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Average manufacturing wage, 3.5 Brunei dollars (US\$2.5) per hour

Miner, 695 bolivianos (US\$140) per month; aircraft engine mechanic, 3,086 bolivianos (US\$625) per month

A monthly national minimum wage of some US\$100 rises via a system of top-ups for those in the formal economy

Hotel cook, 13,000 Bahamian dollars (US\$13,000) per year; professional nurse, 15,000-27,500 Bahamian dollars (US\$15,000)

Over 80% of people farm their own plots of land and herd cattle and yaks. Most live a subsistence existence

80% of the population live in rural areas and those with cattle are better off

Inflation is eroding the value of most salaries

Skilled labourer, 700 Belizean dollars per month (US\$350); general manager, 4,600 Belizean dollars (US\$2,300) per month

Similar wage levels to the USA

Bricklayer, 35,000 CFA francs (US\$72) per month; physiotherapist, 82,000 CFA francs (US\$168) per month

Wage rates among the Congo's middle class are higher than in most African countries

Chambermaid, 2,875 Swiss francs per month (US\$2,498); top chef, 12,000 Swiss francs per month (US\$10,428)

Metalworking machine setter, 109,500-254,300 CFA francs per month (US\$200-\$480); dentist, 154,000-422,500 CFA francs per month

Live-in maid, 80,000 Chilean pesos (US\$197) per month; company secretary, 1m Chilean pesos (US\$2,460) per month

Wealth disparities are marked

Garment cutter, 215 yuan (US\$26) per month; doctor, 216 yuan (US\$26) per month

School teacher, 150,000 pesos (US\$152) per month; Senior engineer, 500,000 pesos (US\$505) per month

Agricultural worker, 16,661 colones (US\$87) per month; construction worker, 23,319 colones (US\$122) per month

Factory worker, 220 Cuban pesos (US\$220 - official rate of exchange) per month; engineer, 300 Cuban pesos (US\$300 - official rate)

Most Cape Verdeans lead a subsistence existence

Wages in the south are 4 times those in the north

Entrepreneurs in the private sector have rapidly acquired wealth

Car mechanic, 18 Deutsche Marks per hour (US\$13); government official, 8,314 Deutsche Marks per month (US\$5,809)

Minimum wage, 15,860 Djibouti francs (US\$99) per month; senior manager (not expatriate), 700,000 Djibouti francs (US\$4,375) per month

Dairy product processor, 120 Danish kroner (US\$22) per hour; airline pilot, 27,671 Danish kroner (US\$4,990) per month

Agricultural field hand, 2 Eastern Caribbean dollars (US\$0.70) per hour; office manager, 9 Eastern Caribbean dollars (US\$3.4) per month

Clothing worker, 333 Dominican Republic pesos (US\$25) per month; oil refinery worker, 2,594 Dominican Republic pesos (US\$162) per month

Waiter, 2,282 dinars per month (US\$45); doctor, 5,802 (US\$116) dinars per month

Chauffeur, 200,000 sucres (US\$55) per month; junior company executive, 400,000 sucres (US\$137) per month

Traders are the wealthiest group

Wealth heavily concentrated in Cairo

Demobilized soldier in Asmara, 1,950 Ethiopian birr per month (US\$325); the 1 million refugees who fled to neighbouring countries

Cleaner, 100,000 pesetas per month (US\$824); company director, 1m pesetas per month (US\$8,243)

Most Ethiopians lead a subsistence existence

Paper machine operator, 58 markkaa per hour (US\$13); general physician, 16,900 markkaa per month (US\$3,600)

Agricultural worker, 12 Fiji dollars per day (US\$17); construction worker, 14 Fiji dollars per day (US\$10)

Minimum wage on Pohnpei, \$1.35 per hour

Blue-collar worker 101,000 francs (US\$20,000) per year; technical manager, 267,000 francs (US\$53,000) per year

Cabinet-maker, 86,000 CFA francs per month (US\$176); electricity industry office clerk, 204,000 CFA francs per month (US\$408)

Sanitation worker, 221 pounds sterling per week (US\$343); accountant, 446 pounds sterling per week (US\$692)

The disparities which existed between a few rich farmers and the majority of labourers have been reduced

Wealth is concentrated in Tbilisi

The many Ghanaians who emigrated in search of better jobs remit \$300 million a year - a substantial contribution to Ghana's economy

The majority of the population are poor. Rising educational opportunities should result in greater social mobility

Manual worker, 150,000 Guinea francs (US\$150) per month; secretary, 300,000 (US\$300) Guinea francs per month

Most of the population leads a subsistence existence; a minority has formal employment

Teacher, 120,000 drachmas (US\$500) a month; doctor, 230,000 drachmas (US\$970) a month

The majority of the population lives a subsistence existence

Most of the population lives in poverty

Wealth is concentrated among a few Georgetown families

Shoe sewer, 170 Hong Kong dollars per day (US\$22); clerk of works, 11,738 Hong Kong dollars per month (US\$1,518)

Plantation worker, 175 lempiras per week (US\$14); high school science teacher, 415 lempiras per week (US\$32.6)

Standards of living are falling under the government's austerity programme

One million Haitians work as cheap labour in the Dominican Republic, many effectively as slaves on the state-owned sugar cane

Transport worker, 16,403 forint per month (US\$100); teacher, 21,928 forint per month (US\$140)

Agricultural worker, 100,000 rupiahs per month (US\$42); engineer, 1.5m rupiahs per month (US\$6,350)

Fork lift lorry driver, 285 punts per week (US\$480); junior manager, 450 punts per week (US\$754)

Social worker, 800 new Israeli shekels per month (US\$245); army officer, 1,500 new Israeli shekels per month (US\$460)

Experienced waiter, 170,000 pesetas (US\$1,400) per month; primary school teacher, 220,000 pesetas (US\$1,800) per month

Poverty is rare in the UAE

Faction leaders and arms dealers are the wealthiest groups

Minimum wage, 4 Eastern Caribbean dollars (US\$1.5) per hour

Demand for imported luxury goods has increased

Around 70% of the Armenian population live in poverty, as defined by the UN

Formal employment has effectively collapsed in Angola

Most Antarctic researchers draw salaries equivalent to their earnings at home

Chambermaid, 80 Argentine pesos (US\$80) per month; company director, 5,000 Argentine pesos (US\$5,000) per month

Agricultural worker, 78 Austrian schillings (US\$8) per hour; doctor, 33,279 Austrian schillings (US\$3,305) per month

Industrial worker, 20,000-23,000 Australian dollars (US\$14,900-17,200); industrial project engineer, 45,000-50,000 Australian dollars

A majority of Azeris live close to the breadline

Most salaries have been eroded by hyper-inflation

Plantation field worker, 4 Barbados dollars (US\$2) per hour; oil refinery foreman, 564 Barbados dollars (US\$280) per week (m

Machine cloth weaver, 950 taka (US\$24) per month; natural gas engineer, 2,850 (US\$71) taka per month

Baker, 305 Belgian francs (US\$10) per hour; bank employee, 43,009 Belgian francs (US\$1,430) per month

Shop assistant, 30,250 CFA francs (US\$62) per month; dentist, 100,000 CFA francs (US\$204) per month

Disparities in wealth are considerable

Agricultural worker, 196 dinars (US\$519) per month; oil engineer, 698 dinars (US\$1,851) per month

Bus conductor, 63 Burundi francs (less than half of one US cent) per hour; bank accountant, 1,100 Burundi francs (US\$4.3) p

Railway ticket clerk, 35,000 CFA francs (US\$71) per month; oil industry engineer, 323,000 CFA francs (US\$660) per month

Field crop worker, 7-33 Indian rupees per day (US\$0.2-\$0.9); office clerk, 380-875 Indian rupees per month (US\$11-\$25)

Few opportunities for enrichment

The acquisition of private wealth is discouraged

Meat packer, 387 kronur per hour (US\$6); bookkeeper, 638 kronur per hour (US\$10)

Waiter, 1,533,871 Italian lire per month (US\$967); journalist, 2,855,655 Italian lire per month (US\$1,800)

Miner, 1,139 Jamaican dollars per week (US\$31); metal manufacturing worker, 2,840 Jamaican dollars per week (US\$78)

The wealthiest are those closest to the King

Machine general worker, 339,524 yen per month (US\$3,291); factory manager, 596,665 yen per month (US\$5,784)

The majority of Kenya's rising number of poor live outside the formal economy

Inflation is eroding the value of most salaries

Most Cambodians live a subsistence existence

The state is the only formal employer. Remittances from Gilbertese working in Nauru are an important source of national income

Virtually the whole population lives close to the poverty line

There is no great disparity of wealth on the islands, although urban professionals enjoy a higher standard of living than rural c

The 20% or so of the population classified as "hostile" live in remote areas, do the worst jobs and have little prospect of social

Secretary, 800,000 won per month (US\$1,031); dentist, 3m won per month (US\$3,867)

Most Kuwaitis have total financial security

The living standards of many Kazakhs have declined since independence from the USSR

## Sheet1

Middle and high level state officials, 18,400-36,800 new kips (US\$20-\$40) per month; trishaw drivers in Vientiane can earn ne  
Minimum wage, 90 Lebanese pounds per month (US\$0.06)  
Factory worker, 99 Eastern Caribbean dollars per week (US\$37); communications office worker, 380 Eastern Caribbean dolla  
Experienced carpenter, 4,700 Swiss francs per month (US\$4,084); primary school teacher, 4,800-7,490 Swiss francs per mon  
Plantation worker, 6 Sri Lanka rupees per hour (US\$0.1); hotel receptionist, 16 Sri Lanka rupees per hour (US\$0.30)  
The underclass was composed of rural dwellers, but as a consequence of the war it has encompassed most of the population  
Welder, 260 maloti per month (US\$71); professional nurse, 531 maloti per month (US\$145)  
Traders in Vilnius are the wealthiest group  
Junior salesperson, 10,000 Luxembourg francs per month (US\$340); experienced sales representative, 500,000 Luxembourg  
Secretary, 30-40 lati per month (US\$56-\$74); dentist, 80 lati per month (US\$149)  
Most Libyans have benefited little from oil wealth  
Factory foreman, 4,950 Moroccan dirhams per month (US\$584); executive engineer, 10,981 Moroccan dirhams per month (U  
Owing to the high cost of living in Monaco, salaries have a premium of 5% over rates of pay in the neighbouring area of the Al  
Increasing disparity in wealth between former-communist officials and the rest of the population  
Minimum wage in manufacturing, 22,000 Malagasy francs per month (US\$5)  
Most Marshall Islanders live a subsistence existence  
The effects of war and UN sanctions have contributed to a sizable fall in living standards since 1991  
Kindergarten teacher, 27,500 CFA francs per month (US\$56); electrician, 101,500 CFA francs per month (US\$208)  
Forestry worker, 475 kyats (US\$83) per month; technical education secondary teacher, 1,000 kyats (US\$175) per month  
Street cleaner, 4,000 tugriks per month (US\$9); hospital doctor, 8,000 tugriks per month (US\$18)  
Slavery officially became illegal in 1980, but much de facto slavery survives  
Income per capita is below the European average  
Sugar plantation worker, 13 Mauritian rupees per hour (US\$0.7); journalist, 7,045 Mauritian rupees per month (US\$387)  
Private-sector secretary, 2,868 rufiyaa per month (US\$244); government minister, 5,975 rufiyaa per month (US\$508)  
Most Malawians lead a subsistence existence  
Despite minimum wage legislation, continued high inflation in the early 1990s has eroded the real wage of most people  
Rubber tapper, 14.1 ringgits per day (US\$6); electronic technician, 1,000 ringgits per month (US\$394)  
Agricultural labourer, 24,310 meticaïs (US\$2) per month (minimum); medical consultant, 146,000 meticaïs (US\$15) per month  
Whites still earn, on average, 20 times more than blacks  
The Tuaregs are the lowest-paid social group  
International company finance officer, 200,000 naira per year (US\$9,090); polytechnic principal lecturer, 24,000-41,000 naira p  
Farm labourer, 240-300 c¢rdobas oro per month (US\$30-\$38), plus meals and accommodation; top executive, 6,000-12,000 c  
Electronic fitter, 2,248-2,387 guilders per month (US\$1,405-\$1,491); journalist, 30,251-48,868 guilders per year (US\$18,907-\$  
Carpenter, 90 Norwegian kroner per hour (US\$14); bank teller, 14,824 Norwegian kroner per month (US\$2,353)  
Sawmill sawyer, 800 Nepalese rupees per month (US\$15); yarn spinner, 2,500-6,000 Nepalese rupees per month (US\$46-\$1  
Average white-collar worker, 16,000 Australian dollars per year (US\$11,902)  
Lorry parts dealer, 20,000 New Zealand dollars per year (US\$13,333); computer sales manager, 100,000 New Zealand dollar  
Many Omanis live off the land; some emigrate to seek work in other Gulf states  
Just under half the population live in poverty  
Chemical industry machine operator, 45 new soles per week (US\$20); journalist, 377 new soles per month (US\$164)  
Water board administration manager, 18,000 kina per year (US\$13,482)  
Miner, 2,986 Philippine pesos per month (US\$114); teacher, 3,121 Philippine pesos per month (US\$119)  
The <I2>Peshgi</I2> system of bonded labour traps millions in virtual slavery - 5 million in the notorious brick industry. Debt o  
State employees are significantly worse off than those in the private sector  
Shop assistant, 1.7m escudos per year (US\$11,380); managing director, 11.3m escudos per year (US\$75,640)  
Small wealth disparities  
Kitchen assistant, 300,000 guaraníes per month (US\$153)  
Poverty is very rare in Qatar  
Coal miner, 19,349 lei per month (US\$7); senior electronics engineer, 85,000 lei per month (US\$32)

## Sheet1

It is estimated that 35% of the population now live below the poverty line  
Most Rwandans live a subsistence existence  
Top US surgeon (on contract), 267,023 Saudi riyals per year (US\$71,206)  
Most islanders are subsistence farmers  
Plantation worker, 2,000 Seychelles rupees per month (US\$400); dentist, 9,000 Seychelles rupees per month (US\$1,800)  
Most of the population lives a subsistence existence  
Sawmill sawyer, 86 kronor (US\$13) per hour; accountant, 21,649 kronor (US\$3,265) per month  
Live-in maid, 500 Singapore dollars per month (US\$353); experienced secretary, 5,000 Singapore dollars per month (US\$3,530)  
Slovenia has the highest wages among the former Yugoslav republics  
Most Sierra Leoneans lead a subsistence existence  
Similar wealth levels to those in northern Italy  
The majority of Senegalese lead a subsistence existence  
The subsistence existence of the nomads (the bulk of the population) contrasts with the Somali warlords' wealth, won by arms  
Secretary, 4,000 Slovak koruny per month (US\$14); lawyer, 20,000 Slovak koruny per month (US\$675)  
A chemical industry foreman earns approximately 5 times the wage of a deep sea fisherman (wages have not kept pace with inflation)  
Workers on the cocoa plantations form the poorest group  
Machine assembler, 1,772 colones (US\$202) per month; insurance agent, 6,510 colones (US\$743) per month  
Very large gap between rich and poor  
Half the population lives below the UN poverty line  
Butcher, 17,571 CFA francs (US\$36) per month; central government official, 76,487 CFA francs (US\$156) per month.  
Agricultural worker, 16,500 CFA francs per month (US\$34); bank employee, 57,964 CFA francs per month (US\$119)  
Employment of child labour is widespread  
A minority are formally employed. Most Tajiks live by herding cattle  
The unemployed and the old form the poorest group. The extended family system and subsidies often prevent absolute poverty  
Waiter, 0.8 dinars per hour (US\$1); journalist, 1.7 dinars per hour (US\$2)  
Remittances from Tongans living overseas are important for the local economy  
Tanner, 4,535 Turkish liras per hour (US\$0.07); chemical engineer, 2.53m Turkish liras per month (US\$42)  
Welder, 16 Trinidad and Tobago dollars per hour (US\$3); government computer programmer, 2,640 Trinidad and Tobago dollars per month (US\$167)  
Small wealth disparities  
Most Taiwanese are comfortably off  
Most Tanzanians lead a subsistence existence  
In 1991, 41% of Ukrainians were living below the poverty line  
Most Ugandans live a subsistence existence  
Armed security guard, \$5 per hour; in-home crisis intervention specialist, \$25,000 per year  
Grain miller, 5 Uruguayan pesos per hour (US\$0.1); medical general practitioner, 20 Uruguayan pesos per hour (US\$3)  
There is a very large disparity of wealth between rich and poor  
Vatican employees earn salaries on a par with those in Rome  
Wealth is quite evenly dispersed, although large banana growers and established urban professionals tend to be more affluent  
Miner, 276 bolívares per day (US\$1); electronics draftsman, 17,000 bolívares per month (US\$59)  
Wealth disparities are small  
Wealth disparities are small among the indigenous population  
Many in the private sector earn only the statutory minimum of 1.25 tala per hour (US\$0.5)  
Most Yemenis lead a subsistence existence  
Average wage 57 dinars per month (US\$12)  
Salaries among whites are substantially higher than among blacks  
Copper miner, 8,000 Zambian kwacha per month (US\$11); graduate civil servant 960,000 Zambian kwacha per year (US\$1,440)  
A large majority of the population lives a subsistence existence  
Bus driver, 600 Zimbabwe dollars a month (US\$67); schoolteacher, 1,500 Zimbabwe dollars a month (US\$167)



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