## **Research Notes**

Manufacturing Average Wages in NPWR Alessandro Capello, Economist

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## Manufacturing Average Wages and Most Common Degrees



- In recognition of manufacturing month, we used two reports from the NPWR System, Average Wage by Industry . and the Most Common Degree by Industry, to gain insight into the wages and educational backgrounds of workers in manufacturing industries.<sup>i</sup>
- For all industries in Nevada, NPWR shows the average annual salary earned was \$55,950 in 2016. For manufacturing industries, average earnings were \$49,740.
- Examining manufacturing at the three-digit NAICS level shows a large range of salaries based on what type of manufacturing is being done. The highest annual salary for manufacturing lies in the manufacture of Petroleum and Coal Products, where workers earn an average of \$78,120 per year. Of the 99 industries in the NPWR report, this ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the State in terms of salary. The most common degree held by persons in that industry is Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- On the other hand, the lowest salary of the various manufacturing industries is earned by Apparel Manufacturing . workers. With an average annual salary of \$23,470, Apparel Manufacturing was the second lowest salary of all industries in Nevada in 2016. The most common degree in the industry in 2016 is, interestingly enough, Psychology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NPWR approximates annual salaries by only including individuals with wages in all four quarters of a year in the same industry.



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