

## Hourly wages of entry-level and experienced workers by education, 1973-2007 (2007 dollars)

Education/ experience	Hourly wage						Percent change				
	1973	1979	1989	1995	2000	2007	1973-79	1979-89	1989-2000	1995-2000	2000-07
<b>High school</b>											
<i>Men</i>											
Entry*	\$14.34	\$14.41	\$11.61	\$10.78	\$11.79	\$11.79	0.5%	-19.5%	1.5%	9.3%	0.0%
34-40	20.49	20.63	17.95	17.22	17.92	17.96	0.7	-13.0	-0.1	4.1	0.2
49-55	21.59	22.01	20.24	19.45	19.25	19.33	1.9	-8.0	-4.9	-1.0	0.4
<i>Women</i>											
Entry*	\$10.50	\$10.65	\$9.50	\$9.18	\$10.08	\$9.45	1.4%	-10.8%	6.1%	9.8%	-6.3%
34-40	12.05	12.44	12.45	12.60	13.36	13.53	3.2	0.0	7.3	6.1	1.3
49-55	12.56	12.80	13.10	13.21	14.05	14.59	1.9	2.3	7.3	6.3	3.9
<b>College</b>											
<i>Men</i>											
Entry**	\$19.02	\$19.00	\$19.42	\$18.01	\$21.78	\$21.09	-0.1%	2.2%	12.2%	20.9%	-3.2%
38-44	30.69	29.52	28.73	29.45	32.62	34.35	-3.8	-2.7	13.5	10.8	5.3
53-59	31.63	32.72	32.31	32.65	33.60	33.76	3.5	-1.3	4.0	2.9	0.5
<i>Women</i>											
Entry**	\$15.94	\$15.03	\$16.91	\$16.55	\$18.49	\$18.17	-5.7%	12.5%	9.4%	11.7%	-1.7%
38-44	19.01	17.22	19.52	22.01	24.03	25.08	-9.4	13.4	23.1	9.2	4.4
53-59	18.14	17.43	18.95	22.20	23.18	25.02	-3.9	8.8	22.3	4.4	7.9

\* Entry-level wage measured as wage of those from 19 to 25 years of age.

\*\* Entry-level wage measured as wage of those from 23 to 29 years of age.

Source: Authors' analysis of CPS ORG data.

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