

**Growth of average hourly wages, benefits, and compensation, 1948-2004
(2004 dollars)**

	Wages & salaries	Benefits*	Total compensation	Benefit share of compensation
Hourly wage				
1948	8.92	0.48	9.40	5.1%
1949	9.26	0.57	9.83	5.8%
1950	9.55	0.62	10.17	6.1%
1951	9.61	0.67	10.28	6.5%
1952	9.99	0.69	10.67	6.4%
1953	10.43	0.72	11.14	6.4%
1954	10.67	0.78	11.45	6.8%
1955	11.05	0.86	11.91	7.2%
1956	11.45	0.95	12.40	7.7%
1957	11.67	1.05	12.73	8.3%
1958	11.84	1.11	12.95	8.6%
1959	12.16	1.22	13.38	9.1%
1960	12.40	1.31	13.70	9.5%
1961	12.63	1.36	13.99	9.8%
1962	12.92	1.46	14.38	10.1%
1963	13.21	1.54	14.75	10.4%
1964	13.66	1.61	15.27	10.6%
1965	13.96	1.66	15.62	10.6%
1966	14.27	1.79	16.07	11.2%
1967	14.68	1.85	16.53	11.2%
1968	15.20	1.98	17.18	11.5%
1969	15.53	2.07	17.61	11.8%
1970	16.03	2.23	18.26	12.2%
1971	16.39	2.42	18.80	12.9%
1972	16.82	2.62	19.44	13.5%
1973	16.97	2.82	19.78	14.2%
1974	16.73	2.95	19.68	15.0%
1975	16.75	3.19	19.94	16.0%
1976	17.03	3.47	20.50	16.9%
1977	17.09	3.65	20.75	17.6%
1978	17.21	3.75	20.96	17.9%
1979	17.16	3.81	20.97	18.2%
1980	17.14	3.90	21.04	18.5%
1981	17.27	4.00	21.27	18.8%
1982	17.53	4.12	21.66	19.0%
1983	17.54	4.16	21.71	19.2%
1984	17.72	4.21	21.93	19.2%
1985	18.01	4.25	22.26	19.1%
1986	18.43	4.34	22.77	19.1%
1987	18.57	4.29	22.86	18.8%
1988	18.80	4.27	23.08	18.5%
1989	18.54	4.21	22.75	18.5%
1990	18.70	4.23	22.93	18.5%
1991	18.92	4.42	23.34	18.9%
1992	19.25	4.58	23.83	19.2%
1993	19.29	4.64	23.93	19.4%
1994	19.36	4.62	23.98	19.3%
1995	19.54	4.44	23.98	18.5%
1996	19.91	4.34	24.24	17.9%
1997	20.33	4.24	24.57	17.2%
1998	21.18	4.32	25.50	17.0%
1999	21.77	4.39	26.17	16.8%
2000	22.58	4.54	27.12	16.7%
2001	22.89	4.69	27.58	17.0%
2002	22.99	5.17	28.16	18.4%
2003	23.29	5.53	28.83	19.2%
2004	23.63	5.69	29.32	19.4%

* Includes payroll taxes, health, pension, and other nonwage benefits.

** Deflated by Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) index for all items, except health, which is deflated by PCE Medical Index.

Source: Authors' analysis from *The State of Working America 2006-07* of BLS and BEA data, table 3.2.