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Hourly compensation costs (Salary, Benefits and Fringe) in manufacturing, U.S. dollars, and as a percent of costs in the United States

	Hourly Compensation Costs			
	in U.S. dollars		U.S.=100	
	1997 ⁽¹⁾	2010	1997 ⁽¹⁾	2010
Norway	26.38	57.53	114	166
Switzerland	30.00	53.20	130	153
Belgium	29.12	50.70	126	146
Denmark	24.09	45.48	105	131
Sweden	24.97	43.81	108	126
Germany	29.15	43.76	126	126
Finland	22.35	42.30	97	122
Austria	25.52	41.07	111	118
Netherlands	23.40	40.92	102	118
Australia	19.10	40.60	83	117
France	24.88	40.55	108	117
Ireland	17.03	36.30	74	104
Canada	18.84	35.67	82	103
United States	23.05	34.74	100	100
Italy	19.67	33.41	85	96
Japan	22.28	31.99	97	92
United Kingdom	18.50	29.44	80	85
Spain	13.92	26.60	60	77
Greece	11.56	22.19	50	64
New Zealand	12.37	20.57	54	59
Israel	12.32	20.12	53	58
Singapore	12.15	19.10	53	55
Korea, Republic of	9.36	16.62	41	48
Argentina	7.43	12.66	32	36
Portugal	6.38	11.72	28	34
Czech Republic	3.24	11.50	14	33
Slovakia	2.86	10.72	12	31
Brazil	7.07	10.08	31	29
Estonia	NA	9.47	NA	27
Hungary	3.05	8.40	13	24
Taiwan	7.04	8.36	31	24
Poland	3.13	8.01	14	23
Mexico	3.47	6.23	15	18
Philippines	1.28	1.90	6	5

China's costs estimated at \$1.30 p/hr
Vietnam's is estimated at \$.50 p/hr

NA=data not available.

(1) With the exception of Estonia, 1997 is the first year data for all countries are available to BLS.