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27-2021	Athletes and Sports Competitors	28	14%	\$61.51	4	25	Less than High School	PERF	
11-3071	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	222	15%	\$44.36	33	128	High School Diploma	LOGI	
41-9021	Real Estate Brokers	217	14%	\$44.16	31	143	High School Diploma	MKTG	
53-2012	Commercial Pilots	133	8%	\$43.36	10	76	High School Diploma	LOGI	
51-8011	Nuclear Power Reactor Operators	2	50%	\$41.83	1	2	High School Diploma	PROD	
33-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	178	13%	\$38.95	24	83	High School Diploma	SOCI	
11-9071	Gaming Managers	2	0%	\$38.82	0	2	High School Diploma	HOSP	
53-6051	Transportation Inspectors	54	15%	\$37.02	8	36	High School Diploma	LOGI	
11-9131	Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	22	0%	\$35.69	0	7	High School Diploma	BACK	
41-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers	1,037	14%	\$34.96	142	663	High School Diploma	SERV	
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	5,357	9%	\$34.93	491	2,612	High School Diploma	AG	
11-9141	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	716	15%	\$32.92	106	407	High School Diploma	BACK	
51-8013	Power Plant Operators	93	10%	\$32.58	9	53	High School Diploma	PROD	
51-8093	Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, and Gaugers	54	9%	\$32.54	5	34	High School Diploma	PROD	
47-4021	Elevator Installers and Repairers	44	18%	\$32.13	8	37	High School Diploma	CONS	
27-2042	Musicians and Singers	410	14%	\$32.08	59	280	Less than High School	PERF	
33-3021	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	239	13%	\$31.98	30	113	High School Diploma	SOCI	
51-8091	Chemical Plant and System Operators	37	5%	\$31.87	2	21	High School Diploma	PROD	
51-8012	Power Distributors and Dispatchers	42	12%	\$31.32	5	25	High School Diploma	PROD	
53-4031	Railroad Conductors and Yardmasters	57	9%	\$30.66	5	33	High School Diploma	LOGI	
49-9097	Signal and Track Switch Repairers	11	9%	\$30.54	1	7	High School Diploma	MECH	
51-8092	Gas Plant Operators	34	6%	\$29.97	2	19	High School Diploma	PROD	
41-9022	Real Estate Sales Agents	938	14%	\$29.93	136	616	High School Diploma	MKTG	
51-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	1,146	11%	\$29.86	130	741	High School Diploma	MECH	
53-4012	Locomotive Firers	1	0%	\$29.80	0	0	High School Diploma	LOGI	
33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,835	13%	\$29.26	243	893	High School Diploma	SOCI	
49-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	1,185	15%	\$29.21	172	738	High School Diploma	MECH	
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	3,050	13%	\$29.13	391	2,102	High School Diploma	MKTG	
47-1011	First-line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	2,468	16%	\$28.90	403	1,755	High School Diploma	CONS	
53-4011	Locomotive Engineers	35	9%	\$28.89	3	18	High School Diploma	LOGI	
27-2032	Choreographers	26	12%	\$28.66	3	22	High School Diploma	PERF	
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	2,923	13%	\$28.61	366	1,953	High School Diploma	BACK	
11-9051	Food Service Managers	762	14%	\$28.53	109	567	High School Diploma	HOSP	
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	590	16%	\$28.52	92	352	High School Diploma	MECH	
33-2022	Forest Fire Inspectors and Prevention Specialists	2	0%	\$28.37	0	2	High School Diploma	SOCI	
51-2011	Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	60	2%	\$27.74	1	33	High School Diploma	MECH	
53-2022	Airfield Operations Specialists	15	13%	\$27.63	2	9	High School Diploma	LOGI	
27-4099	Media and Communication Equipment Workers, All Other	16	13%	\$27.33	2	10	High School Diploma	COMM	
47-2072	Pile-Driver Operators	16	19%	\$26.84	3	12	High School Diploma	CONS	
33-3052	Transit and Railroad Police	5	20%	\$26.71	1	2	High School Diploma	SOCI	
13-1031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	344	10%	\$26.69	35	188	High School Diploma	BACK	
47-4011	Construction and Building Inspectors	267	16%	\$26.54	43	206	High School Diploma	CONS	
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	909	1%	\$26.18	5	492	High School Diploma	BACK	
51-7032	Patternmakers, Wood	3	0%	\$26.14	0	2	High School Diploma	PROD	

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51-4061	Model Makers, Metal and Plastic	8	0%	\$26.05	0	5	High School Diploma	PROD	
47-2011	Boilermakers	85	16%	\$26.02	14	61	High School Diploma	CONS	
45-4021	Fallers	5	20%	\$26.02	1	4	High School Diploma	AG	
45-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers	70	10%	\$25.98	7	56	High School Diploma	AG	
53-4021	Railroad Brake, Signal, and Switch Operators	18	6%	\$25.92	1	10	High School Diploma	LOGI	
49-9069	Precision Instrument and Equipment Repairers, All Other	46	13%	\$25.81	6	28	High School Diploma	MECH	
53-7111	Mine Shuttle Car Operators	4	0%	\$25.80	0	2	Less than High School	LOGI	
33-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	75	3%	\$25.78	2	27	High School Diploma	SOCI	
53-1021	First-Line Supervisors of Helpers, Laborers, and Material Movers, Hand	412	17%	\$25.48	68	310	High School Diploma	LOGI	
53-1031	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators	426	15%	\$25.46	62	307	High School Diploma	LOGI	
53-4099	Rail Transportation Workers, All Other	4	0%	\$25.33	0	2	High School Diploma	LOGI	
29-2092	Hearing Aid Specialists	17	18%	\$25.12	3	9	High School Diploma	MED	
49-9045	Refractory Materials Repairers, Except Brickmasons	5	20%	\$25.02	1	3	High School Diploma	MECH	
41-3011	Advertising Sales Agents	119	12%	\$24.96	14	95	High School Diploma	MKTG	
47-5099	Extraction Workers, All Other	19	16%	\$24.89	3	16	High School Diploma	GEO	
47-5012	Rotary Drill Operators, Oil and Gas	56	16%	\$24.87	9	47	Less than High School	GEO	
41-3099	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	2,645	16%	\$24.86	410	2,200	High School Diploma	MKTG	
35-1011	Chefs and Head Cooks	258	16%	\$24.81	40	221	High School Diploma	HOSP	
37-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers	558	13%	\$24.73	73	362	High School Diploma	SERV	
53-2031	Flight Attendants	16	6%	\$24.63	1	9	High School Diploma	LOGI	
53-1011	Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	8	13%	\$24.59	1	5	High School Diploma	LOGI	
47-2111	Electricians	2,057	16%	\$24.58	321	1,607	High School Diploma	CONS	
47-5061	Roof Bolters, Mining	6	0%	\$24.24	0	5	High School Diploma	GEO	
53-7021	Crane and Tower Operators	145	16%	\$24.12	23	109	High School Diploma	LOGI	
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	1,002	16%	\$24.11	160	707	High School Diploma	MKTG	
49-3051	Motorboat Mechanics and Service Technicians	66	11%	\$24.09	7	45	High School Diploma	MECH	
47-5013	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining	115	6%	\$21.49	7	31	Less than High School	GEO	
37-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers	244	14%	\$21.31	35	56	High School Diploma	SERV	
51-4035	Milling and Planing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	29	0%	\$21.28	0	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
53-7021	Crane and Tower Operators	90	18%	\$21.26	16	33	High School Diploma	LOGI	
51-8021	Stationary Engineers and Boiler Operators	18	23%	\$21.14	4	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
49-9052	Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	157	26%	\$21.14	41	57	High School Diploma	MECH	
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	409	22%	\$20.98	89	127	High School Diploma	MECH	
47-2021	Brickmasons and Blockmasons	134	36%	\$20.91	48	55	High School Diploma	CONS	
49-9012	Control and Valve Installers and Repairers, Except Mechanical Door	174	13%	\$20.89	22	59	High School Diploma	MECH	
51-4111	Tool and Die Makers	24	18%	\$20.88	4	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
43-3099	Financial Clerks, All Other	35	17%	\$20.74	6	11	High School Diploma	BACK	
33-3011	Bailiffs	20	12%	\$20.69	2	<10	High School Diploma	SOCI	
33-3012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	709	6%	\$20.61	41	142	High School Diploma	SOCI	
43-3061	Procurement Clerks	136	15%	\$20.57	20	45	High School Diploma	BACK	
49-3051	Motorboat Mechanics and Service Technicians	48	15%	\$20.52	7	13	High School Diploma	MECH	
43-4131	Loan Interviewers and Clerks	532	14%	\$20.29	76	123	High School Diploma	BACK	
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	3,574	14%	\$20.19	493	917	High School Diploma	SERV	
51-9012	Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	58	18%	\$20.17	10	20	High School Diploma	PROD	
49-3021	Automotive Body and Related Repairers	289	20%	\$20.12	58	94	High School Diploma	MECH	
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	972	20%	\$19.70	193	263	High School Diploma	CONS	

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51-4199	Metal Workers and Plastic Workers, All Other	34	1%	\$19.67	0	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
47-5021	Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas	47	30%	\$19.66	14	20	High School Diploma	GEO		
49-9063	Musical Instrument Repairers and Tuners	17	20%	\$19.55	3	<10	High School Diploma	MECH		
17-3031	Surveying and Mapping Technicians	215	5%	\$19.52	12	25	High School Diploma	ENG		
27-3012	Public Address System and Other Announcers	27	15%	\$19.51	4	<10	High School Diploma	PERF		
43-5011	Cargo and Freight Agents	37	29%	\$19.35	11	17	High School Diploma	LOGI		
43-6012	Legal Secretaries	156	18%	\$19.25	28	38	High School Diploma	LEGA		
49-9096	Riggers	26	19%	\$19.15	5	<10	High School Diploma	MECH		
43-5032	Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance	366	15%	\$19.14	56	105	High School Diploma	SOCI		
43-3051	Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	280	12%	\$19.05	35	74	High School Diploma	BACK		
51-9081	Dental Laboratory Technicians	39	27%	\$19.05	11	16	High School Diploma	MED		
33-9093	Transportation Security Screeners	20	4%	\$18.92	1	<10	High School Diploma	SOCI		
43-9041	Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks	605	7%	\$18.91	42	121	High School Diploma	BACK		
39-2011	Animal Trainers	39	14%	\$18.75	6	14	High School Diploma	SERV		
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	888	14%	\$18.63	120	239	High School Diploma	PROD		
39-9031	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	355	16%	\$18.61	58	94	High School Diploma	SERV		
51-4034	Lathe and Turning Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	93	2%	\$18.60	2	14	High School Diploma	PROD		
49-9031	Home Appliance Repairers	128	9%	\$18.59	11	29	High School Diploma	MECH		
51-4032	Drilling and Boring Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	14	4%	\$18.59	1	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
51-4041	Machinists	508	17%	\$18.50	84	163	High School Diploma	PROD		
47-2073	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	1,388	19%	\$18.41	257	383	High School Diploma	CONS		
51-2031	Engine and Other Machine Assemblers	70	5%	\$18.40	4	13	High School Diploma	PROD		
51-2023	Electromechanical Equipment Assemblers	208	15%	\$18.36	31	44	High School Diploma	PROD		
53-3099	Motor Vehicle Operators, All Other	32	29%	\$18.32	9	15	Less than High School	LOGI		
25-3021	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	385	28%	\$18.31	108	148	High School Diploma	ED		
39-1021	First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers	459	15%	\$18.30	69	116	High School Diploma	SERV		
41-3041	Travel Agents	37	2%	\$18.23	1	<10	High School Diploma	MKTG		
37-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers	284	16%	\$18.23	46	70	High School Diploma	SERV		
47-2221	Structural Iron and Steel Workers	166	20%	\$18.20	33	48	High School Diploma	CONS		
49-3022	Automotive Glass Installers and Repairers	52	17%	\$18.20	9	13	High School Diploma	MECH		
51-8031	Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	353	9%	\$18.17	33	82	High School Diploma	PROD		
51-4191	Heat Treating Equipment Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	38	1%	\$18.15	0	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
49-3092	Recreational Vehicle Service Technicians	37	18%	\$18.14	6	14	High School Diploma	MECH		
51-4122	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	56	3%	\$18.03	2	11	High School Diploma	PROD		
47-2211	Sheet Metal Workers	303	15%	\$17.99	46	81	High School Diploma	CONS		
51-9122	Painters, Transportation Equipment	88	18%	\$17.93	16	24	High School Diploma	PROD		
51-4052	Pourers and Casters, Metal	13	-61%	\$17.83	0	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
43-3011	Bill and Account Collectors	624	9%	\$17.68	55	134	High School Diploma	BACK		
47-2131	Insulation Workers, Floor, Ceiling, and Wall	163	15%	\$17.59	24	53	Less than High School	CONS		
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	843	13%	\$17.58	106	234	High School Diploma	PROD		
51-6093	Upholsterers	75	9%	\$17.58	6	17	High School Diploma	PROD		
53-3021	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	87	21%	\$17.57	18	25	High School Diploma	LOGI		
53-7121	Tank Car, Truck, and Ship Loaders	12	15%	\$17.54	2	<10	Less than High School	LOGI		
43-5041	Meter Readers, Utilities	78	5%	\$17.53	4	14	High School Diploma	SOCI		
47-4041	Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	96	16%	\$17.51	15	28	High School Diploma	CONS		
37-3012	Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators, Vegetation	91	11%	\$17.51	10	18	High School Diploma	SERV		
47-2161	Plasterers and Stucco Masons	46	25%	\$17.49	11	13	Less than High School	CONS		
49-9094	Locksmiths and Safe Repairers	43	-2%	\$17.37	-1	11	High School Diploma	MECH		

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49-9099	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	389	11%	\$17.26	41	72	High School Diploma	MECH		
47-2132	Insulation Workers, Mechanical	115	22%	\$17.19	25	46	High School Diploma	CONS		
51-2041	Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	110	13%	\$17.13	14	23	High School Diploma	PROD		
41-2022	Parts Salespersons	592	16%	\$17.12	94	164	Less than High School	MKTG		
35-1011	Chefs and Head Cooks	337	16%	\$17.11	53	80	High School Diploma	HOSP		
43-9011	Computer Operators	74	4%	\$17.05	3	<10	High School Diploma	BACK		
49-9044	Millwrights	36	28%	\$17.01	10	14	High School Diploma	MECH		
43-4041	Credit Authorizers, Checkers, and Clerks	56	10%	\$16.93	6	<10	High School Diploma	BACK		
43-4061	Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	403	5%	\$16.83	18	43	High School Diploma	BACK		
49-9011	Mechanical Door Repairers	42	15%	\$16.83	6	15	High School Diploma	MECH		
21-1093	Social and Human Service Assistants	377	20%	\$16.77	76	117	High School Diploma	SOCI		
47-2053	Terrazzo Workers and Finishers	17	8%	\$16.76	1	<10	High School Diploma	CONS		
47-2031	Carpenters	1,064	24%	\$16.73	250	318	High School Diploma	CONS		
21-1094	Community Health Workers	108	15%	\$16.68	16	27	High School Diploma	SOCI		
51-4022	Forging Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	26	2%	\$16.67	0	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
47-2121	Glaziers	197	18%	\$16.62	35	50	High School Diploma	CONS		
35-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	2,386	15%	\$16.61	368	747	High School Diploma	HOSP		
47-4071	Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners	85	18%	\$16.61	15	26	Less than High School	CONS		
51-9071	Jewelers and Precious Stone and Metal Workers	70	5%	\$16.61	4	12	High School Diploma	PROD		
31-9099	Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	86	23%	\$16.53	20	30	High School Diploma	MED		
43-5031	Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers	208	8%	\$16.46	16	44	High School Diploma	SOCI		
43-4151	Order Clerks	384	4%	\$16.44	15	71	High School Diploma	BACK		
47-2171	Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers	170	22%	\$16.43	38	52	High School Diploma	CONS		
51-4023	Rolling Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	23	5%	\$16.42	1	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
53-7032	Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators	388	12%	\$16.41	47	72	High School Diploma	LOGI		
47-2081	Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	634	15%	\$16.40	92	113	Less than High School	CONS		
47-4051	Highway Maintenance Workers	203	12%	\$16.38	25	54	High School Diploma	CONS		
53-3033	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	1,307	15%	\$16.28	191	310	High School Diploma	LOGI		
29-2099	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	77	34%	\$16.25	26	30	High School Diploma	MED		
43-4181	Reservation and Transportation Ticket Agents and Travel Clerks	35	19%	\$16.23	7	<10	High School Diploma	HOSP		
49-3053	Outdoor Power Equipment and Other Small Engine Mechanics	69	11%	\$16.17	8	15	High School Diploma	MECH		
51-9082	Medical Appliance Technicians	15	11%	\$16.15	2	<10	High School Diploma	MED		
53-7081	Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	455	26%	\$16.14	121	191	Less than High School	LOGI		
43-4031	Court, Municipal, and License Clerks	218	10%	\$16.12	21	28	High School Diploma	BACK		
51-4011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	418	18%	\$16.07	76	145	High School Diploma	PROD		
43-3021	Billing and Posting Clerks	853	18%	\$16.04	155	251	High School Diploma	BACK		
47-4099	Construction and Related Workers, All Other	60	20%	\$16.00	12	17	High School Diploma	CONS		
41-9012	Models	72	4%	\$15.95	3	15	Less than High School	PERF		
51-2021	Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	21	15%	\$15.79	3	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
51-9022	Grinding and Polishing Workers, Hand	51	5%	\$15.77	2	<10	Less than High School	PROD		
49-9071	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	2,374	15%	\$15.75	357	689	High School Diploma	MECH		
47-2071	Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators	355	14%	\$15.74	51	96	High School Diploma	CONS		
45-2091	Agricultural Equipment Operators	94	11%	\$15.67	10	25	Less than High School	AG		
47-2051	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	1,113	22%	\$15.65	244	318	Less than High School	CONS		
51-2022	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	480	21%	\$15.58	103	136	High School Diploma	PROD		
43-4141	New Accounts Clerks	114	-3%	\$15.53	-4	18	High School Diploma	BACK		
51-4021	Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	123	0%	\$15.42	0	18	High School Diploma	PROD		
47-2151	Pipelayers	348	13%	\$15.41	44	73	Less than High School	CONS		

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37-2021	Pest Control Workers	160	22%	\$15.41	35	59	High School Diploma	SERV		
47-3013	Helpers--Electricians	235	16%	\$15.39	39	55	High School Diploma	CONS		
43-9199	Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	80	38%	\$15.35	30	43	High School Diploma	BACK		
53-7072	Pump Operators, Except Wellhead Pumpers	63	12%	\$15.33	8	25	High School Diploma	LOGI		
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	264	12%	\$15.24	32	60	Less than High School	GEO		
49-3041	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	71	16%	\$15.22	11	20	High School Diploma	MECH		
51-9051	Furnace, Kiln, Oven, Drier, and Kettle Operators and Tenders	28	4%	\$15.21	1	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
27-1012	Craft Artists	16	4%	\$15.18	1	<10	Less than High School	DESI		
47-5041	Continuous Mining Machine Operators	44	12%	\$15.17	5	<10	Less than High School	GEO		
43-4199	Information and Record Clerks, All Other	249	12%	\$15.17	31	64	High School Diploma	BACK		
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	1,874	17%	\$15.07	320	427	High School Diploma	MED		
27-4021	Photographers	68	-2%	\$15.07	-2	10	High School Diploma	DESI		
43-9071	Office Machine Operators, Except Computer	89	3%	\$15.03	3	14	High School Diploma	BACK		
51-7021	Furniture Finishers	26	14%	\$14.94	4	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	8,121	11%	\$14.91	860	1,778	High School Diploma	BACK		
47-4031	Fence Erectors	42	23%	\$14.91	10	15	Less than High School	CONS		
49-9091	Coin, Vending, and Amusement Machine Servicers and Repairers	33	14%	\$14.90	5	<10	High School Diploma	MECH		
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	1,268	7%	\$14.89	87	229	High School Diploma	LOGI		
51-2099	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	210	14%	\$14.86	29	53	High School Diploma	PROD		
39-3099	Entertainment Attendants and Related Workers, All Other	20	21%	\$14.84	4	<10	High School Diploma	HOSP		
51-5112	Printing Press Operators	175	12%	\$14.82	22	38	High School Diploma	PROD		
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	647	15%	\$14.77	95	181	Less than High School	LOGI		
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	5,942	11%	\$14.74	653	982	High School Diploma	BACK		
39-1011	Gaming Supervisors	18	18%	\$14.74	3	<10	High School Diploma	HOSP		
51-9199	Production Workers, All Other	108	20%	\$14.69	22	34	High School Diploma	PROD		
47-2044	Tile and Marble Setters	84	12%	\$14.64	10	17	Less than High School	CONS		
51-3021	Butchers and Meat Cutters	294	13%	\$14.63	38	70	Less than High School	PROD		
51-4081	Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	97	11%	\$14.59	11	20	High School Diploma	PROD		
51-9191	Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders	25	8%	\$14.59	2	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
47-5042	Mine Cutting and Channeling Machine Operators	21	14%	\$14.52	3	<10	High School Diploma	GEO		
47-2181	Roofers	174	23%	\$14.49	40	55	Less than High School	CONS		
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	974	18%	\$14.48	173	226	High School Diploma	MED		
51-9023	Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	178	12%	\$14.45	22	42	High School Diploma	PROD		
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	6,131	9%	\$14.43	539	1,325	High School Diploma	BACK		
51-4031	Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	145	4%	\$14.38	5	16	High School Diploma	PROD		
33-9011	Animal Control Workers	36	10%	\$14.35	4	<10	High School Diploma	SOCI		
51-9031	Cutters and Trimmers, Hand	21	9%	\$14.29	2	<10	Less than High School	PROD		
27-2023	Umpires, Referees, and Other Sports Officials	31	19%	\$14.23	6	12	High School Diploma	PERF		
47-2041	Carpet Installers	33	13%	\$14.08	4	<10	Less than High School	CONS		
41-2021	Counter and Rental Clerks	1,036	14%	\$14.03	149	286	Less than High School	HOSP		
51-9193	Cooling and Freezing Equipment Operators and Tenders	12	13%	\$14.03	2	<10	High School Diploma	PROD		
43-4071	File Clerks	220	10%	\$13.98	21	45	High School Diploma	BACK		
47-5081	Helpers--Extraction Workers	86	13%	\$13.97	12	17	High School Diploma	GEO		
43-9022	Word Processors and Typists	28	18%	\$13.96	5	<10	High School Diploma	BACK		
51-7011	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	464	15%	\$13.95	69	89	High School Diploma	PROD		
49-9095	Manufactured Building and Mobile Home Installers	16	-6%	\$13.89	-1	<10	High School Diploma	MECH		
51-9121	Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	153	9%	\$13.87	14	28	High School Diploma	PROD		
47-2141	Painters, Construction and Maintenance	393	17%	\$13.85	66	100	Less than High School	CONS		

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37-3019	Grounds Maintenance Workers, All Other	30	14%	\$13.78	4	<10	Less than High School	SERV	
51-6091	Extruding and Forming Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Synthetic and Glass Fibers	15	10%	\$13.72	2	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
51-4193	Plating and Coating Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	77	-2%	\$13.67	-2	10	High School Diploma	PROD	
47-2042	Floor Layers, Except Carpet, Wood, and Hard Tiles	25	16%	\$13.65	4	<10	Less than High School	CONS	
51-9041	Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	148	7%	\$13.65	10	38	High School Diploma	PROD	
53-7011	Conveyor Operators and Tenders	57	11%	\$13.65	6	15	Less than High School	LOGI	
37-3013	Tree Trimmers and Pruners	124	13%	\$13.60	16	28	High School Diploma	SERV	
47-2022	Stonemasons	44	27%	\$13.58	12	14	High School Diploma	CONS	
51-7099	Woodworkers, All Other	15	11%	\$13.55	2	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
49-3091	Bicycle Repairers	39	43%	\$13.54	17	25	High School Diploma	MECH	
43-4111	Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan	360	13%	\$13.46	46	90	High School Diploma	BACK	
33-9032	Security Guards	771	14%	\$13.32	111	169	High School Diploma	SOCI	
51-4033	Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	121	-1%	\$13.31	-1	28	High School Diploma	PROD	
51-2091	Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	50	3%	\$13.29	2	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
41-9091	Door-to-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and Related Workers	19	12%	\$13.25	2	<10	Less than High School	MKTG	
41-9011	Demonstrators and Product Promoters	130	13%	\$13.21	17	37	High School Diploma	MKTG	
43-9051	Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal Service	165	2%	\$13.18	4	22	High School Diploma	BACK	
39-9041	Residential Advisors	249	19%	\$13.10	46	87	High School Diploma	SERV	
39-4021	Funeral Attendants	60	10%	\$13.09	6	13	High School Diploma	SERV	
51-9196	Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	16	1%	\$13.07	0	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
47-2061	Construction Laborers	3,927	19%	\$13.00	749	1,174	Less than High School	CONS	
43-5021	Couriers and Messengers	88	19%	\$13.00	17	23	High School Diploma	SOCI	
45-2099	Agricultural Workers, All Other	19	5%	\$12.96	1	<10	Less than High School	AG	
51-3091	Food and Tobacco Roasting, Baking, and Drying Machine Operators and Tenders	40	11%	\$12.95	4	<10	Less than High School	PROD	
51-5113	Print Binding and Finishing Workers	45	14%	\$12.88	6	10	High School Diploma	PROD	
31-9095	Pharmacy Aides	85	16%	\$12.86	13	23	High School Diploma	MED	
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School or Special Client	1,367	12%	\$12.85	164	259	High School Diploma	LOGI	
29-2081	Opticians, Dispensing	252	21%	\$12.80	52	89	High School Diploma	MED	
47-3014	Helpers—Painters, Paperhangers, Plasterers, and Stucco Masons	60	12%	\$12.75	7	11	Less than High School	CONS	
51-4071	Foundry Mold and Coremakers	12	-58%	\$12.72	0	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
51-2092	Team Assemblers	984	11%	\$12.71	104	215	High School Diploma	PROD	
51-9192	Cleaning, Washing, and Metal Pickling Equipment Operators and Tenders	18	11%	\$12.66	2	<10	Less than High School	PROD	
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	414	7%	\$12.65	30	57	High School Diploma	BACK	
51-3093	Food Cooking Machine Operators and Tenders	72	10%	\$12.62	7	15	High School Diploma	PROD	
51-7042	Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	89	15%	\$12.60	13	22	High School Diploma	PROD	
27-2031	Dancers	35	14%	\$12.54	5	11	Less than High School	PERF	
47-3015	Helpers—Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	401	14%	\$12.53	57	84	High School Diploma	CONS	
31-1013	Psychiatric Aides	404	17%	\$12.51	69	123	High School Diploma	MED	
51-9083	Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians	62	5%	\$12.47	3	11	High School Diploma	MED	
51-9194	Etchers and Engravers	26	11%	\$12.44	3	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
49-9098	Helpers—Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers	468	14%	\$12.43	66	146	High School Diploma	MECH	
51-3092	Food Batchmakers	107	17%	\$12.42	18	31	High School Diploma	PROD	
39-3012	Gaming and Sports Book Writers and Runners	59	14%	\$12.41	8	16	High School Diploma	HOSP	
43-2011	Switchboard Operators, Including Answering Service	150	-6%	\$12.38	-9	<10	High School Diploma	BACK	
51-9032	Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	104	7%	\$12.35	7	19	High School Diploma	PROD	
37-3011	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	2,399	13%	\$12.33	315	545	Less than High School	SERV	
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,884	15%	\$12.33	443	902	Less than High School	LOGI	
47-3011	Helpers—Brickmasons, Blockmasons, Stonemasons, and Tile and Marble Setters	61	32%	\$12.25	19	24	Less than High School	CONS	

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41-2031	Retail Salespersons	13,890	16%	\$12.21	2,240	4,820	Less than High School	MKTG	
51-9195	Molders, Shapers, and Casters, Except Metal and Plastic	278	8%	\$12.20	22	74	High School Diploma	PROD	
47-3012	Helpers--Carpenters	50	30%	\$12.19	15	19	Less than High School	CONS	
51-6051	Sewers, Hand	28	6%	\$12.19	2	<10	Less than High School	PROD	
47-3019	Helpers, Construction Trades, All Other	135	13%	\$12.17	18	27	Less than High School	CONS	
31-2022	Physical Therapist Aides	121	21%	\$12.16	25	45	High School Diploma	MED	
41-9041	Telemarketers	373	-8%	\$12.15	-30	43	Less than High School	MKTG	
31-9093	Medical Equipment Preparers	85	19%	\$12.13	16	26	High School Diploma	MED	
51-9021	Crushing, Grinding, and Polishing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	154	7%	\$12.11	11	29	High School Diploma	PROD	
43-3071	Tellers	1,115	1%	\$12.09	15	285	High School Diploma	BACK	
51-4072	Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	88	3%	\$12.09	2	11	High School Diploma	PROD	
27-1023	Floral Designers	87	11%	\$12.06	9	22	High School Diploma	DESI	
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	1,287	20%	\$12.02	259	448	High School Diploma	BACK	
47-3016	Helpers--Roofers	21	21%	\$11.96	4	<10	Less than High School	CONS	
43-4121	Library Assistants, Clerical	98	17%	\$11.95	17	33	High School Diploma	BACK	
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	4,394	13%	\$11.93	561	1,299	Less than High School	LOGI	
27-1026	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers	170	13%	\$11.91	22	43	High School Diploma	DESI	
43-5111	Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping	140	10%	\$11.90	14	36	High School Diploma	LOGI	
51-3023	Slaughterers and Meat Packers	51	5%	\$11.88	3	12	Less than High School	PROD	
39-3019	Gaming Service Workers, All Other	22	11%	\$11.87	3	<10	High School Diploma	HOSP	
53-3031	Driver/Sales Workers	1,142	12%	\$11.82	138	241	High School Diploma	LOGI	
51-9111	Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	289	15%	\$11.82	42	97	High School Diploma	PROD	
51-9151	Photographic Process Workers and Processing Machine Operators	17	4%	\$11.81	1	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
45-2041	Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	54	7%	\$11.76	4	<10	Less than High School	AG	
51-9123	Painting, Coating, and Decorating Workers	36	8%	\$11.73	3	<10	Less than High School	PROD	
51-3011	Bakers	171	23%	\$11.70	39	60	Less than High School	PROD	
49-3093	Tire Repairers and Changers	337	14%	\$11.68	48	109	High School Diploma	MECH	
53-3041	Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs	271	17%	\$11.67	47	75	Less than High School	LOGI	
35-3011	Bartenders	1,363	20%	\$11.63	275	555	Less than High School	HOSP	
53-7063	Machine Feeders and Offbearers	50	20%	\$11.55	10	16	Less than High School	LOGI	
43-4021	Correspondence Clerks	18	2%	\$11.44	0	<10	High School Diploma	BACK	
51-7041	Sawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Wood	35	17%	\$11.43	6	11	High School Diploma	PROD	
39-7011	Tour Guides and Escorts	29	16%	\$11.37	4	11	High School Diploma	HOSP	
31-1015	Orderlies	42	24%	\$11.29	10	15	High School Diploma	MED	
39-6012	Concierges	86	18%	\$11.29	15	25	High School Diploma	HOSP	
51-6021	Pressers, Textile, Garment, and Related Materials	118	5%	\$11.20	6	21	Less than High School	PROD	
51-9198	Helpers--Production Workers	569	8%	\$11.18	46	144	Less than High School	PROD	
51-6031	Sewing Machine Operators	208	8%	\$11.10	18	24	Less than High School	PROD	
47-5051	Rock Splitters, Quarry	32	18%	\$11.05	6	<10	Less than High School	GEO	
33-9099	Protective Service Workers, All Other	241	14%	\$11.05	34	52	High School Diploma	SOCI	
53-7064	Packers and Packagers, Hand	531	14%	\$10.91	75	151	Less than High School	LOGI	
39-9099	Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other	37	22%	\$10.89	8	13	High School Diploma	SERV	
31-9096	Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	263	12%	\$10.85	33	62	High School Diploma	MED	
39-9032	Recreation Workers	767	13%	\$10.82	103	178	High School Diploma	SERV	
53-6031	Automotive and Watercraft Service Attendants	379	15%	\$10.77	56	137	Less than High School	LOGI	
45-2093	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	195	5%	\$10.53	9	40	Less than High School	AG	
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	834	11%	\$10.50	89	205	Less than High School	HOSP	
51-6041	Shoe and Leather Workers and Repairers	31	5%	\$10.45	1	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	

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35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	2,016	14%	\$10.39	285	585	Less than High School	HOSP	
51-3099	Food Processing Workers, All Other	76	13%	\$10.39	10	18	Less than High School	PROD	
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	3,205	18%	\$10.37	586	1,045	Less than High School	HOSP	
51-6011	Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	462	10%	\$10.36	45	80	Less than High School	PROD	
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	3,195	15%	\$10.29	482	821	Less than High School	SERV	
51-6062	Textile Cutting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	19	9%	\$10.26	2	<10	High School Diploma	PROD	
51-6052	Tailors, Dressmakers, and Custom Sewers	52	5%	\$10.22	3	12	Less than High School	PROD	
39-9011	Childcare Workers	2,565	13%	\$10.16	322	723	High School Diploma	SERV	
31-1011	Home Health Aides	746	27%	\$10.09	200	294	Less than High School	MED	
51-3022	Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	135	13%	\$10.08	17	33	Less than High School	PROD	
53-7061	Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	969	16%	\$10.06	156	337	Less than High School	LOGI	
33-9091	Crossing Guards	143	13%	\$10.06	18	32	Less than High School	SOCI	
39-2021	Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	437	17%	\$10.04	76	125	High School Diploma	SERV	
39-5093	Shampooers	27	22%	\$10.03	6	<10	Less than High School	SERV	
45-2092	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	755	5%	\$9.87	39	171	Less than High School	AG	
35-3041	Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	563	13%	\$9.86	76	149	Less than High School	HOSP	
41-2011	Cashiers	8,862	13%	\$9.85	1,111	3,108	Less than High School	SERV	
53-6021	Parking Lot Attendants	214	18%	\$9.83	38	103	Less than High School	LOGI	
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	6,921	13%	\$9.82	890	2,657	Less than High School	HOSP	
39-3091	Amusement and Recreation Attendants	715	12%	\$9.56	85	242	Less than High School	HOSP	
39-6011	Baggage Porters and Bellhops	56	24%	\$9.53	13	19	High School Diploma	HOSP	
39-3093	Locker Room, Coatroom, and Dressing Room Attendants	29	20%	\$9.53	6	12	High School Diploma	HOSP	
43-4081	Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks	441	26%	\$9.46	115	245	High School Diploma	HOSP	
39-3031	Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	170	30%	\$9.30	51	112	Less than High School	HOSP	
35-2015	Cooks, Short Order	781	7%	\$9.29	51	158	Less than High School	HOSP	
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	2,639	19%	\$9.20	495	611	Less than High School	SERV	
37-2012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,678	21%	\$9.09	346	565	Less than High School	SERV	
33-9092	Lifeguards, Ski Patrol, and Other Recreational Protective Service Workers	285	14%	\$9.09	39	60	Less than High School	SOCI	
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	10,232	14%	\$8.95	1,432	3,191	Less than High School	HOSP	
35-9099	Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other	227	11%	\$8.91	25	85	Less than High School	SERV	
35-9031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	1,107	14%	\$8.84	151	569	Less than High School	HOSP	
35-9011	Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	1,042	15%	\$8.76	153	431	Less than High School	HOSP	
35-9021	Dishwashers	1,174	10%	\$8.76	113	379	Less than High School	HOSP	
35-3022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	1,066	16%	\$8.75	173	517	Less than High School	HOSP	
37-2019	Building Cleaning Workers, All Other	30	13%	\$8.59	4	<10	Less than High School	SERV	
35-2011	Cooks, Fast Food	1,469	3%	\$8.56	43	257	Less than High School	HOSP	

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