

Hourly and weekly earnings of private production and nonsupervisory workers,* 1947-2007 (2007 dollars)

Year	Real average hourly earnings	Real average weekly earnings
1947	\$9.63	\$386.55
1967	15.12	573.10
1973	16.88	622.81
1979	16.88	600.81
1982	16.24	563.45
1989	15.82	545.93
1995	15.74	540.53
2000	16.88	579.22
2007	17.42	589.72

Business cycles	Annual growth rate	
1947-67	2.3%	2.0%
1967-73	1.8	1.4
1973-79	0.0	-0.6
1979-89	-0.6	-1.0
1989-2000	0.6	0.5
1989-95	-0.1	-0.2
1995-2000	1.4	1.4
2000-07	0.4	0.3
2002-07	0.2	0.2
1979-2007	0.1	-0.1

* Production and nonsupervisory workers account for more than 80% of wage and salary employment.

Source: Authors' analysis of BLS (2008b) data.

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