

Total Compensation for Federal Employees is \$60,073 Higher than the Average Full-time Equivalent Private Employee

In 2008, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis the average civilian full-time equivalent¹ federal employee's total compensation was \$60,073 higher than the average full-time equivalent private employee.

Total Private Industry Compensation of Employees: \$6,474,880,000,000²

Total Civilian Federal Government Compensation of Employees: \$2,236,470,000,000³

Total Full-Time Equivalent Private Employees: 108,078,000⁴

Total Civilian Full-Time Equivalent Federal Employees: 1,864,000⁵

Average Compensation Per Full-Time Equivalent Private Employee: \$59,909⁶

Average Compensation Per Full-Time Equivalent Civilian Federal Employee: \$119,982⁷

Difference Between Average Compensation per Full-Time Equivalent Private Employee vs. Civilian Federal Employee: \$60,073⁸

¹ Full-time equivalent employees equal the number of employees on full-time schedules plus the number of employees on part-time schedules converted to a full-time basis. The number of full-time equivalent employees in each industry is the product of the total number of employees and the ratio of average weekly hours per employee for all employees to average weekly hours per employee on full-time schedules. An industry's full-time equivalent employment will be less than the number of its employees on full- and part-time schedules, unless it has no part-time employees. Source: http://faq.bea.gov/cgi-bin/beamfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=368&p_created=1175542602

² <http://www.bea.gov/national/nipaweb/TableView.asp?SelectedTable=185&Freq=Year&FirstYear=2007&LastYear=2008>

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⁶ <http://www.bea.gov/national/nipaweb/TableView.asp?SelectedTable=197&Freq=Year&FirstYear=2007&LastYear=2008>

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⁶ \$6,474,880,000,000/108,078,000 = \$59,909

⁷ \$2,236,470,000,000/1,864,000 = \$119,982

⁸ \$119,982 - \$59,909 = \$60,073