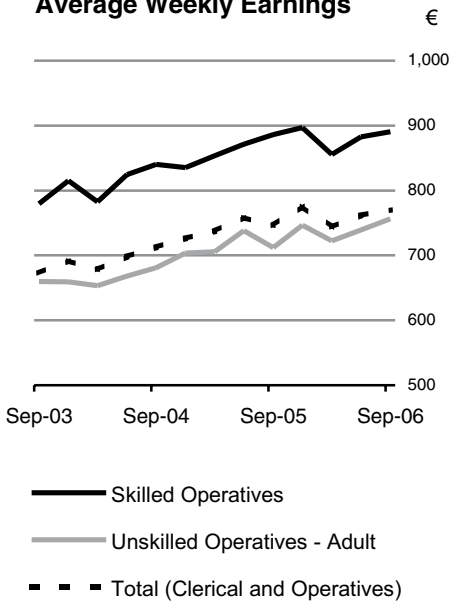




Earnings and Hours Worked in Construction

September 2006

Average Weekly Earnings



Averages (total clerical and operatives)

	Weekly rate	Hourly rate	Hours worked
September 2005	€745.97	€17.05	43.8
September 2006	€770.35	€17.47	44.1
% annual change	+3.3%	+2.5%	+0.7%

3.3% increase in average weekly earnings

The average weekly earnings for clerical and operative workers in the construction industry increased from €745.97 to €770.35 in the 12 months between September 2005 and September 2006, a rise of 3.3%. There was an increase of 2.5% in the hourly rate paid to all grades - from €17.05 to €17.47 - and the number of hours worked per week increased by 0.7% from 43.8 hours to 44.1 hours.

Weekly earnings for adult unskilled workers rose by 6.2% from €712.18 to €756.63 between September 2006 and the same month in 2005. The hourly rate rose from €15.69 to €16.15 and the number of hours worked each week increased from 45.4 to 46.9.

Skilled operatives saw their weekly earnings increase by 0.5% from €885.94 to €890.43 over the same period. The hourly rate rose from €19.91 to €20.35 and the number of hours worked each week decreased from 44.5 to 43.8.

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Table 1 Average Earnings and Hours Worked for Main Categories of Employees

Period	Average Earnings		Average Hours Worked	Average Earnings		Average Hours Worked	
	Per Hour	Per Week	Per Week ¹	Per Hour	Per Week	Per Week ¹	
	€	€		€	€		
	Total (Clerical and Operatives)			Foremen			
2000	11.82	539.74	45.7	15.19	720.41	47.5	
2001	13.16	586.69	44.6	16.37	756.02	46.2	
2002	14.54	644.68	44.4	17.94	830.87	46.3	
2003	15.30	671.59	43.9	19.08	871.89	45.7	
2004	15.99	703.87	44.1	20.02	906.50	45.3	
2005	17.13	754.36	44.1	21.75	994.01	45.7	
2003	March	14.96	657.49	44.0	18.44	846.58	45.9
	June	15.27	664.41	43.5	18.85	853.04	45.3
	September	15.28	672.72	44.0	18.95	867.29	45.8
	December	15.68	691.72	44.1	20.06	920.65	45.9
2004	March	15.67	678.22	43.3	19.45	872.90	44.9
	June	15.89	698.25	44.0	19.85	892.16	45.0
	September	16.14	712.62	44.2	19.89	905.64	45.5
	December	16.25	726.38	44.7	20.89	955.29	45.7
2005	March	16.67	737.19	44.2	21.29	977.34	45.9
	June	17.31	758.23	43.8	21.76	1,007.26	46.3
	September	17.05	745.97	43.8	21.65	975.88	45.1
	December	17.49	776.05	44.4	22.28	1,015.57	45.6
2006	March	17.29	743.78	43.0	21.56	958.31	44.5
	June ²	17.29	761.83	44.1	22.07	992.44	45.0
	September ³	17.47	770.35	44.1	22.46	1002.95	44.7
		Male Clerical			Female Clerical		
2000		11.95	479.71	40.2	9.19	340.09	37.0
2001		12.64	497.04	39.3	10.05	368.19	36.6
2002		13.17	531.30	40.4	10.94	401.99	36.7
2003		14.10	569.02	40.4	11.73	425.09	36.3
2004		15.14	616.06	40.7	12.45	453.49	36.4
2005		16.30	662.48	40.7	13.26	486.21	36.7
2003	March	14.04	572.23	40.8	11.63	421.67	36.3
	June	13.88	558.84	40.3	11.40	412.76	36.2
	September	14.15	572.03	40.4	11.75	423.27	36.0
	December	14.33	572.96	40.0	12.12	442.66	36.5
2004	March	14.90	597.41	40.1	12.21	440.15	36.0
	June	14.58	597.41	41.0	12.29	449.83	36.6
	September	15.27	626.88	41.1	12.52	454.91	36.3
	December	15.82	642.53	40.6	12.77	469.08	36.7
2005	March	16.36	671.94	41.1	12.92	467.77	36.2
	June	16.26	669.34	41.2	13.28	489.49	36.9
	September	16.24	648.86	39.9	13.05	475.85	36.4
	December	16.35	659.76	40.4	13.77	511.72	37.2
2006	March	15.99	638.51	39.9	13.59	494.35	36.4
	June ²	16.32	655.78	40.2	13.54	490.37	36.2
	September ³	16.61	668.47	40.2	13.62	496.93	36.5

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Table 1 Average Earnings and Hours Worked for Main Categories of Employees - Continued

Period	Average Earnings		Average Hours Worked	Average Earnings		Average Hours Worked	
	Per Hour	Per Week	Per Week ¹	Per Hour	Per Week	Per Week ¹	
	€	€		€	€		
	Skilled Operatives			Unskilled Operatives- Adults			
2000	13.97	647.90	46.4	11.06	521.62	47.2	
2001	15.23	681.08	44.7	12.49	580.83	46.5	
2002	17.05	759.16	44.6	13.64	632.53	46.4	
2003	17.87	786.95	44.0	14.16	649.15	45.8	
2004	18.62	820.62	44.1	14.64	676.46	46.2	
2005	19.94	876.96	44.0	15.72	725.63	46.2	
2003	March	17.33	768.22	44.3	13.83	632.75	45.7
	June	17.98	785.12	43.7	14.17	645.11	45.5
	September	17.82	779.55	43.7	14.27	659.55	46.2
	December	18.36	814.90	44.4	14.36	659.19	45.9
2004	March	18.05	782.36	43.3	14.42	653.38	45.3
	June	18.68	824.57	44.1	14.44	667.97	46.3
	September	18.96	840.04	44.3	14.75	681.00	46.2
	December	18.79	835.49	44.5	14.93	703.47	47.1
2005	March	19.54	853.79	43.7	15.09	705.80	46.8
	June	20.24	871.37	43.1	15.92	738.08	46.4
	September	19.91	885.94	44.5	15.69	712.18	45.4
	December	20.08	896.75	44.7	16.19	746.44	46.1
2006	March	19.73	855.50	43.4	16.26	722.62	44.4
	June ²	20.07	882.65	44.0	15.89	739.33	46.5
	September ³	20.35	890.43	43.8	16.15	756.63	46.9
	Unskilled Operatives - Juveniles			Apprentices			
2000	8.86	398.84	45.1	7.25	313.17	43.3	
2001	9.19	379.59	41.3	8.70	366.30	42.1	
2002	8.72	361.99	41.5	9.72	396.70	40.8	
2003	8.92	375.43	42.1	10.48	424.67	40.5	
2004	9.08	369.69	40.7	10.45	425.54	40.7	
2005	10.15	397.96	39.2	11.19	452.80	40.5	
2003	March	8.94	378.85	42.4	10.18	410.07	40.3
	June	9.22	388.55	42.1	10.61	424.45	40.0
	September	8.96	381.01	42.5	10.47	428.50	40.9
	December	8.54	353.32	41.4	10.64	435.64	40.9
2004	March	8.85	368.63	41.6	10.07	403.35	40.1
	June	8.57	353.16	41.2	10.48	415.35	39.6
	September	9.07	368.00	40.6	10.58	433.32	41.0
	December	9.84	388.98	39.5	10.68	450.13	42.2
2005	March	9.87	400.95	40.6	10.91	444.04	40.7
	June	10.27	413.28	40.2	11.63	460.12	39.6
	September	10.32	389.97	37.8	11.22	450.50	40.1
	December	10.12	387.65	38.3	11.01	456.52	41.5
2006	March	10.50	398.54	38.0	10.75	431.55	40.1
	June ²	11.90	475.58	40.0	10.53	427.47	40.6
	September ³	10.19	416.27	40.8	10.69	440.96	41.3

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Background Notes

- Background** This survey began in 1969. The results from quarter 3 of 1969 until quarter 1 of 1975 referred to enterprises in the Building and Construction sector with 15 or more employees. Since quarter 2 of 1975, the survey has covered enterprises with 10 or more employees. A full time series from 1986 onwards is available in the Database Direct service on www.cso.ie. Less detailed statistics prior to 1986 are also available electronically.
- Scope** Data are collected for a specific week in the middle of the last month of each quarter. The details collected each quarter are in respect of skilled and unskilled workers and other employees (managerial, technical, clerical and supervisory). The information collected for each category of employee are total number of persons engaged, total earnings and total hours worked during the survey week.
- Definitions**
- Total number engaged:** All persons who were at work or on holidays with pay during the week in question.
- Total weekly earnings:** Gross pay before deduction of income tax and employee's social insurance payments. "Wet time" payments are also included but lodging allowance is not.
- Hours worked:** Respondents are asked to include overtime hours as hours actually worked and not as hours paid for. Travelling time, if applicable, and hours for which staff were paid for being available for work but were unable to do so due to the weather, are also included. The corresponding payments are included in the earnings total.
- Derived Averages** The average earnings and hours worked are derived from the total employment, earnings and hours worked of all businesses responding in the quarter. Comparisons between different periods can, therefore, be affected by the establishment or closure of businesses whose rates differ significantly from the average. The way employers report information on piece work may also affect the results. Businesses employing piece workers can only provide an estimate of hours worked which may, in some instances, differ significantly from hours actually worked.

Sample Size (Number of Persons) Surveyed In Each Occupational Category

		Clerical		Foremen	Skilled Operatives	Unskilled Operatives		Apprentices	Total Clerical and Operatives
		Male	Female			Adults	Juveniles ¹		
2004	March	505	1,359	2,296	6,046	6,640	129	1,915	18,890
	June	515	1,367	2,304	6,123	7,231	251	1,888	19,679
	September	488	1,234	2,068	5,651	6,724	171	1,782	18,118
	December	449	1,105	1,859	4,954	5,882	113	1,843	16,205
2005	March	333	746	1,628	4,676	5,618	69	1,641	14,711
	June	384	937	1,732	3,984	5,096	118	1,565	13,816
	September	480	1,043	1,940	4,291	6,009	106	1,614	15,483
	December	539	1,191	2,190	5,226	6,923	83	1,692	17,844
2006	March	543	1,168	2,124	5,078	6,694	70	1,629	17,306
	June ²	556	1,151	1,943	5,196	6,532	235	1,466	17,079
	September ³	511	951	1,588	4,267	5,129	131	1,375	13,952

NB These figures are presented for information purposes only, to indicate sample size. They are not, in any sense, an indicator of employment trends in the construction sector.

1. Juveniles may be defined (generally speaking) as workers under the minimum wage age threshold, and students on summer work.

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