

Union membership brings many benefits to working people. One of the major benefits includes weekly earnings. The data below show that union workers, on average, made \$201 or 27% more per week than nonunion workers in 2012. Furthermore, when breaking it down to both industries and occupational categories, the union difference becomes even clearer.

Weekly Earning Advantage for Union Members, 2012

Full-time Wage and Salary Workers' Median Weekly Earnings

	Union	Nonunion	Union Weekly Ad	% Difference
All Workers 16 and Over	\$943	\$742	\$201	27%
By Race and Gender				
Caucasian, 16 years & over	\$973	\$762	\$211	28%
Men	\$1,025	\$845	\$180	21%
Women	\$902	\$681	\$221	32%
African American, 16 years & over	\$784	\$599	\$185	31%
Men	\$819	\$624	\$195	31%
Women	\$755	\$582	\$173	30%
Hispanic or Latino, 16 years & over	\$840	\$530	\$310	58%
Men	\$881	\$563	\$318	56%
Women	\$767	\$503	\$264	52%
Occupational Breakdown				
Professional & related occupations	\$1,098	\$1,046	\$52	5%
Services occupations	\$754	\$458	\$296	65%
Office & administrative support	\$808	\$624	\$184	29%
Natural resources, construction & maintenance occupations	\$1,026	\$688	\$338	49%
Production, transportation & material moving occupations	\$823	\$597	\$226	38%
Industry Breakdown				
Construction	\$1,086	\$722	\$364	50%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	\$891	\$819	\$72	9%
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing	\$827	\$722	\$105	15%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$948	\$746	\$202	27%
Government	\$990	\$829	\$161	19%
Utilities	\$1,216	\$1,086	\$130	12%
Telecommunications	\$1,162	\$1,039	\$123	12%

