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Figure 1.

MEDIAN USUAL WEEKLY EARNINGS (PRE-TAX):
FULL-TIME WAGE & SALARY WORKERS*
(dollars, sa, ratio scale)

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Figure 2.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (PRE-TAX):
WORKERS IN PRIVATE NONFARM SECTOR
(dollars, sa, ratio scale)

Average Weekly Earnings
- All Workers*
- Production & Nonsupervisory Workers**

* Average hourly earnings times average workweek of all employees on private nonfarm payrolls.
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WORKERS IN PRIVATE NONFARM SECTOR
(2012 dollars, sa)

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FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT: WEEKLY MEDIAN EARNINGS SURVEY vs. HOUSEHOLD SURVEY EXCLUDING SELF-EMPLOYED
(millions, sa)

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**Figure 6.**

MEDIAN WEEKLY EARNINGS: FULL-TIME WAGE & SALARY WORKERS*
(ratio, using current dollars)

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**REAL MEDIAN USUAL WEEKLY EARNINGS (ANNUALIZED)**
FULL-TIME WAGE & SALARY WORKERS*  
vs REAL MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME  
(thousand dollars, sa)

Figure 7.

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** 2015 dollars using CPI.
