

**Table 1.** Characteristics of Selected Jobs in Different Job-Quality Deciles, 1992-1999

1992-99 Job-Quality deciles	Median hourly Earnings, 1992	Largest Occupations	Industry	Number 1992	Number 1999	% of Labor Force in Decile, 1992	% of Labor Force in Decile, 1999	Number of Jobs in decile
lowest decile	\$7.41	retail sales workers food services health services	retail trade retail trade other medical service	2,353,601 1,876,907 909,069	2,900,945 2,376,842 1,145,535	11.4%	12.2%	65
2nd decile	\$8.99	machine operators/tenders  clerical and other administrative support clerical and other administrative support	manuf. of non-durable goods retail trade educational service	2,220,695  569,979 501,596	1,981,976  646,374 643,314	10.5%	9.8%	96
3rd decile	\$10.12	clerical and other administrative support  construction laborer cleaning/building services	finance, insurance, real estate construction educational service	1,503,591  510,995 376,191	1,625,367  764,673 377,019	8.2%	7.8%	91
4th decile	\$10.80	sales supervisors/proprietors machine operators/tenders  fabricators, assemblers, inspectors, samplers	retail trade manuf. of durable goods manufacture of durable goods	1,692,659 1,584,222  1,560,291	2,185,121 1,748,363  1,636,704	10.1%	9.2%	40
5th decile	\$11.87	motor vehicle operators other executives, administrators, managers mechanics, repairers	transportation retail trade business, repair service	1,147,791 893,412 706,614	1,432,757 1,094,965 777,886	10.4%	9.2%	76
6th decile	\$13.27	construction trades other precision production other precision production	construction manuf. durable goods manuf. non-durable goods	2,230,444 1,628,814 756,400	3,137,593 1,753,126 687,775	9.9%	9.8%	62
7th decile	\$14.97	sales reps, commodities mechanics/repairers other prof. specialties	wholesale trade manuf. durable goods other prof. services	822,548 558,541 535,463	828,177 612,767 654,752	9.6%	9.6%	107
8th decile	\$16.47	teachers except college/university protective services sales reps, finance,business	educational service public administration finance, insurance, real estate	2,986,991 1,163,944 924,717	3,610,360 1,470,950 1,131,590	10.4%	10.9%	47
9th decile	\$18.29	health treating/assessment other executives, administrators, managers management	hospital service finance, insurance, real estate public administration	1,158,603 892,434 519,348	1,245,099 1,234,921 521,320	9.8%	10.4%	73
highest decile	\$22.41	other executives, administrators, managers engineers other executives, administrators, managers	manuf. durable goods manuf. durable goods manuf. non-durable goods	867,057 664,997 650,730	1,142,805 807,403 739,194	9.7%	11.1%	89