

TABLE 6
Hourly compensation costs in U.S. dollars for production workers in manufacturing
29 countries or areas and selected economic groups - selected years 1975-92

COUNTRY or AREA	1975	1980	1985	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
UNITED STATES	\$6.36	\$9.87	\$13.01	\$13.52	\$13.91	\$14.32	\$14.91	\$15.60	\$16.17
CANADA	5.98	8.67	10.98	12.09	13.55	14.83	15.95	17.18	17.02
MEXICO	1.44	2.18	1.58	1.01	1.25	1.48	1.64	1.95	2.35
AUSTRALIA	5.58	8.41	8.14	9.40	11.28	12.33	12.89	13.36	12.94
HONG KONG	.76	1.51	1.73	2.09	2.40	2.79	3.20	3.58	3.89
ISRAEL	2.25	3.79	4.06	6.34	7.67	7.69	8.55	8.79	---
JAPAN	3.00	5.52	6.34	10.79	12.63	12.49	12.74	14.55	16.16
KOREA	.33	.97	1.25	1.65	2.30	3.34	3.88	4.39	4.93
NEW ZEALAND	3.21	5.33	4.47	6.77	8.19	7.80	8.33	8.36	7.91
SINGAPORE	.84	1.49	2.47	2.31	2.67	3.15	3.78	4.39	5.00
SRI LANKA	.28	.22	.28	.30	.31	.31	.35	---	---
TAIWAN	.40	1.00	1.50	2.26	2.82	3.53	3.95	4.39	5.19
AUSTRIA	4.34	8.57	7.27	13.08	13.92	13.59	17.01	17.39	19.65
BELGIUM	6.41	13.11	8.97	15.25	15.82	15.51	19.22	19.83	22.01
DENMARK	6.28	10.83	8.13	14.61	15.19	14.49	17.96	18.26	20.02
FINLAND	4.61	8.24	8.16	13.44	15.59	16.67	20.74	20.57	18.69
FRANCE	4.52	8.94	7.52	12.29	12.95	12.54	15.23	15.26	16.88
GERMANY	6.35	12.33	9.60	17.02	18.28	17.75	21.88	22.62	25.94
GREECE	1.69	3.73	3.66	4.61	5.22	5.49	6.71	6.82	---
IRELAND	3.03	5.95	5.92	9.30	10.00	9.66	11.76	12.07	13.32
ITALY	4.67	8.17	7.63	13.02	13.98	14.41	17.46	18.29	19.41
LUXEMBOURG	6.35	11.98	7.72	13.05	13.80	13.56	16.37	---	---
NETHERLANDS	6.58	12.06	8.75	15.14	15.83	15.04	18.29	18.42	20.72
NORWAY	6.77	11.59	10.37	16.79	18.45	18.29	21.47	21.63	23.2
PORTUGAL	1.58	2.06	1.53	2.52	2.78	2.90	3.69	4.15	5.01
SPAIN	2.53	5.89	4.66	7.63	8.55	8.94	11.33	12.20	13.39
SWEDEN	7.18	12.51	9.66	15.12	16.82	17.52	20.93	22.15	24.23
SWITZERLAND	6.09	11.09	9.66	17.08	17.98	16.70	20.83	21.69	23.26
UNITED KINGDOM	3.37	7.56	6.27	9.09	10.61	10.56	12.71	13.76	14.69

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, "International Comparisons of Hourly Compensation Costs of Production Workers in Manufacturing", Report 844, April 1993.