2014 Employee Compensation Survey

A survey of fiscal 2013 Wages & Benefits

NOTE! A spreadsheet version of this survey is available at www.profitplanninggroup.com/surveys

Purpose

FPDA is a co-sponsor of the 2014 Employee Compensation Survey. This Profit Planning Group survey provides an analysis of management and employee pay scales, employee benefits and sales policies across a broad spectrum of wholesalers. The results of the survey will be especially valuable to executives who must demonstrate to the IRS that their compensation is "reasonable".

Cost

There is NO COST to participate in this survey.

Participants will receive a copy of the two volume Employee Compensation Report which includes FPDA Results and Cross-Industry Results.

Filling out this survey

This form is also available in an EXCEL file at www.profitplanninggroup.com/surveys. Report annualized data as of yearend 2013. Note that a blank is NOT a zero! Estimates are better than blank answers. Send questions to surveys@profitplanninggroup.com.

Submit completed forms directly to Profit Planning Group

Complete this survey then fax this form to 303.444.9245 or mail it to Profit Planning Group, 1790 38th St. #204, Boulder, CO 80301

Name & Address (reports will be distributed only to this individual)

Name (only one)	
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Address Line 2	
City	
State or Province	
ZIP or Postal Code	
Telephone (only one)	
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- Restricted Access

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- Aggregated Results

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- Document Destruction

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1. Ownership

- 1 Private company
- 2 Public company

2. Organization

- 1 Sole Proprietorship
- 2 Partnership
- 3 S Corporation
- 4 C Corporation
- 5 Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)
- 6 Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)

3. Operations

- 1 Local
- 2 Regional
- 3 National
- 4 International

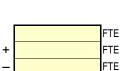
4. 2013 annualized sales -- Enter numbers only! -- Do not truncate to 10s, 100s, 100os, etc.!

5. Number of locations operated including the headquarters and all branches

6. Employee Turnover

Report Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs). Convert part-time to FTE using a 2080 hr. year (e.g. 20 hrs/week all year = 0.5 FTE).

- Total FTE employees at the beginning of the year
- + Number of employees hired during the year
- Number of employees who have left during the year for any reason
- = Total number of FTE employees at the end of the year



FTE

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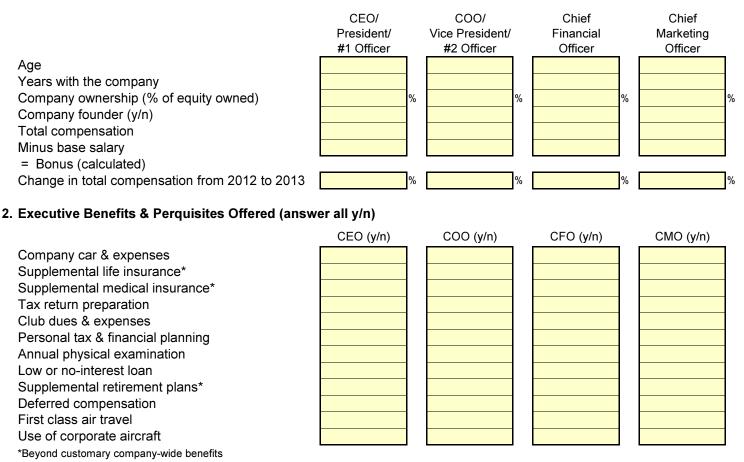




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1. Total Annual 2013 Executive Compensation (estimate if necessary)

Enter data for each top executive. If an executive has multiple roles, use the single most applicable title.



3. a. Does the firm have an executive bonus program? (y/n)

b. If YES, which of the following are used as a basis to allocate executive bonuses? (answer all y/n) Discretionary

Achievement of sales or operating goals Achievement of profit goals Percentage of sales Percentage of profit Return on equity/assets/sales

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1. Which of these policies are used to determine employee raises? (answer all y/n)

Cost of living adjustment (COLA) Annual merit raise Lump sum (in lieu of merit increase) Variable pay plan (bonus awards, incentives, recognition bonuses) No raises (salaries/wages are frozen at current level) No set policy for raises, discretionary each year

2. a. Does the firm pay employee bonuses? (y/n)

- b. If YES, which of the following are used as a basis to allocate bonuses? (answer all y/n) Special recognition bonus Achievement of individual performance goals Achievement of company/department/team goals Cash profit sharing CEO/Owner discretion
- 3. Does the firm offer retention bonuses? (y/n)
- 4. a. Does the firm have a severance plan in place? (y/n)
 b. If YES, how many years of service are required for eligibility?
 c. If YES, what is the maximum number of weeks of pay offered?

5. Are any of the firm's employees represented by a union? (y/n)

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Employee Compensation

6. Total Annual 2013 Employee Compensation for Selected Positions (estimate if necessary)

- Only report employees that can be reasonably classified into these positions. Data for others are **not** collected.
 Report compensation for **only** <u>one</u> **typical full-time employee** in each position.
- Report compensation for only <u>one</u> typical full-time employee in each position.
- In the first column, report the **total** number of FTE employees in each position at all locations.
- For each position, enter the typical total annual compensation first, then enter base salary. Bonus is calculated.
- Do not include fringe benefits. Report annual W-2 (T-4) wages prior to employee deductions.
- If a position is filled with part-timers only, report compensation one employee would receive if they were full-time.

for ONE typical full-time employee in each position NOTE: Typical Base Number of Typical Total OT, Bonus, FTE Employees in Report compensation for branch managers and inside and Compensation = Salarv Commission. + outside sales positions on the branches page. each position for each position for each position & Incentive Sales & Service (calculated) Sales Manager (not CMO) Sales Assistant (supports sales) **Customer Service Rep** Counter Salesperson Warehouse & Delivery Operations Mgr. (not COO) Warehouse Supervisor Warehouse Employee Driver/Delivery Personnel Information Technology Chief Information/Technology Officer (CIO/CTO) MIS/Data Processing Manager Systems Administrator IT Clerk **General & Administrative Purchasing Manager** Purchasing Agent/Buyer Controller (not CFO) Accountant/Bookkeeper Credit Manager Credit/Collections Clerk Human Resources Manager Office Manager Office/Clerical Personnel **Other Positions** Inside Sales Manager **Applications Engineer** Power Unit Designer Power Unit Technician Power Unit Assembler

Report annual compensation (unless noted)

Employee Benefits

- 1. Is a cafeteria plan offered that allows a choice between cash and qualified benefits? (y/n) (a "Section 125" flexible benefit program)
- 2. a. Does the firm offer health benefits to employees? (y/n) $h = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{2}$
 - **b.** If YES, does the firm self insure in any way? (y/n)

3. Which of these medical plans are offered?

Traditional (indemnity health insurance)

		y/n
		y/n
		y/n

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Employees

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Offered?

Answer all y/n

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HMO/EPO (Health Maintenance/Exclusive Provider Org.) POS (Point of Service) PPO (Preferred Provider Organization) HDHP (High Deductible Health Plan) Opt-Out of Coverage			y/n y/n y/n y/n y/n	% % %
 4. Typical plan coverage for a 35 year old male employee. Traditional Single, Employee Only Employee+Family HMO/EPO Single, Employee Only Employee+Family POS Single, Employee Only Employee+Family PPO Single, Employee Only Employee+Family PPO Single, Employee Only Employee+Family HDHP Single, Employee Only Employee+Family 		Monthly Premium \$ employee plus employer	Employer Paid % % % % % % % % %	Annual Deductible \$ per Person
 5. Co-pay for office visits and drugs other than mail order Traditional HMO/EPO POS PPO HDHP 	Office Visit Co-Pay \$	Generic Drug Co-Pay \$	Preferred Drug Co-Pay \$	Non-Pref. Drug Co-Pay \$
6. Other health benefits offered (answer all y/n) Dental Plan Vision/Optical Plan Retiree Medical Insurance Coverage (FASB 106) Prescription Drug Plan Mail-Order Drug Plan Group Term Life Insurance Long-term Disability Insurance Short-term Disability Insurance Long-term Care Insurance				y/n y/n y/n y/n y/n y/n y/n y/n y/n

Long-term Care Insurance Employee Assistance Program*

*Program to handle personal & work related issues such as drug dependency, mental health, financial, legal, etc.

Employee Benefits

7. a. Does the firm offer retirement plans to employees? (y/n)

b. If YES, which of these plans are offered? (answer all y/n) 401(k) Plan (with or without employer contribution) Profit Sharing Plan (discretionary employer contribution) Payroll Deduction/SEP/SIMPLE IRA (Group RRSP in Canada) Defined Benefit Plan (fixed, pre-established benefit) Money Purchase Plan (required employer contribution)

8. If the firm offers a 401(k) plan...

- a. What % of eligible employees are enrolled in the 401(k) plan?
- **b.** Are employees auto-enrolled in the plan? (y/n)
- **c.** Which 401(k) plans are offered? (answer all y/n) Traditional 401(k) Safe Harbor 401(k)
 - SIMPLE 401(k)
- d. Does the 401(k) plan provide for designated Roth contributions? (y/n)
- e. Are catch-up contributions allowed for eligible employees aged 50 and over? (y/n)
- f. Does the firm contribute to the employee's 401(k)? (y/n)
 - If YES, what \$ amount is contributed for a full-time employee for each \$1 of their contribution? If YES and if contributions are limited to a % of an employee's pay, what is the limit?
 - If YES and if contributions are limited to an annual \$ cap for each employee, what is the \$ limit?

9. Which of these is given to full-time employees at Christmas or year-end? (answer all y/n)

Cash (nominal amount, not annual bonus) Gift (including gift certificates, food items, etc.) Party

Year-end bonus (not tied to profits)

10. Which of these other employee benefit programs and policies apply? (answer all y/n)

Flexible spending account for health expenses Flexible spending account for dependent care expenses Flexible spending account for adoption assistance Child care (allowance or facilities) Flexible work scheduling Educational assistance for employees Pre-retirement counseling Annual computerized benefits statement Smoking restrictions in the workplace Employee policy manual

11. Does the firm have a Personal Time Off (PTO) program? (y/n)

(PTO programs combine vacation, sick days, and personal leave)

12. If the firm DOES have a PTO program...

- a. How many days off are accrued per year by a full-time employee after 5 years?
- **b.** Can the accrued PTO be carried over to the following year? (y/n)
- **c.** Does the program include paid holidays? (y/n) If NO, how many paid holidays does the firm allow per year?

13. If the firm DOES NOT have a PTO program...

- a. Are paid sick days offered to SALARIED employees? (y/n) If YES, how many sick days are allowed for SALARIED employees each year?
- **b.** Are paid sick days offered to HOURLY employees? (y/n)
- If YES, how many sick days are allowed for HOURLY employees each year? **c.** How many paid holidays does the firm allow each year?

14. How many holidays does the firm observe annually (Christmas, New Year, Easter, etc.)?

15. Which of these time off policies apply? (answer all y/n)

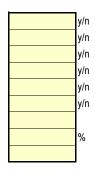
Paid parental leave (maternity/paternity, adoption leave) Paid jury duty

Paid military leave

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Affordable Care Act

If the firm offers health care, has the firm taken any of the following steps? (1=yes, 2=no, 3=plan to in the next 12 months) Eliminate health insurance for employees entirely Convert to a flat payment to employees to purchase their own insurance Change the structure of plans to avoid excise tax on "Cadillac" plans Limit the hiring of new employees Convert full-time employees to part-time status

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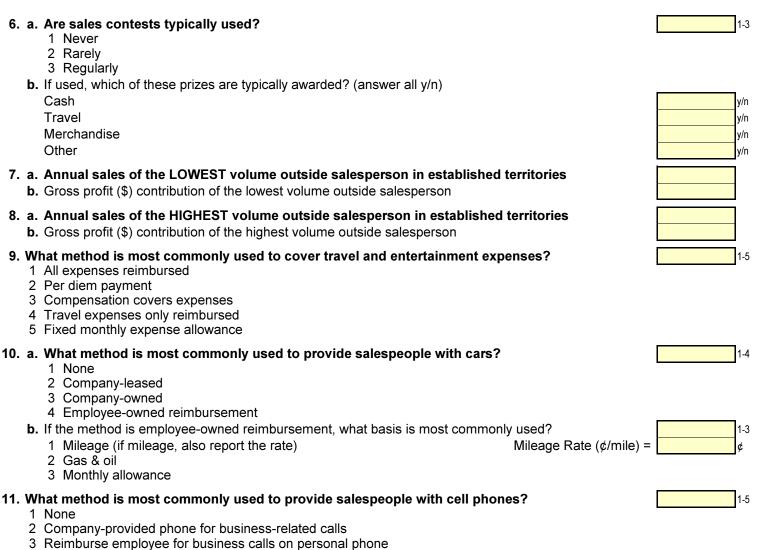
Sales Policies

 Inside Sales 1. a. Does the firm have inside/telemarketing salespeople on staff (not counter personnel)? (y/n) b. If YES, what method is most commonly used to compensate inside salespeople? Straight salary Hourly (including bonus/commission) Salary & commission Salary & bonus Salary & commission & bonus Other 	y/n 1-6
Outside Sales (report the policies most commonly used at all locations) 2. Does the firm have outside salespeople on staff (employees, not reps)? (y/n) If NO, skip the following sales policy questions up to and including question 11.	y/n
3. Does the firm typically have a written employment contract with outside salespeople? (y/n)	y/n
 4. What method is most commonly used to compensate outside salespeople? 1 Straight salary 2 Salary & bonus 3 Salary & commission 4 Salary & commission & bonus 5 Straight commission (no salary) 6 Commission & bonus (no salary) 7 Draw (against commission) and commission 8 Other 	1-8
 5. If the firm does pay commissions a. What method is most commonly used to allocate commissions? Flat percentage of sales Escalating percentage of sales Flat percentage of gross margin Escalating percentage of gross margin Other 	1-5
 b. Outside salespeople are eligible for commissions on which of the following? (answer all y/n) Prompt payment or other billing discounts Service Repair parts Accessories & tooling Finance plans Collection of cancellation charges c. For commission accounting purposes, when are sales most commonly credited to the salesperson? Order booked Order shipped 	y/n y/n y/n y/n y/n y/n 1-4
3 Upon billing 4 Payment received	
 d. Does the firm incorporate a ceiling to prevent windfalls? (y/n) e. Does the firm set a quota which must be exceeded before commissions are earned? (y/n) f. Are new salespeople paid commission on the backlog in their territory? (y/n) g. Are outside salespeople charged back for bad debts? (y/n) 	y/n y/n y/n y/n

h. Upon termination, are commissioned salespeople paid on existing backlog? (y/n)

y/n

Sales Policies



- 4 Monthly phone allowance
- 5 Other

Complete even if the firm has only 1 location (the headquarters)

Fill out the primary location column and one column for each branch.

Firms with over 17 branches please complete and submit additional survey forms.

Annual Branch Compensation

1. Branch Information

- **a.** Branch ZIP (5 digits only) or Postal Code
- b. Your Branch ID Number (to uniquely identify the branch)
- c. 2013 annualized sales at the branch

2. Branch Manager

- **a.** Total branch manager compensation Minus base salary
 - = OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)
- **b.** Is the branch manager eligible to receive a bonus? (y/n)
- c. If YES, which of these apply for bonus allocation? (answer all y/n) Discretionary Achievement of sales goals
 - Achievement of gross margin \$ goals
 - Achievement of profit goals
 - Percentage of sales
 - Percentage of gross margin
 - Percentage of profits
 - Return on equity/assets/sales

3. a. Number of Outside Salespeople (if none skip to Q4)

- **b.** Average length of employment of these salespeople (years)
- **c.** Senior Sales Consultant (more than 10 yrs. sales experience) Total Compensation

Minus base salary

- = OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)
- **d.** Typical Outside Salesperson (2 to 10 yrs. sales experience) Total Compensation

Minus base salary

- = OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)
- e. Beginning Outside Salesperson (less than 2 yrs. sales experience) Total Compensation

Minus base salary

= OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)

4. a. Number of Inside Salespeople (not counter personnel)

- **b.** Average length of employment of these salespeople (years)
- **c.** Typical Inside Salesperson (more than 2 yrs. sales experience) Total Compensation

Minus base salary

- = OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)
- **d.** Beginning Inside Salesperson (less than 2 yrs. sales experience) Total Compensation

Minus base salary

= OT,	Bonus,	Commission,	& Incentive	(calculated)
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For each position, enter the total compensation first, then enter the base salary, and finally the bonus. Report compensation for **only one typical, full-time employee** in each position. Estimate if necessary. Exclude fringe benefits. Report **annual W-2 (T-4) wages** prior to employee deductions.

If a position is filled with part-timers only, report what one employee would receive if they were full-time.

Primary Loc	Branch 1	Branch 2	Branch 3	Branch 4	Branch 5

Complete even if the firm has only 1 location (the headquarters)

Fill out the primary location column and one column for each branch.

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Annual Branch Componention						
Annual Branch Compensation	Branch 6	Branch 7	Branch 8	Branch 9	Branch 10	Branch 11
1. Branch Information	[
 a. Branch ZIP (5 digits only) or Postal Code b. Your Branch ID Number (to uniquely identify the branch) 						
c. 2013 annualized sales at the branch						
2. Branch Manager						
 a. Total branch manager compensation Minus base salary 						
= OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)						
b. Is the branch manager eligible to receive a bonus? (y/n)						
c. If YES, which of these apply for bonus allocation? (answer all y/n)						
Discretionary						
Achievement of sales goals						
Achievement of gross margin \$ goals						
Achievement of profit goals						
Percentage of sales						
Percentage of gross margin						
Percentage of profits						
Return on equity/assets/sales						
3. a. Number of Outside Salespeople (if none skip to Q4)						
b. Average length of employment of these salespeople (years)						
c. Senior Sales Consultant (more than 10 yrs. sales experience)						
Total Compensation						
Minus base salary						
= OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)						
 d. Typical Outside Salesperson (2 to 10 yrs. sales experience) Total Compensation 						
Minus base salary						
= OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)						
e. Beginning Outside Salesperson (less than 2 yrs. sales experience)						
Total Compensation						
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4. a. Number of Inside Salespeople (not counter personnel)						
b. Average length of employment of these salespeople (years)						
c. Typical Inside Salesperson (more than 2 yrs. sales experience)		•	-	•	•	
Total Compensation						
Minus base salary						
= OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)						
d. Beginning Inside Salesperson (less than 2 yrs. sales experience)						
Total Compensation						
Minus base salary = OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)						
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Annual Branch Compensation						
1. Branch Information	Branch 12	Branch 13	Branch 14	Branch 15	Branch 16	Branch 17
a. Branch ZIP (5 digits only) or Postal Code					-	
b. Your Branch ID Number (to uniquely identify the branch)						
c. 2013 annualized sales at the branch						
2. Branch Manager						
a. Total branch manager compensation						
Minus base salary						
= OT, Bonus, Commission, & Incentive (calculated)						
b. Is the branch manager eligible to receive a bonus? (y/n)						
c. If YES, which of these apply for bonus allocation? (answer all y/n)						
Discretionary						
Achievement of sales goals						
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Achievement of profit goals						
Percentage of sales						
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Return on equity/assets/sales						
3. a. Number of Outside Salespeople (if none skip to Q4)						
b. Average length of employment of these salespeople (years)						
c. Senior Sales Consultant (more than 10 yrs. sales experience)						
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b. Average length of employment of these salespeople (years)						
 C. Typical Inside Salesperson (more than 2 yrs. sales experience) 						
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