

WAGE RATES OF TRADES AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS IN MANUFACTURING (16th of an 18-Part Series on 2006 OWS)

This issue of the LABSTAT Updates on the results of the 2006 Occupational Wages Survey (OWS) focuses on the wage rates of 33 trades and related occupations in 15 industry groups of manufacturing. The wages rates in these occupations ranged from ₱6,658 to ₱19,948.

The wage rates of 169 occupations across 45 industry groups were covered in the OWS. These are posted on the BLES website.

Average monthly wage rates in six trades and related occupations were higher than the all-occupation average

Among the 33 trades and related occupations in manufacturing monitored in the



2006 OWS, six occupations recorded average wage rates higher than the national average of ₱10,629. These were:

- *sheet-metal workers* (₱19,948) in the manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
- *electrical mechanics and fitters* (₱12,838) in the manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus, n.e.c.
- *printing engravers and etchers* (₱12,569) and *compositors, typesetters and related workers* (₱11,128) in publishing and printing except reproduction of recorded media
- *structural metal preparers, erectors and related workers* (₱11,415) in building and repairing of ships and boats
- *sheet-metal workers* (₱10,843) in the manufacture of basic metals.

On the other hand, the following occupations recorded low wage rates compared to those of the other trade workers:



- *wood treaters* (₱6,658) and *woodworking-machine setters and setter-operators* (₱6,686) in the manufacture of wood and wood products except furniture
- *cabinet/furniture makers and related workers* (₱6,705) and *rattan, bamboo and other wicker furniture workers* (₱6,859) in the manufacture and repair of furniture.

The average wage rates of the rest of the covered trades and related occupations varied from ₱7,131 to ₱9,959.

Below is the list of the monitored occupations in the selected manufacturing industry groups and their corresponding average monthly wage rates (in pesos).

Definition of Terms:

- **Wage rate** refers to the sum of basic pay and regular/guaranteed cash allowances.
- **Basic pay** refers to pay for normal/regular working time before deductions for employees' social security contributions and withholding taxes. It excludes overtime, night shift differential and other premium pay; commissions, tips and share of employees in service charge; and payment in kind.
- **Allowances** refer to regular/guaranteed cash payments. These include cost of living allowance but exclude reimbursements for travel, entertainment, meals and other expenses, etc. incurred in conducting the business of the employer; cost of uniform/working clothes; bonuses and gratuities; family allowances.

Manufacture of Food Products and Beverages

Food Processing and Related Trades Workers	7,325
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Manufacture of Textiles

Fiber Preparers	8,864
Weavers, Knitters and Related Workers	8,728

Manufacture of Wearing Apparel

Textile, Leather and Related Pattern Makers and Cutters	8,489
Sewers, Embroiderers and Related Workers	7,331
Tailors, Dressmakers and Hatters	7,131

Tanning and Dressing of Leather; Manufacture of Luggage, Handbags and Footwear

Tanners	7,678
Shoemakers and Related Workers	7,609

Manufacture of Wood and Wood Products except Furniture

Woodworking-Machine Setters and Setter-Operators	6,686
Wood Treaters	6,658

Publishing and Printing except Reproduction of Recorded Media

Printing Engravers and Etchers	12,569
Compositors, Typesetters and Related Workers	11,128
Stereotypers and Electrotypers	9,959
Bookbinders and Related Workers	9,787
Pressman Letterpress and Related Workers	9,747

Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products

Potters, Glass-Makers and Related Trades Workers	9,876
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Manufacture of Basic Metals

Sheet-Metal Workers	10,843
Metal Molders and Core Makers	8,481

Manufacture of Fabricated Metal products, except Machinery and Equipment

Blacksmiths, Hammersmiths and Forging Press Operators	9,238
Structural Metal Preparers	8,841
Welder and Flamecutters	8,755
Machine-Tool Setters and Setter-Operators	8,157

Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment, n.e.c.

Welder and Flamecutters	9,492
Agricultural or Industrial Machinery Mechanics and Fitters	9,289
Tool Makers and Related Workers	8,461

Manufacture of Electrical Machinery and Apparatus, n.e.c.

Electrical Mechanics and Fitters	12,838
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Manufacture of Radio, Television and Communication Equipment and Apparatus

Electronics Fitters	9,045
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Manufacture of Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Semi-Trailers

Sheet Metal Workers	19,948
Motor Vehicle Mechanics and Related Trades Workers	9,846

Building and Repairing of Ships and Boats

Structural Metal Preparers, Erectors and Related Workers	11,415
Marine Crafts Mechanics	9,636
Riggers and Cable Splicers	8,179

Manufacture and Repair of Furniture

Upholsterers and Related Workers	7,176
Rattan, Bamboo and Other Wicker Furniture Workers	6,859
Cabinet/Furniture Makers and Related Workers	6,705

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