

Table 2. Average weekly wages for all covered workers¹ by metropolitan areas for fourth quarter 2002 and 2003

Metropolitan area ²	Average weekly wages			Ranking of areas by level of average weekly wages for 4th Qtr 2003 (p)
	4th Quarter 2002	4th Quarter 2003 (p)	Percent Change 4th Qtr 2002 4th Qtr 2003 (p)	
All metropolitan areas ³	\$773	\$802	3.8	
Abilene, Tx	515	545	5.8	295
Akron, Oh	689	712	3.3	96
Albany, Ga	603	615	2.0	210
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	720	744	3.3	68
Albuquerque, NM	647	682	5.4	119
Alexandria, La	562	579	3.0	260
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Pa	701	732	4.4	75
Altoona, Pa	543	567	4.4	276
Amarillo, Tx	572	586	2.4	254
Anchorage, Ak	771	787	2.1	40
Ann Arbor, Mi	790	822	4.1	30
Anniston, Al	565	598	5.8	237
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	663	690	4.1	110
Asheville, NC	585	611	4.4	218
Athens, Ga	602	638	6.0	178
Atlanta, GA	820	844	2.9	28
Atlantic-Cape May, NJ	660	683	3.5	118
Auburn-Opelika, Al	534	551	3.2	292
Augusta-Aiken, Ga-SC	635	656	3.3	157
Austin-San Marcos, Tx	790	819	3.7	31
Bakersfield, Ca	625	648	3.7	166
Baltimore, Md	790	816	3.3	32
Bangor, Me	570	588	3.2	250
Barnstable-Yarmouth, Ma	673	690	2.5	110
Baton Rouge, La	636	649	2.0	165
Beaumont-Port Arthur, Tx	673	703	4.5	102
Bellingham, Wa	562	572	1.8	270
Benton Harbor, Mi	642	678	5.6	126
Bergen-Passaic, NJ	938	980	4.5	10
Billings, Mt	585	609	4.1	222
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, Ms	563	585	3.9	257
Binghamton, NY	640	625	-2.3	198
Birmingham, Al	726	746	2.8	66
Bismarck, ND	571	602	5.4	231
Bloomington, In	572	563	-1.6	281
Bloomington-Normal, Il	725	758	4.6	52
Boise City, Id	638	653	2.4	163
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Ma-NH	925	972	5.1	11
Boulder-Longmont, Co	886	924	4.3	13
Brazoria, Tx	713	719	0.8	84
Bremerton, Wa	645	678	5.1	126
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, Tx	463	480	3.7	316
Bryan-College Station, Tx	514	537	4.5	303
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	652	680	4.3	122
Burlington, Vt	710	745	4.9	67
Canton-Massillon, Oh	596	605	1.5	227
Casper, Wy	592	629	6.3	194
Cedar Rapids, Ia	697	732	5.0	75
Champaign-Urbana, Il	647	659	1.9	154
Charleston-North Charleston, SC	604	628	4.0	197
Charleston, WV	642	654	1.9	161
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC	749	785	4.8	41
Charlottesville, Va	683	727	6.4	79
Chattanooga, Tn-Ga	624	659	5.6	154
Cheyenne, Wy	588	597	1.5	238
Chicago, Il	874	899	2.9	19
Chico-Paradise, Ca	550	560	1.8	286
Cincinnati, Oh-Ky-In	741	773	4.3	44
Clarksville-Hopkinsville, Tn-Ky	548	565	3.1	279
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, Oh	725	755	4.1	54
Colorado Springs, Co	692	705	1.9	98
Columbia, Mo	584	600	2.7	234
Columbia, SC	624	641	2.7	170
Columbus, Ga-Al	590	592	0.3	243
Columbus, Oh	716	744	3.9	68
Corpus Christi, Tx	615	640	4.1	173

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	4th Quarter 2002	4th Quarter 2003 (p)	Percent Change 4th Qtr 2002 4th Qtr 2003 (p)	
Corvallis, Or	\$717	\$730	1.8	77
Cumberland, Md-WV	531	561	5.6	285
Dallas, Tx	865	898	3.8	20
Danville, Va	511	541	5.9	298
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Ia-II	672	698	3.9	107
Dayton-Springfield, Oh	692	721	4.2	83
Daytona Beach, Fl	558	586	5.0	254
Decatur, Al	610	637	4.4	180
Decatur, Il	668	716	7.2	88
Denver, Co	852	868	1.9	25
Des Moines, Ia	713	750	5.2	59
Detroit, Mi	882	918	4.1	15
Dothan, Al	600	619	3.2	205
Dover, De	602	622	3.3	202
Dubuque, Ia	610	637	4.4	180
Duluth-Superior, Mn-Wi	598	611	2.2	218
Dutchess County, NY	759	776	2.2	43
Eau Claire, Wi	598	620	3.7	203
El Paso, Tx	528	553	4.7	291
Elkhart-Goshen, In	650	685	5.4	115
Elmira, NY	588	601	2.2	232
Enid, Ok	540	528	-2.2	308
Erie, Pa	601	613	2.0	215
Eugene-Springfield, Or	598	614	2.7	212
Evansville-Henderson, In-Ky	637	672	5.5	135
Fargo-Moorhead, ND-Mn	599	616	2.8	208
Fayetteville, NC	562	579	3.0	260
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Ar	612	640	4.6	173
Flagstaff, Az-Ut	554	578	4.3	263
Flint, Mi	738	794	7.6	39
Florence, Al	540	560	3.7	286
Florence, SC	598	606	1.3	224
Fort Collins-Loveland, Co	698	708	1.4	97
Fort Lauderdale, Fl	710	742	4.5	70
Fort Myers-Cape Coral, Fl	616	641	4.1	170
Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, Fl	630	612	-2.9	217
Fort Smith, Ar-Ok	541	564	4.3	280
Fort Walton Beach, Fl	551	588	6.7	250
Fort Wayne, In	636	656	3.1	157
Fort Worth-Arlington, Tx	756	773	2.2	44
Fresno, Ca	585	606	3.6	224
Gadsden, Al	528	555	5.1	290
Gainesville, Fl	567	586	3.4	254
Galveston-Texas City, Tx	659	666	1.1	146
Gary, In	655	680	3.8	122
Glens Falls, NY	588	596	1.4	241
Goldensboro, NC	517	538	4.1	302
Grand Forks, ND-Mn	525	539	2.7	301
Grand Junction, Co	580	592	2.1	243
Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, Mi	707	724	2.4	81
Great Falls, Mt	515	542	5.2	296
Greeley, Co	618	629	1.8	194
Green Bay, Wi	691	714	3.3	93
Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point, NC	644	672	4.3	135
Greenville, NC	593	632	6.6	190
Greenville-Spartanburg, SC	637	650	2.0	164
Hagerstown, Md	606	636	5.0	182
Hamilton-Middletown, Oh	666	690	3.6	110
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, Pa	678	713	5.2	95
Hartford, Ct	889	921	3.6	14
Hattiesburg, Ms	558	542	-2.9	296
Hickory-Morganton, NC	571	594	4.0	242
Honolulu, Hi	678	704	3.8	99
Houma, La	620	634	2.3	184
Houston, Tx	867	886	2.2	21
Huntington-Ashland, WV-Ky-Oh	580	592	2.1	243
Huntsville, Al	784	824	5.1	29
Indianapolis, In	732	754	3.0	55

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	4th Quarter 2002	4th Quarter 2003 (p)	Percent Change 4th Qtr 2002 4th Qtr 2003 (p)	
Iowa City, Ia	\$627	\$654	4.3	161
Jackson, Mi	679	689	1.5	114
Jackson, Ms	631	648	2.7	166
Jackson, Tn	623	661	6.1	150
Jacksonville, Fl	682	719	5.4	84
Jacksonville, Nc	438	461	5.3	317
Jamestown, Ny	523	551	5.4	292
Janesville-Beloit, Wi	669	693	3.6	109
Jersey City, Nj	931	989	6.2	8
Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, Tn-Va	579	613	5.9	215
Johnstown, Pa	516	536	3.9	304
Jonesboro, Ar	531	548	3.2	294
Joplin, Mo	522	541	3.6	298
Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, Mi	685	715	4.4	89
Kankakee, Il	595	625	5.0	198
Kansas City, Mo-Ks	733	750	2.3	59
Kenosha, Wi	652	665	2.0	147
Killeen,-Temple, Tx	542	560	3.3	286
Knoxville, Tn	649	674	3.9	132
Kokomo, In	797	846	6.1	27
La Crosse, Wi-Mi	590	597	1.2	238
Lafayette, La	621	633	1.9	188
Lafayette, In	630	660	4.8	152
Lake Charles, La	608	625	2.8	198
Lakeland-Winter Haven, Fl	598	617	3.2	207
Lancaster, Pa	649	679	4.6	124
Lansing-East Lansing, Mi	713	739	3.6	71
Laredo, Tx	499	518	3.8	311
Las Cruces, Nm	501	522	4.2	310
Las Vegas, Nv-Az	673	704	4.6	99
Lawrence, Ks	529	533	0.8	306
Lawton, Ok	510	531	4.1	307
Lewiston-Auburn, Me	574	614	7.0	212
Lexington, Ky	660	684	3.6	117
Lima, Oh	617	639	3.6	175
Lincoln, Ne	616	631	2.4	193
Little Rock-North Little Rock, Ar	650	681	4.8	120
Longview-Marshall, Tx	576	599	4.0	236
Los Angeles-Long Beach, Ca	868	903	4.0	17
Louisville, Ky-In	689	715	3.8	89
Lubbock, Tx	559	574	2.7	267
Lynchburg, Va	588	606	3.1	224
Macon, Ga	633	638	0.8	178
Madison, Wi	720	748	3.9	63
Mansfield, Oh	612	629	2.8	194
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Tx	474	487	2.7	315
Medford-Ashland, Or	556	571	2.7	271
Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, Fl	687	714	3.9	93
Memphis, Tn-Ar-Ms	727	762	4.8	49
Merced, Ca	537	566	5.4	278
Miami, Fl	737	765	3.8	48
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, Nj	1,001	1,036	3.5	5
Milwaukee-Waukesha, Wi	736	771	4.8	46
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Mn-Wi	836	864	3.3	26
Missoula, Mt	554	571	3.1	271
Mobile, Al	582	597	2.6	238
Modesto, Ca	611	636	4.1	182
Monmouth-Ocean, Nj	785	813	3.6	35
Monroe, La	565	562	-0.5	283
Montgomery, Al	642	670	4.4	138
Muncie, In	580	603	4.0	230
Myrtle Beach, Sc	506	523	3.4	309
Naples, Fl	636	698	9.7	107
Nashville, Tn	715	748	4.6	63
Nassau-Suffolk, Ny	832	871	4.7	24
New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, Ct	1,059	1,099	3.8	4
New London-Norwich, Ct	793	816	2.9	32
New Orleans, La	662	678	2.4	126

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New York-Newark, Ny-NJ-Pa	\$1,119	\$1,189	6.3	2
Newark, NJ	994	1,019	2.5	7
Newburgh, NY-Pa	625	655	4.8	159
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, Va-NC	621	655	5.5	159
Oakland, Ca	935	963	3.0	12
Ocala, Fl	546	568	4.0	275
Odessa-Midland, Tx	636	662	4.1	148
Oklahoma City, Ok	602	634	5.3	184
Olympia, Wa	659	673	2.1	133
Omaha, Ne-Ia	665	685	3.0	115
Orange County, Ca	827	874	5.7	23
Orlando, Fl	657	679	3.3	124
Owensboro, Ky	566	584	3.2	258
Panama City, Fl	563	591	5.0	246
Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-Oh	591	562	-4.9	283
Pensacola, Fl	572	587	2.6	252
Peoria-Pekin, Il	680	747	9.9	65
Philadelphia, Pa-NJ	828	875	5.7	22
Phoenix-Mesa, Az	725	753	3.9	57
Pine Bluff, Ar	578	590	2.1	247
Pittsburgh, Pa	711	738	3.8	73
Pittsfield, Ma	648	668	3.1	142
Pocatello, Id	493	510	3.4	313
Portland, Me	678	718	5.9	86
Portland-Vancouver, Or-Wa	748	777	3.9	42
Providence-Warwick, RI	698	734	5.2	74
Provo-Orem, Ut	576	589	2.3	249
Pueblo, Co	567	576	1.6	264
Punta Gorda, Fl	536	510	-4.9	313
Racine, Wi	724	761	5.1	51
Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	771	805	4.4	38
Rapid City, SD	542	559	3.1	289
Reading, Pa	687	715	4.1	89
Redding, Ca	593	619	4.4	205
Reno, Nv	703	739	5.1	71
Richland-Kennewick-Pasco, Wa	708	725	2.4	80
Richmond-Petersburg, Va	723	754	4.3	55
Riverside-San Bernardino, Ca	633	660	4.3	152
Roanoke, Va	631	645	2.2	169
Rochester, Mn	790	762	-3.5	49
Rochester, NY	678	702	3.5	103
Rockford, Il	660	681	3.2	120
Rocky Mount, NC	584	608	4.1	223
Sacramento, Ca	783	806	2.9	37
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, Mi	716	750	4.7	59
St. Cloud, Mn	601	625	4.0	198
St. Joseph, Mo	560	571	2.0	271
St. Louis, Mo-II	735	756	2.9	53
Salem, Or	592	601	1.5	232
Salinas, Ca	643	672	4.5	135
Salt Lake City-Ogden, Ut	656	673	2.6	133
San Angelo, Tx	528	570	8.0	274
San Antonio, Tx	629	667	6.0	145
San Diego, Ca	794	815	2.6	34
San Francisco, Ca	1126	1177	4.5	3
San Jose, Ca	1241	1333	7.4	1
San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles, Ca	607	632	4.1	190
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, Ca	692	728	5.2	78
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, Ca	739	715	-3.2	89
Sante Fe, NM	658	676	2.7	130
Santa Rosa, Ca	733	753	2.7	57
Sarasota-Bradenton, Fl	585	620	6.0	203
Savannah, Ga	622	633	1.8	188
Scranton-Wilkes Barre-Hazleton, Pa	580	600	3.4	234
Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wa	899	903	0.4	17
Sharon, Pa	556	574	3.2	267
Sheboygan, Wi	640	669	4.5	140
Sherman-Denison, Tx	601	615	2.3	210

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Shreveport-Bossier City, La	\$585	\$610	4.3	221
Sioux City, Ia-Ne	568	584	2.8	258
Sioux Falls, SD	614	639	4.1	175
South Bend, In	634	670	5.7	138
Spokane, Wa	590	604	2.4	229
Springfield, Il	750	750	0.0	59
Springfield, Mo	554	573	3.4	269
Springfield, Ma	682	717	5.1	87
State College, Pa	614	634	3.3	184
Steubenville-Weirton, Oh-WV	592	575	-2.9	265
Stockton-Lodi, Ca	650	675	3.8	131
Sumter, SC	508	534	5.1	305
Syracuse, NY	676	700	3.6	106
Tacoma, Wa	641	668	4.2	142
Tallahassee, Fl	640	639	-0.2	175
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fl	658	690	4.9	110
Terre Haute, In	563	579	2.8	260
Texarkana, Tx-Texarkana, Ar	569	590	3.7	247
Toledo, Oh	668	701	4.9	105
Topeka, Ks	617	641	3.9	170
Trenton, NJ	948	988	4.2	9
Tucson, Az	639	669	4.7	140
Tulsa, Ok	642	662	3.1	148
Tuscaloosa, Al	632	657	4.0	156
Tyler, Tx	640	661	3.3	150
Utica-Rome, NY	569	587	3.2	252
Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, Ca	691	724	4.8	81
Ventura, Ca	786	812	3.3	36
Victoria, Tx	584	611	4.6	218
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ	686	704	2.6	99
Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, Ca	520	540	3.8	300
Waco, Tx	593	605	2.0	227
Washington, DC-Md-Va-WV	985	1,027	4.3	6
Waterloo-Cedar Fall, Ia	613	648	5.7	166
Wausau, Wi	613	634	3.4	184
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Fl	740	770	4.1	47
Wheeling, WV-Oh	544	567	4.2	276
Wichita, Ks	670	678	1.2	126
Wichita Falls, Tx	540	563	4.3	281
Williamsport, Pa	556	575	3.4	265
Wilmington-Newark, De-Md	851	904	6.2	16
Wilmington, NC	590	616	4.4	208
Yakima, Wa	501	515	2.8	312
Yolo, Ca	729	702	-3.7	103
York, Pa	645	668	3.6	142
Youngstown-Warren, Oh	604	632	4.6	190
Yuba City, Ca	585	614	5.0	212
Yuma, Az	446	456	2.2	318

¹Includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.²Includes data for Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas as defined by OMB Bulletin No. 99-04. See Technical Note.³Totals do not include the six MSAs within Puerto Rico.

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