

Wage Growth in the United States

A Glimpse at Wage Growth Trends for metros and non-metros

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The 2016 presidential race is off and running with a myriad of topics relevant to economic development, chief among them is wage growth. Recent reports show national positive net job growth but many claim wage growth has been flat. This article examines average weekly wages at the national, Metro and Non-Metro levels with original average rates from 2005 to 2015 unadjusted for inflation. (Cyndi Dancy is a Research Analyst with Garner Economics)

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Political debate antics and personality differences aside, a presidential race always brings a focus on how our economy is faring, and particularly how the average voter views their own economic situation. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports national net employment increased 829,000 jobs in the private sector during the second quarter of 2015¹.

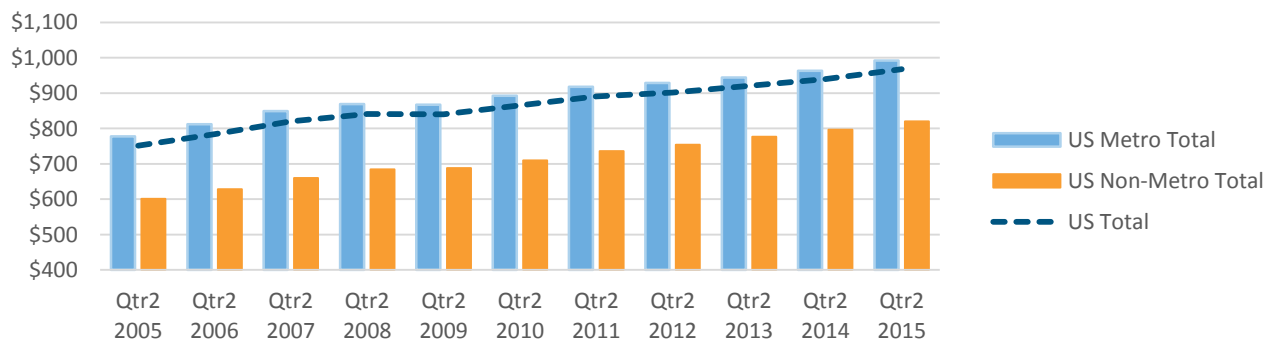
The average weekly wage reported for covered employment – private and government employees – was \$968 for the second quarter of 2015. The average weekly wage for the same period was \$992 for Metro areas and \$820 for Non-Metro areas within the US. Average weekly wages have increased in the United States, 12 percent from 2010 to 2015 and 29 percent from 2005 to 2015 comparing second quarter statistics.

Metro average weekly wages in total trended similarly to the US rate with Non-Metro areas at lower levels, however growing faster. More than 85 percent of the nation’s population reside within metro areas and have higher labor force participation rates than non-metro geographies.

Average Weekly Wage 2nd Qtr 2015	
US Average	\$968
Metro Average	\$992
Non-Metro Average	\$820

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages, 2nd Quarter Averages

US Average Weekly Wage - Metro and Non-Metro Comparison



	Qtr2 2005	Qtr2 2010	Qtr2 2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2005-2015
US Total	\$751	\$865	\$968	12%	29%
US Metro Total	\$778	\$893	\$992	11%	28%
US Non-Metro Total	\$601	\$710	\$820	15%	36%

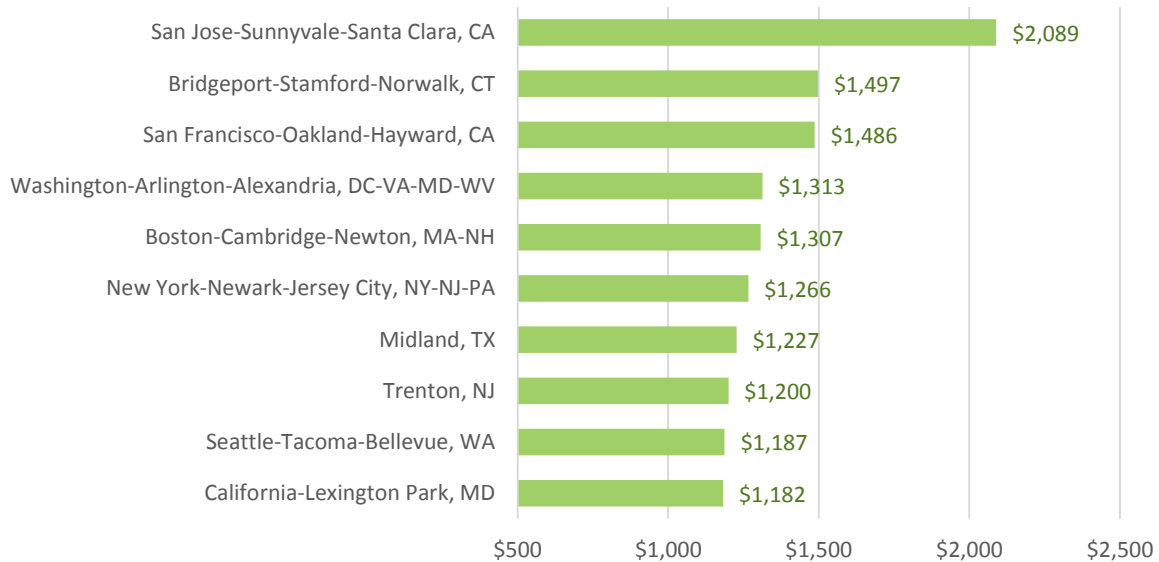
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¹ US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics Summary, 2nd Quarter 2015, News Release January 27, 2016

Metro Wage Rates

With a higher percentage of the labor force in Metropolitan Statistical Areas – or metros – reviewing wages relative to population and wage growth provides an interesting viewpoint. In the 381 metro areas examined, ten percent had average weekly wage rates above the US average for the second quarter of 2015. Weekly wages ranged from a low of \$586 to a high of \$2,089 for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA metro area. Of the top ten Metros, ranked by second quarter 2015 average wages, half are in the most populous areas of the US (15 most populated Metros).

Top Ten Metros Ranked by Average Weekly Wage 2nd Qtr 2015²



Top Ten Metros Ranked by Average Weekly Wage 2nd Qtr 2015³

With Metro Population Rank

Metro	Qtr2 2005	Qtr2 2010	Qtr2 2015	2014 Population	Metro Rank in US
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	\$1,303	\$1,591	\$2,089	1,952,872	34
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	\$1,168	\$1,394	\$1,497	945,438	57
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	\$1,074	\$1,215	\$1,486	4,594,060	11
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	\$1,031	\$1,232	\$1,313	6,033,737	7
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	\$985	\$1,141	\$1,307	4,732,161	10
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	\$1,003	\$1,180	\$1,266	20,092,883	1
Midland, TX	\$682	\$989	\$1,227	161,290	254
Trenton, NJ	\$937	\$1,134	\$1,200	371,537	143
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	\$868	\$1,026	\$1,187	3,671,478	15
California-Lexington Park, MD ⁴	N/A	N/A	\$1,182	110,382	339

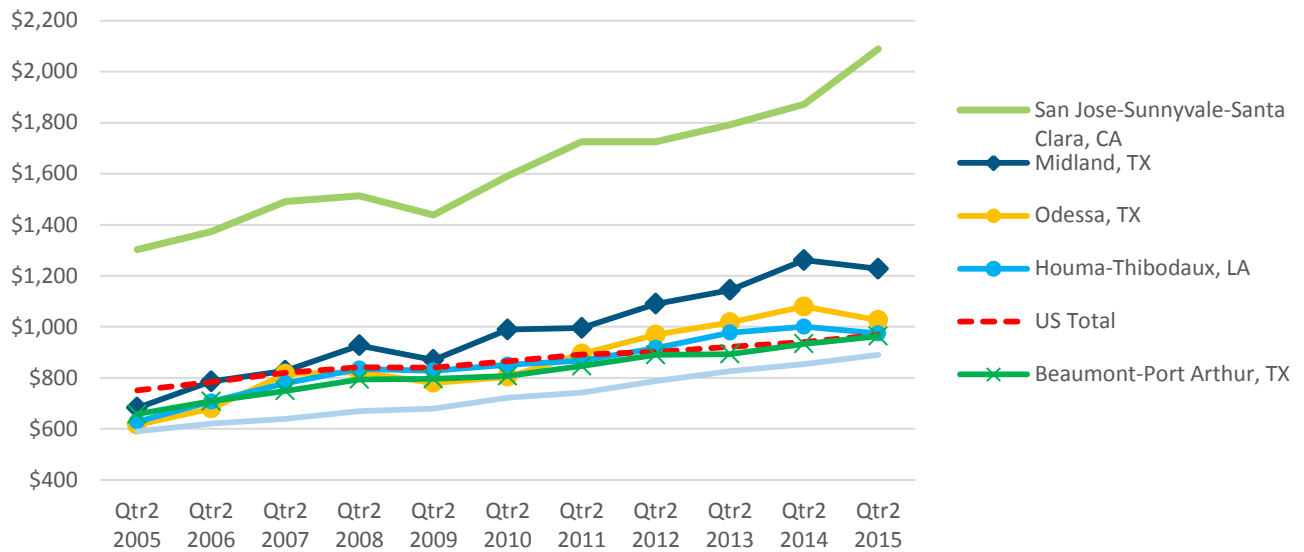
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages, 2nd Quarter Averages, US Census Bureau Population Estimates 2014

² Preliminary figures for 2nd Quarter 2015 Metro areas

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⁴ California-Lexington Park, MD was designated Metropolitan Statistical Area by the US Census in 2013. Previous year data are unavailable

Average Weekly Wages 2005-2015 – Top Metros



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages, 2nd Quarter Averages, Garner Economics

Taking into consideration the rate of growth for second quarter average wage rates, a drastically different set of communities appear on the top ten list. Besides Midland, TX and San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA metro areas, the metros with the highest percent change over the last decade did not have the highest wages in the nation, but the most dramatic difference. Wages in these top metros areas have increased due to a variety of factors including industry booms such as energy and information technology. Only one metro area experienced lower average weekly wages from 2005 to 2015 comparing second quarter rates. However, three different metros had negative change in the second quarter comparison from 2010 to 2015.

Top Ten Metros Ranked by Percent Change in Average Weekly Wages 2005-2015

	Qtr2 2005	Qtr2 2010	Qtr2 2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2005-2015
Midland, TX	\$682	\$989	\$1,227	24%	80%
Odessa, TX	\$616	\$804	\$1,026	28%	67%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	\$1,303	\$1,591	\$2,089	31%	60%
Houma-Thibodaux, LA	\$628	\$851	\$974	14%	55%
Bismarck, ND	\$590	\$722	\$890	23%	51%
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	\$658	\$807	\$963	19%	46%
Morgantown, WV	\$602	\$773	\$880	14%	46%
Idaho Falls, ID	\$513	\$590	\$745	26%	45%
Grand Forks, ND-MN	\$535	\$659	\$776	18%	45%
Lake Charles, LA	\$604	\$722	\$867	20%	44%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages, 2nd Quarter Averages, Garner Economics

A complete List of Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Average Weekly Wage Rates from second quarter 2005, 2010 and 2015 follows this report.

All US Metro Areas: Average Weekly Wage Rate

Weekly Wages for Covered Employees, 2nd Quarter Comparison, Bureau of Labor Statistics
2nd Quarter 2015 data are preliminary

Growth over 50 percent marked in **green**; negative change marked in **red**.

Metro Area	Qtr2 2005	Qtr2 2010	Qtr2 2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2005-2015
Abilene, TX	\$517	\$625	\$712	14%	38%
Akron, OH	\$711	\$761	\$839	10%	18%
Albany, GA	\$597	\$678	\$696	3%	17%
Albany, OR	\$602	\$666	\$743	12%	23%
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	\$741	\$868	\$982	13%	33%
Albuquerque, NM	\$678	\$769	\$818	6%	21%
Alexandria, LA	\$571	\$670	\$725	8%	27%
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	\$718	\$799	\$892	12%	24%
Altoona, PA	\$551	\$644	\$714	11%	30%
Amarillo, TX	\$593	\$733	\$796	9%	34%
Ames, IA	\$635	\$740	\$857	16%	35%
Anchorage, AK	\$791	\$943	\$1,037	10%	31%
Ann Arbor, MI	\$856	\$909	\$1,030	13%	20%
Anniston-Oxford-Jacksonville, AL	\$586	\$695	\$705	1%	20%
Appleton, WI	\$638	\$714	\$783	10%	23%
Asheville, NC	\$582	\$654	\$707	8%	21%
Athens-Clarke County, GA	\$605	\$682	\$776	14%	28%
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	\$818	\$905	\$1,008	11%	23%
Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	\$702	\$770	\$814	6%	16%
Auburn-Opelika, AL	\$547	\$639	\$664	4%	21%
Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	\$656	\$741	\$805	9%	23%
Austin-Round Rock, TX	\$801	\$900	\$1,027	14%	28%
Bakersfield, CA	\$637	\$773	\$814	5%	28%
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	\$799	\$932	\$1,021	10%	28%
Bangor, ME	\$583	\$662	\$731	10%	25%
Barnstable Town, MA	\$655	\$737	\$805	9%	23%
Baton Rouge, LA	\$645	\$794	\$906	14%	40%
Battle Creek, MI	\$686	\$804	\$891	11%	30%
Bay City, MI	\$627	\$694	\$749	8%	19%
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	\$658	\$807	\$963	19%	46%
Beckley, WV	\$600	\$719	\$740	3%	23%
Bellingham, WA	\$593	\$706	\$804	14%	36%
Bend-Redmond, OR	\$596	\$672	\$769	14%	29%
Billings, MT	\$599	\$708	\$833	18%	39%
Binghamton, NY	\$640	\$736	\$793	8%	24%
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	\$725	\$818	\$902	10%	24%
Bismarck, ND	\$590	\$722	\$890	23%	51%
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA	\$593	\$666	\$728	9%	23%
Bloomington, IL ^a	\$799	\$855	\$953	11%	19%
Bloomington, IN	\$566	\$641	\$756	18%	34%
Bloomsburg-Berwick, PA	\$634	\$797	\$866	9%	37%
Boise City, ID	\$651	\$711	\$780	10%	20%
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	\$985	\$1,141	\$1,307	15%	33%
Boulder, CO	\$898	\$1,007	\$1,137	13%	27%

Metro Area	Qtr2 2005	Qtr2 2010	Qtr2 2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2005-2015
Bowling Green, KY	\$589	\$673	\$728	8%	24%
Bremerton-Silverdale, WA	\$681	\$842	\$860	2%	26%
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	\$1,168	\$1,394	\$1,497	7%	28%
Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	\$463	\$562	\$586	4%	27%
Brunswick, GA	\$561	\$680	\$707	4%	26%
Buffalo-Cheektowaga-Niagara Falls, NY	\$664	\$759	\$831	9%	25%
Burlington, NC	\$597	\$641	\$684	7%	15%
Burlington-South Burlington, VT	\$720	\$846	\$924	9%	28%
California-Lexington Park, MD ^b	N/A	N/A	\$1,182	N/A	N/A
Canton-Massillon, OH	\$600	\$660	\$718	9%	20%
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	\$674	\$727	\$775	7%	15%
Cape Girardeau, MO-IL	\$558	\$658	\$689	5%	23%
Carbondale-Marion, IL	\$604	\$725	\$780	8%	29%
Carson City, NV	\$703	\$846	\$865	2%	23%
Casper, WY	\$657	\$811	\$939	16%	43%
Cedar Rapids, IA	\$694	\$806	\$901	12%	30%
Chambersburg-Waynesboro, PA	\$602	\$686	\$768	12%	28%
Champaign-Urbana, IL	\$630	\$769	\$827	8%	31%
Charleston, WV	\$686	\$791	\$849	7%	24%
Charleston-North Charleston, SC	\$629	\$752	\$827	10%	31%
Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	\$791	\$880	\$946	8%	20%
Charlottesville, VA	\$683	\$782	\$872	12%	28%
Chattanooga, TN-GA	\$630	\$728	\$827	14%	31%
Cheyenne, WY	\$594	\$743	\$807	9%	36%
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	\$855	\$960	\$1,062	11%	24%
Chico, CA	\$562	\$669	\$728	9%	30%
Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	\$744	\$834	\$929	11%	25%
Clarksville, TN-KY	\$564	\$649	\$692	7%	23%
Cleveland, TN	\$605	\$682	\$725	6%	20%
Cleveland-Elyria, OH	\$736	\$828	\$912	10%	24%
Coeur d'Alene, ID	\$522	\$599	\$642	7%	23%
College Station-Bryan, TX	\$558	\$662	\$735	11%	32%
Colorado Springs, CO	\$696	\$794	\$859	8%	23%
Columbia, MO	\$607	\$676	\$750	11%	24%
Columbia, SC	\$627	\$722	\$800	11%	28%
Columbus, GA-AL	\$587	\$673	\$739	10%	26%
Columbus, IN	\$681	\$783	\$899	15%	32%
Columbus, OH	\$739	\$823	\$935	14%	27%
Corpus Christi, TX	\$606	\$726	\$838	15%	38%
Corvallis, OR	\$758	\$807	\$881	9%	16%
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, FL ^c	\$632	\$741	\$764	3%	21%
Cumberland, MD-WV	\$551	\$651	\$699	7%	27%
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	\$837	\$944	\$1,057	12%	26%
Dalton, GA	\$616	\$683	\$742	9%	20%
Danville, IL	\$622	\$697	\$735	5%	18%
Daphne-Fairhope-Foley, AL	\$514	\$584	\$623	7%	21%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	\$647	\$745	\$833	12%	29%
Dayton, OH	\$706	\$786	\$846	8%	20%
Decatur, AL	\$626	\$717	\$771	8%	23%
Decatur, IL	\$699	\$792	\$895	13%	28%

Metro Area	Qtr2 2005	Qtr2 2010	Qtr2 2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2005-2015
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL	\$574	\$650	\$703	8%	22%
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	\$847	\$951	\$1,089	15%	29%
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	\$718	\$830	\$921	11%	28%
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	\$876	\$918	\$1,024	12%	17%
Dothan, AL	\$568	\$644	\$710	10%	25%
Dover, DE	\$629	\$674	\$774	15%	23%
Dubuque, IA	\$616	\$668	\$762	14%	24%
Duluth, MN-WI	\$605	\$705	\$773	10%	28%
Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	\$878	\$1,044	\$1,102	6%	26%
East Stroudsburg, PA	\$613	\$721	\$760	5%	24%
Eau Claire, WI	\$579	\$641	\$755	18%	30%
El Centro, CA	\$558	\$665	\$678	2%	22%
Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, KY	\$597	\$686	\$765	12%	28%
Elkhart-Goshen, IN	\$680	\$739	\$816	10%	20%
Elmira, NY	\$629	\$749	\$843	13%	34%
El Paso, TX	\$540	\$633	\$675	7%	25%
Erie, PA	\$604	\$672	\$755	12%	25%
Eugene, OR	\$608	\$685	\$771	13%	27%
Evansville, IN-KY	\$667	\$739	\$795	8%	19%
Fairbanks, AK	\$739	\$895	\$991	11%	34%
Fargo, ND-MN	\$597	\$712	\$842	18%	41%
Farmington, NM	\$646	\$796	\$853	7%	32%
Fayetteville, NC	\$568	\$703	\$750	7%	32%
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO	\$649	\$771	\$847	10%	31%
Flagstaff, AZ	\$589	\$681	\$792	16%	34%
Flint, MI	\$707	\$727	\$796	9%	13%
Florence, SC	\$610	\$683	\$735	8%	20%
Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL	\$547	\$634	\$688	9%	26%
Fond du Lac, WI	\$605	\$684	\$763	12%	26%
Fort Collins, CO	\$666	\$742	\$845	14%	27%
Fort Smith, AR-OK	\$557	\$636	\$713	12%	28%
Fort Wayne, IN	\$655	\$720	\$756	5%	15%
Fresno, CA	\$602	\$698	\$746	7%	24%
Gadsden, AL	\$535	\$629	\$660	5%	23%
Gainesville, FL	\$638	\$736	\$826	12%	29%
Gainesville, GA	\$636	\$684	\$789	15%	24%
Gettysburg, PA	\$573	\$662	\$718	8%	25%
Glens Falls, NY	\$604	\$683	\$767	12%	27%
Goldsboro, NC	\$529	\$598	\$649	9%	23%
Grand Forks, ND-MN	\$535	\$659	\$776	18%	45%
Grand Island, NE	\$527	\$624	\$699	12%	33%
Grand Junction, CO	\$589	\$700	\$769	10%	31%
Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	\$695	\$757	\$836	10%	20%
Grants Pass, OR	\$533	\$608	\$641	5%	20%
Great Falls, MT	\$532	\$643	\$706	10%	33%
Greeley, CO	\$637	\$712	\$862	21%	35%
Green Bay, WI	\$665	\$726	\$835	15%	26%
Greensboro-High Point, NC	\$652	\$731	\$796	9%	22%
Greenville, NC	\$585	\$677	\$787	16%	35%
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin, SC	\$652	\$735	\$795	8%	22%

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Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	\$575	\$691	\$772	12%	34%
Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV	\$620	\$704	\$756	7%	22%
Hammond, LA	\$482	\$611	\$639	5%	33%
Hanford-Corcoran, CA	\$554	\$676	\$764	13%	38%
Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	\$720	\$827	\$924	12%	28%
Harrisonburg, VA	\$566	\$654	\$716	9%	27%
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	\$920	\$1,021	\$1,126	10%	22%
Hattiesburg, MS	\$528	\$615	\$663	8%	26%
Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC	\$568	\$631	\$696	10%	23%
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort, SC	\$571	\$615	\$692	13%	21%
Hinesville, GA	\$556	\$668	\$733	10%	32%
Homosassa Springs, FL	\$569	\$662	\$684	3%	20%
Hot Springs, AR	\$516	\$574	\$655	14%	27%
Houma-Thibodaux, LA	\$628	\$851	\$974	14%	55%
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	\$856	\$1,014	\$1,172	16%	37%
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	\$608	\$719	\$815	13%	34%
Huntsville, AL	\$793	\$943	\$1,026	9%	29%
Idaho Falls, ID	\$513	\$590	\$745	26%	45%
Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, IN	\$737	\$811	\$876	8%	19%
Iowa City, IA	\$664	\$766	\$870	14%	31%
Ithaca, NY	\$707	\$826	\$921	12%	30%
Jackson, MI	\$657	\$751	\$821	9%	25%
Jackson, MS	\$618	\$710	\$785	11%	27%
Jackson, TN	\$632	\$711	\$742	4%	17%
Jacksonville, FL	\$706	\$795	\$870	9%	23%
Jacksonville, NC	\$478	\$576	\$597	4%	25%
Janesville-Beloit, WI	\$639	\$695	\$788	13%	23%
Jefferson City, MO	\$585	\$684	\$735	7%	26%
Johnson City, TN	\$567	\$665	\$709	7%	25%
Johnstown, PA	\$552	\$632	\$688	9%	25%
Jonesboro, AR	\$534	\$614	\$700	14%	31%
Joplin, MO	\$556	\$646	\$694	7%	25%
Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, HI	\$624	\$709	\$790	11%	27%
Kalamazoo-Portage, MI	\$667	\$765	\$847	11%	27%
Kankakee, IL	\$600	\$660	\$746	13%	24%
Kansas City, MO-KS	\$741	\$842	\$945	12%	28%
Kennewick-Richland, WA	\$722	\$826	\$888	8%	23%
Killeen-Temple, TX	\$568	\$703	\$762	8%	34%
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, TN-VA	\$627	\$722	\$749	4%	19%
Kingston, NY	\$591	\$721	\$777	8%	31%
Knoxville, TN	\$674	\$756	\$851	13%	26%
Kokomo, IN	\$863	\$772	\$855	11%	-1%
La Crosse-Onalaska, WI-MN	\$586	\$662	\$757	14%	29%
Lafayette, LA	\$640	\$803	\$884	10%	38%
Lafayette-West Lafayette, IN ^d	\$662	\$739	\$801	8%	21%
Lake Charles, LA	\$604	\$722	\$867	20%	44%
Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	\$543	\$628	\$679	8%	25%
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	\$607	\$674	\$735	9%	21%
Lancaster, PA	\$664	\$725	\$805	11%	21%
Lansing-East Lansing, MI	\$718	\$823	\$856	4%	19%

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Laredo, TX	\$541	\$591	\$651	10%	20%
Las Cruces, NM	\$550	\$669	\$692	3%	26%
Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	\$749	\$786	\$845	8%	13%
Lawrence, KS	\$539	\$639	\$681	7%	26%
Lawton, OK	\$541	\$645	\$719	11%	33%
Lebanon, PA	\$577	\$668	\$731	9%	27%
Lewiston, ID-WA	\$553	\$635	\$700	10%	27%
Lewiston-Auburn, ME	\$592	\$667	\$735	10%	24%
Lexington-Fayette, KY	\$700	\$780	\$873	12%	25%
Lima, OH	\$614	\$695	\$771	11%	26%
Lincoln, NE	\$604	\$699	\$775	11%	28%
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	\$657	\$747	\$832	11%	27%
Logan, UT-ID	\$494	\$574	\$629	10%	27%
Longview, TX	\$603	\$743	\$825	11%	37%
Longview, WA	\$642	\$735	\$850	16%	32%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA ^e	\$855	\$970	\$1,065	10%	25%
Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN	\$702	\$794	\$884	11%	26%
Lubbock, TX	\$561	\$671	\$747	11%	33%
Lynchburg, VA	\$596	\$689	\$724	5%	21%
Macon, GA	\$622	\$667	\$736	10%	18%
Madera, CA	\$541	\$653	\$747	14%	38%
Madison, WI	\$716	\$809	\$947	17%	32%
Manchester-Nashua, NH	\$837	\$962	\$1,030	7%	23%
Manhattan, KS	\$528	\$646	\$709	10%	34%
Mankato-North Mankato, MN	\$575	\$648	\$753	16%	31%
Mansfield, OH	\$607	\$624	\$679	9%	12%
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	\$473	\$564	\$614	9%	30%
Medford, OR	\$581	\$668	\$723	8%	24%
Memphis, TN-MS-AR	\$715	\$840	\$899	7%	26%
Merced, CA	\$568	\$658	\$715	9%	26%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	\$751	\$841	\$925	10%	23%
Michigan City-La Porte, IN	\$579	\$648	\$695	7%	20%
Midland, MI	\$857	\$901	\$1,012	12%	18%
Midland, TX	\$682	\$989	\$1,227	24%	80%
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	\$743	\$845	\$916	8%	23%
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	\$846	\$958	\$1,064	11%	26%
Missoula, MT	\$566	\$636	\$714	12%	26%
Mobile, AL	\$620	\$746	\$827	11%	33%
Modesto, CA	\$642	\$745	\$808	8%	26%
Monroe, LA	\$559	\$645	\$718	11%	28%
Monroe, MI	\$743	\$802	\$844	5%	14%
Montgomery, AL	\$625	\$727	\$789	9%	26%
Morgantown, WV	\$602	\$773	\$880	14%	46%
Morristown, TN	\$595	\$693	\$744	7%	25%
Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA	\$584	\$694	\$812	17%	39%
Muncie, IN	\$587	\$618	\$691	12%	18%
Muskegon, MI	\$610	\$688	\$724	5%	19%
Myrtle Beach-Conway-N Myrtle Beach SC-NC	\$500	\$546	\$590	8%	18%
Napa, CA	\$740	\$858	\$929	8%	26%
Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, FL	\$710	\$789	\$846	7%	19%

Metro Area	Qtr2 2005	Qtr2 2010	Qtr2 2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2005-2015
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro—Franklin TN	\$724	\$837	\$957	14%	32%
New Bern, NC	\$594	\$697	\$722	4%	22%
New Haven-Milford, CT	\$825	\$927	\$1,007	9%	22%
New Orleans-Metairie, LA	\$660	\$851	\$906	6%	37%
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	\$1,003	\$1,180	\$1,266	7%	26%
Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	\$641	\$861	\$847	-2%	32%
North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton, FL †	\$643	\$717	\$786	10%	22%
Norwich-New London, CT	\$804	\$895	\$960	7%	19%
Ocala, FL	\$569	\$648	\$679	5%	19%
Ocean City, NJ	\$564	\$631	\$642	2%	14%
Odessa, TX	\$616	\$804	\$1,026	28%	67%
Ogden-Clearfield, UT	\$581	\$689	\$747	8%	29%
Oklahoma City, OK	\$615	\$755	\$855	13%	39%
Olympia-Tumwater, WA	\$689	\$805	\$878	9%	27%
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	\$662	\$757	\$853	13%	29%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	\$678	\$746	\$818	10%	21%
Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	\$723	\$796	\$883	11%	22%
Owensboro, KY	\$604	\$681	\$800	17%	32%
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	\$818	\$898	\$1,085	21%	33%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	\$728	\$834	\$865	4%	19%
Panama City, FL	\$602	\$687	\$701	2%	16%
Parkersburg-Vienna, WV	\$596	\$677	\$739	9%	24%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL	\$605	\$687	\$748	9%	24%
Peoria, IL	\$708	\$802	\$907	13%	28%
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington PA-NJ-DE-MD	\$853	\$977	\$1,089	11%	28%
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	\$757	\$855	\$942	10%	24%
Pine Bluff, AR	\$586	\$663	\$726	10%	24%
Pittsburgh, PA	\$723	\$842	\$954	13%	32%
Pittsfield, MA	\$654	\$738	\$802	9%	23%
Pocatello, ID	\$514	\$603	\$608	1%	18%
Portland-South Portland, ME	\$659	\$759	\$837	10%	27%
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	\$765	\$877	\$1,005	15%	31%
Port St. Lucie, FL	\$633	\$709	\$749	6%	18%
Prescott, AZ	\$557	\$642	\$699	9%	25%
Providence-Warwick, RI-MA	\$708	\$818	\$911	11%	29%
Provo-Orem, UT	\$568	\$678	\$776	14%	37%
Pueblo, CO	\$567	\$645	\$738	14%	30%
Punta Gorda, FL	\$609	\$619	\$685	11%	12%
Racine, WI	\$702	\$771	\$829	8%	18%
Raleigh, NC	\$734	\$847	\$953	13%	30%
Rapid City, SD	\$539	\$626	\$709	13%	32%
Reading, PA	\$688	\$788	\$892	13%	30%
Redding, CA	\$598	\$680	\$734	8%	23%
Reno, NV	\$720	\$802	\$857	7%	19%
Richmond, VA	\$751	\$849	\$915	8%	22%
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	\$666	\$746	\$825	11%	24%
Roanoke, VA	\$618	\$710	\$761	7%	23%
Rochester, MN	\$755	\$944	\$950	1%	26%
Rochester, NY	\$742	\$820	\$881	7%	19%
Rockford, IL	\$669	\$737	\$819	11%	22%

Metro Area	Qtr2 2005	Qtr2 2010	Qtr2 2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2005-2015
Rocky Mount, NC	\$575	\$644	\$686	7%	19%
Rome, GA	\$644	\$700	\$748	7%	16%
Sacramento--Roseville--Arden-Arcade, CA	\$786	\$934	\$1,023	10%	30%
Saginaw, MI	\$673	\$723	\$754	4%	12%
St. Cloud, MN	\$600	\$675	\$784	16%	31%
St. George, UT	\$495	\$557	\$616	11%	24%
St. Joseph, MO-KS	\$580	\$665	\$750	13%	29%
St. Louis, MO-IL	\$750	\$829	\$917	11%	22%
Salem, OR	\$593	\$686	\$772	13%	30%
Salinas, CA	\$674	\$745	\$809	9%	20%
Salisbury, MD-DE	\$618	\$712	\$704	-1%	14%
Salt Lake City, UT	\$684	\$801	\$917	14%	34%
San Angelo, TX	\$542	\$634	\$737	16%	36%
San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	\$640	\$754	\$840	11%	31%
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	\$811	\$939	\$1,073	14%	32%
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	\$1,074	\$1,215	\$1,486	22%	38%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	\$1,303	\$1,591	\$2,089	31%	60%
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles-Arroyo Grande CA	\$621	\$729	\$794	9%	28%
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	\$709	\$758	\$860	13%	21%
Santa Fe, NM	\$626	\$733	\$798	9%	27%
Santa Maria-Santa Barbara, CA ^B	\$722	\$819	\$957	17%	33%
Santa Rosa, CA	\$745	\$816	\$893	9%	20%
Savannah, GA	\$628	\$733	\$808	10%	29%
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton, PA	\$603	\$680	\$750	10%	24%
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	\$868	\$1,026	\$1,187	16%	37%
Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL ⁿ	\$626	\$681	\$749	10%	20%
Sebring, FL	\$499	\$576	\$630	9%	26%
Sheboygan, WI	\$641	\$736	\$815	11%	27%
Sherman-Denison, TX	\$601	\$682	\$748	10%	24%
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	\$606	\$725	\$762	5%	26%
Sierra Vista-Douglas, AZ	\$650	\$789	\$831	5%	28%
Sioux City, IA-NE-SD	\$574	\$684	\$767	12%	34%
Sioux Falls, SD	\$613	\$700	\$819	17%	34%
South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI	\$648	\$714	\$763	7%	18%
Spartanburg, SC	\$666	\$764	\$837	10%	26%
Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	\$614	\$732	\$804	10%	31%
Springfield, IL	\$729	\$880	\$980	11%	34%
Springfield, MA	\$678	\$765	\$866	13%	28%
Springfield, MO	\$570	\$653	\$714	9%	25%
Springfield, OH	\$577	\$632	\$704	11%	22%
State College, PA	\$651	\$747	\$880	18%	35%
Staunton-Waynesboro, VA	\$583	\$648	\$711	10%	22%
Stockton-Lodi, CA	\$650	\$754	\$796	6%	22%
Sumter, SC	\$524	\$598	\$674	13%	29%
Syracuse, NY	\$687	\$800	\$863	8%	26%
Tallahassee, FL	\$628	\$717	\$779	9%	24%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	\$679	\$791	\$871	10%	28%
Terre Haute, IN	\$587	\$656	\$719	10%	22%
Texarkana, TX-AR	\$593	\$686	\$726	6%	22%
The Villages, FL	\$574	\$639	\$688	8%	20%

Metro Area	Qtr2 2005	Qtr2 2010	Qtr2 2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2005-2015
Toledo, OH	\$670	\$731	\$814	11%	21%
Topeka, KS	\$638	\$731	\$772	6%	21%
Trenton, NJ	\$937	\$1,134	\$1,200	6%	28%
Tucson, AZ	\$683	\$763	\$828	9%	21%
Tulsa, OK	\$652	\$760	\$868	14%	33%
Tuscaloosa, AL	\$638	\$734	\$800	9%	25%
Tyler, TX	\$637	\$742	\$805	8%	26%
Urban Honolulu, HI ¹	\$700	\$808	\$910	13%	30%
Utica-Rome, NY	\$585	\$690	\$765	11%	31%
Valdosta, GA	\$478	\$575	\$618	7%	29%
Vallejo-Fairfield, CA	\$721	\$865	\$998	15%	38%
Victoria, TX	\$634	\$751	\$822	9%	30%
Vineland-Bridgeton, NJ	\$683	\$787	\$834	6%	22%
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	\$646	\$764	\$824	8%	28%
Visalia-Porterville, CA	\$532	\$604	\$667	10%	25%
Waco, TX	\$606	\$706	\$787	11%	30%
Walla Walla, WA	\$558	\$667	\$755	13%	35%
Warner Robins, GA	\$682	\$835	\$785	-6%	15%
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	\$1,031	\$1,232	\$1,313	7%	27%
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA	\$614	\$706	\$783	11%	28%
Watertown-Fort Drum, NY	\$581	\$691	\$757	10%	30%
Wausau, WI	\$625	\$684	\$810	18%	30%
Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH	\$604	\$636	\$716	13%	19%
Wenatchee, WA	\$510	\$593	\$666	12%	31%
Wheeling, WV-OH	\$576	\$654	\$785	20%	36%
Wichita, KS	\$679	\$765	\$824	8%	21%
Wichita Falls, TX	\$549	\$634	\$715	13%	30%
Williamsport, PA	\$577	\$660	\$782	18%	36%
Wilmington, NC	\$588	\$687	\$755	10%	28%
Winchester, VA-WV	\$639	\$732	\$807	10%	26%
Winston-Salem, NC	\$675	\$766	\$848	11%	26%
Worcester, MA-CT	\$778	\$885	\$945	7%	21%
Yakima, WA	\$509	\$597	\$660	11%	30%
York-Hanover, PA	\$674	\$772	\$827	7%	23%
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	\$597	\$649	\$700	8%	17%
Yuba City, CA	\$617	\$742	\$784	6%	27%
Yuma, AZ	\$560	\$666	\$693	4%	24%
US Total	\$751	\$865	\$968	12%	29%
US Metro Total	\$778	\$893	\$992	11%	28%
US Non-Metro Total	\$601	\$710	\$820	15%	36%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages, 2nd Quarter Averages, Garner Economics



Endnotes

^a Metropolitan Statistical Area geographical area change in 2013. These MSAs were combined with the previous MSA to create one record with average weekly wages each year. The following MSAs were combined:

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Original MSA Code/ Former MSA Code
Bloomington, IL	1401/1406
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, FL	1888/2302
Lafayette-West Lafayette, IN	2920/2914
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	3108/3110
North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton, FL	3584/4226
Santa Maria-Santa Barbara, CA	4220/4206
Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL	4268/4694
Urban Honolulu, HI	4652/2618

^b California-Lexington Park, MD was designated an MSA in 2013 and data is not available for prior years.

^c Metropolitan Statistical Area geographical area change in 2013. Please see endnote (a) above for list.

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NOTE: All wages are original data and not adjusted for inflation. Covered wages do not include self-employment and military.

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