

March 28, 2008

Assistant Director
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Division, Torts Branch
P.O. Box 146, Benjamin Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044-0146

Dear Assistant Director:

I am writing to provide estimates from the Current Population Survey (CPS) of the average (mean) gross weekly earnings of workers in the private, non-farm sector. This information is provided as required by HR 3741, amending the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

For 2007, the figure for persons age 16 years and over was \$812, and for persons age 18 years and over it was \$826. These estimates are based on the quarter-sample data from the CPS and represent the annual average for the year. The universe for the estimates includes both full- and part-time workers; it excludes all government workers, all workers in agricultural production (crop and livestock), and all self-employed workers (whether incorporated or unincorporated). For your information, I have enclosed the pages from our annual tabulations of CPS earnings data that include the figures.

If you have additional questions, please contact our office on 202-691-6378.

Sincerely yours,

Chief, Division of Labor Force Statistics
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table A-5C. Usual weekly earnings of employed wage and salary workers¹ by sex, race, and age, Annual Average 2007, not seasonally adjusted

(Source: Current Population Survey)
(Number of workers in thousands)

All workers in private nonfarm sector

Sex, race, and age	Total employed	Under \$100.00	\$100.00 to \$149.99	\$150.00 to \$199.99	\$200.00 to \$249.99	\$250.00 to \$299.99	\$300.00 to \$349.99	\$350.00 to \$399.99	\$400.00 to \$499.99	\$500.00 to \$599.99	\$600.00 to \$749.99	\$750.00 to \$999.99
Total, both sexes	107,844	3,322	3,282	3,623	4,269	4,584	6,431	5,735	13,187	10,362	12,853	14,824
Total men	57,728	1,181	1,130	1,296	1,561	1,692	2,765	2,531	6,472	5,251	7,223	8,895
Total women	50,116	2,141	2,152	2,327	2,709	2,892	3,666	3,204	6,716	5,111	5,630	5,929
White, both sexes	88,088	2,825	2,673	2,975	3,411	3,593	5,030	4,446	10,305	8,282	10,599	12,381
White men	47,931	992	915	1,042	1,234	1,298	2,202	1,950	5,116	4,269	6,036	7,547
White women	40,157	1,833	1,758	1,933	2,177	2,295	2,828	2,497	5,189	4,013	4,562	4,834
Black or African American, both sexes	12,080	276	379	423	576	694	943	909	2,018	1,408	1,449	1,404
Black or African American men	5,704	104	126	164	223	265	371	413	921	668	739	776
Black or African American women	6,376	172	254	259	353	429	572	496	1,097	740	711	628

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(Number of workers in thousands) — Continued

All workers in private nonfarm sector

Sex, race, and age	\$1000.00 or more	\$1000.00 to \$1199.99	\$1200.00 to \$1499.99	\$1500.00 to \$1999.99	\$2000.00 or more	Median	Standard error	Mean	Standard error
Total, both sexes	25,371	7,666	6,600	6,049	5,056	\$588	\$1.40	\$812	\$5.96
Total men	17,731	4,945	4,473	4,369	3,944	689	2.75	949	8.50
Total women	7,640	2,721	2,128	1,680	1,112	488	1.57	654	7.89
White, both sexes	21,568	6,456	5,571	5,135	4,406	600	1.56	826	6.23
White men	15,330	4,246	3,847	3,746	3,491	709	2.95	974	9.65
White women	6,238	2,210	1,724	1,389	915	490	1.85	649	6.94
Black or African American, both sexes	1,600	636	466	312	186	492	2.55	672	25.34
Black or African American men	933	357	282	189	105	523	5.39	684	17.68
Black or African American women	667	279	184	123	81	458	5.50	662	43.47

¹ UNIVERSE: Employed wage and salary workers who USUALLY work full time (35 hours or more). ALL self-employed persons are excluded, regardless of whether or not their business is incorporated.

Medians are calculated using intervals centered around multiples of \$50. Median and mean weekly earnings are rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

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Persons 18 years and over	105,745	2,536	2,650	3,308	4,113	4,509	6,368	5,713	13,153	10,360	12,847	14,822

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Persons 18 years and over	25,367	7,666	6,600	6,046	5,055	\$596	\$1.39	\$826	\$6.07

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