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The Bureau of Labor Statistics regularly publishes information about the earnings of the U.S. labor force. The table below provides median weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers by occupational category and sex. Such information can be useful to professionals providing vocational counseling to young people. These data can be helpful for discerning expected earnings, and whether individuals are being appropriately compensated for the job they are considering. Similar information exists about more specific job titles in publications of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Median Weekly Earnings of Full-time Wage and Salary Workers by Occupation and Sex**

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Median Weekly Earnings</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Managerial and professional specialty	\$747	\$533	\$628
Executive, administrative, and managerial	745	500	617
Professional specialty	749	574	642
Technical, sales, and administrative support	506	350	393
Technicians and related support	578	428	501
Sales occupations	519	300	420
Administrative support, including clerical	437	350	364
Service occupations	330	246	280
Private household	( <sup>1</sup> )	153	153
Protective service	483	413	473
Service, except private household and protective	284	246	260
Precision production, craft, and repair	492	324	482
Mechanics and repairers	495	501	495
Construction trades	481	( <sup>1</sup> )	480
Other precision production, craft, and repair	502	308	464
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	381	276	346
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	385	275	334
Transportation and material moving occupations	435	360	427
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	311	257	301
Farming, forestry, and fishing	265	216	260

Source: **Employment and Earnings**, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 38, October, 1991, p. 75.

<sup>1</sup>Data not shown where base is less than 100,000.