

Rate of Change Since 1990, salaries for full-time OTs have increased an average of 3.3% per year; those of full-time OTAs have increased an average of 4.1% per year. As summarized in Exhibit 74, the strongest annual rate of increase was seen in the 1990 to 1993 period, when salaries for both OTs and OTAs increased an average of 6.4% per year. In sharp contrast, increases were essentially nil in the 1997 to 2000 period, when OT salaries increased an average of only 0.2% per year, and OTA salaries fell 1.1% per year.

Note that since these data are based on discrete samples (each with a different composition), and have not been measured on a consistent basis (such as every other year), the average increase rate should be considered as a general benchmark of change rather than a precise indicator of salary changes.

Exhibit 74: Overall Annual Salary Trends, 1990-2006 (Average Values)

		2006	2000	1997	1993	1990
OTs	Full-time	\$58,080	\$47,378	\$47,095	\$42,245	\$35,470
	Rate of change between samples	2000 to 2006 22.59%	1997 to 2000 0.60%	1993 to 1997 11.48%	1990 to 1993 19.10%	Grand average: 3.3% per year
	Average annual rate of change	3.8%	0.2%	2.9%	6.4%	
OTAs	Full-time	\$39,728	\$30,132	\$31,126	\$25,348	\$21,282
	Rate of change between samples	2000 to 2006 31.85%	1997 to 2000 -3.19%	1993 to 1997 22.79%	1990 to 1993 19.11%	Grand average: 4.1% per year
	Average annual rate of change	5.3%	-1.1%	5.7%	6.4%	