

Portland Occupational Compensation Survey—May 1993

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, reported the results of the new Occupational Compensation Survey: Pay Only for the Portland Oregon Metropolitan area (including Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties). Regional commissioner Sam Hirabayashi said that this survey, which replaces the earlier Portland area survey, provides information on pay for selected professional, administrative support, and state and local government occupations for the first time. While the survey continues to cover maintenance, material movement, technical and clerical occupations, pay information is expanded to such professional occupations as attorneys, accountants engineers, and protective service occupations, including police officers and firefighters. (Pay data released in this survey for professional occupations are limited to employees of State and local governments.) Data scheduled for release in January 1994 will provide information on pay for private sector professional occupations as well as data on supplementary benefits in the Portland area.

Private Sector

Average (mean) weekly earnings for office clerical workers in the Portland area ranged from a low of \$266 for Level II General Clerks to \$606 for top level (Level V) Secretaries. The survey also included various profes-

sional, technical, and data processing occupations including programmers, systems analysts, and electronic technicians. Within these occupations, the highest average pay went to Computer systems Analysts II employed in the transportation and utilities sector at an average \$970 a week. At the lower end of this occupational grouping were Level II Drafters in manufacturing who averaged \$421 a week. For hourly workers, average pay ranged from \$6.33 an hour for Janitors in the service producing sector to \$16.65 an hour for Tool and Die Makers.

Public Sector

Average weekly pay for workers employed by State and local governments in professional occupations ranged from \$550 a week for Level II Accountants to \$1,078 for Level V Engineers. Pay for clerical, administrative, and technical occupations ranged from an average \$318 a week for Level II General Clerks to \$770 a week for Level II Computer Systems Analysts. In the protective service occupations, Corrections Officers averaged \$598 a week, firefighters \$740 a week, and Uniformed Police Offices \$698 a week at Level I and \$732 at Level II.

For hourly employees employed by State and local governments, pay ranged from an average \$8.84 an hour for Janitors to \$17.52 an hour for Maintenance Electricians.

Scope And Notes

This release summarizes the results of the May 1992 survey of 218 establishments in the Portland area employing 148,888 workers. These establishments were selected to represent 1,382 establishments with about 328,000 employees.

The expanded format of the Occupational Compensation Survey was required to provide data for implementation of The Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990. The Act mandates that future pay adjustment for most Federal white-collar employees be determined on local rather than national basis. This requirement resulted in much wider industrial coverage that now includes all private nonfarm establishments (except households) employing 50 workers or more, as well as State and local governments.

Availability

A limited number of complimentary copies of the May 1992 Occupational Compensation Survey: Pay Only, Portland, Oregon (Bulletin Number 3065-46) are available from the BLS San Francisco Regional Office (415-744-6600). The survey may also be purchased for \$3.75 from the BLS Publication Sales Center in Chicago. Telephone purchase orders using a major credit card may be placed to the Chicago Sales Office between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm CDST (312-353-0614).

Local Organization Database Now Available At Multnomah County Library; Contains Over 6,000 Listings

If you'd like information about local organizations — from support groups for families of Alzheimer's patients to meeting times for square dancer groups — that information is now available on DYNA, Multnomah County Library's public access terminals.

Meeting dates and times, membership information, mission statements and lists of special services for more than 6,000 organizations are now listed on LINC Local Information Connection). Users reach the database by selecting nether searches

at the main search menu, then selecting the community resources" option.

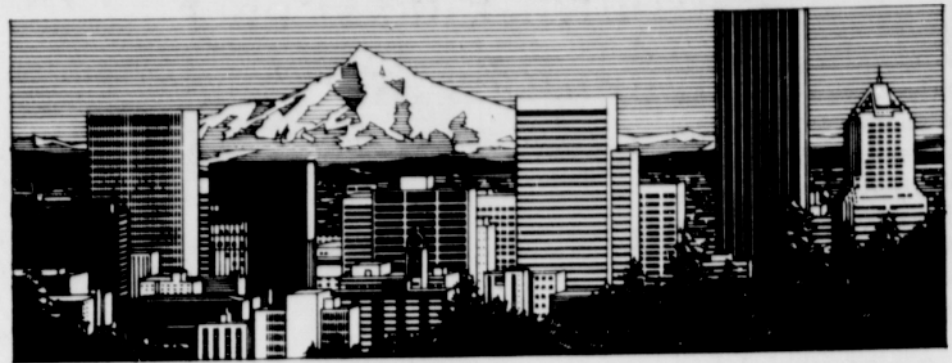
"You can use LINC for marketing, networking and job searches or for purely social and recreational purposes," says Ginnie Cooper, Director of Libraries. people new to the area will find it a great way to get acquainted with their neighborhood."

If you'd like to list your organization in the database, call the Literature and History Section of Central Library (248-5123) to request a form. Listed organizations must be non-profit.

Town Hall School: Preparing Kids For Jobs Or Life?

Many of today's teens can't fill out a simple job application. Employers are forming experimental partnerships with schools to prepare kids for the working world. But some people say schools should prepare youths for life, not work. Watch as Town Hall explores the connection between education and work. (June 13-KATU 2)

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