

National Paint and Coatings Association

Paint and Coatings Industry National and State Labor Market Key Findings

National Key Findings

U.S. Paint and Coatings Industry Employment

- The U.S. paint and coatings industry employed 354,900 individuals in 2006, up by three percent, or 10,400 jobs, from 2005.
- The paint and coatings industry comprises the following sectors: painting and wall covering contractors; paint and coatings manufacturing; paint, varnish, and supplies merchant wholesalers; and paint and wallpaper stores.
- The largest paint and coatings industry sector by employment was painting and wall covering contractors with 244,000 jobs in 2006, which added 10,000 jobs from 2005.
- The second largest sector was paint and coatings manufacturing with 44,400 jobs in 2006.
- Paint and wallpaper stores employed 41,800 people in 2006, while paint, varnish, and supplies merchant wholesalers employed 24,700 individuals.
- Over the past 10 years, paint and coatings industry employment grew faster than the total private sector, 12 percent compared to 10 percent. However, paint and wall covering contractors was the only sector of the four comprising the U.S. paint and coatings industry to add jobs over the past 10 years; the other three sectors each shed thousands of jobs.

U.S. Paint and Coatings Industry Wages

- The U.S. paint and coatings industry paid an average annual wage of \$37,000 in 2006, an increase of one percent over 2005, adjusted for inflation.
- The highest average annual wage was paid by the paint and coatings manufacturing sector at \$55,200 in 2006.
- Paint, varnish, and supplies merchant wholesalers had the second highest average annual wage at \$53,800 in 2006.
- Average annual wages in the painting and wall covering contractors sector rose by two percent in 2006 to \$32,100, compared to a one percent increase for the total private sector, adjusted for inflation.

U.S. Paint and Coatings Industry Establishments

- The U.S. paint and coatings industry had 54,200 establishments in 2006.
- The painting and wall covering contractors sector boasted 81 percent of the industry's total establishments in 2006.

U.S. Paint and Coatings Industry Payroll

- The payroll for the U.S. paint and coatings industry reached \$13.1 billion in 2006.
- The U.S. paint and coatings industry payroll grew by four percent between 2005 and 2006, compared to three percent growth for the entire private sector, adjusted for inflation.

State Key Findings

State Paint and Coatings Industry Employment

- California ranked first in the nation by paint and coatings industry employment with 50,400 workers in 2006, an increase of 2,500 from 2005.
- Florida was the second ranked state with 28,400 paint and coatings industry jobs in 2006. This represents a nine percent increase from 2005, or an addition of 2,500 jobs; and over the past 10 years, these industry jobs grew by 11,100.
- Texas followed Florida with 23,400 paint and coatings industry jobs in 2006, growing by three percent from 2005.
- Ohio and Illinois rounded out the top five leading states by paint and coatings industry employment, with 17,000 and 16,700 jobs in 2006, respectively.
- Over the 10-year period 1997 to 2006, California posted the strongest job growth nationwide, adding 15,900 jobs.
- Florida and Arizona ranked second and third highest in paint and coatings industry job growth, jumping by 11,100 and 5,700 jobs between 1997 and 2006, respectively.

State Paint and Coatings Industry Wages

- The highest paid paint and coatings industry wages were those in Ohio, where the annual average wage was \$49,700 in 2006, up by nine percent since 1997, adjusted for inflation.
- New Jersey's 9,100 paint and coatings industry workers received the second highest annual average wages at \$46,800 in 2006, jumping by eight percent between 2005 and 2006, adjusted for inflation.
- Illinois ranked third nationwide by paint and coatings industry average annual wages in 2006, at \$46,600.
- Michigan and Hawaii rounded out the top five states for paint and coatings industry wages with annual average wages of \$45,900 and \$43,200 in 2006, respectively.
- Paint and coatings industry annual average wages grew the fastest in Louisiana, leaping by 12 percent from \$32,700 in 2005 to \$36,600 in 2006, adjusted for inflation to 2006 dollars.

State Paint and Coatings Industry Establishments

- California led the nation in paint and coatings industry establishments with over 5,800 in 2006, representing 11 percent of all paint and coatings establishments in the United States.
- Florida closely followed California with 5,600 paint and coatings industry establishments in 2006.
- New York, Illinois, and Texas completed the top five states in paint and coatings industry establishments in 2006.

State Paint and Coatings Industry Payroll

- California was also the leading state by paint and coatings industry payroll, at \$1.8 billion in 2006, representing 14 percent of all paint and coatings industry payroll nationwide.
- Texas, Florida, Ohio, and Illinois completed the top five states in paint and coatings industry payroll in 2006.

Notes about Methodology

Data are based on the following 4 six-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes:

238320 Painting and Wall Covering Contractors
325510 Paint and Coatings Manufacturing
424950 Paint, Varnish, and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers
444120 Paint and Wallpaper Stores

This definition is a conservative representation of the core of the paint and coatings industry. In an effort to produce solid statistics, the National Paint and Coatings Association does not include broad industry categories if the paint and coatings portion does not represent a clear majority.

Establishments are considered any physical location, which are engaged in one, or predominately one, type of economic activity. This one type of activity is then used to classify this establishment. An establishment does not necessarily represent an individual company because companies can have multiple establishments, one for each office or location of that company.

The 2006 data are preliminary and are subject to minor revisions by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The source is the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.