

March 1, 2012

Assistant Director
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Division Torts Branch
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Dear Assistant Director:

I am writing to provide estimates from the Current Population Survey (CPS) of the average (mean) gross weekly earnings of workers in the private, non-farm sector.

For 2011, the figure for persons age 16 years and over was \$878, and for persons age 18 years and over it was \$887. These estimates are based on the quarter-sample data from the CPS and represent the annual average for the year. The universe for the estimates includes both full- and part-time workers; it excludes all government workers, all workers in agricultural production (crop and livestock), and all self-employed workers (whether incorporated or unincorporated). For your information, I have enclosed the pages from our annual tabulations of CPS earnings data that includes the figures.

If you have additional questions, please contact me on 202-691-6470.

Sincerely yours,
Chief, Division of Labor Force Statistics
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