

Table 1. Indexes of hourly compensation costs for production workers in manufacturing, 33 countries or areas and selected economic groups, selected years, 1975-2005

Country or area	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005
Americas										
United States.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Brazil.....	-	-	-	-	-	18	12	12	14	17
Canada.....	99	92	88	110	96	84	78	88	95	101
Mexico.....	24	23	12	11	10	11	12	11	11	11
Asia and Oceania										
Australia.....	91	88	64	88	89	73	72	89	102	105
Hong Kong SAR (1).....	12	16	14	22	28	28	27	25	24	24
Israel.....	33	35	29	52	55	58	52	52	53	53
Japan.....	48	57	49	85	137	112	87	91	96	92
Korea, Republic of.....	5	10	10	25	42	42	41	44	49	57
New Zealand.....	53	56	36	57	60	43	43	53	60	63
Singapore.....	13	16	20	25	44	37	31	32	32	32
Sri Lanka.....	5	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	-
Taiwan.....	6	11	12	26	35	32	26	26	26	27
Europe										
Austria.....	73	92	60	121	147	97	97	115	125	124
Belgium.....	94	122	65	121	149	102	102	120	132	130
Czech Republic.....	-	-	-	-	15	14	18	21	24	26
Denmark.....	101	112	64	124	147	111	114	136	151	150
Finland.....	75	86	65	143	142	99	102	122	134	135
France.....	73	92	59	104	112	79	80	95	105	104
Germany.....	-	-	-	-	175	115	114	134	142	140
Greece.....	27	39	29	46	53	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary.....	-	-	-	-	16	14	18	21	25	26
Ireland.....	50	63	47	79	80	65	72	86	96	96
Italy.....	75	84	60	117	91	70	69	82	90	89
Luxembourg.....	101	120	59	108	137	89	88	104	116	117
Netherlands.....	107	125	69	121	140	98	104	124	135	135
Norway.....	112	123	82	147	145	115	131	147	160	166
Poland.....	-	-	-	-	-	14	15	16	17	19
Portugal.....	25	21	12	24	30	23	24	28	31	31
Spain.....	41	61	36	76	74	54	56	68	75	75
Sweden.....	116	129	76	140	126	103	95	113	125	121
Switzerland.....	98	114	75	139	168	107	111	125	132	129
United Kingdom.....	54	78	49	85	80	86	86	96	109	109
Trade-weighted measures (2)										
All foreign economies (3).....	62	67	52	80	87	70	65	73	79	80
OECD (3,4).....	67	73	56	85	92	74	70	79	85	86
Europe (3).....	79	99	61	113	123	90	91	107	117	116
European Union-15 (5).....	78	98	60	112	123	91	92	107	118	116
Asian NIEs (6).....	8	12	13	25	39	36	33	34	36	39

Dash means data not available.

(1) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

(2) For a description of trade-weighted measures and economic groups, see the Technical Notes preceding these tables.

(3) Data for the Czech Republic for 1975-1994, for Hungary for 1975-1993, and for Poland 1975-1996 are not included.

(4) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

(5) European Union-15 refers to European Union member countries prior to the expansion of the European Union to 25 countries on May 1, 2004.

(6) The Asian NIEs are Hong Kong SAR, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, November 2006.

Table 2. Hourly compensation costs in U.S. dollars for production workers in manufacturing, 33 countries or areas and selected economic groups, selected years, 1975-2005

Country or area	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Americas</b>										
United States.....	6.16	9.63	12.71	14.81	17.17	19.65	21.33	22.20	22.82	23.65
Brazil.....	-	-	-	-	-	3.50	2.57	2.74	3.15	4.09
Canada.....	6.11	8.87	11.20	16.33	16.50	16.48	16.72	19.53	21.77	23.82
Mexico.....	1.46	2.20	1.59	1.57	1.70	2.07	2.49	2.44	2.44	2.63
<b>Asia and Oceania</b>										
Australia.....	5.60	8.44	8.18	13.09	15.36	14.40	15.38	19.79	23.38	24.91
Hong Kong SAR (1).....	0.75	1.50	1.73	3.22	4.80	5.45	5.66	5.54	5.51	5.65
Israel.....	2.02	3.41	3.65	7.69	9.41	11.41	11.00	11.62	12.01	12.42
Japan.....	2.97	5.46	6.27	12.59	23.47	21.93	18.60	20.26	21.84	21.76
Korea, Republic of.....	0.32	0.95	1.23	3.70	7.28	8.23	8.77	9.69	11.13	13.56
New Zealand.....	3.28	5.44	4.55	8.48	10.35	8.38	9.10	11.69	13.65	14.97
Singapore.....	0.83	1.53	2.52	3.74	7.57	7.18	6.71	7.18	7.38	7.66
Sri Lanka.....	0.28	0.22	0.28	0.35	0.48	0.48	0.49	0.51	0.52	-
Taiwan.....	0.38	1.03	1.51	3.91	5.99	6.19	5.64	5.69	5.98	6.38
<b>Europe</b>										
Austria.....	4.50	8.87	7.57	17.91	25.26	19.14	20.71	25.51	28.53	29.42
Belgium.....	5.77	11.74	8.21	17.85	25.67	20.13	21.77	26.55	30.01	30.79
Czech Republic.....	-	-	-	-	2.63	2.83	3.83	4.72	5.45	6.11
Denmark.....	6.24	10.77	8.10	18.35	25.28	21.87	24.31	30.22	34.46	35.47
Finland.....	4.63	8.30	8.20	21.15	24.31	19.44	21.78	27.10	30.67	31.93
France.....	4.50	8.90	7.48	15.36	19.26	15.46	17.13	21.14	23.89	24.63
Germany.....	-	-	-	-	30.10	22.67	24.22	29.64	32.50	33.00
Greece.....	1.69	3.73	3.67	6.82	9.07	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary.....	-	-	-	-	2.69	2.79	3.92	4.76	5.63	6.07
Ireland.....	3.06	6.02	6.00	11.77	13.75	12.72	15.26	19.09	21.94	22.76
Italy.....	4.64	8.09	7.56	17.28	15.69	13.84	14.75	18.11	20.48	21.05
Luxembourg.....	6.22	11.51	7.48	16.00	23.56	17.51	18.71	23.12	26.57	27.68
Netherlands.....	6.58	12.05	8.73	17.98	24.03	19.33	22.12	27.47	30.76	31.81
Norway.....	6.90	11.80	10.47	21.76	24.84	22.56	27.93	32.73	36.41	39.14
Poland.....	-	-	-	-	-	2.81	3.29	3.52	3.85	4.54
Portugal.....	1.52	1.98	1.46	3.59	5.09	4.49	5.07	6.24	7.02	7.33
Spain.....	2.52	5.86	4.64	11.30	12.70	10.65	11.95	15.01	17.14	17.78
Sweden.....	7.14	12.44	9.61	20.81	21.68	20.18	20.23	25.19	28.42	28.73
Switzerland.....	6.03	10.96	9.55	20.63	28.90	20.95	23.77	27.78	30.21	30.50
United Kingdom.....	3.35	7.52	6.22	12.61	13.79	16.84	18.36	21.33	24.76	25.66
<b>Trade-weighted measures (2)</b>										
All foreign economies (3).....	3.82	6.49	6.61	11.83	14.99	13.66	13.90	16.19	17.95	18.89
OECD (3,4).....	4.13	7.00	7.08	12.62	15.85	14.59	14.92	17.47	19.43	20.43
Europe (3).....	4.87	9.49	7.72	16.80	21.19	17.77	19.48	23.70	26.62	27.33
European Union-15 (5).....	4.80	9.40	7.61	16.58	21.07	17.89	19.53	23.83	26.81	27.52
Asian NIEs (6).....	0.49	1.15	1.62	3.71	6.62	7.06	7.04	7.49	8.16	9.28

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(2) For a description of trade-weighted measures and economic groups, see the Technical Notes preceding these tables.

(3) Data for the Czech Republic for 1975-1994, for Hungary for 1975-1993, and for Poland 1975-1996 are not included.

(4) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

(5) European Union-15 refers to European Union member countries prior to the expansion of the European Union to 25 countries on May 1, 2004.

(6) The Asian NIEs are Hong Kong SAR, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, November 2006.

Table 3. Annual percent change in hourly compensation costs in U.S. dollars for production workers in manufacturing, 33 countries or areas and selected economic groups, selected years, 1975-2005

Country or area	1975- 2005(1)	1975- 1980	1980- 1985	1985- 1990	1990- 1995	1995- 2000	2000- 2005	2003	2004	2005
<b>Americas</b>										
United States.....	4.6	9.3	5.7	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.8	4.1	2.8	3.6
Brazil.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	6.7	14.9	29.9
Canada.....	4.6	7.7	4.8	7.8	.2	.0	7.6	16.8	11.4	9.4
Mexico.....	2.0	8.5	-6.3	-.2	1.5	4.0	4.9	-2.0	.0	7.9
<b>Asia and Oceania</b>										
Australia.....	5.1	8.6	-.6	9.9	3.3	-1.3	11.6	28.7	18.1	6.5
Hong Kong SAR (2).....	6.9	14.8	2.8	13.2	8.3	2.6	.7	-2.2	-.6	2.6
Israel.....	6.2	11.0	1.4	16.1	4.1	3.9	1.7	5.6	3.4	3.5
Japan.....	6.9	13.0	2.8	14.9	13.3	-1.3	-.2	8.9	7.8	-.4
Korea, Republic of.....	13.3	24.3	5.2	24.6	14.5	2.5	10.5	10.5	14.9	21.8
New Zealand.....	5.2	10.7	-3.5	13.3	4.1	-4.1	12.3	28.5	16.8	9.7
Singapore.....	7.7	12.9	10.6	8.2	15.1	-1.0	1.3	7.0	2.8	3.8
Sri Lanka.....	2.1	-5.0	5.2	4.7	6.4	.0	-	3.1	1.9	-
Taiwan.....	9.8	21.8	8.0	21.0	8.9	.7	.6	1.0	4.9	6.8
<b>Europe</b>										
Austria.....	6.5	14.5	-3.1	18.8	7.1	-5.4	9.0	23.2	11.8	3.1
Belgium.....	5.7	15.3	-6.9	16.8	7.5	-4.7	8.9	21.9	13.1	2.6
Czech Republic.....	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	16.6	23.3	15.4	12.1
Denmark.....	6.0	11.5	-5.5	17.8	6.6	-2.8	10.1	24.3	14.0	2.9
Finland.....	6.6	12.4	-.2	20.9	2.8	-4.4	10.4	24.4	13.2	4.1
France.....	5.8	14.6	-3.4	15.5	4.6	-4.3	9.8	23.5	13.0	3.1
Germany.....	-	-	-	-	-	-5.5	7.8	22.4	9.7	1.5
Greece.....	7.4	17.2	-.3	13.2	5.9	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary.....	-	-	-	-	-	.8	16.8	21.3	18.3	7.8
Ireland.....	6.9	14.5	-.1	14.4	3.2	-1.5	12.3	25.1	14.9	3.7
Italy.....	5.2	11.8	-1.3	18.0	-1.9	-2.5	8.7	22.8	13.1	2.8
Luxembourg.....	5.1	13.1	-8.3	16.4	8.0	-5.8	9.6	23.6	14.9	4.2
Netherlands.....	5.4	12.9	-6.2	15.6	6.0	-4.3	10.5	24.2	12.0	3.4
Norway.....	6.0	11.3	-2.4	15.8	2.7	-1.9	11.7	17.2	11.2	7.5
Poland.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.1	6.9	9.3	17.9
Portugal.....	5.4	5.4	-5.8	19.7	7.3	-2.5	10.3	23.1	12.6	4.5
Spain.....	6.7	18.4	-4.6	19.5	2.4	-3.5	10.8	25.6	14.2	3.8
Sweden.....	4.8	11.7	-5.0	16.7	.8	-1.4	7.3	24.5	12.8	1.1
Switzerland.....	5.6	12.7	-2.7	16.7	7.0	-6.2	7.8	16.9	8.7	1.0
United Kingdom.....	7.0	17.5	-3.7	15.2	1.8	4.1	8.8	16.2	16.1	3.6
<b>Trade-weighted measures (3)</b>										
All foreign economies (4).....	5.7	12.1	.2	11.6	4.9	-.1	6.3	12.9	9.0	6.1
OECD (4,5).....	5.4	11.7	-.4	11.3	4.4	-.3	6.8	13.9	9.6	6.2
Europe (4).....	6.1	14.5	-3.8	16.7	4.5	-2.7	9.1	21.7	12.6	2.8
European Union-15 (6).....	6.1	14.6	-3.9	16.7	4.4	-2.6	9.1	22.0	12.8	2.8
Asian NIEs (7).....	10.4	20.2	6.7	19.0	12.1	1.3	4.6	5.3	7.6	11.5

Rates of change based on compound rate method.

Dash means data not available.

(1) 1975-2004 for Sri Lanka. 1975-1998 for Greece.

(2) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

(3) Trade-weighted percent changes computed as the trade-weighted average of the rates of change for the individual countries or areas. For description of trade-weighted measures and economic groups, see the Technical Notes preceding these tables.

(4) Data for the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland are not included for 1975-2004, 1975-1980, 1980-1985, 1985-1990, and 1990-1995. Data for Poland also are not included for 1995-2000.

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(7) The Asian NIEs are Hong Kong SAR, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

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Table 4. Annual percent change in hourly compensation costs in national currency for production workers in manufacturing, 33 countries or areas and selected economic groups, selected years, 1975-2005

Country or area	1975- 2005(1)	1975- 1980	1980- 1985	1985- 1990	1990- 1995	1995- 2000	2000- 2005	2003	2004	2005
<b>Americas</b>										
United States.....	4.6	9.3	5.7	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.8	4.1	2.8	3.6
Brazil.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.2	12.3	9.3	8.1
Canada.....	5.3	10.8	8.1	4.5	3.5	1.6	3.3	4.2	3.6	1.9
Mexico.....	27.8	22.5	51.8	61.1	19.7	12.4	7.9	9.4	4.6	4.1
<b>Asia and Oceania</b>										
Australia.....	7.0	11.6	9.6	7.5	4.3	3.6	5.7	7.2	4.6	2.9
Hong Kong SAR (2).....	8.6	14.9	12.5	13.2	8.2	2.7	.7	-2.3	-.6	2.4
Israel.....	42.7	68.3	200.9	29.2	12.8	10.4	3.7	1.5	1.7	3.6
Japan.....	3.4	7.0	3.9	4.1	3.8	1.4	.3	.8	.6	1.4
Korea, Republic of.....	16.1	30.0	13.1	19.6	16.5	10.6	8.3	5.4	10.3	8.9
New Zealand.....	7.1	15.6	10.3	9.2	2.1	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.3	3.4
Singapore.....	6.4	10.6	11.2	4.1	9.6	2.9	.6	4.1	-.3	2.2
Sri Lanka.....	12.0	12.7	16.2	13.1	11.7	8.5	-	4.0	6.8	-
Taiwan.....	9.2	20.5	10.2	11.8	8.5	4.1	1.2	.6	1.8	2.8
<b>Europe</b>										
Austria.....	4.9	7.9	6.4	5.3	4.6	2.3	2.7	2.9	1.8	3.0
Belgium.....	5.3	10.1	7.3	4.1	4.9	3.1	2.6	1.8	2.9	2.5
Czech Republic.....	-	-	-	-	-	9.4	6.0	6.2	5.2	4.5
Denmark.....	6.1	11.1	7.2	5.8	4.5	4.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.0
Finland.....	7.6	12.7	10.5	9.8	5.6	3.3	4.0	3.9	3.0	4.0
France.....	6.6	14.3	12.3	4.5	2.8	2.7	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.0
Germany.....	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	1.5	2.2	-.2	1.4
Greece.....	18.3	23.9	26.1	16.4	14.2	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary.....	-	-	-	-	-	18.5	9.0	5.5	7.0	6.2
Ireland.....	8.1	16.2	14.0	4.8	3.8	4.8	5.8	4.5	4.6	3.6
Italy.....	8.3	18.0	15.8	7.5	4.3	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.7
Luxembourg.....	4.7	8.0	5.7	3.8	5.4	2.0	3.2	3.2	4.6	4.1
Netherlands.....	4.2	7.6	3.9	2.5	3.3	3.7	4.1	3.7	1.9	3.3
Norway.....	6.7	10.1	9.1	8.6	3.0	4.8	4.9	3.9	5.9	2.7
Poland.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7	1.9	2.8	4.3
Portugal.....	12.1	20.7	20.5	15.3	8.3	5.0	3.9	2.8	2.5	4.4
Spain.....	9.8	23.8	13.4	7.9	6.6	3.9	4.4	4.8	3.9	3.7
Sweden.....	6.8	12.2	9.5	8.3	4.7	3.6	3.0	3.5	2.6	2.8
Switzerland.....	3.0	3.4	5.0	4.1	3.5	.7	1.4	1.0	.5	1.2
United Kingdom.....	7.7	16.5	8.2	8.1	4.3	4.9	4.9	6.7	3.5	4.3
<b>Trade-weighted measures (3)</b>										
All foreign economies (4).....	10.2	15.0	18.4	15.6	7.6	3.7	3.8	4.3	3.1	2.9
OECD (4,5).....	9.8	14.0	15.9	15.8	7.5	3.6	4.0	4.6	3.3	2.9
Europe (4).....	5.7	12.4	8.8	5.8	4.4	.3	3.3	3.6	2.3	2.9
European Union-15 (6).....	5.8	12.8	9.0	5.8	4.5	.2	3.4	3.7	2.4	3.0
Asian NIEs (7).....	11.3	21.6	11.8	13.6	11.8	6.2	3.7	2.7	4.4	5.0

Rates of change based on compound rate method.

Dash means data not available.

(1) 1975-2004 for Sri Lanka. 1975-1998 for Greece.

(2) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

(3) Trade-weighted percent changes computed as the trade-weighted average of the rates of change for the individual countries or areas. For description of trade-weighted measures and economic groups, see the Technical Notes preceding these tables.

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(7) The Asian NIEs are Hong Kong SAR, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

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Table 5. Annual percent change in exchange rates (U.S. dollars per national currency unit), 33 countries or areas and selected economic groups, selected years, 1975-2005

Country or area	1975- 2005(1)	1975- 1980	1980- 1985	1985- 1990	1990- 1995	1995- 2000	2000- 2005	2003	2004	2005
Americas										
United States.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.6	-5.0	5.1	20.2
Canada.....	-0.6	-2.7	-3.1	3.2	-3.2	-1.6	4.2	12.1	7.6	7.4
Mexico.....	-20.2	-11.5	-38.3	-38.0	-15.2	-7.5	-2.8	-10.5	-4.4	3.7
Asia and Oceania										
Australia.....	-1.8	-2.7	-9.3	2.2	-1.0	-4.7	5.6	20.0	12.9	3.6
Hong Kong SAR (2).....	-1.5	-0.1	-8.6	0	0.1	-0.1	0	0.2	0	0.1
Israel.....	-25.6	-34.1	-66.3	-10.2	-7.7	-5.9	-1.9	4.0	1.6	-0.1
Japan.....	3.4	5.6	-1.1	10.5	9.1	-2.7	-0.4	8.0	7.1	-1.7
Korea, Republic of.....	-2.5	-4.4	-6.9	4.2	-1.7	-7.4	2.0	4.9	4.1	11.8
New Zealand.....	-1.8	-4.3	-12.6	3.7	1.9	-7.0	9.1	25.3	14.2	6.1
Singapore.....	1.2	2.1	-0.5	3.9	5.1	-3.9	0.7	2.8	3.1	1.6
Sri Lanka.....	-8.8	-15.7	-9.5	-7.5	-4.8	-7.8	-	-0.9	-4.6	-
Taiwan.....	0.6	1.1	-2.0	8.2	0.3	-3.2	-0.5	0.4	3.1	3.9
Europe										
Austria.....	1.5	6.1	-9.0	12.8	2.4	-7.5	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Belgium.....	0.4	4.7	-13.2	12.2	2.5	-7.6	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Czech Republic.....	-	-	-	-	-	-7.2	10.0	16.1	9.8	7.3
Denmark.....	-0.1	0.4	-11.9	11.4	2.0	-7.1	6.2	19.9	9.8	-0.1
Finland.....	-0.9	-0.3	-9.7	10.1	-2.6	-7.4	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
France.....	-0.7	0.3	-14.0	10.5	1.8	-6.8	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Germany.....	-	-	-	-	-	-7.5	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Greece.....	-9.2	-5.4	-21.0	-2.7	-7.3	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary.....	-	-	-	-	-	-14.9	7.2	15.0	10.6	1.6
Ireland.....	-1.1	-1.5	-12.3	9.2	-0.7	-6.1	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Italy.....	-2.9	-5.3	-14.8	9.8	-6.0	-4.9	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Luxembourg.....	0.4	4.7	-13.2	12.2	2.5	-7.6	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Netherlands.....	1.2	4.9	-9.8	12.7	2.6	-7.6	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Norway.....	-0.7	1.1	-10.5	6.6	-0.3	-6.4	6.5	12.8	5.0	4.6
Poland.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.1	4.9	6.3	13.0
Portugal.....	-6.0	-12.7	-21.9	3.8	-1.0	-7.1	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Spain.....	-2.8	-4.3	-15.9	10.8	-3.9	-7.1	6.2	19.8	9.9	0.1
Sweden.....	-1.9	-0.4	-13.2	7.8	-3.7	-4.9	4.2	20.3	10.0	-1.6
Switzerland.....	2.5	9.0	-7.4	12.0	3.3	-6.9	6.3	15.8	8.2	-0.2
United Kingdom.....	-0.7	0.9	-11.0	6.6	-2.4	-0.8	3.7	8.9	12.1	-0.6
Trade-weighted measures (3)										
All foreign economies (4).....	-3.4	-2.0	-12.4	-0.4	-2.2	-3.5	2.4	8.4	5.8	3.1
OECD (4,5).....	-3.4	-1.7	-12.2	-0.7	-2.5	-3.5	2.7	9.1	6.1	3.2
Europe (4).....	0.4	2.0	-11.6	10.4	0.1	-2.7	5.6	17.6	10.0	-0.1
European Union-15 (6).....	0.3	1.7	-11.8	10.3	-0.1	-2.5	5.6	17.7	10.1	-0.1
Asian NIEs (7).....	-0.8	-1.0	-4.5	4.8	0.4	-4.5	0.7	2.5	3.1	6.0

Rates of change based on compound rate method.

Dash means data not available.

(1) 1975-2004 for Sri Lanka. 1975-1998 for Greece.

(2) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

(3) Trade-weighted percent changes computed as the trade-weighted average of the rates of change for the individual countries or areas. For description of trade-weighted measures and economic groups, see the Technical Notes preceding these tables.

(4) Data for the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland are not included for 1975-2004, 1975-1980, 1980-1985, 1985-1990, and 1990-1995. Data for Poland also are not included for 1995-2000.

(5) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

(6) European Union-15 refers to European Union member countries prior to the expansion of the European Union to 25 countries on May 1, 2004.

(7) The Asian NIEs are Hong Kong SAR, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, November 2006.

Table 6. Hourly compensation costs in national currency units and exchange rates, 33 countries or areas, 2005

Country or area	Compensation costs	Exchange Rates
<b>Americas</b>		
United States.....	23.65	..
Brazil.....	9.97	2.435
Canada.....	28.87	1.212
Mexico.....	28.67	10.89
<b>Asia and Oceania</b>		
Australia.....	32.65	1.311
Hong Kong SAR (1).....	43.94	7.778
Israel.....	55.76	4.488
Japan.....	2395	110.1
Korea, Republic of.....	13881	1024
New Zealand.....	21.24	1.419
Singapore.....	12.74	1.664
Sri Lanka.....	-	-
Taiwan.....	205.0	32.13
<b>Europe</b>		
Austria.....	23.63	.8033
Belgium.....	24.74	.8033
Czech Republic.....	146.4	23.96
Denmark.....	212.6	5.995
Finland.....	25.65	.8033
France.....	19.78	.8033
Germany.....	26.51	.8033
Greece.....	-	-
Hungary.....	1212	199.6
Ireland.....	18.28	.8033
Italy.....	16.91	.8033
Luxembourg.....	22.23	.8033
Netherlands.....	25.55	.8033
Norway.....	252.1	6.441
Poland.....	14.68	3.236
Portugal.....	5.89	.8033
Spain.....	14.29	.8033
Sweden.....	214.6	7.471
Switzerland.....	38.00	1.246
United Kingdom.....	14.09	.5490

Dash means data not available.

(1) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

National currency units are: United States, dollar; Brazil, real; Canada, dollar; Mexico, peso; Australia, dollar; Hong Kong, dollar; Israel, new shekel; Japan, yen; Republic of Korea, won; New Zealand, dollar; Singapore, dollar; Sri Lanka, rupee; Taiwan, dollar; Austria, euro; Belgium, euro; Czech Republic, koruna; Denmark, krone; Finland, euro; France, euro; Germany, euro; Greece, euro; Hungary, forint; Ireland, euro; Italy, euro; Luxembourg, euro; Netherlands, euro; Norway, krone; Poland, zloty; Portugal, euro; Spain, euro; Sweden, krona; Switzerland, franc; United Kingdom, pound.

Note: For data for all years 1975-2005, see the supplementary tables to this news release at <http://www.bls.gov/fls>.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, November 2006.