

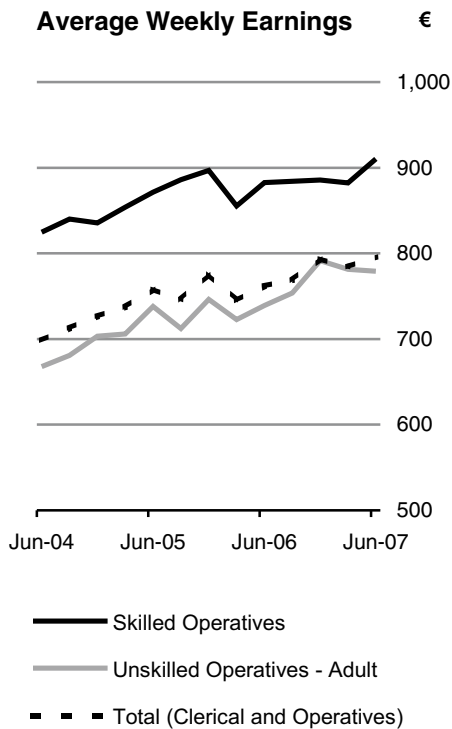


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Earnings and Hours Worked in Construction

June 2007 (Provisional)
March 2007 (Final)



	Averages (total clerical and operatives)		
	Weekly rate	Hourly rate	Hours worked
June 2006	€761.83	€17.29	44.1
June 2007	€795.97	€18.35	43.4
% annual change	+4.5%	+6.1%	-1.6%

4.5% increase in average weekly earnings

The average weekly earnings for clerical and operative workers in the construction industry increased from €761.83 to €795.97 in the 12 months between June 2006 and June 2007, a rise of 4.5%. There was an increase of 6.1% in the hourly rate paid to all grades - from €17.29 to €18.35 - and the number of hours worked per week decreased by 1.6% from 44.1 hours to 43.4 hours. *See Table 1.*

Weekly earnings for adult unskilled workers rose by 5.4% from €739.33 to €779.04 between June 2007 and the same month in 2006. The hourly rate rose from €15.89 to €17.06 and the number of hours worked each week decreased from 46.5 to 45.7.

Skilled operatives saw their weekly earnings increase by 3.1% from €882.65 to €910.39 over the same period. The hourly rate rose from €20.07 to €20.89 and the number of hours worked each week decreased from 44.0 to 43.6.

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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		
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
2006		17.49	767.00	43.9	22.13	993.38	44.9
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	17.29	761.83	44.1	22.07	992.44	45.0
	September	17.47	768.76	44.0	22.22	1,000.89	45.1
	December	17.90	793.61	44.3	22.68	1,021.86	45.1
2007	March ²	18.25	784.41	43.0	23.22	1,038.00	44.7
	June ³	18.35	795.97	43.4	23.73	1,060.21	44.7
		Male Clerical			Female Clerical		
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
2006		16.56	663.68	40.1	13.75	496.43	36.1
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	16.32	655.78	40.2	13.54	490.37	36.2
	September	16.54	665.19	40.2	13.73	501.21	36.5
	December	17.37	695.24	40.0	14.13	499.79	35.4
2007	March ²	17.48	695.92	39.8	14.26	513.45	36.0
	June ³	17.40	701.22	40.3	14.27	519.71	36.4

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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		
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
2006		20.03	877.03	43.8	16.34	751.82	46.0
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	20.07	882.65	44.0	15.89	739.33	46.5
	September	20.27	884.29	43.6	16.23	753.77	46.5
	December	20.04	885.68	44.2	16.98	791.57	46.6
2007	March ²	20.94	882.16	42.1	17.03	781.55	45.9
	June ³	20.89	910.39	43.6	17.06	779.04	45.7
		Unskilled Operatives - Juveniles			Apprentices		
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
2006		11.53	464.10	40.2	10.78	442.29	41.0
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	11.90	475.58	40.0	10.53	427.47	40.6
	September	10.75	441.76	41.1	10.65	437.89	41.1
	December	12.97	540.50	41.7	11.17	472.26	42.3
2007	March ²	13.44	553.18	41.2	11.38	445.19	39.1
	June ³	13.57	574.53	42.4	12.01	468.99	39.0

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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	556	1,151	1,943	5,196	6,532	235	1,466	17,079
	September	585	1,165	1,989	5,049	6,565	192	1,546	17,091
	December	511	1,090	1,864	4,535	6,276	101	1,351	15,728
2007	March ²	577	1,208	1,900	4,710	5,809	94	1,549	15,847
	June ³	599	1,157	1,694	4,194	5,452	217	1,256	14,569

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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