

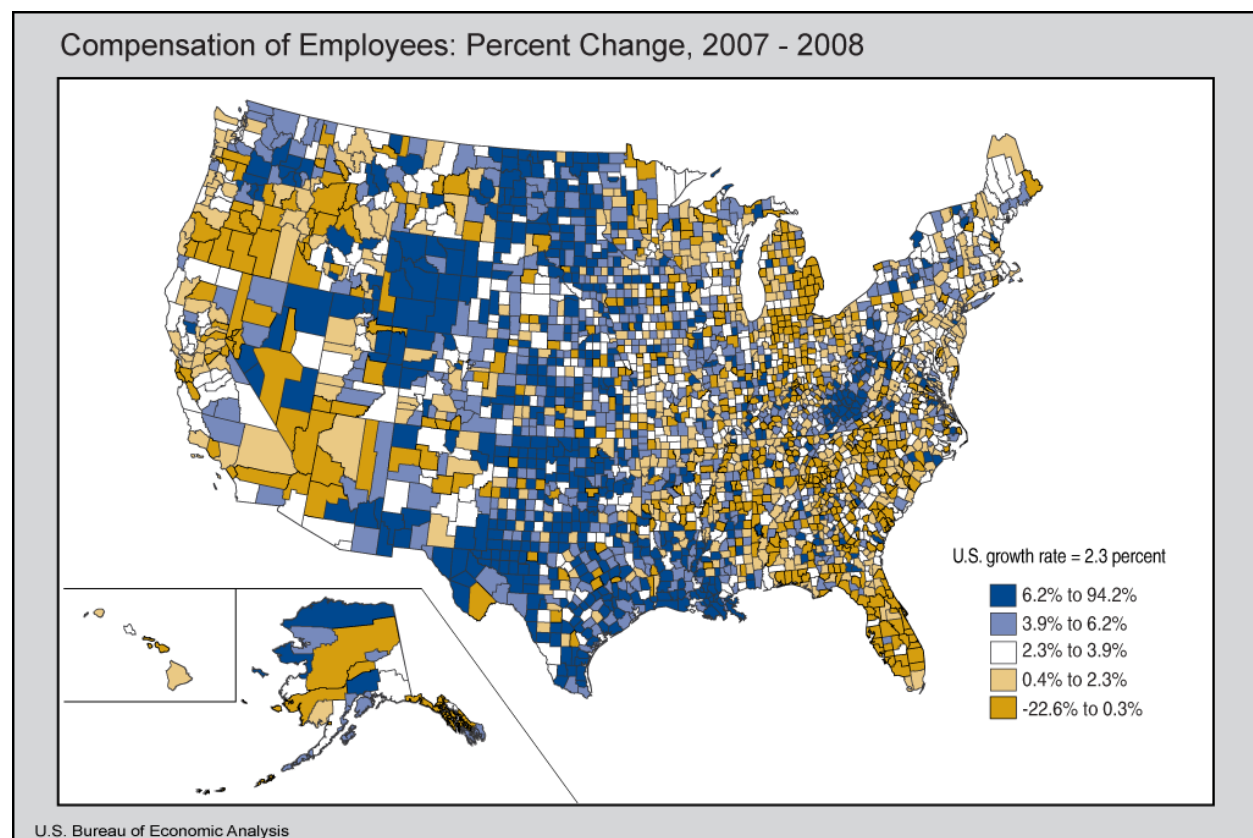
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County Compensation by Industry, 2008

Compensation grew in over 80 percent of the 3,112 counties in the U.S., as the average annual compensation per job in the U.S. grew by 2.6 percent to \$56,116, according to statistics released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).¹ Total compensation of U.S. workers grew 2.3 percent in 2008, as net job losses partially offset compensation growth. Inflation measured by the national price index for personal consumption expenditures, grew 3.3 percent.



¹Beginning with 2008 statistics, two new county equivalents were created for Alaska: Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (02-105) and Skagway Municipality (02-230). These county equivalents take the place of the former Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (02-232).

Large counties, those with at least \$10 billion in total compensation, represent 5.4 percent of the 3,112 counties in the U.S., but account for almost two-thirds (65.9 percent) of total national compensation. In these 168 counties, all metropolitan:

- Total compensation grew by 1.9 percent in 2008, ranging from -5.9 percent in Lee County, Florida to 16.8 percent in St. Louis City, Missouri
- Average annual compensation per job grew by 2.3 percent in 2008, ranging from \$42,730 in El Paso County, Texas to \$117,509 in New York County (Manhattan), New York
- The mining sector had the largest rate of growth for total compensation in 2008 at 14.1 percent, while the real estate and rental and leasing sector had the largest rate of contraction at -2.3 percent
- The professional, scientific, and technical services sector represented the largest share of 2008 total compensation at 10.7 percent

Medium sized counties, those with total compensation of at least \$1 billion and less than \$10 billion, represent 21.8 percent of all U.S. counties, and account for 25.8 percent of total national compensation. In these 679 counties:

- Total compensation grew by 2.9 percent in 2008, ranging from -10.2 percent in Howard County, Indiana to 17.6 percent in Lea County, New Mexico
- Average annual compensation per job grew by 3.1 percent in 2008, ranging from \$32,827 in Sevier County, Tennessee to \$98,417 in North Slope Borough, Alaska
- The mining sector had the largest rate of growth for total compensation in 2008 at 15.1 percent, while the real estate and rental and leasing sector had the largest rate of contraction at -1.1 percent
- The health care and social assistance sector represented the largest share of 2008 total compensation at 11.7 percent

Small counties, those with total compensation of less than \$1 billion, represent the remaining 72.8 percent of all U.S. counties, but account for only 8.3 percent of total national compensation. In these 2,265 counties:

- Total compensation grew by 3.1 percent in 2008, ranging from -22.6 percent in Jenkins County, Georgia to 94.2 percent in Trimble County, Kentucky
- Average annual compensation per job grew by 3.7 percent in 2008, ranging from \$27,285 in Petroleum County, Montana to \$91,585 in Eureka County, Nevada
- The mining sector had the largest rate of growth for total compensation in 2008 at 14.9 percent, while durable manufacturing sector had the largest rate of contraction at -2.0 percent
- The local government sector represented the largest share of 2008 total compensation at 16.5 percent

The compensation by industry statistics cover 28 industries for 3,112 counties.² The 2006–2007 statistics have been revised to incorporate newly available source data, while the 2008 statistics are released for the first time.

²The level of industry detail in these county estimates of compensation was reduced from a NAICS subsector level (3-digit codes) to a NAICS sector level (2-digit codes) beginning with 2008 statistics. See [Programmatic Impacts of BEA's FY2008 Appropriations on the Regional Economic Accounts Directorate](#) for more information.

In addition to the county statistics, BEA is releasing compensation by industry for metropolitan areas, metropolitan divisions, micropolitan areas, combined statistical areas, and BEA economic areas. Table CA06, Compensation of Employees by Industry, for all areas for 1998–2008 can be accessed interactively at www.bea.gov/regional/reis.

Tables presenting the comprehensive measure of personal income for local areas—including CA05, Personal Income by Major Source and Earnings by Industry—will be released April 22, 2010.

Definitions

Compensation is the income received by employees as remuneration for their work. Compensation is the sum of wage and salary disbursements and supplements to wages and salaries. Supplements to wages and salaries consist of employer contributions for government social insurance and employer contributions for employee pension and insurance funds. Compensation is reported by place of work.

Average compensation per job is compensation of employees received, divided by total full-time and part-time wage and salary employment.

The **metropolitan area definitions** used by BEA for its entire series of personal income statistics are the county-based definitions developed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for federal statistical purposes and last updated in November 2008. OMB's general concept of a metropolitan area is that of a geographic area consisting of a large population nucleus together with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with the nucleus. Detailed personal income statistics for metropolitan statistical areas, micropolitan statistical areas, metropolitan divisions, and combined statistical areas are available on the BEA Web site at www.bea.gov.

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County	State	2007 Total Compensation (millions of dollars)	2008 Total Compensation (millions of dollars)	Percent Change	2007 Average Compensation per job (dollars)	2008 Average Compensation per job (dollars)	Percent Change
New York	NY	290,435	294,403	1.4	116,961	117,509	0.5
Los Angeles	CA	276,760	280,828	1.5	62,664	64,265	2.6
Cook	IL	180,529	182,766	1.2	66,254	67,666	2.1
Harris	TX	141,794	150,541	6.2	66,608	68,864	3.4
Dallas	TX	101,776	104,381	2.6	65,230	66,228	1.5
Maricopa	AZ	102,671	101,864	-0.8	53,691	54,803	2.1
Orange	CA	100,496	100,427	-0.1	62,624	63,860	2.0
San Diego	CA	91,679	94,805	3.4	61,025	63,293	3.7
Santa Clara	CA	93,349	92,573	-0.8	98,895	97,323	-1.6
King	WA	86,976	89,628	3.0	69,652	70,780	1.6
District of Columbia	DC	67,166	70,412	4.8	92,216	95,881	4.0
Middlesex	MA	65,607	67,782	3.3	74,807	76,453	2.2
Hennepin	MN	61,342	63,296	3.2	67,611	70,078	3.6
Miami-Dade	FL	61,145	61,655	0.8	54,869	56,167	2.4
Fulton	GA	59,700	59,325	-0.6	72,877	73,558	0.9
Fairfax, Fairfax City + Falls Church	VA	55,381	57,169	3.2	81,852	84,229	2.9
Suffolk	MA	54,791	56,563	3.2	87,539	89,469	2.2
San Francisco	CA	53,036	54,698	3.1	90,713	91,975	1.4
Alameda	CA	52,041	52,242	0.4	71,916	72,793	1.2
Clark	NV	51,329	51,201	-0.3	53,319	54,133	1.5
Wayne	MI	49,287	48,799	-1.0	60,831	62,150	2.2
Oakland	MI	45,919	45,965	0.1	61,881	63,601	2.8
Tarrant	TX	44,095	45,203	2.5	54,647	55,117	0.9
Philadelphia	PA	43,399	44,993	3.7	62,846	64,964	3.4
Cuyahoga	OH	44,287	44,436	0.3	56,185	57,355	2.1
Allegheny	PA	41,904	42,980	2.6	56,882	58,222	2.4
Broward	FL	42,920	42,560	-0.8	52,175	53,183	1.9
Fairfield	CT	42,705	42,380	-0.8	93,058	92,837	-0.2
Sacramento	CA	40,475	41,359	2.2	60,872	63,439	4.2
Du Page	IL	40,956	41,321	0.9	64,584	65,577	1.5
Bexar	TX	39,088	40,543	3.7	49,596	50,428	1.7
Suffolk	NY	38,564	40,291	4.5	58,908	61,339	4.1
Franklin	OH	39,654	40,287	1.6	53,453	54,792	2.5
Nassau	NY	39,373	39,639	0.7	61,258	61,735	0.8
Mecklenburg	NC	38,913	39,510	1.5	64,718	65,260	0.8
St. Louis	MO	38,496	39,454	2.5	58,355	60,033	2.9
Orange	FL	37,881	38,145	0.7	50,814	51,999	2.3
Montgomery	MD	37,185	38,012	2.2	74,250	76,015	2.4
Hartford	CT	36,692	37,042	1.0	68,507	68,613	0.2
Hillsborough	FL	36,726	36,527	-0.5	53,068	55,171	4.0
Travis	TX	35,069	36,353	3.7	58,324	59,358	1.8
Marion	IN	35,247	36,105	2.4	55,999	57,597	2.9
Montgomery	PA	35,291	35,955	1.9	67,652	68,565	1.3
San Bernardino	CA	35,328	35,707	1.1	49,611	51,119	3.0
Westchester	NY	33,167	33,570	1.2	74,053	74,752	0.9
Hamilton	OH	32,217	33,086	2.7	58,582	60,409	3.1

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Bergen	NJ	32,593	32,875	0.9	67,380	68,821	2.1
Denver	CO	31,726	32,826	3.5	66,782	68,302	2.3
Salt Lake	UT	32,016	32,769	2.4	51,436	52,372	1.8
San Mateo	CA	31,750	31,858	0.3	87,574	87,654	0.1
Palm Beach	FL	33,056	31,805	-3.8	53,600	54,853	2.3
Riverside	CA	31,845	31,258	-1.8	47,553	48,614	2.2
Shelby	TN	30,115	30,320	0.7	54,608	55,705	2.0
Milwaukee	WI	29,179	30,193	3.5	54,464	56,246	3.3
Queens	NY	29,241	30,079	2.9	54,587	55,258	1.2
Middlesex	NJ	29,043	29,479	1.5	66,849	68,779	2.9
Duval	FL	29,737	29,424	-1.1	56,547	57,062	0.9
Honolulu	HI	28,431	29,400	3.4	55,012	57,020	3.7
Multnomah	OR	26,708	27,478	2.9	55,782	57,073	2.3
Essex	NJ	26,946	27,344	1.5	69,209	70,346	1.6
Wake	NC	25,952	26,929	3.8	54,198	55,648	2.7
Lake	IL	26,519	26,561	0.2	71,303	71,141	-0.2
Contra Costa	CA	25,427	25,647	0.9	69,583	71,423	2.6
Davidson	TN	24,790	25,305	2.1	54,714	56,695	3.6
Kings	NY	23,856	24,833	4.1	46,819	47,758	2.0
Oklahoma	OK	23,127	24,573	6.3	50,822	53,180	4.6
Jefferson	KY	24,149	24,233	0.3	52,070	52,873	1.5
Morris	NJ	23,829	24,079	1.0	77,760	79,288	2.0
Baltimore (Independent City)	MD	23,229	23,968	3.2	63,639	66,441	4.4
Erie	NY	23,069	23,890	3.6	48,526	49,653	2.3
Baltimore	MD	23,358	23,493	0.6	58,067	58,825	1.3
Jackson	MO	22,291	23,199	4.1	55,915	57,817	3.4
New Haven	CT	22,613	23,075	2.0	57,008	58,406	2.5
Pinellas	FL	22,795	22,556	-1.0	47,767	49,692	4.0
Norfolk	MA	21,906	22,396	2.2	63,937	65,550	2.5
Jefferson	AL	21,597	21,948	1.6	54,062	55,691	3.0
Prince George's	MD	21,091	21,790	3.3	61,066	63,357	3.8
Monroe	NY	21,077	21,543	2.2	52,722	53,777	2.0
Ramsey	MN	20,678	21,265	2.8	58,307	59,872	2.7
Cobb	GA	20,139	20,404	1.3	58,433	59,174	1.3
Hudson	NJ	19,241	20,126	4.6	74,701	78,152	4.6
Pima	AZ	19,469	19,990	2.7	48,201	50,048	3.8
Anne Arundel	MD	19,252	19,965	3.7	66,318	68,409	3.2
Ventura	CA	20,524	19,910	-3.0	60,380	59,600	-1.3
Collin	TX	18,781	19,862	5.8	62,420	63,181	1.2
Johnson	KS	19,145	19,604	2.4	56,286	57,742	2.6
Tulsa	OK	18,719	19,556	4.5	50,548	52,019	2.9
New Castle	DE	19,369	19,519	0.8	63,382	64,199	1.3
Arapahoe	CO	19,160	19,509	1.8	64,112	64,936	1.3
De Kalb	GA	18,881	19,224	1.8	58,095	59,099	1.7
Gwinnett	GA	19,602	19,175	-2.2	55,695	55,584	-0.2
Worcester	MA	18,331	18,872	3.0	53,847	55,569	3.2
Douglas	NE	18,177	18,758	3.2	52,716	53,594	1.7

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Chester	PA	18,180	18,611	2.4	69,900	70,799	1.3
Macomb	MI	19,055	18,523	-2.8	56,866	57,658	1.4
Essex	MA	17,977	18,384	2.3	57,136	58,244	1.9
Pierce	WA	17,366	18,322	5.5	53,850	56,367	4.7
St. Louis (Independent City)	MO	15,689	18,319	16.8	60,892	70,629	16.0
Bernalillo	NM	17,646	18,193	3.1	48,909	50,513	3.3
Union	NJ	17,609	17,734	0.7	69,907	71,020	1.6
Dane	WI	16,909	17,507	3.5	51,377	53,070	3.3
Kent	MI	17,371	17,453	0.5	48,709	49,877	2.4
Arlington	VA	16,669	17,326	3.9	96,115	98,063	2.0
Fresno	CA	16,570	17,035	2.8	45,414	47,023	3.5
Mercer	NJ	15,853	16,841	6.2	69,147	72,916	5.5
Providence	RI	16,450	16,760	1.9	53,985	56,327	4.3
Somerset	NJ	16,098	16,706	3.8	86,422	89,823	3.9
Washington	OR	16,242	16,508	1.6	61,166	62,635	2.4
Monmouth	NJ	16,043	16,357	2.0	57,554	58,850	2.3
El Paso	CO	15,591	16,142	3.5	54,169	56,096	3.6
Snohomish	WA	15,721	15,992	1.7	56,958	57,731	1.4
Polk	IA	15,134	15,651	3.4	52,811	54,155	2.5
Kern	CA	14,781	15,479	4.7	50,013	52,125	4.2
Bucks	PA	14,943	15,276	2.2	52,396	54,222	3.5
Guilford	NC	14,639	14,947	2.1	48,863	50,105	2.5
Summit	OH	14,425	14,763	2.3	49,750	50,909	2.3
Sedgwick	KS	14,097	14,643	3.9	51,445	52,518	2.1
East Baton Rouge	LA	13,762	14,642	6.4	49,741	52,858	6.3
Pulaski	AR	14,637	14,554	-0.6	53,538	52,960	-1.1
Montgomery	OH	14,599	14,493	-0.7	51,414	52,230	1.6
Durham	NC	13,946	14,269	2.3	71,567	72,651	1.5
Albany	NY	13,324	13,960	4.8	55,846	58,231	4.3
Norfolk (Independent City)	VA	13,738	13,901	1.2	65,495	66,950	2.2
Waukesha	WI	13,644	13,846	1.5	54,966	56,059	2.0
Onondaga	NY	13,470	13,795	2.4	50,973	52,140	2.3
Delaware	PA	12,777	13,221	3.5	55,832	57,591	3.2
El Paso	TX	12,470	13,125	5.3	41,650	42,730	2.6
Bronx	NY	12,443	13,113	5.4	51,401	53,029	3.2
Burlington	NJ	12,833	13,105	2.1	57,923	59,790	3.2
Jefferson	CO	12,460	12,933	3.8	55,407	57,379	3.6
Greenville	SC	12,508	12,907	3.2	47,731	48,989	2.6
Hillsborough	NH	12,545	12,876	2.6	59,651	61,530	3.1
Camden	NJ	12,410	12,638	1.8	55,576	56,935	2.4
Richland	SC	12,162	12,544	3.1	50,310	52,126	3.6
Charleston	SC	11,803	12,153	3.0	49,162	50,367	2.5
Madison	AL	11,124	11,870	6.7	57,480	59,927	4.3
Orleans	LA	10,994	11,866	7.9	58,759	60,622	3.2
Knox	TN	11,342	11,643	2.6	45,868	46,624	1.6
Brevard	FL	11,566	11,589	0.2	51,659	53,459	3.5

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San Joaquin	CA	11,334	11,525	1.7	48,746	50,567	3.7
Kane	IL	11,301	11,425	1.1	50,159	51,481	2.6
Bristol	MA	11,096	11,415	2.9	48,220	50,327	4.4
Washtenaw	MI	11,736	11,382	-3.0	57,704	57,156	-0.9
Lancaster	PA	11,008	11,346	3.1	44,970	46,367	3.1
Washoe	NV	11,572	11,294	-2.4	51,138	52,198	2.1
Cumberland	NC	10,450	11,285	8.0	59,703	62,967	5.5
Henrico	VA	11,272	11,281	0.1	58,556	59,000	0.8
Boulder	CO	10,874	11,196	3.0	62,639	63,557	1.5
Lucas	OH	11,347	11,112	-2.1	48,173	48,650	1.0
Sonoma	CA	10,977	11,060	0.8	53,897	55,344	2.7
Jefferson	LA	10,590	11,006	3.9	50,030	51,669	3.3
Ada	ID	11,196	10,973	-2.0	50,028	49,644	-0.8
Santa Barbara	CA	10,647	10,881	2.2	52,957	54,211	2.4
Richmond (Independent City)	VA	10,639	10,868	2.2	62,796	64,610	2.9
Spokane	WA	10,517	10,858	3.2	45,937	47,330	3.0
Will	IL	10,170	10,776	6.0	49,147	50,782	3.3
Hampden	MA	10,370	10,769	3.9	50,194	52,201	4.0
Passaic	NJ	10,621	10,759	1.3	56,103	57,341	2.2
Anchorage Municipality	AK	10,243	10,755	5.0	62,283	64,524	3.6
Lee	FL	11,409	10,731	-5.9	47,154	47,803	1.4
Lake	IN	10,189	10,696	5.0	48,539	51,112	5.3
Dauphin	PA	10,184	10,454	2.7	52,349	53,515	2.2
Howard	MD	10,036	10,361	3.2	63,221	64,905	2.7
Virginia Beach (Independent City)	VA	10,222	10,352	1.3	48,630	50,124	3.1
Lehigh	PA	10,239	10,313	0.7	54,181	54,593	0.8
Forsyth	NC	10,007	10,220	2.1	50,218	51,286	2.1
Bell	TX	9,328	10,150	8.8	59,332	61,889	4.3
Dakota	MN	9,947	10,148	2.0	52,651	54,306	3.1