

February 4, 2026

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.

For 2025, the figure for people age 16 years and over was \$1,497. For persons age 18 years and over, it was \$1,514. These estimates are based on the quarter-sample data from the CPS and represent the annual average for the year. **Please note that annual estimates for 2025 are 11-month averages that exclude October. (Data for October 2025 were not collected due to the federal government shutdown.) As a result, 2025 annual estimates are not strictly comparable with annual averages for other years.**

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 their businesses are incorporated or unincorporated). For your information, I have enclosed the page from our annual tabulations of CPS earnings data that includes the figures.

If you have additional questions, please contact me on 202-691-7870.

Sincerely,

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**Usual weekly earnings of employed wage and salary workers in the private nonfarm sector by sex, race, and age, 2025 annual averages**

(Number of workers in thousands)

Sex, race, and age	Total employed	Number of workers by usual weekly earnings								Median weekly earnings	Mean weekly earnings
		Under \$350.00	\$350.00 to \$499.99	\$500.00 to \$599.99	\$600.00 to \$749.99	\$750.00 to \$999.99	\$1,000.00 to \$1,199.99	\$1,200.00 to \$1,999.99	\$2,000.00 or more		
Total, 16 years and older	123,471	11,360	7,817	6,197	12,873	20,226	12,517	28,661	23,820	\$1,021	\$1,497
Men	65,894	4,438	3,060	2,559	6,008	10,151	6,988	16,896	15,793	1,176	1,703
Women	57,577	6,922	4,757	3,638	6,865	10,075	5,529	11,765	8,026	894	1,260
White	92,575	8,464	5,700	4,475	9,155	14,896	9,612	22,194	18,077	1,048	1,521
Men	50,135	3,204	2,279	1,837	4,206	7,563	5,429	13,302	12,316	1,208	1,730
Women	42,439	5,260	3,421	2,638	4,950	7,333	4,183	8,892	5,761	898	1,274
Black or African American	15,951	1,605	1,243	991	2,402	3,248	1,602	3,127	1,734	864	1,140
Men	7,865	705	426	422	1,151	1,543	866	1,780	973	928	1,262
Women	8,086	900	817	569	1,251	1,705	736	1,347	761	805	1,021
Asian	9,823	683	451	377	688	1,192	809	2,347	3,275	1,390	1,962
Men	5,171	265	159	162	330	551	418	1,220	2,065	1,612	2,286
Women	4,653	418	292	215	358	641	391	1,126	1,210	1,194	1,601
Total, 18 years and older	121,697	9,935	7,613	6,154	12,829	20,206	12,512	28,642	23,804	1,036	1,514

Note: Data refer to all employed wage and salary workers (both full- and -part-time) in the private nonfarm sector. 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. Estimates for the race groups shown do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all groups. Annual estimates for 2025 are 11-month averages that exclude October. (Data for October 2025 were not collected due to the federal government shutdown.) As a result, 2025 annual estimates are not strictly comparable with annual averages for other years.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.