

# What Does the Employment Cost Index (ECI) Say About Changes in Total Compensation?



**Total compensation** includes **wages and salaries** and **benefit costs**. Typically, wages and salaries account for about two-thirds of total compensation, and benefit costs account for the remainder. The ECI measures the changes in labor costs for a variety of industries, occupations, and areas. For more information on the ECI, see [www.bls.gov/eci](http://www.bls.gov/eci).

All percentages represent the 12-month percent change for total compensation for June 2019 as shown in the Employment Cost Index.



**+2.6%**

**All workers in private industry**



**+2.3%**

In management, professional, and related occupations



**+1.6%**

In installation, maintenance, and repair occupations



**+3.5%**

In transportation and material moving occupations



**+3.6%**

In the leisure and hospitality industry



**+2.5%**

For union workers and 2.7% for nonunion workers



**+2.7%**

In the Midwest census region



**+2.3%**

In the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI CSA