5.3	40.0	—	—	—
9	20.50	2.1	40.9	20.66	2.2	40.9	—	—	—
10	24.81	6.3	39.7	25.60	5.0	39.7	—	—	—
11	28.55	4.1	41.1	29.13	4.5	41.3	—	—	—
Underwriters	20.98	7.2	40.0	20.98	7.2	40.0	—	—	—
Other financial officers	25.39	5.2	41.5	27.35	5.1	41.8	—	—	—
6	14.75	6.0	39.8	14.75	6.0	39.8	—	—	—
7	16.66	5.2	39.9	16.20	9.8	39.8	—	—	—
8	23.90	23.3	42.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	31.36	3.7	44.6	31.51	3.7	44.8	—	—	—
Management analysts	24.33	4.3	40.1	24.79	4.3	40.1	—	—	—
8	21.80	9.5	39.8	21.80	9.5	39.8	—	—	—
9	25.71	4.4	40.1	26.18	4.4	40.1	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	20.05	4.6	40.2	21.41	5.1	40.4	15.07	4.1	39.4
5	13.33	6.0	40.0	14.03	7.4	40.0	—	—	—
6	16.65	3.7	40.0	17.70	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
7	15.71	9.5	40.4	17.32	14.5	40.7	13.32	1.9	40.0
9	21.74	7.4	42.2	21.53	8.5	42.5	—	—	—
11	33.53	6.9	39.5	33.53	6.9	39.5	—	—	—
Buyers, wholesale and retail trade, except farm products	26.92	21.9	40.6	26.92	21.9	40.6	—	—	—
Purchasing agents and buyers, n.e.c.	21.27	4.5	40.2	21.99	4.5	40.2	—	—	—
7	19.00	16.7	40.0	19.75	17.7	40.0	—	—	—
9	22.27	4.5	40.0	22.65	5.0	40.0	—	—	—
Construction inspectors	15.77	8.4	40.0	—	—	—	15.21	10.9	40.0
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction	19.03	6.3	40.1	21.12	7.7	40.4	17.25	6.8	39.8
7	18.50	7.9	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	20.77	8.0	39.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	21.17	3.4	39.2	22.63	3.8	39.5	17.97	6.6	38.4
5	15.27	8.0	38.1	16.37	8.7	37.6	—	—	—
6	15.88	8.2	39.0	19.26	14.6	40.9	14.27	6.5	38.2
7	18.56	4.5	39.2	19.26	5.1	39.0	16.60	2.2	40.0
8	19.31	4.5	39.0	19.74	5.1	39.3	17.44	10.3	37.6
9	20.78	3.4	40.1	21.96	4.3	40.3	—	—	—
10	27.88	8.6	39.9	27.94	8.9	39.9	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Executive, administrative, and managerial—Continued									
Management related—Continued									
Management related, n.e.c.—Continued									
11	\$27.20	3.4	40.9	\$27.22	6.2	41.5	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	19.00	11.9	31.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales									
1	13.00	3.1	33.8	13.05	3.2	33.9	\$8.97	7.0	27.7
2	6.47	.8	27.3	6.47	.8	27.3	—	—	—
3	7.41	4.4	28.6	7.40	4.5	28.7	—	—	—
4	9.23	2.2	32.6	9.25	2.2	32.5	—	—	—
5	10.53	3.2	36.6	10.54	3.2	36.8	10.17	1.6	22.2
6	14.69	7.2	39.4	14.69	7.2	39.4	—	—	—
7	19.71	7.8	41.7	19.71	7.8	41.7	—	—	—
8	21.37	3.8	39.9	21.37	3.9	39.9	—	—	—
9	19.86	2.9	40.2	20.02	2.9	40.9	—	—	—
10	28.82	6.9	41.8	28.85	7.0	41.8	—	—	—
11	28.66	5.1	40.5	28.66	5.1	40.5	—	—	—
12	43.73	15.4	41.6	43.73	15.4	41.6	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	30.52	5.9	44.2	30.52	5.9	44.2	—	—	—
Supervisors, sales	30.83	21.8	31.2	30.83	21.8	31.2	—	—	—
4	18.45	3.8	40.9	18.51	3.9	41.3	—	—	—
5	9.83	3.2	39.4	9.83	3.2	39.4	—	—	—
6	11.91	2.5	43.0	11.91	2.5	43.0	—	—	—
7	15.26	5.5	41.7	15.26	5.5	41.7	—	—	—
8	16.47	4.2	40.0	16.18	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
9	18.35	3.0	39.6	18.64	3.1	41.0	—	—	—
10	27.45	17.7	41.9	27.45	17.7	41.9	—	—	—
11	31.03	8.1	41.7	31.03	8.1	41.7	—	—	—
Insurance sales	40.64	5.2	40.2	40.64	5.2	40.2	—	—	—
Real estate sales	58.35	42.1	40.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Securities and financial services sales	23.94	18.1	40.0	24.62	18.1	40.0	—	—	—
6	15.82	11.3	39.4	15.82	11.3	39.4	—	—	—
Advertising and related sales	14.36	4.5	40.0	14.36	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
5	23.54	9.4	37.4	23.54	9.4	37.4	—	—	—
Sales, other business services	16.23	14.2	40.0	16.23	14.2	40.0	—	—	—
4	15.54	9.5	35.9	15.54	9.5	35.9	—	—	—
6	13.84	9.7	42.0	13.84	9.7	42.0	—	—	—
7	16.17	8.5	40.4	16.17	8.5	40.4	—	—	—
8	21.44	6.6	40.5	21.44	6.6	40.5	—	—	—
Sales engineers	19.88	13.7	40.9	19.88	13.7	40.9	—	—	—
Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale	31.99	3.9	44.6	31.99	3.9	44.6	—	—	—
4	19.48	9.2	41.1	19.48	9.2	41.1	—	—	—
5	11.02	8.8	43.1	11.02	8.8	43.1	—	—	—
7	12.63	2.9	38.4	12.63	2.9	38.4	—	—	—
8	23.92	8.6	40.0	23.92	8.6	40.0	—	—	—
9	22.53	13.6	42.2	22.53	13.6	42.2	—	—	—
11	29.39	15.7	42.3	29.39	15.7	42.3	—	—	—
12	35.96	10.9	43.2	35.96	10.9	43.2	—	—	—
Sales workers, motor vehicles and boats	40.42	3.7	40.0	40.42	3.7	40.0	—	—	—
3	19.33	8.7	46.2	19.33	8.7	46.2	—	—	—
4	14.42	1.8	45.9	14.42	1.8	45.9	—	—	—
5	17.69	13.1	46.6	17.69	13.1	46.6	—	—	—
6	23.10	22.7	46.9	23.10	22.7	46.9	—	—	—
Sales workers, apparel	33.20	3.8	46.5	33.20	3.8	46.5	—	—	—
3	8.34	2.6	26.5	8.34	2.6	26.5	—	—	—
4	8.43	7.1	24.6	8.43	7.1	24.6	—	—	—
Sales workers, shoes	9.89	5.5	29.5	9.89	5.5	29.5	—	—	—
Sales workers, furniture and home furnishings ..	8.89	11.0	23.8	8.89	11.0	23.8	—	—	—
	14.64	18.9	33.8	14.64	18.9	33.8	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Sales—Continued									
Sales workers, radio, tv, hi-fi, and appliances ...	\$9.57	18.4	36.5	\$9.57	18.4	36.5	—	—	—
3	7.48	1.1	35.8	7.48	1.1	35.8	—	—	—
Sales workers, hardware and building supplies	9.73	6.2	35.6	9.73	6.2	35.6	—	—	—
3	7.46	2.9	33.1	7.46	2.9	33.1	—	—	—
Sales workers, parts	16.83	6.4	42.0	16.83	6.4	42.0	—	—	—
4	16.22	7.6	42.9	16.22	7.6	42.9	—	—	—
5	23.36	10.3	40.7	23.36	10.3	40.7	—	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities	10.82	4.6	33.6	10.82	4.6	33.6	—	—	—
1	6.90	1.1	30.9	6.90	1.1	30.9	—	—	—
2	9.28	13.0	29.1	9.28	13.0	29.1	—	—	—
3	6.95	4.1	31.8	6.95	4.1	31.8	—	—	—
4	7.67	1.9	35.2	7.67	1.9	35.2	—	—	—
7	29.33	9.3	38.2	29.33	9.3	38.2	—	—	—
Sales counter clerks	7.69	5.1	28.5	7.70	5.2	29.8	—	—	—
1	5.98	3.5	22.8	5.98	3.5	22.8	—	—	—
2	6.99	5.7	24.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	8.94	12.3	35.1	8.94	12.3	35.1	—	—	—
Cashiers	6.93	1.2	28.6	6.90	1.2	28.6	\$7.69	5.2	29.9
1	6.47	1.1	26.9	6.47	1.1	26.8	—	—	—
2	6.65	2.4	28.3	6.61	2.4	28.0	—	—	—
3	7.81	3.7	34.5	7.83	3.8	34.3	—	—	—
4	8.86	2.6	32.4	8.72	2.8	34.3	—	—	—
Demonstrators, promoters, and models, sales ..	9.55	8.5	27.9	9.55	8.5	27.9	—	—	—
Sales support, n.e.c.	11.29	5.0	38.6	11.29	5.0	38.6	—	—	—
3	7.77	7.4	36.6	7.77	7.4	36.6	—	—	—
4	10.54	4.7	39.7	10.54	4.7	39.7	—	—	—
5	13.52	3.2	39.9	13.52	3.2	39.9	—	—	—
6	16.89	11.4	42.9	16.89	11.4	42.9	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	10.74	1.3	38.2	11.17	1.4	38.1	9.77	1.7	38.3
1	7.25	2.3	30.2	7.31	3.5	30.0	7.16	1.5	30.6
2	7.88	1.3	37.2	7.94	1.3	36.9	7.77	1.7	38.1
3	9.06	1.5	37.9	9.24	1.8	37.5	8.71	1.4	38.8
4	10.87	1.3	38.6	11.07	1.6	38.7	10.39	1.6	38.4
5	12.60	1.1	39.2	13.22	1.1	39.3	10.89	1.7	38.8
6	14.49	1.4	39.5	15.47	1.7	39.7	12.78	2.6	39.1
7	16.02	3.8	39.6	16.66	4.6	39.7	13.61	1.5	39.6
8	18.60	4.0	39.9	18.86	4.2	39.9	—	—	—
9	20.01	5.3	39.8	20.17	5.4	39.8	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	10.61	3.9	38.6	10.62	4.5	38.5	10.57	3.5	39.4
Supervisors, general office	14.88	3.0	39.9	15.77	5.2	40.0	13.69	1.8	39.6
5	11.38	4.2	39.2	11.59	5.5	39.7	—	—	—
6	13.61	4.7	39.9	14.16	11.4	40.0	13.32	3.4	39.8
7	15.65	2.3	40.4	16.89	5.5	41.1	14.87	.4	39.9
8	15.60	6.4	39.8	15.65	7.1	39.8	—	—	—
9	20.75	7.1	39.8	20.75	7.1	39.8	—	—	—
Supervisors, computer equipment operators	17.63	5.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, financial records processing	16.81	5.3	40.0	16.93	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
7	17.94	5.5	40.0	18.26	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
8	16.26	13.5	40.0	16.26	13.5	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, distribution, scheduling, and adjusting clerks	17.91	5.2	40.2	17.82	5.5	40.3	—	—	—
6	18.26	10.3	39.8	18.26	10.3	39.8	—	—	—
7	16.80	7.1	40.0	16.16	7.2	40.0	—	—	—
Computer operators	12.12	4.3	38.9	12.32	5.2	39.9	11.47	3.0	36.0
3	8.91	3.5	30.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	10.80	7.6	39.8	10.82	7.8	39.8	—	—	—
5	12.25	2.9	40.0	12.79	3.3	40.0	—	—	—
6	16.76	7.9	39.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peripheral equipment operators	10.40	8.0	40.0	10.42	8.3	40.0	—	—	—

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Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Administrative support, including clerical—Continued									
Secretaries	\$11.85	2.4	39.2	\$13.13	2.0	39.1	\$10.30	3.2	39.3
2	7.59	2.7	39.3	7.37	7.1	37.6	7.68	1.9	40.0
3	8.99	3.3	38.9	9.08	4.8	38.7	8.93	3.5	39.0
4	11.74	1.9	39.1	12.27	2.6	39.1	11.11	3.0	39.2
5	12.63	1.7	39.4	13.73	1.9	39.6	10.46	5.0	39.1
6	14.86	2.2	39.5	16.78	2.3	39.3	11.67	4.1	39.8
7	15.97	3.3	39.1	17.29	3.0	39.0	13.27	2.5	39.2
Not able to be leveled	13.65	6.2	39.2	14.32	4.3	39.3	—	—	—
Stenographers	14.61	5.5	39.1	13.72	10.5	39.0	—	—	—
4	10.37	4.3	39.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typists	9.98	2.3	38.1	10.59	2.8	37.5	—	—	—
3	9.49	2.2	37.7	9.52	2.5	37.3	—	—	—
4	10.32	2.0	39.8	11.87	2.4	39.6	—	—	—
Interviewers	8.67	7.1	37.2	8.67	4.4	35.7	8.67	15.9	39.6
2	6.71	1.1	38.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	8.10	2.8	34.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	10.37	11.9	39.3	9.10	9.5	38.9	—	—	—
Hotel clerks	7.12	4.0	36.9	7.05	3.9	36.8	—	—	—
3	6.54	4.0	37.4	6.54	4.0	37.4	—	—	—
Transportation ticket and reservation agents	11.98	5.3	37.5	11.98	5.4	37.5	—	—	—
2	9.14	4.2	36.7	9.14	4.2	36.7	—	—	—
3	12.43	4.9	36.9	12.45	4.9	36.9	—	—	—
4	11.67	9.9	37.7	11.67	9.9	37.7	—	—	—
Receptionists	8.44	2.7	35.9	8.46	3.1	35.5	8.27	3.7	38.5
1	6.97	4.9	29.6	6.97	4.9	29.6	—	—	—
2	7.62	3.5	35.3	7.73	4.1	35.0	6.85	1.6	37.8
3	8.93	3.4	37.7	8.83	4.0	37.4	9.35	5.1	39.0
4	10.16	2.4	40.0	10.16	2.4	40.0	—	—	—
Information clerks, n.e.c.	10.04	2.9	38.2	10.01	3.8	38.4	10.14	1.6	37.6
2	6.88	2.6	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	9.41	.9	38.3	9.33	1.1	38.4	—	—	—
4	10.89	2.3	39.6	11.08	9.6	39.3	—	—	—
5	11.13	5.5	29.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Correspondence clerks	15.47	6.3	40.0	16.30	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Order clerks	10.77	4.0	38.0	10.72	4.3	38.0	—	—	—
2	7.95	6.3	35.9	7.95	6.3	35.9	—	—	—
3	10.37	4.6	38.6	10.37	4.6	38.6	—	—	—
4	10.45	6.7	37.6	10.24	6.6	37.5	—	—	—
5	13.71	4.8	39.6	13.71	4.8	39.6	—	—	—
6	16.29	10.6	40.0	16.29	10.6	40.0	—	—	—
Personnel clerks, except payroll and timekeeping	10.42	3.8	34.0	10.47	4.6	37.8	10.26	6.8	24.7
3	8.97	6.4	39.8	9.03	6.8	40.0	—	—	—
4	9.77	2.7	29.6	9.90	4.3	35.0	—	—	—
5	11.99	8.5	39.8	12.00	8.6	39.9	—	—	—
Library clerks	8.74	3.5	33.1	—	—	—	8.72	3.8	32.4
2	8.14	6.6	35.0	—	—	—	8.17	7.6	34.5
3	8.66	1.5	35.9	—	—	—	8.72	1.4	35.7
File clerks	8.88	5.9	36.7	8.89	7.6	37.3	8.85	4.9	35.1
1	6.23	5.9	32.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	8.62	7.8	37.7	8.59	8.4	37.6	—	—	—
3	10.06	8.3	38.4	10.18	8.8	40.0	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	9.50	2.7	38.6	9.84	3.7	38.1	9.00	4.2	39.5
1	6.71	6.0	23.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	7.83	1.8	39.1	7.48	4.2	38.3	8.15	1.3	39.9
3	8.21	4.7	38.3	8.48	4.9	37.4	7.77	9.0	39.8
4	10.21	5.4	39.4	10.14	7.4	39.5	10.35	6.3	39.2
5	13.50	3.1	39.5	14.16	4.2	39.5	12.31	4.6	39.6
6	10.28	17.5	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Administrative support, including clerical—Continued									
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks ...	\$10.33	2.7	39.1	\$10.42	1.8	39.1	\$10.07	7.8	39.1
2	8.08	5.5	36.9	7.93	5.9	36.7	—	—	—
3	8.66	2.0	39.6	8.90	1.9	39.4	8.19	1.9	40.0
4	10.43	1.5	39.3	10.68	2.0	39.1	9.61	3.0	39.8
5	11.99	2.8	39.7	12.27	2.8	39.7	—	—	—
6	13.56	8.6	37.2	14.95	4.1	39.7	—	—	—
Payroll and timekeeping clerks	11.80	3.8	40.1	11.85	4.4	40.0	11.53	2.4	40.9
4	12.35	6.6	40.0	12.57	7.1	40.0	—	—	—
Billing clerks	10.78	5.3	40.0	11.03	6.1	40.0	9.05	5.2	40.2
3	10.18	8.5	40.1	10.17	9.1	40.0	—	—	—
4	9.84	1.2	40.0	10.10	1.8	40.0	—	—	—
5	12.60	11.6	40.0	12.60	11.6	40.0	—	—	—
Cost and rate clerks	11.90	17.0	40.0	11.90	17.0	40.0	—	—	—
Billing, posting, and calculating machine operators	9.60	14.7	33.6	9.63	15.4	33.3	—	—	—
Duplicating machine operators	9.20	3.4	34.4	9.09	3.8	34.1	—	—	—
2	7.57	5.6	32.8	7.57	5.6	32.8	—	—	—
Telephone operators	9.69	7.7	39.1	9.69	7.7	39.1	—	—	—
2	6.99	4.5	38.8	6.91	4.7	38.7	—	—	—
3	9.97	4.1	38.7	9.97	4.1	38.7	—	—	—
Mail clerks, except postal service	8.18	3.4	37.4	8.27	3.9	37.0	—	—	—
2	8.20	5.2	39.9	8.45	6.7	40.0	—	—	—
3	7.95	2.6	36.2	7.95	2.6	36.2	—	—	—
Messengers	8.80	8.0	37.1	9.95	6.8	35.9	—	—	—
Dispatchers	10.58	4.8	38.7	12.21	13.9	40.2	10.13	3.3	38.3
2	6.77	10.1	36.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	8.64	5.2	36.1	—	—	—	8.71	6.7	35.2
4	11.95	7.2	40.0	—	—	—	11.06	6.1	40.0
5	10.51	3.9	40.0	—	—	—	10.51	3.9	40.0
Production coordinators	13.25	4.0	40.0	13.18	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
4	12.56	5.8	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	14.69	7.5	40.0	14.85	7.8	40.0	—	—	—
6	14.47	4.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	9.85	4.4	38.4	9.82	4.4	38.4	—	—	—
2	7.39	5.1	37.8	7.39	5.2	38.0	—	—	—
3	8.41	2.7	36.9	8.41	2.7	36.9	—	—	—
4	9.99	8.7	39.0	9.87	8.7	39.0	—	—	—
5	13.03	6.1	40.0	13.03	6.1	40.0	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	9.61	2.2	39.3	9.82	2.5	39.2	8.37	3.1	40.0
2	7.92	2.3	38.9	8.06	1.6	38.7	—	—	—
3	8.34	3.2	39.2	8.39	4.1	39.1	—	—	—
4	10.34	3.9	40.0	10.30	4.3	40.0	—	—	—
5	13.37	8.1	40.0	13.34	8.4	40.0	—	—	—
Meter readers	10.63	6.2	39.7	10.62	8.4	40.3	10.66	7.3	38.6
Weighers, measurers, checkers, and samplers	11.72	7.5	40.0	11.72	7.5	40.0	—	—	—
Expeditors	14.10	7.4	40.0	14.10	7.4	40.0	—	—	—
Material recording, scheduling, and distribution clerks, n.e.c.	9.00	3.5	39.9	8.92	3.5	39.9	—	—	—
4	9.63	6.6	39.5	9.63	6.6	39.5	—	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators	14.09	7.5	39.3	14.09	7.7	39.3	14.03	12.7	40.0
4	11.31	2.9	39.6	11.31	2.9	39.6	—	—	—
5	13.12	4.6	39.0	13.12	4.7	39.0	—	—	—
7	16.07	2.7	38.3	15.94	3.2	38.2	—	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance ...	13.21	4.8	39.1	13.36	4.9	39.0	11.41	6.6	40.0
3	9.59	4.7	36.6	9.63	4.8	36.5	—	—	—
4	11.15	3.4	39.9	11.27	3.5	39.9	—	—	—
5	13.85	4.7	39.9	14.09	4.4	39.9	—	—	—
6	15.80	2.8	39.4	16.06	2.1	39.4	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
White collar—Continued									
Administrative support, including clerical—Continued									
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance—Continued									
7	\$18.87	5.7	39.1	\$18.87	5.7	39.1	—	—	—
Eligibility clerks, social welfare	9.34	4.1	39.1	9.58	7.7	37.9	\$9.18	3.6	40.0
4	9.22	3.3	38.5	—	—	—	9.01	3.3	40.0
5	11.26	8.3	38.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bill and account collectors	12.04	5.5	38.0	12.24	6.2	37.8	—	—	—
3	9.29	3.0	40.0	9.29	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
4	10.26	3.6	34.7	10.29	3.6	34.6	—	—	—
5	19.22	6.3	40.0	19.96	7.2	40.0	—	—	—
General office clerks	9.97	1.9	37.0	10.42	2.3	36.4	9.33	2.3	38.0
1	7.42	7.7	28.2	8.09	12.0	27.9	6.62	6.1	28.6
2	8.21	2.6	34.2	8.19	3.7	34.0	8.25	3.5	34.7
3	8.79	1.8	38.7	9.00	2.7	37.9	8.59	1.8	39.5
4	11.25	2.4	38.4	11.73	2.4	38.1	10.44	4.7	38.9
5	12.39	2.0	38.0	13.41	2.2	36.5	11.17	.7	40.0
6	14.07	5.0	39.9	16.65	6.2	39.8	—	—	—
7	14.43	4.1	39.3	14.92	4.9	39.2	—	—	—
Bank tellers	8.79	5.6	31.2	8.79	5.6	31.2	—	—	—
2	8.20	4.3	31.9	8.20	4.3	31.9	—	—	—
3	7.96	2.9	27.6	7.96	2.9	27.6	—	—	—
5	12.72	5.1	38.8	12.72	5.1	38.8	—	—	—
Data entry keyers	9.23	2.1	38.5	9.36	2.1	38.5	8.02	5.2	38.2
2	7.84	3.9	38.4	7.94	4.7	38.4	—	—	—
3	10.35	2.2	37.4	10.38	2.4	37.3	—	—	—
4	10.35	4.1	39.1	10.45	4.2	39.3	—	—	—
Statistical clerks	9.58	10.1	39.2	8.46	9.6	38.3	10.65	9.1	40.0
3	7.14	2.9	39.4	6.99	2.0	39.4	—	—	—
Teachers' aides	8.43	3.2	38.2	—	—	—	8.43	3.2	38.2
1	7.01	1.9	35.8	—	—	—	7.01	1.9	35.8
2	7.66	4.1	38.6	—	—	—	7.66	4.1	38.6
3	8.94	2.1	38.6	—	—	—	8.94	2.1	38.6
4	10.23	1.9	36.7	—	—	—	10.25	1.9	36.7
Administrative support, n.e.c.	10.60	2.6	37.6	10.86	2.7	37.7	10.07	4.8	37.4
1	7.48	11.6	23.2	5.95	3.6	26.8	—	—	—
2	7.71	2.6	36.0	7.83	2.6	37.7	7.28	7.6	31.1
3	9.27	3.3	39.3	9.54	3.8	38.6	9.05	4.6	39.9
4	10.34	2.3	37.0	10.72	2.4	36.6	9.27	4.2	38.1
5	11.96	2.2	39.4	12.10	2.2	39.4	—	—	—
6	14.16	4.0	39.9	14.16	8.3	40.0	14.16	3.7	39.8
7	17.35	3.8	39.7	17.35	3.8	39.7	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	7.66	7.1	37.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blue collar	11.96	2.6	38.7	12.07	2.8	38.8	10.97	1.8	38.6
1	6.89	1.7	35.6	6.89	1.7	35.6	6.91	3.6	37.6
2	8.40	1.6	37.4	8.41	1.7	37.4	8.39	2.9	37.2
3	10.18	2.9	39.7	10.20	3.0	40.0	10.01	3.9	37.1
4	11.63	3.1	39.8	11.80	3.3	40.0	10.08	2.4	38.4
5	13.68	3.6	40.2	13.99	3.8	40.2	11.21	4.3	39.8
6	15.43	3.4	40.1	16.15	2.9	40.1	12.35	6.4	40.0
7	18.09	2.3	40.1	18.73	2.1	40.1	13.87	2.8	39.9
8	22.09	2.5	41.2	22.68	2.3	41.3	14.52	2.8	39.9
9	25.35	2.1	40.9	25.60	2.2	41.0	22.71	3.2	40.0
Not able to be leveled	12.35	11.4	36.7	14.99	7.4	37.7	—	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	15.40	2.4	39.9	15.75	2.6	39.9	12.90	2.2	39.9
1	7.34	3.9	39.5	7.36	3.9	39.5	—	—	—
2	8.35	2.9	38.0	8.32	3.0	38.0	—	—	—
3	9.35	1.3	39.7	9.37	1.4	39.7	9.17	2.5	39.6

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Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Precision production, craft, and repair—Continued									
4	\$12.09	2.0	39.2	\$12.45	2.4	39.1	\$9.88	2.6	40.0
5	14.05	5.9	40.0	14.31	6.4	40.1	12.08	1.5	39.6
6	16.31	3.0	40.1	17.09	2.4	40.1	12.99	5.6	40.0
7	18.34	2.6	40.0	19.03	2.4	40.0	13.97	3.3	39.9
8	21.50	3.0	40.5	22.16	2.7	40.6	14.52	2.8	39.9
9	22.24	2.2	41.0	22.18	2.5	41.1	22.71	3.2	40.0
Not able to be leveled	16.51	12.6	40.0	16.51	12.6	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	21.52	2.9	40.6	22.52	3.3	40.7	15.02	6.5	39.8
7	20.96	2.5	40.2	22.34	4.0	40.4	—	—	—
8	21.47	6.2	40.3	21.47	6.2	40.3	—	—	—
9	23.54	3.1	42.4	23.66	3.1	42.5	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics	15.71	3.0	41.6	16.13	2.8	41.8	11.20	2.2	40.0
4	17.04	10.3	44.4	17.04	10.3	44.4	—	—	—
5	13.53	4.0	41.8	13.60	4.2	41.9	—	—	—
6	16.49	7.0	43.0	16.60	7.1	43.0	—	—	—
7	16.18	4.3	40.6	17.07	4.0	40.7	—	—	—
Automobile mechanic apprentices	10.87	16.9	40.0	10.69	20.8	40.0	—	—	—
Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics	13.26	5.9	40.2	13.93	3.8	40.3	11.35	13.4	40.0
5	11.23	5.2	40.0	11.26	6.1	40.0	—	—	—
6	15.42	1.7	41.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	15.99	4.1	40.0	15.94	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Aircraft engine mechanics	20.15	12.6	40.0	20.14	13.0	40.0	—	—	—
7	22.86	13.6	40.0	22.86	13.6	40.0	—	—	—
Automobile body and related repairers	15.03	7.3	41.3	14.97	7.8	41.4	—	—	—
5	14.30	6.6	42.6	14.30	6.6	42.6	—	—	—
Aircraft mechanics, except engine	18.31	5.2	40.4	18.31	5.2	40.4	—	—	—
5	13.64	4.2	40.0	13.64	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
7	18.93	10.3	40.5	18.93	10.3	40.5	—	—	—
Heavy equipment mechanics	14.85	1.7	40.5	14.74	1.6	40.5	—	—	—
5	12.02	2.1	41.1	12.04	2.1	41.1	—	—	—
7	18.04	4.3	40.0	17.86	4.4	40.0	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers	16.17	6.6	40.0	16.25	6.7	40.0	13.74	4.8	40.0
4	12.93	1.7	40.0	12.96	1.7	40.0	—	—	—
5	12.63	4.4	40.0	12.45	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
6	16.15	8.1	40.0	16.29	8.6	40.0	—	—	—
7	18.87	5.9	40.0	18.87	5.9	40.0	—	—	—
Machinery maintenance	11.19	4.3	40.0	11.17	4.4	40.0	—	—	—
Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment	17.01	7.8	38.3	17.15	7.9	38.5	—	—	—
6	17.26	6.0	40.0	17.26	6.0	40.0	—	—	—
7	20.07	2.9	40.0	20.07	2.9	40.0	—	—	—
Data processing equipment repairers	15.53	8.4	40.0	15.57	8.6	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone line installers and repairers	15.69	2.1	40.0	16.20	2.4	40.0	—	—	—
6	16.73	1.0	40.0	16.73	1.0	40.0	—	—	—
Telephone installers and repairers	17.30	9.8	40.0	17.30	9.8	40.0	—	—	—
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics	15.11	3.8	40.0	15.69	4.5	40.0	13.94	2.2	40.0
5	12.75	3.9	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	14.73	4.5	40.0	14.78	5.6	40.0	—	—	—
7	17.25	1.6	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Office machine repairers	16.85	9.3	40.0	16.15	9.6	40.0	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	14.65	3.1	38.8	15.85	3.8	38.5	11.24	2.8	39.8
3	9.74	3.1	40.0	10.09	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
4	10.01	6.4	31.8	10.88	11.5	27.0	—	—	—
5	12.05	1.6	39.9	12.85	2.0	39.9	—	—	—
6	16.11	5.5	40.0	17.25	6.5	40.0	13.64	3.8	40.0
7	18.62	2.7	39.7	19.69	2.3	39.8	13.43	1.5	38.9
Supervisors, carpenters and related workers	17.44	4.5	42.3	18.75	6.0	43.9	—	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers	19.76	4.5	40.0	20.85	4.0	40.0	17.19	7.8	39.9

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Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Precision production, craft, and repair—Continued									
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers—Continued									
7	\$20.87	6.4	40.0	\$22.91	3.6	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	15.43	5.5	40.0	—	—	—	\$15.22	6.7	40.0
7	16.98	7.2	40.0	—	—	—	16.98	7.2	40.0
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	14.02	6.8	40.4	16.23	5.7	41.0	12.28	6.9	40.0
6	10.87	5.7	40.3	—	—	—	10.49	3.4	40.0
7	14.06	7.2	40.2	15.63	8.1	40.3	12.68	7.5	40.0
Carpenters	13.01	4.8	39.2	13.05	5.1	39.1	—	—	—
5	13.12	6.2	40.0	13.18	6.5	40.0	—	—	—
6	12.98	4.5	37.6	12.98	4.5	37.6	—	—	—
7	16.31	9.9	40.0	18.87	6.2	39.9	—	—	—
Electricians	17.16	5.3	40.0	17.98	5.5	40.0	12.85	6.9	40.0
5	13.40	4.8	40.0	13.91	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
6	17.98	3.7	40.0	18.07	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
7	16.54	5.6	40.0	17.46	5.0	40.0	—	—	—
Electrician apprentices	9.06	10.6	40.0	8.68	10.7	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical power installers and repairers	19.41	8.1	40.0	19.44	8.5	40.0	—	—	—
Painters, construction and maintenance	11.07	3.4	40.0	10.98	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
4	11.37	3.1	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	11.15	6.4	40.0	10.96	7.4	40.0	—	—	—
Plumbers, pipefitters and steamfitters	14.63	4.1	40.0	15.35	3.1	40.0	11.93	13.9	40.0
5	12.67	7.2	40.0	12.67	7.2	40.0	—	—	—
6	14.54	3.4	40.0	15.11	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
7	16.76	4.2	40.0	16.77	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
Plumber, pipefitter, and steamfitter apprentices	10.77	10.3	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Concrete and terrazzo finishers	11.10	3.6	40.6	10.95	4.3	40.6	—	—	—
Insulation workers	11.54	6.2	33.7	11.54	6.2	33.7	—	—	—
Structural metal workers	14.53	3.2	40.0	14.53	3.2	40.0	—	—	—
Construction trades, n.e.c.	11.52	5.4	39.9	11.36	7.0	39.8	12.02	5.2	40.0
3	9.13	7.1	40.0	9.04	7.6	40.0	—	—	—
5	12.10	3.8	39.9	—	—	—	11.84	1.8	40.0
6	13.06	4.4	39.1	13.40	5.0	38.9	—	—	—
7	16.64	4.1	40.0	17.09	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, extractive	16.45	14.0	39.1	16.45	14.0	39.1	—	—	—
Drillers, oil well	16.20	1.1	41.4	16.20	1.1	41.4	—	—	—
Mining, n.e.c.	20.04	3.2	40.1	20.04	3.2	40.1	—	—	—
Supervisors, production	19.73	3.1	40.3	19.88	3.2	40.3	—	—	—
5	12.73	8.6	40.0	12.73	8.6	40.0	—	—	—
6	13.39	7.6	40.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	18.29	2.3	40.0	18.35	2.4	40.0	—	—	—
8	25.62	4.6	40.6	25.62	4.6	40.6	—	—	—
9	23.63	3.3	40.8	23.41	4.1	40.9	—	—	—
Precision assemblers, metal	13.83	8.9	40.0	13.83	8.9	40.0	—	—	—
Machinists	16.52	4.2	39.7	16.52	4.2	39.7	—	—	—
5	13.06	8.3	40.0	13.06	8.3	40.0	—	—	—
6	17.39	5.5	40.0	17.39	5.5	40.0	—	—	—
7	17.51	4.2	39.5	17.51	4.2	39.5	—	—	—
Boilermakers	18.01	5.1	40.0	18.01	5.1	40.0	—	—	—
Sheet metal workers	14.92	8.7	40.0	14.92	8.7	40.0	—	—	—
Cabinet makers and bench carpenters	9.56	.6	40.0	9.56	.6	40.0	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	9.52	2.7	40.0	9.52	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
1	8.14	2.5	40.0	8.14	2.5	40.0	—	—	—
2	8.30	4.6	40.0	8.30	4.6	40.0	—	—	—
5	12.51	5.2	40.0	12.51	5.2	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous precision workers, n.e.c.	15.81	20.7	38.6	15.81	20.7	38.6	—	—	—
Butchers and meat cutters									
2	6.21	5.8	40.0	6.21	5.8	40.0	—	—	—
5	11.16	5.6	37.6	11.16	5.6	37.6	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Precision production, craft, and repair—Continued									
Bakers	\$8.08	2.6	37.6	\$8.08	2.6	37.6	—	—	—
Food batchmakers	7.78	6.5	37.1	7.78	6.5	37.1	—	—	—
Inspectors, testers, and graders	15.76	4.7	41.2	15.55	5.3	41.5	—	—	—
4	14.97	4.5	44.2	14.97	4.5	44.2	—	—	—
5	14.48	6.9	41.7	13.96	8.0	42.6	—	—	—
6	15.83	2.2	40.0	15.54	2.1	40.0	—	—	—
7	16.80	5.5	40.0	16.82	7.3	40.0	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	11.99	6.9	39.5	—	—	—	\$11.99	6.9	39.5
3	8.71	12.4	36.6	—	—	—	8.71	12.4	36.6
4	10.36	3.1	40.0	—	—	—	10.36	3.1	40.0
5	11.82	3.9	40.0	—	—	—	11.82	3.9	40.0
6	13.93	5.4	40.0	—	—	—	13.93	5.4	40.0
Power plant operators	19.13	4.3	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stationary engineers	12.67	4.6	40.0	13.85	5.7	40.0	10.39	7.3	40.0
5	11.00	7.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous plant and system operators, n.e.c.	21.57	1.9	39.9	21.60	1.9	39.9	—	—	—
4	19.49	7.2	39.6	19.49	7.2	39.6	—	—	—
5	19.49	3.0	39.6	19.49	3.0	39.6	—	—	—
6	21.39	3.2	39.8	21.39	3.2	39.8	—	—	—
7	22.94	1.4	39.9	22.94	1.4	39.9	—	—	—
8	22.59	2.0	41.0	22.59	2.0	41.0	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	10.12	3.4	39.6	10.14	3.5	39.6	8.68	9.9	39.8
1	6.43	2.1	37.8	6.46	2.2	37.7	—	—	—
2	8.11	2.3	39.9	8.11	2.3	39.9	—	—	—
3	10.54	4.9	39.8	10.54	4.9	39.8	—	—	—
4	11.08	2.2	40.0	11.11	2.3	40.0	—	—	—
5	12.83	2.7	40.0	12.83	2.7	40.0	—	—	—
6	13.65	3.5	40.0	13.73	3.7	40.0	—	—	—
7	16.74	1.9	39.9	16.91	1.9	40.0	—	—	—
8	17.03	8.8	40.0	17.03	8.8	40.0	—	—	—
Lathe and turning machine operators	11.40	8.0	40.0	11.40	8.0	40.0	—	—	—
Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators	10.02	7.0	40.0	10.02	7.0	40.0	—	—	—
Numerical control machine operators	14.87	5.9	40.0	14.87	5.9	40.0	—	—	—
Fabricating machine operators, n.e.c.	13.44	8.1	40.0	13.44	8.1	40.0	—	—	—
4	10.64	10.8	40.0	10.64	10.8	40.0	—	—	—
Molding and casting machine operators	12.15	9.4	40.0	12.15	9.4	40.0	—	—	—
Printing press operators	12.48	6.3	39.8	12.69	7.1	39.9	—	—	—
5	12.11	4.8	39.9	12.11	4.8	39.9	—	—	—
Photoengravers and lithographers	15.40	6.1	39.8	15.40	6.1	39.8	—	—	—
Textile sewing machine operators	7.19	2.2	40.0	7.19	2.2	40.0	—	—	—
1	5.50	4.0	40.0	5.50	4.0	40.0	—	—	—
3	6.56	4.5	40.0	6.56	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Pressing machine operators	7.55	9.0	39.9	7.55	9.0	39.9	—	—	—
1	6.07	1.6	39.9	6.07	1.6	39.9	—	—	—
Laundry and dry cleaning machine operators	6.79	2.9	39.6	6.89	2.7	39.6	—	—	—
1	6.20	3.5	39.4	6.29	3.4	39.3	—	—	—
2	6.79	1.0	40.0	6.77	1.2	40.0	—	—	—
Packaging and filling machine operators	8.19	8.6	40.0	8.19	8.6	40.0	—	—	—
3	10.54	5.0	40.0	10.54	5.0	40.0	—	—	—
Mixing and blending machine operators	10.27	14.7	40.0	10.27	14.7	40.0	—	—	—
Separating, filtering, and clarifying machine operators	16.39	6.1	40.2	16.39	6.1	40.2	—	—	—
Painting and paint spraying machine operators	12.05	3.3	40.0	11.85	3.0	40.0	—	—	—
4	11.09	1.8	40.0	11.09	1.8	40.0	—	—	—
Furnace, kiln, and oven operators, except food	10.20	17.3	40.0	10.20	17.3	40.0	—	—	—
Slicing and cutting machine operators	10.38	11.7	40.0	10.38	11.7	40.0	—	—	—
Photographic process machine operators	8.85	7.3	37.4	8.85	7.3	37.4	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors—Continued									
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	\$10.43	3.2	39.8	\$10.46	3.3	39.8	—	—	—
1	6.21	5.0	38.8	6.21	5.0	38.8	—	—	—
2	8.13	6.8	39.9	8.15	7.1	39.9	—	—	—
3	10.09	2.8	39.9	10.09	2.8	39.9	—	—	—
4	11.28	3.4	40.0	11.40	3.7	40.0	—	—	—
5	12.66	1.9	40.0	12.66	1.9	40.0	—	—	—
7	21.34	7.8	40.6	21.34	7.8	40.6	—	—	—
Welders and cutters	11.79	3.8	40.0	11.82	3.9	40.0	—	—	—
3	8.41	3.5	40.0	8.41	3.5	40.0	—	—	—
4	9.64	6.5	40.0	9.64	6.5	40.0	—	—	—
5	11.73	3.8	40.0	11.73	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
6	12.72	5.2	40.0	12.89	6.1	40.0	—	—	—
7	14.47	1.7	40.0	14.47	1.7	40.0	—	—	—
Assemblers	11.01	3.3	39.4	11.01	3.3	39.4	—	—	—
1	7.12	6.2	36.8	7.12	6.2	36.8	—	—	—
2	8.28	4.9	39.7	8.28	4.9	39.7	—	—	—
3	14.23	5.6	39.8	14.23	5.6	39.8	—	—	—
4	13.59	3.8	40.0	13.59	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
5	14.29	2.3	39.9	14.29	2.3	39.9	—	—	—
Hand cutting and trimming	6.99	8.4	38.0	6.99	8.4	38.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous hand working, n.e.c.	9.46	6.5	33.7	9.46	6.5	33.7	—	—	—
1	5.49	2.0	23.2	5.49	2.0	23.2	—	—	—
Production inspectors, checkers and examiners	10.66	4.8	40.0	10.67	4.8	40.0	—	—	—
2	7.34	4.7	40.0	7.34	4.7	40.0	—	—	—
3	10.19	6.3	40.0	10.19	6.3	40.0	—	—	—
4	9.88	3.7	40.0	9.79	3.8	40.0	—	—	—
5	9.54	10.0	40.0	9.54	10.0	40.0	—	—	—
7	16.36	4.8	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Production testers	9.06	15.1	39.9	9.06	15.1	39.9	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	12.57	2.8	39.6	13.16	2.7	40.6	\$10.27	2.7	36.3
1	6.91	6.1	40.4	6.91	6.2	40.7	—	—	—
2	8.76	2.9	35.0	8.58	3.8	35.6	9.31	2.4	33.6
3	10.83	3.9	40.6	10.94	3.9	42.8	10.48	5.7	34.8
4	12.62	7.1	40.1	13.07	8.2	40.9	10.30	3.6	36.6
5	13.70	4.1	40.8	14.42	2.6	41.0	9.87	6.5	40.0
6	12.86	8.9	41.2	15.38	4.3	42.7	10.65	7.1	39.9
7	17.40	3.8	41.3	18.52	3.8	41.7	13.37	1.1	40.0
Supervisors, motor vehicle operators	11.75	7.5	40.9	13.21	7.8	42.0	—	—	—
Truck drivers	12.09	3.2	42.7	12.32	3.5	43.0	9.67	1.8	39.5
1	7.52	2.2	35.8	7.55	2.3	36.3	—	—	—
2	9.17	4.7	39.0	9.24	5.6	38.9	8.91	2.9	39.6
3	11.38	6.6	44.8	11.55	7.3	45.3	9.82	2.7	40.0
4	11.92	4.4	43.1	12.06	5.8	43.4	10.14	2.1	39.4
5	15.02	3.9	43.1	15.07	4.0	43.2	—	—	—
6	17.02	7.1	43.6	17.02	7.1	43.6	—	—	—
Driver-sales workers	11.98	4.1	42.7	11.98	4.1	42.7	—	—	—
3	11.02	3.9	41.8	11.02	3.9	41.8	—	—	—
4	12.35	5.0	41.6	12.35	5.0	41.6	—	—	—
5	12.96	8.6	43.0	12.96	8.6	43.0	—	—	—
Bus drivers	10.97	4.4	32.6	11.89	6.5	35.2	10.45	5.5	31.3
2	10.01	2.4	30.5	—	—	—	9.88	2.7	28.3
3	10.49	7.1	33.5	—	—	—	10.61	7.5	33.6
4	10.87	10.8	33.0	—	—	—	11.08	11.1	27.3
5	13.46	7.7	33.3	13.50	7.8	33.2	—	—	—
Taxicab drivers and chauffeurs	6.57	2.7	30.8	6.44	2.6	30.8	—	—	—
Motor transportation, n.e.c.	6.31	6.0	27.8	6.31	6.0	27.8	—	—	—
2	6.26	7.3	26.1	6.26	7.3	26.1	—	—	—
Ship captains and mates, except fishing boats ..	15.25	4.9	48.4	15.30	5.0	48.7	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Transportation and material moving—Continued									
Sailors and deckhands	\$7.49	2.9	54.5	\$7.49	2.9	54.5	—	—	—
Supervisors, material moving equipment	16.21	3.9	41.2	16.18	4.6	41.4	—	—	—
7	16.69	6.7	40.6	16.69	6.7	40.6	—	—	—
Operating engineers	13.65	8.7	40.0	17.07	4.0	40.0	\$9.65	3.5	40.0
Crane and tower operators	14.90	4.2	40.0	15.06	4.3	40.0	—	—	—
Excavating and loading machine operators	9.92	3.6	39.9	9.88	4.6	39.9	—	—	—
Grader, dozer, and scraper operators	10.14	4.3	40.0	—	—	—	10.08	4.3	40.0
4	10.52	9.0	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	9.10	3.2	40.0	—	—	—	9.10	3.2	40.0
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	10.35	3.6	40.4	10.35	3.8	40.5	—	—	—
2	8.89	4.1	40.0	8.97	4.2	40.0	—	—	—
3	10.72	6.0	40.9	10.72	6.0	40.9	—	—	—
4	10.94	1.8	40.0	10.94	2.2	40.0	—	—	—
Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators, n.e.c.	14.42	12.5	39.5	15.37	12.1	39.5	10.05	5.5	39.9
3	11.33	3.0	39.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	17.37	10.6	39.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	13.79	3.4	38.6	13.89	4.4	38.2	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	8.37	1.9	36.0	8.35	2.0	35.7	8.57	4.2	39.1
1	6.99	1.6	34.8	6.98	1.7	34.6	7.15	2.8	37.4
2	8.58	1.9	35.9	8.72	2.1	35.3	7.73	3.5	40.0
3	10.03	4.4	38.5	10.08	5.0	38.3	9.80	8.3	39.7
4	10.16	5.5	39.6	10.16	5.9	39.6	10.10	7.0	40.0
5	12.86	2.9	39.5	13.47	3.3	39.3	11.00	3.1	40.0
6	12.32	6.1	35.9	12.22	6.5	35.6	—	—	—
7	15.46	5.3	40.0	—	—	—	14.08	1.9	40.0
Not able to be leveled	8.59	4.8	34.4	10.44	4.6	33.3	—	—	—
Supervisors, agriculture-related workers	10.44	10.8	38.5	—	—	—	12.39	4.1	38.0
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm ...	8.10	6.1	38.6	7.09	6.5	38.6	8.92	6.1	38.5
1	6.76	3.6	37.4	6.48	3.4	38.5	7.54	4.3	34.6
2	7.56	3.1	39.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	10.85	4.7	40.0	—	—	—	10.91	4.8	40.0
Animal caretakers, except farm	6.94	6.5	38.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, handlers, equipment cleaners, and laborers, n.e.c.	13.40	2.7	38.4	13.58	2.7	38.2	—	—	—
4	10.47	.4	40.0	10.47	.4	40.0	—	—	—
5	12.36	1.1	35.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Helpers, mechanics and repairers	9.08	4.1	39.2	9.40	4.6	38.9	8.15	3.8	40.0
1	7.66	7.5	36.0	7.67	7.7	35.9	—	—	—
2	8.31	14.2	40.2	8.26	19.6	40.3	—	—	—
3	9.67	9.6	40.0	9.61	10.4	40.0	—	—	—
4	11.37	3.9	41.2	11.55	3.9	41.3	—	—	—
Helpers, construction trades	8.37	4.7	39.5	8.35	4.5	39.4	8.50	12.0	40.0
1	8.26	2.7	38.7	8.45	2.0	38.6	—	—	—
2	8.28	5.6	40.0	8.44	6.2	40.0	—	—	—
3	7.96	11.5	40.0	7.94	12.8	40.0	—	—	—
Construction laborers	7.57	2.0	39.8	7.61	1.9	39.7	7.37	5.5	40.0
1	7.23	1.7	40.0	7.23	1.7	40.0	—	—	—
2	7.54	3.3	39.0	7.77	2.6	38.5	7.01	4.6	40.0
3	8.89	7.7	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Production helpers	8.57	6.3	39.9	8.56	6.4	39.9	—	—	—
1	7.60	6.8	39.7	7.60	6.8	39.7	—	—	—
2	8.57	8.8	40.6	8.57	8.8	40.6	—	—	—
Garbage collectors	8.87	7.2	37.2	—	—	—	8.87	7.2	37.2
Stevedores	14.37	15.0	40.0	14.37	15.0	40.0	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	7.29	2.9	28.6	7.29	2.9	28.6	—	—	—
1	6.10	2.1	24.7	6.10	2.1	24.7	—	—	—
2	7.46	3.4	32.7	7.46	3.4	32.7	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Blue collar—Continued									
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers—Continued									
Stock handlers and baggers—Continued									
3	\$9.27	3.3	35.9	\$9.27	3.3	35.9	—	—	—
4	10.70	8.4	39.6	10.70	8.4	39.6	—	—	—
Machine feeders and offbearers	7.16	3.6	39.4	7.06	3.7	39.4	—	—	—
1	6.44	4.6	39.4	6.44	4.6	39.4	—	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	10.00	5.6	35.1	10.06	5.7	35.0	—	—	—
1	8.74	14.4	36.0	8.84	14.6	35.9	—	—	—
2	9.06	4.4	31.1	9.06	4.4	31.1	—	—	—
3	12.09	9.4	38.5	12.09	9.4	38.5	—	—	—
4	12.95	8.9	39.7	13.39	8.9	39.7	—	—	—
Garage and service station related	7.74	7.6	38.5	7.01	7.7	38.2	—	—	—
Vehicle washers and equipment cleaners	8.93	4.8	39.6	8.90	4.8	39.6	—	—	—
1	7.35	2.5	39.9	7.35	2.5	39.9	—	—	—
2	9.45	6.6	38.1	9.45	6.6	38.1	—	—	—
3	12.49	7.2	40.0	12.70	8.3	40.0	—	—	—
Hand packers and packagers	7.41	4.7	37.2	7.41	4.7	37.2	—	—	—
1	6.47	5.6	37.5	6.47	5.6	37.5	—	—	—
2	7.47	4.7	35.1	7.47	4.7	35.1	—	—	—
3	10.50	5.9	40.0	10.50	5.9	40.0	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	8.04	2.4	38.0	7.98	2.4	37.9	\$8.61	7.7	38.3
1	6.69	1.3	37.8	6.67	1.4	37.8	7.20	4.7	38.3
2	10.12	2.5	37.7	10.29	2.6	37.4	8.63	9.2	40.0
3	10.07	5.1	39.3	10.25	4.1	38.9	—	—	—
4	8.24	6.2	39.4	8.22	6.2	39.4	—	—	—
5	14.01	4.9	39.0	14.31	5.1	38.8	—	—	—
Service	7.94	2.1	33.3	6.69	1.9	31.5	10.68	2.6	38.2
1	5.85	1.6	30.7	5.64	1.5	30.2	6.96	2.7	33.8
2	6.49	1.3	31.7	6.12	1.3	30.5	7.82	2.1	36.6
3	7.16	1.9	35.1	6.79	2.3	34.3	8.16	2.6	37.1
4	9.76	3.1	35.8	9.23	4.0	34.2	10.70	3.7	38.9
5	12.21	6.3	37.1	16.04	14.6	30.4	10.79	2.9	40.4
6	12.59	4.4	41.9	11.22	8.6	42.1	13.09	3.7	41.8
7	15.21	2.9	40.2	16.85	14.5	34.2	14.82	1.7	41.9
8	16.16	4.4	42.4	15.00	3.3	40.4	16.41	5.4	42.9
9	17.85	3.5	40.4	—	—	—	17.97	3.5	40.4
10	22.68	2.7	41.9	—	—	—	22.18	1.9	42.1
Not able to be leveled	15.06	15.2	38.1	—	—	—	14.95	17.0	39.9
Protective service	11.78	2.7	38.9	7.82	2.4	35.6	13.51	2.8	40.6
1	7.18	3.6	36.6	6.99	2.6	37.1	8.77	6.3	33.2
2	6.81	2.4	33.4	6.81	2.2	33.1	6.81	5.5	33.9
3	7.78	2.7	37.9	7.99	3.6	38.3	7.32	3.6	37.3
4	11.09	4.2	37.1	9.61	2.5	33.1	11.77	4.7	39.3
5	10.65	2.4	40.9	10.45	2.5	38.3	10.67	2.6	41.2
6	13.07	3.7	41.0	14.87	5.5	22.5	13.02	3.8	41.9
7	14.71	1.7	41.9	—	—	—	14.80	1.7	41.9
8	16.35	5.3	42.8	—	—	—	16.41	5.4	42.9
9	17.78	3.6	40.4	—	—	—	17.89	3.6	40.4
10	22.68	2.7	41.9	—	—	—	22.18	1.9	42.1
Not able to be leveled	18.76	5.6	38.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, firefighters and fire prevention	17.95	6.2	49.1	—	—	—	17.95	6.2	49.1
8	14.29	5.8	53.0	—	—	—	14.29	5.8	53.0
Supervisors, police and detectives	16.49	6.6	40.1	—	—	—	16.54	6.8	40.1
7	12.01	3.3	40.1	—	—	—	12.00	3.5	40.1
8	15.76	5.3	40.7	—	—	—	15.76	5.3	40.7
9	18.29	3.8	40.0	—	—	—	18.29	3.8	40.0
10	23.54	1.9	40.0	—	—	—	23.54	1.9	40.0
Supervisors, guards	13.08	8.8	40.1	12.21	15.4	40.0	14.13	5.4	40.2
5	9.39	3.9	41.1	—	—	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Service—Continued									
Protective service—Continued									
Firefighting	\$12.79	5.7	48.2	—	—	—	\$12.75	5.7	48.3
4	13.51	7.3	38.8	—	—	—	13.51	7.3	38.8
5	9.82	1.6	50.1	—	—	—	9.39	1.7	50.7
6	11.46	4.9	52.0	—	—	—	11.46	4.9	52.0
7	14.49	4.0	52.0	—	—	—	14.49	4.0	52.0
8	18.25	5.3	51.1	—	—	—	18.25	5.3	51.1
Police and detectives, public service	15.49	3.0	40.0	—	—	—	15.49	3.0	40.1
4	9.80	1.6	40.0	—	—	—	9.80	1.6	40.0
5	14.97	12.7	40.3	—	—	—	14.97	12.7	40.3
6	15.00	5.5	39.8	—	—	—	15.00	5.5	40.0
7	15.22	3.2	40.2	—	—	—	15.22	3.2	40.2
8	17.96	7.5	40.0	—	—	—	17.96	7.5	40.0
9	18.03	5.6	40.0	—	—	—	18.03	5.6	40.0
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers	13.10	4.9	39.6	—	—	—	13.10	4.9	39.6
5	14.33	1.6	40.5	—	—	—	14.33	1.6	40.5
6	11.21	12.2	38.0	—	—	—	11.21	12.2	38.0
7	16.37	3.4	40.2	—	—	—	16.37	3.4	40.2
Correctional institution officers	10.01	4.5	40.1	—	—	—	10.72	2.8	40.2
3	7.34	4.7	41.1	—	—	—	7.28	7.4	41.0
4	10.29	.9	39.3	—	—	—	11.69	1.2	40.1
5	10.46	2.7	40.2	—	—	—	10.46	2.7	40.2
Crossing guards	6.05	2.6	17.4	—	—	—	6.05	2.6	17.4
1	6.13	.7	18.4	—	—	—	6.13	.7	18.4
Guards and police, except public service	7.63	2.2	34.2	\$7.51	2.3	34.6	8.95	6.4	30.0
1	6.87	2.8	36.3	6.88	2.8	36.3	—	—	—
2	6.81	2.0	31.8	6.84	2.1	33.7	—	—	—
3	8.07	3.9	37.6	8.10	4.8	37.3	7.91	4.9	40.0
4	10.57	5.0	29.6	10.88	6.4	27.6	—	—	—
5	12.36	8.6	33.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Protective service, n.e.c.	8.07	2.7	33.9	7.85	2.8	34.1	8.33	5.5	33.7
2	5.92	.9	21.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	7.71	3.0	37.6	—	—	—	7.04	2.1	35.3
Food service	6.23	2.2	31.5	5.94	2.4	31.3	8.13	3.9	33.0
1	5.28	1.5	29.0	5.11	1.4	28.8	6.57	3.0	30.2
2	5.74	3.1	30.5	5.39	4.0	30.2	7.97	2.7	32.5
3	6.04	3.5	34.2	5.79	3.6	33.9	8.16	2.3	36.2
4	7.64	2.5	36.3	7.37	2.9	36.2	9.69	3.5	36.4
5	10.58	6.8	39.2	8.92	12.8	40.4	11.59	8.0	38.5
6	10.91	10.2	45.7	10.90	10.3	45.8	—	—	—
7	12.50	13.7	45.6	12.50	13.7	45.6	—	—	—
8	14.26	2.4	40.6	14.26	2.4	40.6	—	—	—
Supervisors, food preparation and service	11.03	4.9	42.0	10.88	5.7	43.5	11.41	7.8	38.7
4	9.77	4.6	39.8	9.28	6.6	39.7	—	—	—
5	11.26	7.1	40.1	10.38	15.9	45.0	11.58	8.2	38.5
7	12.50	13.7	45.6	12.50	13.7	45.6	—	—	—
Bartenders	5.42	4.9	29.6	5.42	4.9	29.6	—	—	—
3	5.14	7.9	35.8	5.14	7.9	35.8	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	3.32	5.7	28.7	3.32	5.7	28.7	—	—	—
1	3.06	4.3	29.3	3.06	4.3	29.3	—	—	—
2	3.22	6.3	26.5	3.22	6.3	26.5	—	—	—
3	3.59	10.5	30.9	3.59	10.5	30.9	—	—	—
Cooks	7.23	2.6	35.3	7.12	2.9	35.4	7.84	2.5	35.1
1	6.33	3.6	31.9	6.34	4.0	31.6	—	—	—
2	6.96	1.8	33.6	6.73	2.0	34.2	7.63	3.5	32.1
3	6.84	3.5	36.3	6.69	3.5	35.9	7.90	3.6	39.5
4	7.91	1.9	36.5	7.74	2.1	36.9	—	—	—
5	7.52	5.0	37.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food counter, fountain, and related	6.02	2.4	29.4	5.95	2.3	29.3	7.96	2.3	32.9
1	5.84	3.4	27.8	5.81	3.4	27.7	—	—	—
3	6.70	3.9	35.3	6.43	5.6	35.4	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations ¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Service—Continued									
Food service—Continued									
Kitchen workers, food preparation									
1	\$6.54	2.0	33.2	\$6.58	2.0	32.4	\$6.42	4.0	36.1
2	6.15	1.9	32.2	6.17	1.8	29.4	6.12	3.5	37.4
3	6.78	3.0	33.6	6.72	3.2	34.0	7.69	2.6	28.1
4	6.96	2.4	34.9	6.89	2.6	34.7	—	—	—
5	7.91	4.3	38.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Waiters/Waitresses' assistants									
1	5.65	9.2	31.6	5.65	9.2	31.6	—	—	—
2	4.95	2.2	31.0	4.95	2.2	31.0	—	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.									
1	6.31	1.7	28.9	5.87	1.1	29.1	7.57	2.5	28.3
2	5.90	1.3	27.8	5.65	1.0	28.4	7.00	3.2	25.2
3	7.07	4.6	31.5	5.91	2.3	29.5	8.23	3.7	33.8
4	7.35	3.5	30.3	—	—	—	7.89	5.6	30.3
5	8.95	2.4	41.9	8.95	2.4	41.9	—	—	—
Health service									
1	7.05	1.7	34.4	6.77	1.8	33.6	8.26	2.0	38.6
2	5.83	2.2	31.2	5.73	2.2	31.4	6.40	5.5	30.3
3	6.76	1.8	34.9	6.53	1.6	34.1	7.87	3.8	39.8
4	7.17	4.0	34.0	7.03	4.4	33.2	8.09	3.1	39.8
5	8.76	3.2	36.6	8.66	4.2	35.4	8.89	4.1	38.1
6	9.97	3.6	37.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dental assistants									
1	8.37	5.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health aides, except nursing									
1	8.02	1.8	36.0	7.56	1.7	34.0	8.80	2.2	39.9
2	7.48	1.7	36.0	7.44	2.2	34.9	—	—	—
3	7.94	2.4	37.6	7.74	2.0	36.0	8.22	4.2	40.0
4	8.76	3.2	38.8	8.50	4.1	38.0	9.01	4.6	39.6
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants									
1	6.74	2.1	33.9	6.59	2.1	33.4	7.79	3.7	37.6
2	5.73	1.7	32.9	5.59	1.0	33.5	6.40	5.5	30.3
3	6.61	2.1	34.7	6.37	1.6	33.9	7.95	4.8	39.7
4	6.94	4.8	33.0	6.90	5.0	32.8	7.76	1.8	39.1
5	8.76	6.1	33.5	8.86	7.4	32.8	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service									
1	7.09	1.9	34.7	6.64	1.8	33.2	8.05	2.9	38.6
2	6.30	2.7	33.5	6.05	2.2	32.3	7.07	3.8	37.5
3	7.04	2.2	34.2	6.51	2.1	32.1	8.11	2.9	39.4
4	8.47	2.4	39.0	8.30	2.9	38.2	8.60	3.4	39.7
5	9.38	3.2	39.3	9.18	4.2	38.9	9.80	2.6	40.0
6	10.62	5.8	40.0	10.38	1.6	40.0	—	—	—
7	12.15	6.7	41.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers									
1	10.19	5.9	39.2	9.77	8.7	38.4	10.64	6.4	40.0
2	7.17	4.1	35.4	6.79	4.3	33.0	—	—	—
3	9.16	7.8	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	10.61	7.1	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maids and housemen									
1	5.84	1.3	36.3	5.82	1.3	36.1	—	—	—
2	5.77	1.3	36.0	5.75	1.5	35.8	—	—	—
3	6.00	1.6	37.7	6.00	1.6	37.7	—	—	—
Janitors and cleaners									
1	7.09	2.0	34.1	6.68	2.2	32.0	7.79	2.5	38.4
2	6.46	3.3	32.8	6.17	3.0	31.1	7.12	3.9	37.4
3	7.22	2.6	33.7	6.64	2.7	30.8	8.11	2.9	39.4
4	8.67	2.2	39.5	8.66	1.8	39.3	8.67	3.7	39.7
5	9.40	3.9	38.9	9.38	4.8	38.3	9.43	4.8	40.0
Personal service									
1	7.98	8.0	27.1	7.97	10.1	25.5	8.02	3.1	33.8
2	5.40	1.9	26.7	5.29	1.3	26.6	6.46	7.3	28.1
3	6.45	4.4	23.2	5.75	3.6	20.2	8.17	2.1	36.0
4	7.48	2.4	32.9	6.83	3.3	32.4	8.02	5.3	33.4
5	11.42	9.5	31.8	11.65	11.2	30.7	10.16	1.6	40.0
Supervisors, personal service									
1	11.63	14.1	39.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities									
1	6.98	2.6	31.8	6.63	2.7	30.4	7.27	3.6	33.1
2	5.60	2.8	27.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	6.81	5.7	38.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	6.92	7.6	34.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	10.26	5.3	33.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public transportation attendants									
1	31.37	8.4	18.6	31.92	8.3	18.6	—	—	—

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Table 6. Occupations¹ and levels,² West South Central: Mean hourly earnings³ and weekly hours, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey,⁴ 1998—Continued

Occupations and levels	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	
Service—Continued									
Personal service—Continued									
Baggage porters and bellhops	\$4.81	6.5	39.5	\$4.81	6.5	39.5	—	—	—
1	4.71	8.9	40.0	4.71	8.9	40.0	—	—	—
Welfare service aides	5.46	2.4	25.0	5.28	1.0	24.3	\$7.75	10.5	39.1
1	5.25	.9	27.6	5.23	.9	27.4	—	—	—
Early childhood teachers' assistants	7.71	3.0	29.2	6.24	1.8	21.0	8.35	5.4	35.1
2	7.29	4.6	28.6	5.87	1.9	23.0	8.79	2.8	38.6
3	8.03	6.3	31.3	6.77	3.0	19.8	8.17	7.5	33.4
Child care workers, n.e.c.	6.64	4.4	24.3	6.65	4.9	23.3	—	—	—
3	6.97	8.2	23.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Service, n.e.c.	7.01	2.0	29.0	6.79	.9	29.5	8.31	4.9	26.4
1	5.27	6.3	21.1	5.26	6.4	22.9	—	—	—
2	6.23	10.1	28.8	5.51	13.1	28.9	—	—	—
3	7.16	3.5	38.3	7.18	3.5	38.3	—	—	—
4	10.14	15.7	32.0	10.07	19.0	30.8	—	—	—

¹ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. For more information, see Technical Note.

² Each occupation for which data are collected in an establishment is evaluated based on 10 factors, including knowledge, complexity, work environment, etc. Points are assigned based on the occupation's rank within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See the Technical Note for more information.

³ 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,

weighted by hours.

⁴ In this census division, collection was conducted between July 1997 and April 1999. The average reference period was August 1998.

⁵ 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 Technical Note.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Technical Note

The data in this bulletin are based on the National Compensation Survey (NCS) conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics throughout the year. The surveys are locality-based and cover establishments in private industry and State and local governments. Bulletins are issued for individual localities, when sufficient data meet publication standards. Agriculture, private households, and the Federal Government are excluded from the scope of the survey.

Survey scope. In the West South Central census division, the NCS studied 1,951 establishments with 50 or more workers,¹ representing about 33,500 establishments within the scope of the survey. (See table A.) The number of workers represented (6,322,000) by the survey is shown in table B. For purposes of this survey an establishment is an economic unit that produces goods or services, a central administrative office, or an auxiliary unit providing support services to a company. For private industries in this survey, the establishment is usually at a single physical location. For State and local governments, an establishment is defined as all locations of a government entity.

Sampling frame. The list of establishments from which the survey sample was selected (sampling frame) was developed from the State unemployment insurance reports. The reference month for the public sector is June 1994. Due to the volatility of industries within the private sector, sampling frames were developed using the most recent month of reference available at the time the sample was selected. The reference month for the private sector is March 1996.

Sample design and data collection. The sample for this survey was selected using a three stage design. The first stage consisted of the selection of areas. The nationwide NCS sample consists of 154 metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas that represent the Nation's 326 metropolitan statistical areas and the remaining portions of the 50 States. Metropolitan areas are designated Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) or Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSA), as defined in 1994 by the Office of Management and Budget. Nonmetropolitan areas are counties or parishes that do not fit the metropolitan area definition.

The NCS locality areas that contribute to the West South Central census division are:

Amarillo, TX MSA
Andrews County, TX
Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX MSA
Corpus Christi, TX MSA
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA
Gillespie County, TX
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA
New Orleans, LA MSA
Oklahoma City, OK MSA
Palo Pinto County, TX
Panola County, TX
Pope County, AR
Prairie County, AR
San Antonio, TX MSA
St. Francis County, AR
Vermilion Parish, LA

In the second stage, the sample of establishments was drawn by first stratifying the sampling frame by ownership and industry. The number of sample establishments allocated to each stratum is approximately proportional to the stratum employment. Each sampled establishment is selected within a stratum with a probability proportional to its employment. Use of this technique means that the larger an establishment's employment, the greater its chance of selection. Weights were applied to each establishment when the data were tabulated so that the establishment represents similar units (by industry and employment size) in the economy which were not selected for collection.

The third stage of sample selection was a probability sample of occupations within a sampled establishment. In the West South Central region, collection was conducted between July 1997 and April 1999 with an average reference period of August 1998. Additional information about the area sample and method of estimation is available in the *National Compensation Survey: Occupational Wages in the United States, 1998, Bulletin 2529*.

Occupational selection and classification. Identification of the occupations for which wage data were collected was a four-step process:

1. Probability-proportional-to-size selection of establishment jobs
2. Classification of jobs into occupations based on the Census of Population system
3. Characterization of jobs as full-time vs. part-time, union vs. nonunion, and time vs. incentive
4. Determination of the level of work of each job

¹ Establishments classified as employing between 50 and 99 workers may include establishments with fewer than 50 workers because staff reductions may have taken place between the time of sampling and the time of data collection.

For each occupation, wage data were collected for those workers who met all the criteria identified in the last three steps. Special procedures were developed for jobs for which a correct classification or level could not be determined.

In step one, the jobs to be sampled were selected at each establishment by the BLS field economist during a personal visit. A complete list of employees was used for sampling, with each selected worker representing a job within the establishment. As with the selection of establishments, the selection of a job was based on probability proportional to its size in the establishment. The greater the number of people working in a job in the establishment, the greater its chance of selection.

The second step of the process entailed classifying the selected jobs into occupations based on their duties. The National Compensation Survey occupational classification system is based on the 1990 Census of Population. A selected job may fall into any one of about 480 occupational classifications, from accountant to wood lathe operator. In cases where a job's duties overlapped two or more census classification codes, the duties used to set the wage level were used to classify the job. Classification by primary duties was the fallback.

In step three, certain other job characteristics of the chosen workers were identified. First, the worker was identified as holding either a full-time or part-time job, based on the establishment's definition of those terms. Then the worker was classified as having a time versus incentive job, depending on whether any part of pay was directly based on the actual production of the workers, rather than solely on hours worked. Finally, the worker was identified as being in a union job or a nonunion job.

The fourth step in the job classification procedure was to determine the work level of each of the establishment's selected jobs, using a *generic leveling* process. This process, involving discussions between the Bureau's field economist and the respondent, ranks and compares all selected establishment occupations using 10 leveling factors. For more information on generic leveling and an example of how to use the criteria for leveling a job, see appendix C and appendix D at <http://www.bls.gov/compub.htm> or any of our published NCS bulletins. This website also has a link to the NCS job descriptions.

Data reliability. The data in this bulletin are estimates from a scientifically selected probability sample. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey, sampling and nonsampling.

Sampling errors occur because observations come only from a sample and not from an entire population. The sample used for this survey is one of a number of possible samples

of the same size that could have been selected using the sample design. Estimates derived from the different samples would differ from each other.

A measure of the variation among these differing estimates is called the standard error or sampling error. It indicates the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average result of all possible samples. The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error divided by the estimate. Tables in this bulletin provide RSE data for indicated series.

The standard error can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. As an example, suppose the mean hourly earnings for all workers was \$15.09 per hour with a relative standard error of 0.6 percent for this estimate. At the 90-percent level, the confidence interval for this estimate is \$15.24 to \$14.94 ($\$15.09 \times 1.645 \times 0.006 = \0.149 , rounded to \$0.15); ($\$15.09 + .15 = \15.24 ; $\$15.09 - .15 = \14.94). If all possible samples were selected to estimate the population value, the interval from each sample would include the true population value approximately 90 percent of the time.

Nonsampling errors also affect survey results. They can stem from many sources, such as inability to obtain information for some establishments, difficulties with survey definitions, inability of the respondents to provide correct information, or mistakes in recording or coding the data obtained. A Technical Reinterview Program done in all survey areas will be used in the development of a formal quality assessment process to help compute nonsampling error. Although they also were not specifically measured, efforts were made to minimize nonsampling errors by the extensive training of field economists who gathered survey data by personal visit, computer editing of the data, and detailed data review.

Census area divisions. Data are tabulated by census divisions defined as follows: **New England** — Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, and Rhode Island; **Middle Atlantic** — New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; **East North Central** — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; **West North Central** — Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska; **South Atlantic** — Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; **East South Central** — Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; **West South Central** — Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; **Mountain** — Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada; and **Pacific** — Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and Alaska. Some census divisions include Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas (CMSAs) and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) that cross State lines.

Table A. Number of establishments represented by the survey and number studied by industry group and establishment employment size, West South Central, National Compensation Survey, 1998

Industry division	Number of establishments represented ¹	Number of establishments studied						
		Total	50 - 99 workers	100 - 499 workers	500 - 999 workers	1000 - 2,499 workers	2,500 - 4,999 workers	5,000 or more workers
All	33,500	1,951	572	832	230	187	73	57
Private Industry	29,700	1,636	531	732	181	127	42	23
Goods-producing industries	7,400	449	102	205	72	46	16	8
Mining	800	46	8	16	15	6	1	-
Construction	1,500	83	30	38	7	7	-	1
Manufacturing	5,100	320	64	151	50	33	15	7
Durable goods	3,300	187	36	91	23	17	13	7
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and transportation equipment	600	26	6	19	1	-	-	-
Industrial and commercial machinery and computer equipment	400	37	6	19	5	3	3	1
Electronic and electrical equipment	300	34	3	14	3	8	4	2
Transportation equipment	300	31	5	10	6	2	4	4
Measuring, analyzing, and controlling instruments	200	17	4	5	4	2	2	-
Nondurable goods	1,800	133	28	60	27	16	2	-
Food and kindred products	600	36	8	20	6	1	1	-
Printing, publishing, and allied industries	300	21	7	10	-	4	-	-
Chemicals and allied products	200	38	3	11	13	10	1	-
Service-producing industries	22,300	1,187	429	527	109	81	26	15
Transportation and utilities	2,000	139	39	55	23	13	4	5
Wholesale trade	1,900	82	37	33	5	5	-	2
Retail trade	8,200	315	138	155	10	8	3	1
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,800	83	36	26	7	13	-	1
Depository institutions	600	31	12	7	3	8	-	1
Insurance carriers	300	20	5	8	3	4	-	-
Services	8,500	568	179	258	64	42	19	6
Business services	2,100	138	41	68	17	8	2	2
Educational services	300	55	21	26	3	3	1	1
Health services	2,900	207	53	86	32	20	13	3
Hospitals	400	82	2	22	25	19	11	3
Engineering, accounting, research, management, and related services	600	38	8	20	4	4	2	-
State and local government	3,800	315	41	100	49	60	31	34
Health services	400	34	5	10	3	8	6	2
Hospitals	200	25	1	8	3	7	5	1

¹ Number of establishments represented by the survey rounded to the nearest 100.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported. Overall industry and industry groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table B. **Number of workers¹ represented by the survey, by occupational group,² West South Central, National Compensation Survey,³ 1998**

Occupational group	All industries	Private industry	State and local government
All	6,322,000	4,589,200	1,732,800
All excluding sales	5,855,700	4,129,600	1,726,100
White collar	3,434,500	2,225,600	1,208,900
White collar excluding sales	2,968,100	1,765,900	1,202,200
Professional specialty and technical	1,436,200	711,000	725,200
Professional specialty occupations	1,136,100	471,300	664,800
Technical occupations	300,100	239,600	60,500
Executive, administrative, and managerial	491,900	348,400	143,500
Sales	466,400	459,600	6,700
Administrative support, including clerical	1,040,100	706,600	333,400
Blue collar	1,716,600	1,532,500	184,100
Precision production, craft, and repair	599,900	525,400	74,500
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	393,200	388,000	5,100
Transportation and material moving	254,100	192,100	62,000
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	469,400	426,900	42,500
Service	1,171,000	831,200	339,800

¹ Number of workers represented by the survey are rounded to the nearest 100. Estimates of the number of workers provide a description of size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. Estimates are not intended, however, for comparison with other statistical series to measure employment trends or levels. Both full-time and part-time workers were included in the survey.

² A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. For more information, see Technical Note.

³ In this census division, collection was conducted between July 1997 and April 1999. The average reference period was August 1998.