

Growth of average hourly wages, benefits, and compensation, 1948-2002 (2002 dollars)

Hourly wage	Wages & salaries	Benefits*	Total compensation	Benefit share of compensation
1948	8.52	0.46	8.98	5.1%
1949	8.85	0.54	9.39	5.7%
1950	9.13	0.59	9.72	6.1%
1951	9.19	0.64	9.82	6.5%
1952	9.54	0.65	10.19	6.4%
1953	9.96	0.68	10.64	6.4%
1954	10.19	0.74	10.93	6.8%
1955	10.56	0.82	11.38	7.2%
1956	10.94	0.90	11.84	7.6%
1957	11.15	1.00	12.15	8.2%
1958	11.31	1.06	12.36	8.5%
1959	11.62	1.16	12.78	9.0%
1960	11.85	1.24	13.09	9.5%
1961	12.06	1.29	13.36	9.7%
1962	12.35	1.38	13.73	10.1%
1963	12.62	1.46	14.09	10.4%
1964	13.05	1.53	14.58	10.5%
1965	13.34	1.58	14.92	10.6%
1966	13.64	1.70	15.34	11.1%
1967	14.02	1.76	15.78	11.1%
1968	14.53	1.88	16.40	11.4%
1969	14.84	1.97	16.81	11.7%
1970	15.32	2.12	17.43	12.1%
1971	15.66	2.29	17.95	12.8%
1972	16.07	2.49	18.56	13.4%
1973	16.21	2.67	18.89	14.2%
1974	15.99	2.80	18.78	14.9%
1975	16.00	3.02	19.03	15.9%
1976	16.27	3.29	19.56	16.8%
1977	16.33	3.47	19.80	17.5%
1978	16.44	3.56	20.00	17.8%
1979	16.40	3.62	20.01	18.1%
1980	16.38	3.70	20.08	18.4%
1981	16.51	3.79	20.30	18.7%
1982	16.75	3.91	20.66	18.9%
1983	16.76	3.95	20.71	19.1%
1984	16.93	4.00	20.93	19.1%
1985	17.20	4.03	21.24	19.0%
1986	17.61	4.12	21.73	19.0%
1987	17.74	4.07	21.81	18.6%
1988	17.97	4.06	22.02	18.4%
1989	17.72	3.99	21.71	18.4%
1990	17.87	4.01	21.88	18.3%
1991	18.08	4.19	22.27	18.8%
1992	18.39	4.35	22.74	19.1%
1993	18.43	4.40	22.83	19.3%
1994	18.50	4.38	22.87	19.1%
1995	18.67	4.21	22.88	18.4%
1996	19.02	4.11	23.13	17.8%
1997	19.43	4.02	23.45	17.1%
1998	20.24	4.10	24.34	16.8%
1999	20.81	4.17	24.97	16.7%
2000	21.58	4.30	25.88	16.6%
2001	21.90	4.44	26.34	16.9%
2002	21.98	4.62	26.60	17.4%

* 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 2004-05* of BLS and BEA data, table 2.2.