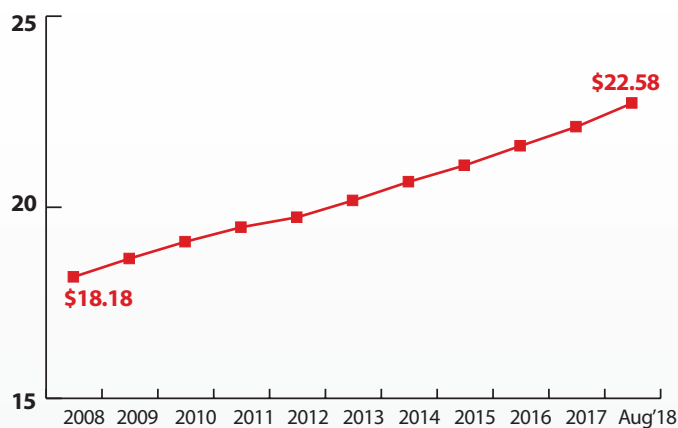


Employment and Wages for Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

Employment of production and nonsupervisory employees (a good measure for rank and file workers) showed that private sector added 105,498 jobs compared to 105,459 jobs in July. Interestingly, average hourly earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory employees decreased by $-\$0.06$, from $\$22.64$ in June to $\$22.58$ in August, while annual wage growth rose by $\$0.62$ or 2.8%.

Average Hourly Earnings of Production and Nonsupervisory Employees:
Total Private



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

However, wage increases for production and nonsupervisory workers in the manufacturing sector varied by industry. For instance, year to year average hourly earnings ranged from 1.7% worker in fabricated metals industry to 5.4% in electrical equipment and appliance industry.

Specifically, average hourly earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers in select industries indicate disparate wage growth.

For instance, production and nonsupervisory workers in the **fabricated metals** industry show that wages for this group increased by $\$0.04$ from the previous month from $\$20.45$ in July to $\$20.53$ in August. Year over year change saw that average hourly increase by 1.7%, far below the overall wage gains for private sector production and nonsupervisory employees.

Primary metals industry production and nonsupervisory workers average hourly earnings saw a decrease by $-\$0.07$ from the prior month, from $\$23.52$ in July to $\$23.45$ in August. Further the average hourly wage from the previous year increased by 1.8% or $\$0.41$.

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Production and nonsupervisory workers in the machinery industry saw their wages increased by 2.1% or \$0.47 from the previous year. Compared to the previous month average hourly earnings increased by \$0.15, from \$22.93 in July to \$23.08 in August.

Average hourly earnings of production and nonsupervisory workers in **computer and electronic products** show that wages for this group increased by \$0.22 from the previous month from \$25.05 in July to \$25.27 in August. Year over year change saw that average hourly increase by \$0.71 or 2.9%.

In the **transportation equipment** industry, at \$26.07, average hourly earnings remained flat from the previous month while annual hourly wages for production and nonsupervisory workers in this industry increased by \$0.71 or 2.8%.

Wage growth for **electrical equipment and appliance** industry's production and nonsupervisory workers saw a modest monthly increase by \$0.05 from July (\$20.74) to August (\$20.79). However, annual wage increase saw a healthy increase of 5.4% or \$1.07.