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This summary provides results of a November 2010 survey of occupational pay in the Cedar Rapids, IA, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The MSA includes Benton, Jones, and Linn Counties. Data shown in this summary were collected as part of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) National Compensation Survey (NCS). The NCS provides comprehensive measures of occupational earnings, compensation cost trends, benefit incidence, and detailed plan provisions. This summary is limited to data on occupational wages and salaries.

Table 1 presents an overview of all tables in this bulletin. Mean hourly earnings, weekly hours, and relative standard errors are given for all industries, private industry, and State and local government for selected worker and establishment characteristics.

Table 2 presents mean hourly earnings data by work level for occupational major groups and for detailed occupations. Separate data are also shown for full-time and part-time workers. Table 3 provides work level data for private industry workers. Table 4 provides similar data for State and local government workers.

Tables 5 through 7 present hourly wage percentiles that describe the distribution of hourly earnings for individual workers within each published occupation. Data are provided for the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles for detailed occupations within all industries, private industry, and State and local government.

Table 8 presents mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings, and the associated hours, for major occupational groups and detailed occupations for full-time workers. Table 9 provides the same type of information for private industry workers. Table 10 provides similar data for State and local government workers.

The survey could not have been conducted without the cooperation of the many government agencies that provided pay data included in this summary. The Bureau thanks these respondents for their cooperation. Field econ-

omists of the Bureau of Labor Statistics collected and reviewed the survey data. The Office of Compensation and Working Conditions, in cooperation with the Office of Field Operations and the Office of Technology and Survey Processing in the BLS National Office, designed the survey, processed the data, and prepared the survey for publication.

### Where to find more information

The data contained in this summary are available at <a href="http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/compub.htm">http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/compub.htm</a>, the BLS Internet site. Data are presented in a Portable Document Format (PDF) file, and in an ASCII file containing the published table formats.

For additional information regarding this survey, you may write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics at: Division of Compensation Data Analysis and Planning, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Room 4175, Washington, DC 20212–0001, telephone (202) 691–6199, or send an e-mail to **NCSinfo@bls.gov**.

The standard references to appendix A and appendix B in the NCS table footnotes do not apply to this summary publication. Appendix A referred to providing more information on how earnings are calculated and a discussion on relative standard errors. The following link discusses those topics http://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch8.pdf.

Appendix B provided a list of titles for the approximately 800 detailed occupations found in the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Manual. See <a href="http://www.bls.gov/soc/2000/soc\_majo.htm">http://www.bls.gov/soc/2000/soc\_majo.htm</a> for more information.

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Table 1. Summary: Mean hourly earnings1 and weekly hours for selected worker and establishment characteristics, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

		Civilian workers			ate industry workers			local goveri workers	nment
Worker and establishment characteristics	Hourly ea	arnings	Mean	Hourly ea	arnings	Mean	Hourly ea	arnings	Mean
	Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)	weekly hours <sup>3</sup>	Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)	weekly hours <sup>3</sup>	Mean	Relative error <sup>2</sup> (percent)	weekly hours <sup>3</sup>
All workers	\$20.84	5.4	34.9	\$20.42	6.2	34.7	\$24.11	3.7	36.8
Worker characteristics <sup>4,5</sup>									
Management, professional, and related	29.16 34.37 27.05 12.05 15.57 16.40 15.29 23.65 24.19 23.77 17.31 19.42 15.35 22.24 12.20	5.4 11.1 3.5 12.7 3.8 10.4 3.8 11.0 11.8 10.7 7.0 4.9 14.5	38.4 40.7 37.6 28.8 34.7 28.9 37.2 34.4 40.0 31.2 36.8 35.8 37.7	29.16 34.32 26.50 10.59 15.58 16.40 15.27 23.86 24.19 24.23 17.12 19.24 15.13 21.91 11.72	6.4 11.2 4.2 13.0 4.0 10.4 4.0 11.6 11.8 12.4 7.4 4.9 15.5	38.9 40.7 38.0 27.8 34.4 28.9 37.1 34.1 40.0 30.3 36.8 35.7 38.0 39.9 19.7	29.16	6.2 - 6.8 4.4 10.9 - 10.9 - - - - - 3.7 19.6	36.3 - 36.2 36.9 37.9 - 37.9 - - - - - 39.0 22.5
Union Nonunion	25.47 20.03 21.02	5.2 6.1 5.7	39.1 34.3 34.4	25.70 19.77 20.58	7.5 6.6 6.6	40.4 34.1 34.1	25.06 23.31 24.11	3.8 6.7 3.7	36.8 36.8 36.8
Incentive  Establishment characteristics	18.68	9.4	41.7	18.68	9.4	41.7	_	_	_
Goods producing Service providing	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	26.96 18.29	9.2 6.9	37.0 34.0	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )	( <sup>6</sup> )
1-99 workers	20.42 18.54 24.34	8.2 9.2 9.5	32.1 35.7 38.6	20.38 17.80 24.21	8.3 10.8 12.4	32.1 35.5 39.2	– 23.28 24.75	9.6 5.3	- 36.8 36.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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. See appendix A for more information.

<sup>2</sup> 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 setting the property of the payer payers are prepared to the set more information, bout PSEs see appendix A.

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

based on productivity payments such as pleased.

5 Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

6 Estimates for goods-producing and service-providing industries are published for private industry only. Industries are determined by the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

3 Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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

Table 2. Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

	To	otal	Full-time	workers	Part-time	e workers
Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
NII workers	\$20.84	5.4	\$22.24	5.2	\$12.20	13.7
Management occupations	40.57	9.3	40.57	9.3	_	_
Level 11	39.38	3.2	39.38	3.2	_	_
Education administrators	27.96	10.6	27.96	10.6	_	_
Business and financial operations occupations	28.42	8.1	28.46	8.2	_	_
Level 9	33.59	4.1	33.77	4.0	-	_
Computer and mathematical science occupations	28.00	4.1	28.00	4.1	-	_
Architecture and engineering occupations	34.78	8.9	34.78	8.9	_	_
Engineers	37.10	2.3	37.10	2.3	_	_
Community and social services occupations	23.98	21.0	24.42	26.3	_	_
Level 7	19.58	13.0	_	_	_	_
Education, training, and library occupations	27.85	6.9	28.40	4.6	_	_
Level 4	13.48	3.2		-	_	-
Level 9	32.67	1.4	32.36	1.3	_	-
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers	32.67	1.4	22.45	2.1		
Level 9	33.09	1.4	32.45 32.80	2.1	_	_
Elementary and middle school teachers	31.50	1.6	31.69	1.1		
Level 9	31.69	1.1	31.69	1.1	-	_
Elementary school teachers, except special	31.92	.7	32.14	1		
education Level 9	32.14	.1	32.14	.1	_	_
Secondary school teachers	34.33	1.4	33.94	.4		
Level 9	34.33	1.4	33.94	.4	_	_
Secondary school teachers, except special and	01.00		00.01			
vocational education	34.33	1.4	33.94	.4	_	_
Level 9	34.33	1.4	33.94	.4	_	_
Teacher assistants	14.07	2.1	-	-	-	_
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	18.51	8.1	_	_	_	_
	10.01	0.1				
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	25.99	5.4	26.09	6.0	_	-
Level 9	24.96	2.1	25.07	2.3	_	_
Registered nurses Level 9	24.68 24.68	1.6 1.6	24.75 24.75	1.8 1.8	_	_
Level 9	24.00	1.0	24.73	1.0	_	_
Healthcare support occupations	12.50	3.9	12.66	3.7	-	_
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	11.84	5.0	_	_	_	_
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	11.84	5.6	_	_	_	_
Protective service occupations	29.76	12.6	31.73	16.2	_	_
Food preparation and serving related occupations	6.93	9.8	6.84	14.8	7.01	6.8
Level 2	6.57	10.1	_	_	6.94	8.5
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	40.0=		47			
occupations Building cleaning workers	16.05 17.72	8.4 3.5	17.17	6.1	_	_
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and	17.72	3.3	_	_	_	_
housekeeping cleanershousekeeping cleaners	18.30	1.6	_	_	_	_
Sales and related occupations	16.40	10.4	22.17	18.5	8.91	2.8
Level 2	8.89	6.2		'-	8.67	5.2
Retail sales workers	12.30	18.3	_	_	8.91	2.8
Level 2	8.89	6.2	_	_	8.67	5.2
Cashiers, all workers	9.67	5.1	_	-	_	-
Cashiers	9.67	5.1	_	_	_	_
Office and administrative support occupations	15.29	3.8	15.62	3.5	11.86	9.1
Level 4	15.47	2.7	15.61	2.8	_	1 _

Table 2. Civilian workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup> by work levels<sup>3</sup>, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010 — Continued

	To	otal	Full-time	workers	Part-time	workers
Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
Office and administrative support occupations						
-Continued						
Financial clerks	\$15.13	4.8	\$15.13	4.8	_	_
Level 4	15.74	3.2	15.74	3.2	_	_
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	15.99	2.6	15.99	2.6	_	_
Customer service representatives	13.75	13.1	14.40	11.6	_	_
Secretaries and administrative assistants	17.16	8.2	17.19	8.2	_	_
Office clerks, general	17.09	11.5	_	_	_	-
Construction and extraction occupations	24.19	11.8	24.19	11.8	_	_
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	23.77	10.7	21.49	4.8	_	_
Production occupations	19.42	4.9	20.36	5.4	\$13.95	10.9
Level 3	18.48	9.7	_	_	_	_
Level 4	18.73	7.5	19.14	9.0	_	_
Level 5	18.27	2.8	18.27	2.8	_	_
Computer control programmers and operators	23.18	1.1	23.18	1.1	_	_
Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal						
and plastic	23.18	1.1	23.18	1.1	_	-
Transportation and material moving occupations	15.35	14.5	16.52	14.2	8.52	3.1
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	16.39	13.4	16.77	12.1	_	_

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tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

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occupation's rank within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See appendix A for more information.

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Table 3. Private industry workers: Mean hourly earnings¹ for full-time and part-time workers² by work levels³, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

	To	otal	Full-time	workers	Part-time workers		
Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	
All workers	\$20.42	6.2	\$21.91	6.0	\$11.72	14.9	
Management occupations	40.55	9.4	40.55	9.4	-	-	
Business and financial operations occupations Level 9	28.42 33.59	8.1 4.1	28.46 33.77	8.2 4.0	_ _	_	
Computer and mathematical science occupations	27.28	3.8	27.28	3.8	_	_	
Architecture and engineering occupations	34.78	8.9	34.78	8.9	_	_	
Engineers	37.10	2.3	37.10	2.3	_	_	
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	18.51	8.1	_	_	_	_	
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations Level 9	25.81 24.51	5.6 1.5	25.90	6.2	-	_	
Registered nurses	24.51	1.5	_	_	_	_	
Level 9	24.51	1.5	_	_	_	_	
Healthcare support occupations	12.52	3.9	12.68	3.7	-	_	
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	11.84	5.0	_	-	_	_	
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	11.84	5.6	_	-	_	_	
Food preparation and serving related occupations Level 2	6.63 6.51	7.6 9.7	_ _	_ _	7.01 6.94	6.8 8.5	
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	16.03	10.8	_	-	_	-	
Sales and related occupations	16.40	10.4	22.17	18.5	8.91	2.8	
Level 2	8.89	6.2	_	_	8.67	5.2	
Retail sales workers	12.30	18.3	_	_	8.91	2.8	
Level 2	8.89	6.2	_	_	8.67	5.2	
Cashiers, all workers Cashiers	9.67 9.67	5.1 5.1	_	_	-	_	
Office and administrative support occupations	15.27	4.0	15.61	3.7	11.77	10.2	
Level 4	15.48	2.8	15.62	2.9	_	_	
Financial clerks	15.13	4.8	15.13	4.8	_	_	
Level 4	15.74	3.2	15.74	3.2	_	_	
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	15.99	2.6	15.99	2.6	_	_	
Customer service representatives Secretaries and administrative assistants	13.75 17.22	13.1 9.5	14.40	11.6	_	_	
Construction and extraction occupations	24.19	11.8	24.19	11.8	-	_	
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	24.23	12.4	21.65	6.0	-	_	
Production occupations	19.24	4.9	20.21	5.6	13.95	10.9	
Level 3	18.48	9.7		<u> </u>	_	_	
Level 4	18.73	7.5	19.14	9.0	_	_	
Level 5	18.27	2.8	18.27	2.8	_	_	
Computer control programmers and operators  Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal	23.18	1.1	23.18	1.1	_	_	
and plastic	23.18	1.1	23.18	1.1	-	_	
Transportation and material moving occupations	15.13	15.5	16.32	15.1	-	_	

Table 3. Private industry workers: Mean hourly earnings<sup>1</sup> for full-time and part-time workers<sup>2</sup> by work levels<sup>3</sup>, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010 — Continued

	To	otal	Full-time	workers	Part-time workers	
Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
Transportation and material moving occupations  -Continued  Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	\$16.39	13.4	\$16.77	12.1	-	-

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tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See appendix A for more information.

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occupation's rank within each factor. The points are summed to determine the overall level of the occupation. See appendix A for more information.

<sup>4</sup> Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

<sup>5</sup> 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 appendix A.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 4. State and local government workers: Mean hourly earnings1 for full-time and part-time workers2 by work levels3, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

	To	otal	Full-time	workers	Part-time	e workers
Occupation <sup>4</sup> and level	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)	Mean	Relative error <sup>5</sup> (percent)
III workers	\$24.11	3.7	\$24.58	3.7	\$18.82	19.6
Community and social services occupations	33.16	23.4	33.16	23.4	_	_
Education, training, and library occupations	27.60	7.4	28.17	4.9	_	_
Level 4	13.48	3.2	_	_	_	_
Level 9	32.67	1.4	32.36	1.3	_	-
Primary, secondary, and special education school						
teachers	32.67	1.4	32.45	2.1	_	_
Level 9	33.09	.6	32.80	.2	_	_
Elementary and middle school teachers	31.50	1.6	31.69	1.1	_	_
Level 9	31.69	1.1	31.69	1.1	_	_
Elementary school teachers, except special						
education	31.92	.7	32.14	.1	_	_
Level 9	32.14	.1	32.14	.1	_	_
Secondary school teachers	34.33	1.4	33.94	.4	_	_
Level 9	34.33	1.4	33.94	.4	_	_
Secondary school teachers, except special and						
vocational education	34.33	1.4	33.94	.4	_	_
Level 9	34.33	1.4	33.94	.4	_	_
Teacher assistants	14.07	2.1	-	-	-	_
Protective service occupations	30.99	13.0	31.73	16.2	_	_
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance						
occupations	16.11	.4	-	-	-	_
Office and administrative support occupations	15.50	10.9	15.73	10.4	_	_

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Table 5. Civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles<sup>1</sup>, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$8.50	\$13.30	\$19.41	\$26.37	\$36.49
Management occupations	23.54	36.99	40.57	45.15	55.45
Education administrators	13.75	18.14	23.54	39.78	41.01
Eddodion daminoratoro	10.70	10.11	20.01	00.70	11.01
Business and financial operations occupations	21.69	23.55	28.63	32.54	36.49
Computer and mathematical science occupations	23.03	26.14	28.31	30.01	32.89
Architecture and engineering occupations	24.04	29.43	36.08	39.81	43.64
Engineers	29.43	33.86	38.24	40.49	43.64
Community and social services occupations	13.37	15.76	22.06	25.15	44.89
Education, training, and library occupations Primary, secondary, and special education school	12.96	18.31	29.31	34.62	40.72
teachers	23.44	27.74	32.14	37.55	42.23
Elementary and middle school teachers	23.73	27.38	30.86	35.17	39.98
Elementary school teachers, except special	04.50	27.74	24.02	25.22	40.72
education  Secondary school teachers	24.52 25.45	27.74 28.72	31.23 33.42	35.32 39.03	40.72 44.87
Secondary school teachers, except special and	23.43	20.72	33.42	39.03	44.07
vocational education	25.45	28.72	33.42	39.03	44.87
Teacher assistants	10.50	11.82	13.74	15.85	18.31
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	15.50	15.50	17.08	19.43	25.48
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	15.09	20.40	23.31	27.06	35.54
Registered nurses	20.85	21.43	23.45	27.23	31.16
Healthcare support occupations	10.10	10.70	12.15	14.85	16.09
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	9.94	10.55	11.19	13.00	14.85
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	9.89	10.55	11.19	13.00	14.85
Protective service occupations	16.81	23.23	26.07	41.94	44.09
Food preparation and serving related occupations	4.35	4.35	7.25	8.25	10.00
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	8.54	11.53	17.21	20.01	20.07
occupations Building cleaning workers	12.11	15.91	17.21	20.01	20.07
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and		10.01		20.0.	20.0.
housekeeping cleaners	15.61	15.91	19.58	20.01	20.97
Sales and related occupations	8.25	8.50	11.00	16.00	41.85
Retail sales workers	8.10	8.41	8.96	11.53	17.00
Cashiers, all workers	7.25	8.25	8.50	11.00	13.75
Cashiers	7.25	8.25	8.50	11.00	13.75
Office and administrative support occupations	10.71	13.46	15.24	17.15	19.14
Financial clerks	11.19	14.14	15.54	16.39	18.03
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	14.42	14.86	16.01	16.68	18.03
Customer service representatives	9.10	9.20	14.50	16.68	18.03
Secretaries and administrative assistants	12.93	14.08	16.53	18.32	25.96
Office clerks, general	12.72	14.00	17.15	17.15	25.00
Construction and extraction occupations	16.32	19.69	21.50	29.89	32.82
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	17.79	19.77	22.07	26.63	35.00
Production occupations	11.15	14.79	20.60	23.76	26.37
Computer control programmers and operators	19.60	20.60	21.86	26.37	26.37
Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal and plastic	19.60	20.60	21.86	26.37	26.37
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Table 5. Civilian workers: Hourly wage percentiles1, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010 — Continued

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Transportation and material moving occupations  Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	\$7.55	\$8.60	\$14.82	\$19.90	\$22.95
	9.35	13.40	14.82	19.90	22.95

<sup>1</sup> Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate of the hours are paid the same as or less than the fate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time 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.  $^2$  Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 6. Private industry workers: Hourly wage percentiles1, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$8.30	\$12.85	\$18.80	\$25.48	\$35.00
Management occupations	22.49	36.99	40.57	45.15	55.45
Business and financial operations occupations	21.69	23.55	28.63	32.54	36.49
Computer and mathematical science occupations	20.73	24.60	28.00	29.34	31.73
Architecture and engineering occupations	24.04 29.43	29.43 33.86	36.08 38.24	39.81 40.49	43.64 43.64
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	15.50	15.50	17.08	19.43	25.48
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations Registered nurses	15.00 20.85	20.40 21.43	22.76 23.23	26.00 26.55	35.12 31.05
Healthcare support occupations  Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides  Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	10.00 9.94 9.89	10.74 10.55 10.55	12.15 11.19 11.19	14.85 13.00 13.00	16.09 14.85 14.85
Food preparation and serving related occupations	4.35	4.35	7.25	8.00	9.50
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	8.54	8.67	19.58	20.01	20.97
Sales and related occupations  Retail sales workers  Cashiers, all workers  Cashiers	8.25 8.10 7.25 7.25	8.50 8.41 8.25 8.25	11.00 8.96 8.50 8.50	16.00 11.53 11.00 11.00	41.85 17.00 13.75 13.75
Office and administrative support occupations Financial clerks Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks Customer service representatives Secretaries and administrative assistants	10.71 11.19 14.42 9.10 12.93	13.80 14.14 14.86 9.20 14.08	15.38 15.54 16.01 14.50 16.40	17.07 16.39 16.68 16.68 17.37	18.24 18.03 18.03 18.03 25.96
Construction and extraction occupations	16.32	19.69	21.50	29.89	32.82
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	17.79	20.71	22.99	27.25	35.00
Production occupations	11.00 19.60 19.60	14.79 20.60 20.60	20.10 21.86 21.86	23.76 26.37 26.37	27.17 26.37 26.37
Transportation and material moving occupations  Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	7.50 9.35	8.60 13.40	14.82 14.82	19.70 19.90	22.95 22.95

<sup>1</sup> Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time 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;

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

nonproduction bonuses; and tips.  $^2$  Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

Table 7. State and local government workers: Hourly wage percentiles1, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All workers	\$11.99	\$15.63	\$22.62	\$31.53	\$41.01
Community and social services occupations	24.97	25.15	25.15	44.89	47.11
Education, training, and library occupations	12.94	18.29	28.39	34.75	40.30
teachers  Elementary and middle school teachers  Elementary school teachers, except special		27.74 27.38	32.14 30.86	37.55 35.17	42.23 39.98
education	24.52 25.45	27.74 28.72	31.23 33.42	35.32 39.03	40.72 44.87
vocational education	25.45 10.50	28.72 11.82	33.42 13.74	39.03 15.85	44.87 18.31
Protective service occupations	19.18	23.23	26.86	41.99	44.09
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	13.90	15.91	15.91	16.91	18.29
Office and administrative support occupations	9.00	11.99	14.20	20.69	24.14

<sup>1</sup> Percentiles designate position in the earnings distribution and are calculated from individual-worker earnings and the hours they are scheduled to work. At the 50th percentile, the median, half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown, and half are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 25th percentile, one-fourth of the hours are paid the same as or less than the rate shown. At the 75th percentile, one-fourth are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. The 10th and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time 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.  $^2$  Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

Table 8. Full-time¹ civilian workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

	Hourly ea	arnings <sup>3</sup>	Wee	kly earnings	s <sup>4</sup>	Ann	ual earnings	<sub>5</sub> 5
Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$22.24	\$20.71	\$884	\$816	39.8	\$44,895	\$41,621	2,019
Management occupations Education administrators	40.57 27.96	40.57 23.54	1,646 1,088	1,630 942	40.6 38.9	85,578 56,561	84,781 48,959	2,109 2,023
Business and financial operations occupations	28.46	28.86	1,163	1,135	40.9	60,455	59,010	2,125
Computer and mathematical science occupations	28.00	28.31	1,120	1,133	40.0	58,060	58,897	2,074
Architecture and engineering occupations Engineers	34.78 37.10	36.08 38.24	1,391 1,484	1,443 1,530	40.0 40.0	72,345 77,170	75,051 79,535	2,080 2,080
Community and social services occupations	24.42	22.92	977	917	40.0	46,527	46,350	1,906
Education, training, and library occupations	28.40	29.69	1,100	1,168	38.7	43,939	45,299	1,547
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers Elementary and middle school	32.45	32.02	1,290	1,267	39.7	49,513	48,497	1,526
teachers  Elementary school teachers, except special education	31.69 32.14	30.92 31.23	1,261 1,278	1,233 1,249	39.8 39.7	48,190 48,763	46,901 48,082	1,521 1,517
Secondary school teachers Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational	33.94	32.81	1,352	1,303	39.8	51,296	49,373	1,511
education	33.94	32.81	1,352	1,303	39.8	51,296	49,373	1,511
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations Registered nurses	26.09 24.75	22.75 23.45	1,018 977	879 921	39.0 39.5	52,383 50,420	45,448 47,070	2,008 2,037
Healthcare support occupations	12.66	12.64	468	448	37.0	24,259	23,275	1,916
Protective service occupations  Food preparation and serving related	31.73	26.86	1,269	1,074	40.0	65,997	55,869	2,080
occupations	6.84	4.35	267	174	39.0	13,097	9,048	1,914
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	17.17	18.29	687	732	40.0	35,705	38,043	2,080
Sales and related occupations	22.17	15.50	885	620	39.9	46,041	32,240	2,077
Office and administrative support occupations	15.62 15.13	15.54 15.54	616 590	604 585	39.4 39.0	32,020 30,666	31,400 30,410	2,050 2,027
auditing clerks	15.99 14.40	16.01 15.05	629 576	631 602	39.3 40.0	32,713 29,947	32,800 31,300	2,046 2,080
assistants	17.19	16.53	680	656	39.5	35,342	34,112	2,056
Construction and extraction occupations	24.19	21.50	968	860	40.0	47,480	43,514	1,963
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	21.49	21.34	860	854	40.0	44,695	44,387	2,080
Production occupations	20.36	21.86	799	824	39.3	41,556	42,848	2,041

Table 8. Full-time1 civilian workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010 — Continued

	Hourly ea	arnings <sup>3</sup>	Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
Production occupations –Continued Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal and plastic	\$23.18	\$21.86	\$927	\$874	40.0	\$48,214	\$45,469	2,080
Transportation and material moving occupations	16.52 16.77	14.82 14.82	725 780	822 889	43.9 46.5	37,450 40,561	42,752 46,248	2,267 2,418

<sup>1</sup> 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,

Mean weekly earnings are the straight-time weekly wages or salaries

paid to employees. Median weekly earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more information.

Bearnings 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. See appendix A for more information. appendix A for more information.

Table 9. Full-time1 private industry workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$21.91	\$20.40	\$873	\$800	39.9	\$45,194	\$41,340	2,063
Management occupations	40.55	40.57	1,645	1,630	40.6	85,541	84,781	2,110
Business and financial operations occupations	28.46	28.86	1,163	1,135	40.9	60,455	59,010	2,125
Computer and mathematical science occupations	27.28	28.00	1,091	1,120	40.0	56,735	58,240	2,080
Architecture and engineering occupations	34.78 37.10	36.08 38.24	1,391 1,484	1,443 1,530	40.0 40.0	72,345 77,170	75,051 79,535	2,080 2,080
Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations	25.90	22.29	1,014	874	39.1	52,718	45,452	2,035
Healthcare support occupations	12.68	12.64	469	451	37.0	24,392	23,456	1,923
Sales and related occupations	22.17	15.50	885	620	39.9	46,041	32,240	2,077
Office and administrative support occupations Financial clerks Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks Customer service representatives	15.61 15.13 15.99 14.40	15.54 15.54 16.01 15.05	615 590 629 576	606 585 631 602	39.4 39.0 39.3 40.0	31,974 30,666 32,713 29,947	31,500 30,410 32,800 31,300	2,049 2,027 2,046 2,080
Construction and extraction occupations	24.19	21.50	968	860	40.0	47,480	43,514	1,963
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	21.65	21.34	866	854	40.0	45,024	44,387	2,080
Production occupations	20.21	21.86	792	823	39.2	41,205	42,794	2,039
operators	23.18 23.18	21.86 21.86	927 927	874 874	40.0 40.0	48,214 48,214	45,469 45,469	2,080 2,080
Transportation and material moving occupations	16.32 16.77	14.82 14.82	720 780	822 889	44.1 46.5	37,147 40,561	42,752 46,248	2,276 2,418

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 worker with a 35-hour-per-week scriedule ringht 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.

2 Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more

paid to employees. Median weekly earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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. See appendix A for more information.

<sup>4</sup> Mean weekly earnings are the straight-time weekly wages or salaries

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5 Mean annual earnings are the straight-time annual wages or salaries paid to employees. Median annual earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean annual hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a year, exclusive of

Table 10. Full-time<sup>1</sup> State and local government workers: Mean and median hourly, weekly, and annual earnings and mean weekly and annual hours, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2010

Occupation <sup>2</sup>	Hourly earnings <sup>3</sup>		Weekly earnings <sup>4</sup>			Annual earnings <sup>5</sup>		
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean weekly hours	Mean	Median	Mean annual hours
All workers	\$24.58	\$22.94	\$959	\$906	39.0	\$43,067	\$43,285	1,752
Community and social services occupations	33.16	25.15	1,326	1,006	40.0	58,324	52,312	1,759
Education, training, and library occupations	28.17	28.82	1,090	1,132	38.7	43,209	44,662	1,534
Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers Elementary and middle school	32.45	32.02	1,290	1,267	39.7	49,513	48,497	1,526
teachers Elementary school teachers,	31.69	30.92	1,261	1,233	39.8	48,190	46,901	1,521
except special education Secondary school teachers Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational	32.14 33.94	31.23 32.81	1,278 1,352	1,249 1,303	39.7 39.8	48,763 51,296	48,082 49,373	1,517 1,511
education	33.94	32.81	1,352	1,303	39.8	51,296	49,373	1,511
Protective service occupations	31.73	26.86	1,269	1,074	40.0	65,997	55,869	2,080
Office and administrative support occupations	15.73	14.20	623	568	39.6	32,383	29,536	2,059

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 worker with a 35-hour-per-week stiedler limit 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.

2 Workers are classified by occupation using the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. See appendix B for more

paid to employees. Median weekly earnings designates position - one-half of the hours are paid the same as or more than the rate shown. Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

5 Mean annual earnings are the straight-time annual wages or salaries

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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 evidence by the number of workers, weighted by hours. See

appendix A for more information.

<sup>4</sup> Mean weekly earnings are the straight-time weekly wages or salaries

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# **Appendix: Technical Note**

### Survey scope

This survey of the Cedar Rapids, IA, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) covered establishments employing one worker or more in private goods-producing industries (mining, construction, and manufacturing); private serviceproviding industries (trade, transportation, and utilities, information, financial activities, professional and business services, education and health services, leisure and hospitality, and other services); State governments; and local governments. Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, private households, and the Federal Government were excluded from the scope of the survey. 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 agency within the sampled area.

### Sampling frame

The list of establishments from which the survey sample was selected (sampling frame) was developed from State unemployment insurance reports. 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.

### Sample design

The sample for this survey area was selected using a twostage stratified design with probability proportional to employment sampling at each stage. The first stage of sample selection was a probability-proportional-to-size sample of establishments. Use of this technique means that the larger an establishment's employment, the greater its chance of selection. The second stage of sample selection, detailed below, was a probability sample of occupations within a sampled establishment.

## Occupational selection and classification

Identification of the occupations for which wage data were to be collected was a multistep process:

1. Probability-proportional-to-size selection of establishment jobs

- 2. Classification of jobs into occupations based on the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system
- 3. Characterization of jobs as full-time or part-time, union or nonunion, and time or incentive
- 4. Determination of the level of work of each job

For each occupation, wage data were collected for those workers whose jobs could be characterized by the criteria identified in the last three steps. In step one, the jobs to be sampled were selected at each establishment by the BLS field economist. A complete list of employees was used for sampling, with each selected worker representing a job within 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. NCS uses the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. A selected job may fall into any one of about 800 occupational classifications, from accountant to zoologist. When workers could be classified in more than one occupation, they were classified in the occupation that required the higher skill level. When there was no perceptible difference in skill level, the workers were classified in the occupation that described their primary activity.

Each occupational classification is an element of a broader classification known as a major group. Occupations can fall into any of 22 major groups. A complete list of all individual occupations, classified by the major group to which they belong, is available from BLS.

In step three, certain other job characteristics of the chosen worker 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 and also identified as being in a union or a nonunion job.

### Occupational leveling

In the last step before wage data were collected, the work level of each selected job was determined using a "point factor leveling" process. Point factor leveling matches certain aspects of a job to specific levels of work with assigned point values. Points for each factor are then totaled to determine the overall work level for the job.

The NCS program is in the process of converting from a nine-factor to a four-factor occupational leveling system. The conversion is being phased in via annual NCS sample replenishment groups and will require several years for full implementation. The four occupational leveling factors are:

- Knowledge
- Job controls and complexity
- Contacts (nature and purpose)
- Physical environment

Each factor consists of several levels, and each level has an associated description and assigned points. A know-ledge guide for 24 families of closely related occupations contains short definitions of the point levels of knowledge expected for the occupations and presents relevant examples. The other three factors use identical descriptions for all occupational categories and contain a definition of each point level within each factor.

The description within each factor best matching the job is chosen. The point levels within each factor are designed to describe the thresholds of distinct levels of work. When a job does not meet the full description of a point level, the next lowest point level is used. Points for the four factors are totaled to determine the overall work level. NCS publishes data for up to 15 work levels.

Most supervisory occupations are evaluated based on their duties and responsibilities. A modified approach is used for professional and administrative supervisors when they direct professional work and are paid primarily to supervise. Such supervisory occupations are leveled based on the work level of the highest position reporting to them.

For a complete description of point factor leveling, refer to the publication "National Compensation Survey: Guide for Evaluating Your Firm's Jobs and Pay," available at the BLS National Compensation Survey Internet site at http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/sp/ncbr0004.pdf.

### **Collection period**

Survey data were collected over a 14-month period for the larger areas in the NCS program. For the smaller areas, data were collected over a 5-month period. For each establishment in the survey, the data reflect the establishment's most recent information at the time of collection. The payroll reference month shown in the tables reflects the average date of this information for all sample units.

### **Earnings**

Earnings were defined as regular payments from the employer to the employee as compensation for straight-time hourly work, or for any salaried work performed. The following components were included as part of earnings:

- Incentive pay, including commissions, production bonuses, and piece rates
- Cost-of-living allowances
- Hazard pay
- Payments of income deferred due to participation in a salary reduction plan
- Deadhead pay, defined as pay given to transportation workers returning in a vehicle without freight or passengers

The following forms of payments were *not* considered part of straight-time earnings:

- Shift differentials, defined as extra payment for working a schedule that varies from the norm, such as night or weekend work
- Premium pay for overtime, holidays, and weekends
- Bonuses not directly tied to production (such as Christmas and profit-sharing bonuses)
- Uniform and tool allowances
- Free or subsidized room and board
- Payments made by third parties (for example, tips)
- On-call pay

To calculate earnings for various periods (hourly, weekly, and annual), data on work schedules also were collected. For hourly workers, scheduled hours worked per day and per week, exclusive of overtime, were recorded. Annual weeks worked were determined. Because salaried workers who are exempt from overtime provisions often work beyond the assigned work schedule, their typical number of hours actually worked was collected.

### Weighting and nonresponse

Sample weights were calculated for each establishment and occupation in the survey. These weights reflected the relative size of the occupation within the establishment and of the establishment within the sample universe. Weights were used to aggregate data for the individual establishments or occupations into the various data series.

If data were not provided by a sample member during the initial interview, the weights of responding sample members in the same or similar "cells" were adjusted to account for the missing data. This technique assumes that the mean value of data for the nonrespondents equals the mean value of data for the respondents at some detailed "cell" level. Responding and nonresponding establishments were classified into these cells according to industry and employment size. Responding and nonresponding occupations within responding establishments were classified into cells that were additionally defined by major occupation group.

If average hourly earnings data were not provided by a sample member during the update interview, then missing average hourly earnings were imputed by multiplying prior average hourly earnings by the rate of change in the average hourly earnings of respondents. The regression model that takes into account available establishment characteristics is used to derive the rate of change in the average hourly earnings.

Establishments that were determined to be out of business or outside the scope of the survey had their weights changed to zero.

### Survey response

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## **Estimation**

The wage series in the tables are computed by combining the wages for each sampled occupation. Before being combined, individual wage rates are weighted by the number of workers; the sample weight, adjusted for nonresponding establishments and other factors; and the occupation's scheduled hours of work.

The sample weight reflects the inverse of each unit's probability of selection at each sample selection stage and four weight adjustment factors. The first factor adjusts for establishment nonresponse and the second factor adjusts for occupational nonresponse. The third factor adjusts for any special situations that may have occurred during data collection. The fourth factor, post-stratification, also called benchmarking, is introduced to adjust estimated employment totals to the current counts of employment by industry. The latest available employment counts were used to derive average hourly earnings in this publication.

Not all calculated series met the criteria for publication. Before any series was published, it was reviewed to make sure that the number of observations underlying it was sufficient. This review prevented the publication of a series that could have revealed information about a specific establishment.

### **Data reliability**

The data in this summary 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 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. RSE data are provided alongside the earnings data in the summary tables.

The standard error can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. As an example, suppose a table shows that mean hourly earnings for all workers were \$17.75, with a relative standard error of 1.0 percent for this estimate. At the 90-percent level, the confidence interval for this estimate is from \$17.46 to \$18.04 (\$17.75 minus and plus \$0.29, where \$0.29 is the product of 1.645 times 1.0 percent times \$17.75). 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. Although they were not specifically measured, the nonsampling errors were expected to be minimal due to the extensive training of the field economists who gathered the survey data, computer edits of the data, and detailed data review.