

2009 Survey of U.S. and Canadian Labor Rates By Joalien Johnson -- Tradeshow Week, 6/15/2009

		Los Angeles								
		Anaheim	Boston	Chicago	Dallas	Las Vegas	Angeles	New York	Orlando	Rosemont
Decorator (general labor)	Regular	\$99.69	\$103.29	\$94.81	\$72.83	\$76.31	\$96.46	\$121.83	\$66.69	\$78.00
	Overtime	\$161.90	\$154.72	\$143.89	\$109.05	\$115.82	\$159.44	\$173.71	\$104.19	\$117.00
	Sunday	\$185.85	\$198.85	\$187.39	\$126.90	\$125.73	\$185.85	\$221.58	\$114.30	\$156.00
Drayage (general labor)	Regular	\$80.89	\$109.31	\$80.72	\$72.83	\$75.08	\$93.84	\$148.37	\$65.83	\$55.00
	Overtime	\$116.71	\$163.58	\$118.14	\$109.05	\$112.53	\$140.69	\$207.06	\$99.59	\$82.50
	Sunday	\$141.62	\$207.03	\$150.82	\$126.90	\$118.85	\$178.05	\$291.90	\$114.30	\$110.00
Carpenter	Regular	\$99.96	\$101.98	\$96.68	\$76.20	\$84.14	\$99.96	\$148.89	\$71.08	\$85.00
	Overtime	\$139.39	\$152.79	\$144.12	\$110.55	\$132.74	\$139.39	\$202.17	\$100.69	\$127.50
	Sunday	\$174.93	\$190.51	\$184.64	\$136.90	\$143.48	\$174.93	\$249.44	\$130.50	\$170.00
Rigger	Regular	\$106.71	\$108.84	\$99.45	\$72.83	\$75.05	\$106.71	\$142.21	\$75.83	\$85.00
	Overtime	\$159.94	\$163.08	\$149.15	\$109.05	\$118.31	\$159.94	\$199.71	\$112.43	\$127.50
	Sunday	\$201.18	\$206.55	\$197.17	\$126.90	\$123.71	\$201.18	\$266.50	\$124.70	\$170.00
Electrician	Regular	\$97.70	\$91.25	\$96.00	\$64.00	\$91.63	\$108.75	\$120.12	\$70.00	\$90.00
	Overtime	\$195.35	\$139.00	\$133.25	\$128.00	\$182.26	\$217.50	\$153.28	\$140.00	\$135.00
	Sunday	\$173.20	\$182.50	\$172.75	\$128.00	\$180.52	NA	\$153.28	\$140.00	\$180.00
Plumber	Regular	\$85.25	NA	\$95.00	NA	\$81.83	\$94.00	\$75.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
	Overtime	\$169.93	NA	\$132.00	NA	\$162.26	\$188.00	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$135.00
	Sunday	\$151.85	NA	\$171.00	NA	\$162.26	NA	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$180.00
Forklift w/operator (highest weight range)	Regular	\$200.85	\$312.50	\$227.98	\$146.50	\$187.48	\$188.25	\$431.10	\$174.02	\$230.00
	Overtime	\$254.83	\$425.63	\$404.58	\$183.50	\$248.02	\$235.50	\$751.90	\$217.23	\$257.50
	Sunday	\$317.13	\$457.60	\$513.08	\$183.50	\$276.35	\$263.75	\$875.95	\$237.23	\$285.00
Forklift w/operator (lowest weight range)	Regular	\$149.41	\$274.93	\$252.68	\$121.46	\$155.93	\$146.86	\$346.63	\$125.40	\$180.00
	Overtime	\$205.61	\$384.36	\$361.13	\$167.30	\$238.15	\$200.83	\$493.72	\$166.76	\$207.50
	Sunday	\$267.29	\$472.14	\$462.05	\$194.28	\$238.15	\$245.30	\$646.61	\$191.73	\$235.00
Drayage* (advance ship to GSC)		\$88.40	\$108.65	\$92.32	\$77.68	\$61.24	\$102.90	\$111.15	\$65.23	\$72.50
Drayage* (advance ship to exhibit hall)		\$83.50	\$97.15	\$78.80	\$71.43	\$57.48	\$97.75	\$102.22	\$58.98	\$62.50
Drayage* (ship direct, crated w/special handling)		\$108.58	\$131.80	\$99.86	\$94.38	\$73.98	\$127.11	\$128.12	\$77.33	\$78.25
Drayage* (ship direct, uncrated)		\$128.93	\$149.85	\$118.35	\$111.71	\$79.98	\$152.15	\$145.16	\$89.21	\$78.25
AV (delivery, setup and pickup)		\$65.00	NA	NA	NA	\$85.67	\$55.00	NA	\$55.00	\$60.00
Security guard (unarmed)		\$40.00	NA	\$21.32	NA	\$29.05	NA	\$27.00	\$23.00	\$13.00
Booth cleaning**		\$0.94	\$0.30	\$0.26	\$0.30	\$0.41	\$0.43	\$0.08	\$0.34	\$0.24

*All rates are hourly unless otherwise specified. *per hundredweight **per sq. ft. GSC=general service contractor NA=not available ©2009 Tradeshow Week, Inc.*

How the Survey was Compiled - *Tradeshow Week* faxed or mailed letters requesting copies of exhibitor manuals and rate sheets to show organizers, general service contractors, facilities and other companies that supply tradeshow labor. Their responses are the basis for the city-by-city and nationwide averages included in the survey. This year, more than 100 parties responded to the survey. The rates published are those charged to exhibitors, not the wages paid to workers. Many shows offer discount rates for advance orders and premium rates for at-show orders. This survey uses the discount rate where given.

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