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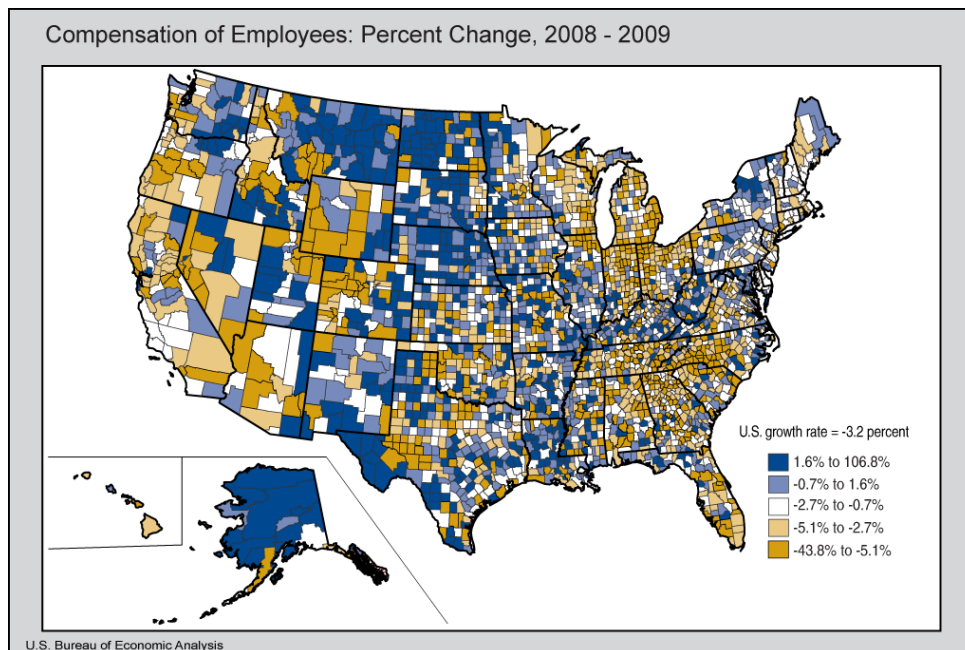
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County Compensation by Industry, 2009

Compensation declined in two-thirds of the 3,113 counties in the U.S. in 2009, according to statistics released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).¹ Total compensation of U.S. workers contracted 3.2 percent in 2009, as a decline in employment more than offset the increase in average annual compensation per job, which grew 1.2 percent to \$56,962. Inflation measured by the national price index for personal consumption expenditures, grew 0.2 percent.



Compensation in large counties

Counties with at least \$10 billion in total compensation represent 5 percent of the 3,113 counties in the U.S., but account for almost two-thirds (65 percent) of total national compensation. In these 167 large counties:

- Total compensation contracted by 3.7 percent in 2009, ranging from -15.9 percent in St. Louis City, Missouri to 5.3 percent in Arlington County, Virginia
- Declines in finance and insurance, construction, and durable-goods manufacturing were the largest contributors to the contraction in 2009 total compensation

- The professional, scientific, and technical services sector represented the largest share of 2009 total compensation at 10.7 percent
- Average annual compensation per job grew by 0.8 percent in 2009, ranging from \$44,750 in El Paso County, Texas to \$109,028 in New York County (Manhattan), New York

Compensation in medium counties

Counties with total compensation of at least \$1 billion and less than \$10 billion represent 22 percent of all U.S. counties, and account for 26 percent of total national compensation. In these 672 medium counties:

- Total compensation contracted by 2.2 percent in 2009, ranging from -15.1 percent in Elkhart County, Indiana to 11.4 percent in Onslow County, North Carolina
- Declines in durable-goods manufacturing and construction were the largest contributors to the contraction in 2009 total compensation
- The health care and social assistance sector represented the largest share of 2009 total compensation at 12.5 percent
- Average annual compensation per job grew by 2.0 percent in 2009, ranging from \$33,080 in Sevier County, Tennessee to \$101,531 in North Slope Borough, Alaska

Compensation in small counties

Counties with total compensation of less than \$1 billion represent the remaining 73 percent of all U.S. counties, but account for only 9 percent of total national compensation. In these 2,274 small counties:

- Total compensation contracted by 2.3 percent in 2009, ranging from -43.8 percent in Slope County, North Dakota to 106.8 percent in Trimble County, Kentucky
- Declines in durable-goods manufacturing and construction were the largest contributors to the contraction in 2009 total compensation
- The local government sector represented the largest share of 2009 total compensation at 17.2 percent
- Average annual compensation per job grew by 2.0 percent in 2009, ranging from \$28,661 in Zavala County, Texas to \$97,433 in Eureka County, Nevada

Definitions

Compensation is the income received by employees as remuneration for their work.

Compensation is the sum of wage and salary disbursements and supplements to wages and salaries. Supplements to wages and salaries consist of employer contributions for government social insurance and employer contributions for employee pension and insurance funds.

Compensation is reported by place of work. The level of personal income in the national income and product accounts (NIPAs) differs from the national total in the state personal income statistics because of differences in coverage and the timing of the availability of source data. See [Personal Income in the NIPAs and State Personal Income](#) for more information.

Average compensation per job is compensation of employees received, divided by total full-time and part-time wage and salary employment.

The **metropolitan area definitions** used by BEA for its entire series of personal income statistics are the county-based definitions developed by the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) for federal statistical purposes and last updated in November 2009. OMB's general concept of a metropolitan area is that of a geographic area consisting of a large population nucleus together with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with the nucleus.

Technical notes

The 2007–2008 statistics have been revised to incorporate newly available source data, while the 2009 statistics are released for the first time.

In addition to the county statistics, BEA is releasing compensation by industry for metropolitan areas, metropolitan divisions, micropolitan areas, combined statistical areas, and BEA economic areas. Table CA06, Compensation of Employees by Industry, for all areas for 1998–2009 can be accessed interactively at www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis.

Tables presenting the comprehensive measure of personal income for local areas—including CA05, Personal Income by Major Source and Earnings by Industry—will be released April 21, 2011.

Detailed personal income statistics for metropolitan statistical areas, micropolitan statistical areas, metropolitan divisions, and combined statistical areas are available on the BEA Web site at www.bea.gov.

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Footnotes

¹ Beginning with 2009 statistics, new county equivalents were created for Alaska: Petersburg Census Area (02-195) and Wrangell City and Borough (02-275) take the place of the former Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area (02-280). Part of Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area (02-201) was annexed by Ketchikan Gateway Borough (02-130) and part (Meyers Chuck Area) was included in the new Wrangell City and Borough. The remainder of Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area was renamed Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area (02-198).

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County	State	2008 Total Compensation (millions of dollars)	2009 Total Compensation (millions of dollars)	Percent Change	2008 Average Compensation per job (dollars)	2009 Average Compensation per job (dollars)	Percent Change
Los Angeles	CA	281,552	268,394	-4.7	64,474	65,126	1.0
New York	NY	294,942	262,177	-11.1	117,712	109,028	-7.4
Cook	IL	183,928	174,356	-5.2	68,021	67,791	-0.3
Harris	TX	150,983	147,151	-2.5	68,976	69,008	0.0
Dallas	TX	104,542	99,692	-4.6	66,201	66,304	0.2
Maricopa	AZ	102,591	96,546	-5.9	55,213	56,309	2.0
Orange	CA	100,661	94,348	-6.3	64,035	64,580	0.9
San Diego	CA	95,016	92,789	-2.3	63,471	64,908	2.3
Santa Clara	CA	92,728	87,522	-5.6	97,520	98,165	0.7
King	WA	89,561	86,944	-2.9	70,799	72,543	2.5
District of Columbia	DC	70,398	72,028	2.3	95,941	98,246	2.4
Middlesex	MA	67,780	66,102	-2.5	76,470	77,108	0.8
Hennepin	MN	63,484	59,210	-6.7	70,207	68,515	-2.4
Miami-Dade	FL	61,952	59,202	-4.4	56,264	57,034	1.4
Fairfax, Fairfax City + Falls Church	VA	57,569	58,212	1.1	84,728	87,540	3.3
Fulton	GA	59,638	57,139	-4.2	73,936	74,712	1.0
Suffolk	MA	56,594	54,095	-4.4	89,499	88,092	-1.6
San Francisco	CA	54,739	51,933	-5.1	92,038	91,130	-1.0
Alameda	CA	52,415	50,049	-4.5	72,995	74,094	1.5
Clark	NV	51,146	46,708	-8.7	54,039	54,340	0.6
Philadelphia	PA	45,207	45,127	-0.2	65,332	66,440	1.7
Tarrant	TX	45,440	44,441	-2.2	55,189	55,745	1.0
Wayne	MI	48,774	44,215	-9.3	62,221	61,266	-1.5
Allegheny	PA	43,039	42,463	-1.3	58,400	58,920	0.9
Cuyahoga	OH	44,349	42,341	-4.5	57,265	57,513	0.4
Oakland	MI	45,985	41,351	-10.1	63,668	62,557	-1.7
Bexar	TX	40,580	41,137	1.4	50,439	52,019	3.1
Broward	FL	42,710	40,559	-5.0	53,333	54,398	2.0
Fairfield	CT	43,126	40,229	-6.7	94,416	92,435	-2.1
Sacramento	CA	41,475	40,179	-3.1	63,607	64,594	1.6
Suffolk	NY	40,326	39,573	-1.9	61,533	62,456	1.5
Nassau	NY	39,804	39,452	-0.9	61,905	63,468	2.5
Franklin	OH	40,153	39,432	-1.8	54,655	55,658	1.8
DuPage	IL	41,413	38,691	-6.6	66,126	65,668	-0.7
St. Louis	MO	39,832	38,570	-3.2	60,251	61,160	1.5
Montgomery	MD	38,022	38,242	0.6	76,035	78,643	3.4
Mecklenburg	NC	39,631	37,121	-6.3	65,454	64,618	-1.3
Hartford	CT	37,597	36,724	-2.3	69,618	70,580	1.4
Orange	FL	38,376	36,391	-5.2	52,217	52,786	1.1
Hillsborough	FL	36,671	35,755	-2.5	55,379	57,875	4.5
Travis	TX	36,397	35,593	-2.2	59,395	59,949	0.9
Montgomery	PA	35,986	35,185	-2.2	68,682	70,126	2.1
Marion	IN	36,193	34,947	-3.4	57,640	58,676	1.8
San Bernardino	CA	35,834	34,563	-3.5	51,321	52,624	2.5
San Mateo	CA	31,824	32,442	1.9	87,806	94,291	7.4
Salt Lake	UT	32,842	32,315	-1.6	52,518	54,221	3.2
Westchester	NY	33,648	32,084	-4.6	74,944	74,678	-0.4
Hamilton	OH	33,075	32,068	-3.0	60,413	61,143	1.2
Bergen	NJ	32,850	31,682	-3.6	68,848	69,187	0.5
Denver	CO	32,933	31,570	-4.1	68,948	69,613	1.0
Palm Beach	FL	31,955	30,449	-4.7	55,008	56,138	2.1
Queens	NY	30,142	29,667	-1.6	55,401	55,660	0.5
Honolulu	HI	29,397	29,472	0.3	56,964	58,847	3.3
Riverside	CA	31,386	29,462	-6.1	48,809	49,572	1.6
Shelby	TN	30,381	29,319	-3.5	55,791	56,735	1.7
Milwaukee	WI	30,105	29,116	-3.3	56,139	56,989	1.5
Duval	FL	29,598	28,519	-3.6	57,223	58,505	2.2
Middlesex	NJ	29,575	28,316	-4.3	68,855	69,130	0.4
Essex	NJ	27,538	26,609	-3.4	70,744	71,330	0.8
Multnomah	OR	27,481	26,411	-3.9	57,284	58,196	1.6
Wake	NC	27,078	26,289	-2.9	55,776	56,548	1.4
Lake	IL	26,694	25,768	-3.5	71,461	72,578	1.6

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Kings	NY	24,866	25,033	0.7	47,871	48,373	1.0
Contra Costa	CA	25,783	24,739	-4.0	71,836	72,641	1.1
Oklahoma	OK	24,537	24,278	-1.1	53,125	54,153	1.9
Davidson	TN	25,105	24,160	-3.8	56,452	56,976	0.9
Morris	NJ	24,674	24,060	-2.5	80,774	82,166	1.7
Erie	NY	23,938	23,743	-0.8	49,772	50,653	1.8
Jefferson	KY	24,263	23,735	-2.2	52,934	54,110	2.2
Baltimore	MD	23,641	23,511	-0.5	58,887	60,339	2.5
Baltimore (Independent City)	MD	23,850	23,176	-2.8	66,377	66,724	0.5
Jackson	MO	23,347	23,104	-1.0	57,998	59,534	2.6
New Haven	CT	23,511	22,978	-2.3	59,503	60,636	1.9
Prince George's	MD	21,838	21,791	-0.2	63,284	65,029	2.8
Pinellas	FL	22,548	21,677	-3.9	50,252	51,353	2.2
Norfolk	MA	22,419	21,427	-4.4	65,656	65,373	-0.4
Monroe	NY	21,587	21,157	-2.0	53,864	54,312	0.8
Jefferson	AL	22,021	21,035	-4.5	55,877	56,581	1.3
Ramsey	MN	21,286	20,885	-1.9	59,948	61,339	2.3
Anne Arundel	MD	20,055	20,350	1.5	68,634	71,630	4.4
Cobb	GA	20,704	19,752	-4.6	59,828	60,612	1.3
Ventura	CA	19,997	19,601	-2.0	59,881	61,668	3.0
Pima	AZ	20,157	19,481	-3.4	50,454	51,306	1.7
Hudson	NJ	20,175	19,466	-3.5	78,360	77,804	-0.7
Arapahoe	CO	19,638	19,280	-1.8	65,342	66,586	1.9
Collin	TX	19,489	19,224	-1.4	63,836	63,815	0.0
Tulsa	OK	19,589	18,953	-3.2	51,950	52,466	1.0
Johnson	KS	19,703	18,850	-4.3	57,998	58,138	0.2
New Castle	DE	19,497	18,724	-4.0	63,904	64,791	1.4
Douglas	NE	18,865	18,713	-0.8	53,989	54,947	1.8
Chester	PA	18,693	18,651	-0.2	71,208	73,394	3.1
DeKalb	GA	19,176	18,622	-2.9	59,188	60,430	2.1
Pierce	WA	18,377	18,454	0.4	56,524	58,680	3.8
Arlington	VA	17,410	18,340	5.3	98,403	102,373	4.0
Worcester	MA	18,893	18,308	-3.1	55,575	55,833	0.5
Gwinnett	GA	19,274	18,219	-5.5	55,882	56,121	0.4
Bernalillo	NM	18,330	18,172	-0.9	50,816	52,593	3.5
Essex	MA	18,400	18,073	-1.8	58,265	58,854	1.0
Dane	WI	17,431	17,149	-1.6	52,900	53,669	1.5
Macomb	MI	18,465	16,709	-9.5	57,535	57,727	0.3
Fresno	CA	17,137	16,621	-3.0	47,307	48,605	2.7
Union	NJ	17,004	16,609	-2.3	69,222	70,569	1.9
Kent	MI	17,423	16,562	-4.9	49,862	51,019	2.3
El Paso	CO	16,226	16,530	1.9	56,409	58,909	4.4
Providence	RI	16,813	16,355	-2.7	56,426	57,360	1.7
Mercer	NJ	16,875	16,297	-3.4	73,247	72,992	-0.3
Somerset	NJ	16,727	15,962	-4.6	90,064	88,829	-1.4
Monmouth	NJ	16,393	15,822	-3.5	59,062	59,467	0.7
Washington	OR	16,541	15,787	-4.6	62,747	63,688	1.5
Snohomish	WA	16,076	15,766	-1.9	57,949	59,907	3.4
St. Louis (Independent City)	MO	18,457	15,515	-15.9	71,602	63,371	-11.5
Polk	IA	15,688	15,477	-1.3	54,315	54,963	1.2
Kern	CA	15,579	15,206	-2.4	52,493	54,443	3.7
East Baton Rouge	LA	14,740	15,115	2.5	52,950	54,617	3.1
Pulaski	AR	14,523	14,865	2.4	52,858	55,427	4.9
Bucks	PA	15,302	14,848	-3.0	54,314	55,085	1.4
Durham	NC	14,323	14,361	0.3	72,827	74,660	2.5
Guilford	NC	14,999	14,180	-5.5	50,265	50,934	1.3
Albany	NY	13,979	14,107	0.9	58,313	60,192	3.2
Sedgwick	KS	14,719	14,068	-4.4	52,749	52,970	0.4
Summit	OH	14,790	14,063	-4.9	50,845	51,562	1.4
Norfolk (Independent City)	VA	14,012	13,937	-0.5	67,314	70,397	4.6
Onondaga	NY	13,864	13,762	-0.7	52,296	53,651	2.6
El Paso	TX	13,179	13,642	3.5	42,815	44,750	4.5

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Montgomery	OH	14,441	13,557	-6.1	52,104	52,233	0.2
Bronx	NY	13,131	13,544	3.1	53,143	54,042	1.7
Waukesha	WI	13,930	13,315	-4.4	56,309	56,792	0.9
Delaware	PA	13,148	12,992	-1.2	57,509	58,569	1.8
Burlington	NJ	13,146	12,992	-1.2	60,000	60,769	1.3
Jefferson	CO	12,865	12,768	-0.8	57,156	58,658	2.6
Richland	SC	12,618	12,546	-0.6	52,416	54,470	3.9
Hillsborough	NH	12,905	12,343	-4.4	61,683	61,511	-0.3
Madison	AL	11,894	12,323	3.6	60,048	63,179	5.2
Greenville	SC	12,915	12,318	-4.6	49,206	50,121	1.9
Charleston	SC	12,187	12,112	-0.6	50,631	52,734	4.2
Camden	NJ	12,671	12,101	-4.5	57,120	57,300	0.3
Cumberland	NC	11,347	11,876	4.7	63,314	66,251	4.6
Orleans	LA	11,847	11,700	-1.2	60,550	60,625	0.1
Brevard	FL	11,631	11,416	-1.9	53,580	55,496	3.6
Knox	TN	11,612	11,288	-2.8	46,529	47,654	2.4
San Joaquin	CA	11,583	11,198	-3.3	50,822	51,851	2.0
Washtenaw	MI	11,494	11,194	-2.6	57,867	58,017	0.3
Anchorage Municipality	AK	10,766	11,151	3.6	64,558	66,913	3.6
Jefferson	LA	11,088	11,091	0.0	51,920	52,948	2.0
Lancaster	PA	11,367	11,047	-2.8	46,485	47,187	1.5
Bristol	MA	11,432	11,038	-3.5	50,354	50,869	1.0
Kane	IL	11,547	10,882	-5.8	51,713	52,353	1.2
Lucas	OH	11,094	10,764	-3.0	48,559	50,251	3.5
Santa Barbara	CA	10,923	10,740	-1.7	54,480	56,255	3.3
Spokane	WA	10,877	10,730	-1.4	47,398	49,042	3.5
Henrico	VA	11,312	10,703	-5.4	59,098	58,745	-0.6
Bell	TX	10,211	10,606	3.9	62,205	65,249	4.9
Hampden	MA	10,786	10,583	-1.9	52,223	53,046	1.6
Will	IL	10,866	10,583	-2.6	51,131	51,578	0.9
Richmond (Independent City)	VA	10,991	10,542	-4.1	65,311	65,257	-0.1
Dauphin	PA	10,505	10,536	0.3	53,784	55,061	2.4
Howard	MD	10,277	10,534	2.5	65,153	67,984	4.3
Boulder	CO	11,072	10,511	-5.1	63,456	63,242	-0.3
Passaic	NJ	10,792	10,506	-2.6	57,522	58,855	2.3
Ada	ID	10,997	10,420	-5.2	49,608	50,643	2.1
Sonoma	CA	11,101	10,392	-6.4	55,517	55,875	0.6
Washoe	NV	11,306	10,378	-8.2	52,210	52,828	1.2
Virginia Beach (Independent City)	VA	10,422	10,278	-1.4	50,444	52,232	3.5
Lake	IN	10,751	10,126	-5.8	51,332	50,895	-0.9
Lee	FL	10,789	10,069	-6.7	47,869	48,284	0.9
Dakota	MN	10,176	10,050	-1.2	54,437	55,216	1.4
Lehigh	PA	10,331	10,015	-3.1	54,719	55,319	1.1