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### **Introduction**

**T**his chapter contains information on average weekly earnings for employees in industry, agriculture, construction; the banking, insurance and building societies sector; the distribution and business services sector and the public sector. In some cases further information (eg by sub-sector or by gender) is shown. The data are derived mostly from CSO quarterly inquiries.

### **The results**

The annual increase in average weekly earnings for manufacturing industries was 8.0% in 2001 and 6.7% in 2000. For the construction sector the corresponding increases were 8.7% in 2001 and 12.4% in 2000.

For the distribution and business services sector the increases were 8.3% in 2000 and 8.0% in 2001. For the banking, insurance and financial services sector and the public sector annual increases for 2001 were 10.9% and 10.4% respectively.

In the agricultural sector the average minimum weekly wage rates for permanent agricultural workers increased by 1.5% in 2000 and 4.3% in 1999.

For manufacturing industry considerable detail is shown by sub-sector and male/female breakdown. It is noticeable that both in terms of weekly earnings and of earnings per hour female earnings are considerably less than male earnings. For example in 2001 the weekly average for females in manufacturing industry was just 68% of that for males (the hourly rate was 76%). This can be due to a number of factors such as lesser length of service, less availing of overtime and more part-time working on the part of females.

Finally, looking at the level of average weekly earnings for each sub-sector in manufacturing industry, the highest amount in 2001 was about €878 in the beverages sub-sector, while the lowest average earnings were in the wearing apparel etc sub-sector at about €315. These would reflect underlying wage rates, levels of overtime worked and the male/female composition of their workforce.

Table 16.1 Average weekly earnings for each industrial sector

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Industrial sector	NACE code	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<b>Mining and quarrying</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>507.59</b>	<b>511.17</b>	<b>524.20</b>	<b>549.32</b>	<b>631.67</b>
<b>Manufacture of food products and beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>364.01</b>	<b>366.94</b>	<b>391.82</b>	<b>423.87</b>	<b>481.78</b>
Food products	151-158	337.42	341.37	365.53	386.56	444.04
Beverages	159	608.34	652.58	693.30	806.66	878.45
Tobacco products	16	439.26	432.40	469.79	534.31	699.99
<b>Textile and textile products</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>252.33</b>	<b>265.67</b>	<b>282.21</b>	<b>311.24</b>	<b>348.82</b>
Textiles	17	290.75	301.23	314.71	339.86	367.09
Wearing apparel; dressing and dyeing of fur	18	224.36	236.38	252.18	274.14	315.32
Leather and leather products	19	240.69	241.44	264.01	284.04	331.83
<b>Wood and wood products</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>310.60</b>	<b>346.28</b>	<b>363.45</b>	<b>381.50</b>	<b>421.43</b>
<b>Pulp, paper and paper products</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>418.83</b>	<b>431.66</b>	<b>465.82</b>	<b>473.56</b>	<b>504.71</b>
Manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products	21	429.80	437.21	476.60	464.40	503.18
Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	22	414.90	429.59	461.26	477.55	505.28
<b>Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>468.13</b>	<b>474.58</b>	<b>493.42</b>	<b>516.22</b>	<b>557.74</b>
<b>Rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>352.53</b>	<b>362.58</b>	<b>382.80</b>	<b>407.25</b>	<b>413.56</b>
<b>Other non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>424.15</b>	<b>446.61</b>	<b>473.86</b>	<b>491.18</b>	<b>501.53</b>
<b>Basic metals and fabricated metal products</b>	<b>27-28</b>	<b>372.05</b>	<b>395.21</b>	<b>417.03</b>	<b>428.83</b>	<b>452.55</b>
Basic metals	27	489.49	499.51	527.35	555.62	563.91
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	28	348.21	371.53	391.55	400.75	432.74
<b>Machinery and equipment, not elsewhere classified</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>348.10</b>	<b>369.04</b>	<b>385.28</b>	<b>416.64</b>	<b>439.67</b>
<b>Electrical and optical equipment</b>	<b>30-33</b>	<b>327.67</b>	<b>344.77</b>	<b>353.86</b>	<b>382.34</b>	<b>402.35</b>
Manufacture of office machinery and computers	30	317.72	354.48	357.30	420.60	457.86
Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus not elsewhere classified	31	333.92	328.24	337.11	351.55	357.63
Manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	32	330.11	346.62	353.99	382.38	386.03
Medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks	33	328.49	351.68	365.90	374.05	394.30
<b>Transport equipment</b>	<b>34-35</b>	<b>452.34</b>	<b>476.48</b>	<b>491.80</b>	<b>534.64</b>	<b>531.30</b>
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	34	353.83	376.81	400.62	471.14	446.00
Manufacture of other transport equipment	35	540.95	563.34	564.77	584.52	602.23
<b>Manufacturing not elsewhere classified; recycling; refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel</b>	<b>36,37,23</b>	<b>320.74</b>	<b>335.27</b>	<b>353.56</b>	<b>373.90</b>	<b>426.92</b>
<b>Electricity, gas and water supply</b>	<b>40-41</b>	<b>542.98</b>	<b>595.77</b>	<b>616.61</b>	<b>650.24</b>	<b>716.61</b>
Electricity, gas, steam and hot water supply	40	577.77	635.24	655.03	704.57	774.15
Collection, purification and distribution of water	41	367.70	394.00	442.93	449.64	496.38
<b>All industries</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>371.51</b>	<b>387.56</b>	<b>409.28</b>	<b>436.20</b>	<b>470.96</b>
<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>363.56</b>	<b>378.16</b>	<b>399.85</b>	<b>426.51</b>	<b>460.01</b>
<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>360.01</b>	<b>374.82</b>	<b>396.55</b>	<b>423.24</b>	<b>456.97</b>

Source: CSO

Table 16.2 Average hourly earnings for each industrial sector

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Industrial sector	NACE code	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<b>Mining and quarrying</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>11.05</b>	<b>11.44</b>	<b>11.68</b>	<b>12.11</b>	<b>14.08</b>
<b>Manufacture of food products and beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>9.16</b>	<b>9.77</b>	<b>10.56</b>	<b>11.99</b>
Food products	151-158	8.35	8.60	9.23	9.81	11.23
Beverages	159	14.06	14.77	15.16	16.74	18.58
Tobacco products	16	10.71	10.74	11.28	13.05	17.10
<b>Textile and textile products</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>6.77</b>	<b>7.19</b>	<b>7.70</b>	<b>8.44</b>	<b>9.52</b>
Textiles	17	7.49	7.91	8.41	8.99	10.08
Wearing apparel; dressing and dyeing of fur	18	6.21	6.56	7.02	7.69	8.51
Leather and leather products	19	6.51	6.68	7.19	7.51	8.54
<b>Wood and wood products</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>8.37</b>	<b>8.79</b>	<b>9.43</b>	<b>10.21</b>
<b>Pulp, paper and paper products</b>	<b>21-22</b>	<b>10.04</b>	<b>10.58</b>	<b>11.29</b>	<b>11.79</b>	<b>12.58</b>
Manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products	21	9.86	10.48	11.44	11.42	12.37
Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	22	10.11	10.63	11.24	11.95	12.68
<b>Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10.95</b>	<b>11.26</b>	<b>11.76</b>	<b>12.39</b>	<b>13.72</b>
<b>Rubber and plastic products</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.72</b>	<b>9.23</b>	<b>9.71</b>	<b>10.05</b>	<b>10.57</b>
<b>Other non-metallic mineral products</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9.74</b>	<b>10.36</b>	<b>10.68</b>	<b>11.24</b>	<b>11.73</b>
<b>Basic metals and fabricated metal products</b>	<b>27-28</b>	<b>8.86</b>	<b>9.44</b>	<b>10.02</b>	<b>10.29</b>	<b>11.03</b>
Basic metals	27	11.45	12.03	12.36	11.94	12.50
Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	28	8.32	8.85	9.47	9.88	10.74
<b>Machinery and equipment, not elsewhere classified</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8.54</b>	<b>9.02</b>	<b>9.46</b>	<b>10.14</b>	<b>10.97</b>
<b>Electrical and optical equipment</b>	<b>30-33</b>	<b>8.15</b>	<b>8.65</b>	<b>8.89</b>	<b>9.46</b>	<b>10.39</b>
Manufacture of office machinery and computers	30	7.87	8.56	8.29	9.81	11.55
Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus not elsewhere classified	31	8.12	8.27	8.56	9.01	9.71
Manufacture of radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus	32	8.11	8.61	8.94	8.81	9.04
Medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks	33	8.42	9.10	9.62	9.92	10.47
<b>Transport equipment</b>	<b>34-35</b>	<b>9.99</b>	<b>10.38</b>	<b>11.18</b>	<b>11.90</b>	<b>12.80</b>
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	34	8.40	8.96	10.23	11.08	11.71
Manufacture of other transport equipment	35	11.26	11.47	11.80	12.50	13.61
<b>Manufacturing not elsewhere classified; recycling; refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel</b>	<b>36,37,23</b>	<b>8.25</b>	<b>8.71</b>	<b>9.16</b>	<b>9.62</b>	<b>10.99</b>
<b>Electricity, gas and water supply</b>	<b>40-41</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>13.95</b>	<b>14.10</b>	<b>15.11</b>	<b>16.88</b>
Electricity, gas, steam and hot water supply	40	13.57	14.77	15.05	16.30	17.76
Collection, purification and distribution of water	41	9.75	9.58	9.95	10.63	12.92
<b>All industries</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>9.06</b>	<b>9.53</b>	<b>10.05</b>	<b>10.66</b>	<b>11.76</b>
<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>8.88</b>	<b>9.32</b>	<b>9.85</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>11.52</b>
<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>8.82</b>	<b>9.27</b>	<b>9.79</b>	<b>10.40</b>	<b>11.47</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 16.3 Average weekly earnings for male industrial workers in each industrial sector**

							€
Industrial sector	NACE code	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
Mining and quarrying	10-14	515.41	519.5	533.68	561.62	645.92	
Manufacture of food products and beverages and tobacco	15-16	398.95	403.89	435.27	468.37	533.06	
Textiles and textile products	17-18	330.47	343.63	358.54	387.19	420.77	
Leather and leather products	19	285.42	278.47	304.84	301.18	352.12	
Wood and wood products	20	323.69	361.23	381.07	397.15	438.4	
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	21-22	473.57	485.92	534.34	537.65	572.14	
Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres	24	530.36	536.4	560.37	591.41	631.68	
Rubber and plastic products	25	390.51	396.02	418.79	440.31	444.38	
Other non-metallic mineral products	26	450.29	472.29	500.71	515.78	527.62	
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	27-28	393.11	416.91	441.53	454.3	475.77	
Machinery and equipment, not elsewhere classified	29	391.63	415.65	423.72	456.46	478.92	
Electrical and optical equipment	30-33	378.56	402.81	411.55	438.73	459.84	
Transport equipment	34-35	493.9	518.8	532.88	576	581.39	
Manufacturing not elsewhere classified; recycling; manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	36,37,23	357.58	375.41	396.75	412.51	468.87	
Electricity, gas and water supply	40-41	557.45	612.8	637.6	673.95	749.94	
<b>All industries</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>425.83</b>	<b>443.38</b>	<b>467.29</b>	<b>492.48</b>	<b>529.03</b>	
<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>416.84</b>	<b>432.13</b>	<b>456.05</b>	<b>480.89</b>	<b>515.68</b>	
<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>413.14</b>	<b>428.82</b>	<b>452.97</b>	<b>477.73</b>	<b>512.38</b>	

Source: CSO

**Table 16.4 Average hourly earnings for male industrial workers in each industrial sector**

							€
Industrial sector	NACE code	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
Mining and quarrying	10-14	11.16	11.58	11.83	12.29	14.29	
Manufacture of food products and beverages and tobacco	15-16	9.47	9.75	10.42	11.28	12.76	
Textiles and textile products	17-18	8.2	8.71	9.09	9.78	10.83	
Leather and leather products	19	7.4	7.48	7.99	7.87	8.79	
Wood and wood products	20	7.85	8.6	9.07	9.65	10.44	
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	21-22	11.11	11.66	12.55	12.99	13.85	
Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres	24	12.06	12.35	12.95	13.74	15.05	
Rubber and plastic products	25	9.41	9.83	10.4	10.65	11.14	
Other non-metallic mineral products	26	10.15	10.74	11.05	11.58	12.12	
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	27-28	9.27	9.84	10.44	10.7	11.42	
Machinery and equipment, not elsewhere classified	29	9.35	9.82	10.18	10.88	11.7	
Electrical and optical equipment	30-33	9	9.66	9.87	10.42	11.5	
Transport equipment	34-35	10.78	11.19	11.71	12.67	13.55	
Manufacturing not elsewhere classified; recycling; manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	36,37,23	8.99	9.54	10.02	10.45	11.77	
Electricity, gas and water supply	40-41	13.24	14.22	14.45	15.53	17.48	
<b>All industries</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>10.01</b>	<b>10.51</b>	<b>11.02</b>	<b>11.64</b>	<b>12.76</b>	
<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>9.79</b>	<b>10.26</b>	<b>10.78</b>	<b>11.39</b>	<b>12.47</b>	
<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>9.74</b>	<b>10.21</b>	<b>10.74</b>	<b>11.35</b>	<b>12.41</b>	

Source: CSO

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TABLE 16.4

**Table 16.5 Average weekly earnings for female industrial workers in each industrial sector**

€						
Industrial sector	NACE code	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Mining and quarrying	10-14	214.9	224.59	267.91	289.31	399.45
Manufacture of food products and beverages and tobacco	15-16	259.9	261.26	278.21	308.04	346.4
Textiles and textile products	17-18	215	222.62	236.08	248.87	274.41
Leather and leather products	19	200.86	205.67	220.26	251.29	283.71
Wood and wood products	20	277.41	332.6	340.21	375.26	399.28
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	21-22	306.07	312.97	313.64	332.85	354.96
Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres	24	330.41	344.35	360.61	367.87	406.38
Rubber and plastic products	25	259.51	266.21	277.43	301.91	314.22
Other non-metallic mineral products	26	284.15	305.31	325.73	351.97	345.02
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	27-28	234.79	241.63	248.04	259.28	281.98
Machinery and equipment, not elsewhere classified	29	236.32	247.99	264.89	282.88	302.35
Electrical and optical equipment	30-33	292.79	304.52	311.7	337.9	352.54
Transport equipment	34-35	301.87	327.45	343.58	409.71	363.39
Manufacturing not elsewhere classified; recycling; manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	36,37,23	272.56	278.26	278.9	305.42	337.03
Electricity, gas and water supply	40-41	269.96	295.47	309.8	375.08	352.01
<b>All industries</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>273.56</b>	<b>285.32</b>	<b>298.13</b>	<b>324.86</b>	<b>347.39</b>
<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>273.58</b>	<b>285.28</b>	<b>298.1</b>	<b>324.66</b>	<b>347.36</b>
<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>273.64</b>	<b>285.36</b>	<b>298.13</b>	<b>324.72</b>	<b>347.32</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 16.6 Average hourly earnings for female industrial workers in each industrial sector**

€						
Industrial sector	NACE code	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Mining and quarrying	10-14	6.42	6.36	6.96	7.73	10.29
Manufacture of food products and beverages and tobacco	15-16	7.29	7.36	7.85	8.53	9.68
Textiles and textile products	17-18	6.04	6.30	6.82	7.20	7.99
Leather and leather products	19	5.69	5.89	6.27	6.91	8.09
Wood and wood products	20	8.24	9.87	10.07	11.52	11.64
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	21-22	7.71	8.09	8.25	8.89	9.45
Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres	24	8.25	8.75	9.17	9.48	10.71
Rubber and plastic products	25	6.84	7.33	7.54	8.05	8.6
Other non-metallic mineral products	26	7.57	8.30	8.57	9.28	9.32
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	27-28	6.39	6.59	7.06	7.42	8.11
Machinery and equipment, not elsewhere classified	29	6.44	6.84	7.11	7.49	8.21
Electrical and optical equipment	30-33	7.53	7.91	8.13	8.65	9.52
Transport equipment	34-35	6.86	7.34	9.55	9.54	10.38
Manufacturing not elsewhere classified; recycling; manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	36,37,23	7.39	7.62	7.67	8.11	9.43
Electricity, gas and water supply	40-41	8.47	9.33	9.26	11.05	11.32
<b>All industries</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>7.22</b>	<b>7.60</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>9.44</b>
<b>Transportable goods industries</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>7.22</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>9.51</b>
<b>Manufacturing industries</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>7.22</b>	<b>7.60</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>9.43</b>

Source: CSO



**Table 16.7 Average earnings and hours worked for employees in construction sector**

Period	Clerical		Foremen	Skilled operatives	Unskilled and semi-skilled operatives		Apprentices	Total clerical and operatives
	Male	Female			On adult pay rates	On other pay rates		
€								
<b>Average earnings per hour</b>								
1995	8.3	6.42	10.28	8.98	7.4	5.65	4.85	7.92
1996	8.88	6.74	10.98	9.42	7.69	5.57	4.88	8.23
1997	9.47	7.31	11.78	10.58	8.04	5.96	5.28	8.95
1998	10.28	7.9	12.85	11.73	8.58	6.63	6.12	9.75
1999	10.53	8.19	13.71	12.74	9.4	7.83	6.48	10.5
2000	11.95	9.19	15.19	13.97	11.06	8.86	7.25	11.82
2001	12.64	10.05	16.37	15.23	12.49	9.19	8.7	13.16
€								
<b>Average earnings per week</b>								
1995	325.29	234.27	484.3	417.01	345.57	243.47	220.69	360.64
1996	366.69	253.26	523.78	438.96	364.06	243.03	228.24	379.41
1997	410.19	282.33	573.78	496.23	384.27	258.99	259.05	420.08
1998	421.27	295	611.1	539.68	397.95	298.17	274.43	443.35
1999	431.3	303.9	653.57	585.78	439.93	367.07	289.27	480.04
2000	479.71	340.09	720.41	647.9	521.62	398.84	313.17	539.74
2001	497.04	368.19	756.02	681.08	580.83	379.59	366.3	586.69
Hours								
<b>Average hours worked</b>								
1995	39.1	36.5	47.1	46.4	46.8	43.1	45.5	45.6
1996	41.4	37.5	47.7	46.6	47.3	43.6	46.9	46.1
1997	43.3	38.6	48.6	46.8	47.8	43.4	49.2	46.9
1998	41.0	37.4	47.6	46.0	46.4	44.9	44.8	45.5
1999	41.0	37.1	47.6	46.0	46.8	46.8	44.7	45.7
2000	40.2	37.0	47.5	46.4	47.2	45.1	43.3	45.7
2001	39.3	36.6	46.2	44.7	46.5	41.3	42.1	44.6

Source: CSO

**Manufacturing industries: Average weekly earnings of industrial workers**



TABLE 16.7

**Table 16.8 Average weekly earnings for all employees in banking, insurance and building societies**

	€				
<b>Sector</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Banking	530.28	541.52	560.05	594.80	650.16
Insurance	511.73	553.28	570.15	606.72	681.20
Building societies	467.17	473.51	505.49	523.72	635.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>520.19</b>	<b>539.61</b>	<b>558.74</b>	<b>593.31</b>	<b>658.10</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 16.9 Public sector average weekly earnings**

	€				
<b>Sector</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>Civil Service</b>	<b>486.92</b>	<b>521.49</b>	<b>530.43</b>	<b>564.99</b>	<b>628.59</b>
Prison officers	862.00	940.01	884.22	949.21	1043.98
Administrative civil servants	470.36	499.48	511.05	538.58	597.87
Industrial civil servants	373.73	372.4	427.25	460.96	506.99
Others in the civil service	231.86	272.65	263.01	309.50	428.14
<b>Defence</b>	<b>435.55</b>	<b>443.54</b>	<b>478.78</b>	<b>505.79</b>	<b>548.77</b>
<b>Garda Síochána</b>	<b>698.39</b>	<b>717.49</b>	<b>745.41</b>	<b>837.87</b>	<b>939.67</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>573.27</b>	<b>589.41</b>	<b>619.08</b>	<b>644.57</b>	<b>707.53</b>
Primary	611.90	643.37	664.37	690.35	749.10
Secondary (excluding VEC and IT)	606.82	633.38	662.38	685.01	744.72
Third level (excluding VEC and IT)	541.79	560.98	599.32	627.10	691.84
VECs and Institutes of Technology	506.28	494.07	534.23	560.35	628.28
<b>Regional bodies</b>	<b>415.54</b>	<b>443.17</b>	<b>467.92</b>	<b>499.56</b>	<b>558.90</b>
Local authorities	413.79	441.4	463.58	494.39	551.71
Other	451.02	483.94	546.58	615.30	739.34
<b>Semi-state companies</b>	<b>548.34</b>	<b>579.83</b>	<b>600.55</b>	<b>634.98</b>	<b>696.99</b>
Commercial	546.70	579.53	598.59	632.81	697.18
Non-commercial	559.18	581.84	610.64	646.29	697.10
<b>Total public sector (excluding health)</b>	<b>530.04</b>	<b>555.14</b>	<b>578.34</b>	<b>611.53</b>	<b>675.09</b>
<b>Selected series with overtime excluded</b>					
Prison officers	592.11	627.43	629.15	648.83	699.34
Garda Síochána	601.49	621.16	647.88	737.80	790.40

Source: CSO

**Table 16.10 Average weekly earnings for full-time employees in distribution and business services**

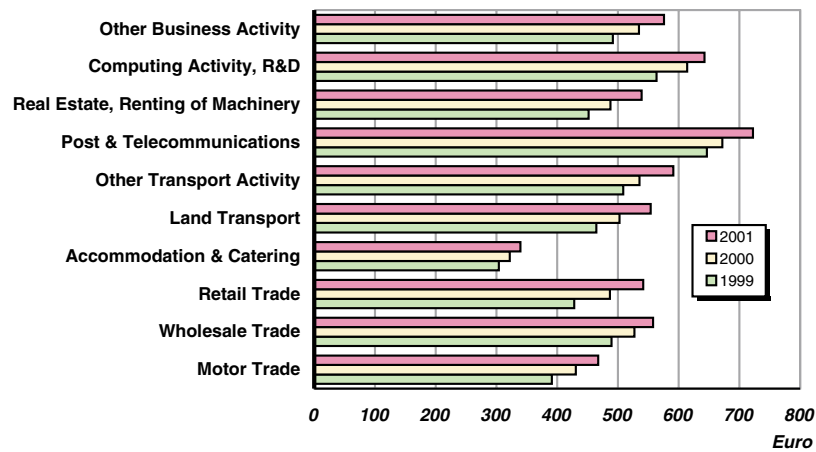
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Sector	Nace code	1998	1999	2000	2001
<b>Distribution and business services</b>		<b>442.36</b>	<b>466.20</b>	<b>505.01</b>	<b>545.41</b>
<b>Distribution</b>		<b>417.79</b>	<b>440.46</b>	<b>489.59</b>	<b>534.42</b>
Motor trade	50	366.79	391.32	430.50	467.68
Wholesale trade	51	471.23	489.61	527.20	558.00
Retail trade	52	400.65	427.89	487.06	541.78
<b>Business services</b>		<b>456.85</b>	<b>480.55</b>	<b>513.52</b>	<b>551.46</b>
Accommodation and catering	55	286.31	303.81	322.02	339.26
Land transport	60	437.84	464.44	502.83	553.92
Other transport activity	61-63	504.99	508.85	535.65	591.07
Post and telecommunications	64	621.41	646.53	672.06	722.33
Real estate, renting of machinery	70-71	426.49	451.56	487.66	538.87
Computing activity, R & D	72-73	531.82	563.61	613.93	642.63
Other business activity	74	464.79	491.64	534.84	575.78

TABLE 16.10

Source: CSO

**Average weekly earnings for full-time employees in distribution and business services**



**Table 16.11 Earnings of permanent agricultural workers**

Year	Not receiving benefits		Receiving benefits		Total	
	Earnings	Paid hours	Earnings	Paid hours	Earnings	Paid hours
	€		€		€	
1980	92.50	41.9	82.71	42.9	88.55	42.3
1982	114.66	41.9	106.09	42.8	111.28	42.2
1984	137.42	42.0	128.23	43.4	133.73	42.6
1986	156.05	42.2	149.40	43.5	153.41	42.7
1988	171.73	42.2	155.62	42.5	165.12	42.3
1992	209.04	41.7	203.06	43.1	205.16	41.9
1994	224.20	41.1	225.18	42.7	224.50	41.6
1997	258.32	42.1	262.56	43.5	259.93	42.6
2001	333.95	40.9	333.42	40.8	333.77	40.9

Source: CSO

TABLE 16.11