

Table 45. Wage and salary workers paid hourly rates with earnings at or below the prevailing Federal minimum wage by occupation and industry

(Numbers in thousands)

Occupation and industry	2002				
	Workers paid hourly rates				
	Total	Below prevailing Federal minimum wage	At prevailing Federal minimum wage	Total at or below prevailing Federal minimum wage	
Number				Percent of hourly-paid workers	
OCCUPATION					
Managerial and professional specialty	10,744	48	25	73	.7
Executive, administrative, and managerial	4,531	28	6	34	.8
Professional specialty	6,212	20	19	39	.6
Technical, sales, and administrative support	22,594	157	174	331	1.5
Technicians and related support	2,801	5	6	12	.4
Sales occupations	7,467	97	108	204	2.7
Administrative support, including clerical	12,326	54	61	115	.9
Service occupations	14,235	1,191	263	1,454	10.2
Private household	371	58	5	63	17.0
Protective service	1,655	15	3	18	1.1
Service, except private household and protective	12,209	1,119	254	1,373	11.2
Food service workers	5,839	975	166	1,141	19.5
Health service workers	2,416	32	12	44	1.8
Cleaning and building service workers	2,439	46	34	80	3.3
Personal service workers	1,514	67	42	108	7.2
Precision production, craft, and repair	9,535	43	12	55	.6
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	14,170	137	80	216	1.5
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	5,610	30	17	47	.8
Transportation and material moving occupations	3,745	38	11	49	1.3
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	4,815	69	52	121	2.5
Farming, forestry, and fishing	1,443	22	15	38	2.6
INDUSTRY					
Private wage and salary workers	63,670	1,518	509	2,026	3.2
Agriculture	1,220	19	10	29	2.4
Nonagricultural industries	62,449	1,498	499	1,997	3.2
Mining	286	1	-	1	.5
Construction	5,049	34	5	39	.8
Manufacturing	11,355	35	31	66	.6
Durable goods	6,833	21	17	38	.5
Nondurable goods	4,521	14	14	29	.6
Transportation and public utilities	4,209	31	8	39	.9
Transportation	2,684	26	5	32	1.2
Communications and other public utilities	1,525	5	3	7	.5
Wholesale and retail trade	18,105	1,055	298	1,353	7.5
Wholesale trade	2,230	9	4	13	.6
Retail trade	15,874	1,046	294	1,340	8.4
Eating and drinking places	5,601	929	180	1,109	19.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	3,010	14	8	22	.7
Services	20,436	328	148	477	2.3
Private households	414	60	6	66	15.8
Other service industries	20,022	269	143	411	2.1
Personal services, except private households	1,829	72	42	114	6.2
Entertainment and recreation services	1,391	52	17	69	5.0
Government workers	9,050	81	61	142	1.6
Federal	1,786	15	7	22	1.2
State	2,382	27	23	50	2.1
Local	4,882	39	30	70	1.4

NOTE: The prevailing Federal minimum wage was \$5.15 per hour in 2002. Data are for wage and salary workers, excluding the incorporated self-employed. They refer to a person's earnings on their sole or principal job, and pertain only to workers who are paid hourly rates. Salaried workers and other nonhourly workers are not included. The presence of workers with hourly earnings below the minimum wage does not

necessarily indicate violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as there are exceptions to the minimum wage provisions of the law. In addition, some survey respondents might have rounded hourly earnings to the nearest dollar, and, as a result, reported hourly earnings below the minimum wage even though they earned the minimum wage or higher.