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Development of the AWI

Wage Statistics for 2013

April 9, 2015

The national average wage index (AWI) is based on compensation (wages, tips, and the like) subject to Federal income taxes, as reported by employers on Forms W-2. Beginning with the AWI for 1991, compensation includes contributions to deferred compensation plans, but excludes certain distributions from plans where the distributions are included in the reported compensation subject to income taxes. We call the result of including contributions, and excluding certain distributions, *net compensation*. The table below summarizes the components of net compensation for 2013.

Net compensation components for 2013

Compensation subject to Federal income taxes	$6,463,355,960,937.75
Deferred compensation plan Contributions[a] Distributions[b]	 + 243,322,474,751.79 - 2,020,839,319.13
Net compensation	6,704,657,596,370.41

[a] Wages on which contributions were paid by 51,737,311 workers.

[b] Distributions, to the extent included in reported wages (see text above), paid to 58,640 workers.

The "raw" average wage, computed as net compensation divided by the number of wage earners, is $6,704,657,596,370.41 divided by 155,772,341, or $43,041.39. Based on data in the table below, about 66.9 percent of wage earners had net compensation less than or equal to the $43,041.39 raw average wage. By definition, 50 percent of wage earners had net compensation less than or equal to the *median* wage, which is estimated to be $28,031.02 for 2013.

Distribution of wage earners by level of net compensation

	Wage earners			Net compensation	
Net compensation interval	Number	Cumulative number	Percent of total	Aggregate amount	Average amount
$0.01 — 4,999.99	23,115,933	23,115,933	14.83956	$47,182,613,119.80	$2,041.13
5,000.00 — 9,999.99	13,909,297	37,025,230	23.76881	103,038,350,002.21	7,407.88
10,000.00 — 14,999.99	12,340,772	49,366,002	31.69112	153,713,709,556.38	12,455.76
15,000.00 — 19,999.99	11,455,940	60,821,942	39.04541	199,992,520,521.28	17,457.54

20,000.00 — 24,999.99	10,854,603	71,676,545	46.01365	243,861,562,226.06	22,466.19
25,000.00 — 29,999.99	10,097,107	81,773,652	52.49562	277,228,136,438.50	27,456.19
30,000.00 — 34,999.99	9,385,751	91,159,403	58.52092	304,526,040,389.11	32,445.57
35,000.00 — 39,999.99	8,440,392	99,599,795	63.93933	316,022,370,825.34	37,441.67
40,000.00 — 44,999.99	7,406,037	107,005,832	68.69373	314,249,875,620.58	42,431.58
45,000.00 — 49,999.99	6,386,571	113,392,403	72.79367	302,973,681,899.86	47,439.18
50,000.00 — 54,999.99	5,552,820	118,945,223	76.35837	291,075,098,815.79	52,419.33
55,000.00 — 59,999.99	4,680,154	123,625,377	79.36285	268,784,784,711.21	57,430.76
60,000.00 — 64,999.99	4,035,207	127,660,584	81.95331	251,823,416,999.80	62,406.57
65,000.00 — 69,999.99	3,428,109	131,088,693	84.15402	231,142,482,302.71	67,425.65
70,000.00 — 74,999.99	2,968,987	134,057,680	86.06000	215,031,183,359.11	72,425.77
75,000.00 — 79,999.99	2,559,327	136,617,007	87.70299	198,162,943,189.00	77,427.75
80,000.00 — 84,999.99	2,179,245	138,796,252	89.10199	179,639,334,066.10	82,431.91
85,000.00 — 89,999.99	1,873,165	140,669,417	90.30449	163,773,160,357.76	87,431.25
90,000.00 — 94,999.99	1,617,254	142,286,671	91.34271	149,463,631,096.84	92,418.16
95,000.00 — 99,999.99	1,402,053	143,688,724	92.24277	136,614,877,209.07	97,439.17
100,000.00 — 104,999.99	1,229,162	144,917,886	93.03185	125,888,071,678.53	102,417.80
105,000.00 — 109,999.99	1,041,264	145,959,150	93.70030	111,869,716,730.65	107,436.46
110,000.00 — 114,999.99	914,048	146,873,198	94.28708	102,769,032,962.11	112,432.86
115,000.00 — 119,999.99	799,496	147,672,694	94.80033	93,895,453,365.83	117,443.31
120,000.00 — 124,999.99	719,798	148,392,492	95.26241	88,108,623,693.99	122,407.43
125,000.00 — 129,999.99	626,590	149,019,082	95.66466	79,847,785,243.54	127,432.27

130,000.00 — 134,999.99	555,283	149,574,365	96.02113	73,528,982,819.61	132,417.13
135,000.00 — 139,999.99	483,898	150,058,263	96.33178	66,505,565,747.55	137,437.16
140,000.00 — 144,999.99	433,681	150,491,944	96.61018	61,778,040,589.92	142,450.42
145,000.00 — 149,999.99	391,030	150,882,974	96.86121	57,663,715,129.94	147,466.22
150,000.00 — 154,999.99	353,108	151,236,082	97.08789	53,809,181,975.64	152,387.32
155,000.00 — 159,999.99	307,299	151,543,381	97.28517	48,379,154,675.10	157,433.49
160,000.00 — 164,999.99	271,993	151,815,374	97.45978	44,178,224,446.76	162,424.12
165,000.00 — 169,999.99	245,137	152,060,511	97.61714	41,048,141,226.33	167,449.80
170,000.00 — 174,999.99	219,905	152,280,416	97.75832	37,923,400,169.10	172,453.56
175,000.00 — 179,999.99	200,406	152,480,822	97.88697	35,557,443,971.46	177,427.04
180,000.00 — 184,999.99	185,956	152,666,778	98.00635	33,917,939,985.51	182,397.66
185,000.00 — 189,999.99	164,703	152,831,481	98.11208	30,872,961,835.03	187,446.26
190,000.00 — 194,999.99	152,007	152,983,488	98.20966	29,254,515,357.17	192,455.05
195,000.00 — 199,999.99	142,889	153,126,377	98.30139	28,217,116,050.47	197,475.78
200,000.00 — 249,999.99	958,080	154,084,457	98.91644	212,718,131,770.48	222,025.44
250,000.00 — 299,999.99	520,439	154,604,896	99.25054	141,720,256,166.76	272,309.06
300,000.00 — 349,999.99	306,130	154,911,026	99.44707	98,854,918,996.06	322,918.10
350,000.00 — 399,999.99	199,616	155,110,642	99.57521	74,542,893,470.43	373,431.46
400,000.00 — 449,999.99	138,283	155,248,925	99.66399	58,542,156,769.92	423,350.35
450,000.00 — 499,999.99	99,577	155,348,502	99.72791	47,165,771,264.74	473,661.30
500,000.00 — 999,999.99	310,753	155,659,255	99.92740	206,496,972,989.34	664,505.16

1,000,000.00 — 1,499,999.99	57,520	155,716,775	99.96433	69,059,675,758.86	1,200,620.23
1,500,000.00 — 1,999,999.99	21,063	155,737,838	99.97785	36,155,004,386.62	1,716,517.32
2,000,000.00 — 2,499,999.99	10,389	155,748,227	99.98452	23,096,902,224.09	2,223,207.45
2,500,000.00 — 2,999,999.99	6,068	155,754,295	99.98842	16,552,147,469.04	2,727,776.45
3,000,000.00 — 3,499,999.99	4,073	155,758,368	99.99103	13,161,734,400.78	3,231,459.46
3,500,000.00 — 3,999,999.99	2,827	155,761,195	99.99284	10,553,376,584.03	3,733,065.65
4,000,000.00 — 4,499,999.99	1,973	155,763,168	99.99411	8,355,942,195.01	4,235,145.56
4,500,000.00 — 4,999,999.99	1,416	155,764,584	99.99502	6,702,335,724.80	4,733,287.94
5,000,000.00 — 9,999,999.99	5,359	155,769,943	99.99846	36,086,602,354.52	6,733,831.38
10,000,000.00 — 19,999,999.99	1,723	155,771,666	99.99957	23,178,891,061.01	13,452,635.55
20,000,000.00 — 49,999,999.99	565	155,772,231	99.99993	16,114,956,321.52	28,522,046.59
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