

Labor Cost

	Mexico	United States	Canada
Minimun Wage per Hour (USD)	1.89 (general) 2.84 (border)	7.25	12.63
Hours per Week	48	40	40
Unemployment Rate NL	2.69%	3.80%	6.10%

Manufacturing Wages in the United States versus Mexico <i>fully fringed hourly wages listed in USD</i>		
Position	U.S. (National averages based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics)	Mexico (National averages based on data from Tetakawi Field Studies)
Direct manufacturing labor	\$17.42	\$4.70
Painters	\$21.11	\$5.66
Welders	\$20.65	\$7.10
Machinists	\$23.57	\$7.30
CNC operator	\$22.23	\$7.09
Production manager	\$56.62	\$45.13