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HIGHLIGHTS OF ORLANDO, FL NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY MARCH 2003

Workers in the Orlando, Florida metropolitan area averaged \$14.14 per hour during March 2003, according to a new survey released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin reported that white-collar workers averaged \$18.86 per hour and accounted for 42 percent of the workers in the area. Blue-collar employees averaged \$12.67 per hour and represented 24 percent of the workforce, while the remainder worked in service occupations and earned \$9.25 per hour. (See table 1.)

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) presents straight-time earnings for occupations in establishments employing 50 or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. The survey excludes agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed, and the Federal Government. This NCS covered 184 firms representing 353,200 workers in the Orlando metropolitan area, which is comprised of Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties in Florida. Eighty-four percent of those represented worked in private industry.

In the Orlando metropolitan area, average hourly wages were published for 51 detailed occupations. (See table 1.) Among white-collar workers, registered nurses averaged \$23.19 per hour; electrical and electronic technicians, \$18.99; and receptionists, \$10.83. Blue-collar occupations included electricians earning \$17.10 per hour, industrial truck and tractor equipment operators at \$14.49; and stock handlers and baggers at \$8.27. In the service occupations, public service police and detectives averaged \$18.73 per hour; nursing aides, orderlies and attendants, \$9.14; and maids and housemen, \$8.04.

The NCS also provides broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics. (See tables 2 and 3.) For example, full-time employees in the Orlando area averaged \$14.92 per hour and part-timers earned \$7.63. Union workers in blue-collar jobs averaged \$17.66 per hour, while their nonunion counterparts made \$12.06. Private industry workers at establishments employing 50-99 workers averaged \$12.51 per hour, while those in establishments with 500 or more employees earned \$13.67.

The NCS is part of a statistical program that integrates three previously separate surveys of wages and benefits into one comprehensive compensation program increasing the amount of data available. Data provided by the NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. Average rates of pay are also available for levels of work within an

occupation based on knowledge, skill, independent judgement, supervision received, and other factors required on the job.

Survey Availability

Complete survey results are contained in the Orlando, FL National Compensation Survey March 2003 (Bulletin 3120-22). While supplies last, single copies of the bulletin are available from the Atlanta Information Office by calling 404-331-3415. In addition, data contained in the bulletin are available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/home.htm>. Select survey tables can also be obtained from the Bureau's fax-on-demand service in Atlanta by dialing 404-331-3403 and requesting document 9530.

For personal assistance or further information on the National Compensation Survey, as well as other Bureau programs, contact the Atlanta Information Office at 404-331-3415 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Table 1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Orlando, FL, March 2003

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$14.14	3.2	\$13.31	3.8	\$18.35	2.4
All excluding sales	14.33	3.2	13.44	3.8	18.40	2.4
White collar	18.86	2.7	18.54	3.3	19.99	3.7
White collar excluding sales	20.41	3.1	20.52	4.0	20.10	3.6
Professional specialty and technical	23.11	4.3	23.39	5.8	22.37	3.9
Professional specialty	25.03	3.3	26.04	4.7	23.04	3.1
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	34.06	4.2	35.09	4.8	—	—
Mechanical engineers	37.37	7.2	37.37	7.2	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	22.86	2.0	22.90	2.0	—	—
Registered nurses	23.19	2.5	23.26	2.6	—	—
Teachers, college and university	33.38	6.7	—	—	32.96	7.1
Teachers, except college and university	19.78	7.0	17.59	4.1	20.68	9.6
Elementary school teachers	23.11	3.7	—	—	—	—
Teachers, n.e.c.	16.36	1.7	16.67	1.1	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	18.72	10.1	—	—	18.72	10.1
Librarians	18.72	10.1	—	—	18.72	10.1
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	15.31	4.8	—	—	—	—
Social workers	15.31	4.8	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	19.18	9.3	19.20	9.5	—	—
Technical	17.90	8.4	18.14	9.3	15.43	10.3
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	13.22	3.0	13.22	3.0	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	15.13	3.5	15.13	3.5	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians	18.99	4.0	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	29.98	11.3	30.20	14.6	29.34	13.0
Executives, administrators, and managers	32.29	12.9	32.02	16.6	33.14	15.2
Administrators and officials, public administration	40.62	11.2	—	—	40.62	11.2
Financial managers	29.57	5.1	—	—	—	—
Managers, food servicing and lodging establishments	18.66	10.5	18.66	10.5	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	28.27	11.9	28.43	12.4	—	—
Management related	21.02	7.8	22.80	7.6	16.44	12.2
Accountants and auditors	18.65	8.0	—	—	—	—
Sales	11.98	7.5	12.00	7.6	—	—
Supervisors, sales	14.03	6.0	14.03	6.0	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities	10.87	19.7	10.87	19.7	—	—
Cashiers	7.94	3.2	7.77	3.0	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	13.03	2.9	12.86	4.0	13.51	2.8
Supervisors, general office	13.85	6.4	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	13.70	4.7	13.15	6.9	14.77	8.0
Hotel clerks	11.31	19.1	11.31	19.1	—	—
Transportation ticket and reservation agents	11.32	23.2	11.32	23.2	—	—
Receptionists	10.83	4.5	10.83	4.5	—	—
Library clerks	10.78	6.4	—	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	13.91	10.6	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	12.84	6.4	12.52	7.5	—	—
Dispatchers	14.78	1.2	—	—	14.94	.2
General office clerks	12.95	4.9	13.34	5.6	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c.	13.67	8.9	—	—	13.21	9.1
Blue collar	12.67	8.2	12.44	8.9	15.05	6.8
Precision production, craft, and repair	16.23	6.7	16.01	8.0	17.45	3.9
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	14.19	5.2	13.14	6.4	—	—
Electricians	17.10	5.6	—	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.83	8.1	12.83	8.1	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Orlando, FL, March 2003 — Continued

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Blue collar —Continued						
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors						
—Continued						
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators	\$8.47	9.2	\$8.47	9.2	—	—
Transportation and material moving	13.26	7.5	13.34	8.3	\$12.54	5.6
Truck drivers	16.25	10.8	16.41	11.5	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	14.49	4.9	14.49	4.9	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	8.67	13.5	8.57	14.0	10.86	6.7
Stock handlers and baggers	8.27	2.0	8.27	2.0	—	—
Service	9.25	6.3	7.83	7.3	16.80	1.8
Protective service	14.75	8.1	9.05	3.6	17.38	.6
Supervisors, firefighters and fire prevention	21.85	9.2	—	—	21.85	9.2
Supervisors, police and detectives	26.85	4.1	—	—	26.85	4.1
Firefighting	14.35	9.5	—	—	14.35	9.5
Police and detectives, public service	18.73	2.2	—	—	18.73	2.2
Correctional institution officers	15.20	.5	—	—	15.20	.5
Guards and police, except public service	9.06	4.1	—	—	—	—
Protective service, n.e.c.	9.16	14.6	—	—	—	—
Food service	6.38	13.8	6.37	13.8	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	3.39	15.2	3.39	15.2	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	2.58	8.6	2.58	8.6	—	—
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants	6.35	8.6	6.35	8.6	—	—
Other food service	8.26	2.3	8.26	2.3	—	—
Cooks	10.54	2.0	10.54	2.0	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	7.88	2.6	7.87	2.7	—	—
Health service	8.72	1.8	8.72	1.8	—	—
Health aides, except nursing	8.43	2.3	8.42	2.3	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	9.14	1.9	9.14	1.9	—	—
Cleaning and building service	8.84	4.2	8.60	3.9	13.56	15.4
Maids and housemen	8.04	3.9	8.04	3.9	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	9.12	6.7	9.08	7.3	—	—
Personal service	9.67	17.4	9.63	18.1	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	8.41	.8	8.41	.8	—	—
Service, n.e.c.	7.66	24.6	7.66	24.6	—	—

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, 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.

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy.

⁴ 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.

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 2. Selected worker characteristics: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² National Compensation Survey, Orlando, FL, March 2003

Occupational group	Private industry and State and local government					
	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Union ⁴	Nonunion ⁴	Time ⁵	Incentive ⁵
	Mean					
All occupations	\$14.92	\$7.63	\$14.31	\$14.11	\$13.98	\$18.71
All excluding sales	14.95	7.70	14.28	14.34	14.27	17.26
White collar	19.66	10.23	20.13	18.66	18.82	19.64
White-collar excluding sales	20.46	18.44	20.33	20.42	20.44	—
Professional specialty and technical	23.13	22.79	22.79	23.19	23.11	—
Professional specialty	25.10	23.76	20.95	26.23	25.03	—
Technical	17.99	—	—	16.15	17.90	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	29.98	—	—	30.00	29.99	—
Sales	14.37	7.42	—	11.80	9.59	20.13
Administrative support, including clerical	13.11	9.72	14.50	12.77	13.06	—
Blue collar	13.01	8.81	17.66	12.06	12.32	19.63
Precision production, craft, and repair	16.23	—	18.74	15.84	15.88	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.83	—	—	12.56	12.83	—
Transportation and material moving	13.89	7.45	—	11.98	12.44	17.71
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	8.53	9.31	—	8.46	8.65	—
Service	9.95	5.31	—	8.70	9.28	—
	Relative error ⁶ (percent)					
All occupations	3.3	10.7	8.0	3.7	3.4	7.4
All excluding sales	3.3	14.6	8.2	3.8	3.4	11.4
White collar	2.5	6.2	7.2	2.9	2.9	6.6
White-collar excluding sales	3.1	6.9	7.5	3.4	3.1	—
Professional specialty and technical	4.5	4.0	8.0	4.7	4.3	—
Professional specialty	3.6	3.6	5.0	3.6	3.3	—
Technical	8.5	—	—	4.5	8.4	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	11.3	—	—	12.2	11.7	—
Sales	10.5	3.0	—	7.7	6.1	8.6
Administrative support, including clerical	2.8	13.1	3.8	3.0	2.9	—
Blue collar	8.3	9.4	5.4	8.7	8.2	10.3
Precision production, craft, and repair	6.7	—	9.3	7.5	6.6	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	8.1	—	—	8.4	8.1	—
Transportation and material moving	5.9	5.9	—	10.4	6.2	7.1
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	15.7	11.2	—	13.8	13.5	—
Service	6.0	19.0	—	6.0	6.1	—

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³ 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.

⁴ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

⁵ Time workers' wages are based solely on an 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.

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Table 3. Establishment employment size: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, Orlando, FL, March 2003

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers				
	All private industry workers	50 - 99 workers ³	100 workers or more		
			Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more
Mean					
All occupations	\$13.31	\$12.51	\$13.55	\$13.43	\$13.67
All excluding sales	13.44	12.32	13.77	13.45	14.08
White collar	18.54	15.46	19.56	20.17	19.07
White-collar excluding sales	20.52	16.08	21.86	21.74	21.97
Professional specialty and technical	23.39	17.60	24.88	24.89	24.87
Professional specialty	26.04	20.03	26.93	27.94	26.07
Technical	18.14	–	19.40	16.98	21.58
Executive, administrative, and managerial	30.20	19.15	36.53	34.82	38.16
Sales	12.00	13.90	11.18	13.09	10.04
Administrative support, including clerical	12.86	11.60	13.16	13.08	13.22
Blue collar	12.44	13.29	12.12	11.15	14.88
Precision production, craft, and repair	16.01	16.41	15.88	15.22	20.09
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.83	14.62	11.81	11.34	–
Transportation and material moving	13.34	12.90	13.52	12.04	14.34
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	8.57	10.45	7.89	7.16	–
Service	7.83	6.88	8.05	7.46	8.36
Relative error ⁴ (percent)					
All occupations	3.8	4.7	4.6	8.5	5.1
All excluding sales	3.8	5.5	4.9	8.7	5.4
White collar	3.3	4.1	3.5	6.2	5.0
White-collar excluding sales	4.0	3.6	3.7	5.6	4.6
Professional specialty and technical	5.8	4.6	4.5	8.9	8.2
Professional specialty	4.7	10.4	2.9	6.6	7.2
Technical	9.3	–	12.0	10.0	21.2
Executive, administrative, and managerial	14.6	4.6	8.4	10.2	13.2
Sales	7.6	13.4	10.4	12.1	13.2
Administrative support, including clerical	4.0	5.9	4.5	4.8	6.1
Blue collar	8.9	8.2	11.3	12.4	9.9
Precision production, craft, and repair	8.0	16.1	8.4	8.8	13.0
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	8.1	11.0	6.4	6.6	–
Transportation and material moving	8.3	19.7	8.8	11.3	13.1
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	14.0	7.5	14.5	11.0	–
Service	7.3	10.7	7.4	4.0	10.6

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