### Section 5-2 Pay Periods and Hourly Rates

Advanced Financial Algebra

## What do you need to know to make sure each paycheck is correct?

- Employees are paid at different frequencies depending upon the company they work for.
- Some common options:
  - Weekly = 52 paychecks per year (52 weeks in a year)
  - Biweekly = 26 paychecks per year (every other week, same day)
  - Semimonthly = 24 paychecks per year (twice each month for 12 months)
  - Monthly = 12 paychecks per year (one per month, 12 months in a year)
- Direct deposit = your paycheck is automatically deposited electronically into your bank account. This can also save you money on bank fees each month.
- Overtime pay rate is usually 1.5 which is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the regular hourly rate.
- Minimum wage (amount depends upon where you live) = lowest hourly rate that can be paid to an employee. In California, 2018, it is \$10.50 for small companies and \$11/hour for larger companies.

### Example 1 - biweekly paycheck

Christina is paid biweekly. Her annual (yearly) salary is \$37,000. What is her biweekly salary, rounded to the nearest cent?

SOLUTION:

- There are 26 biweekly paychecks per year since she will be paid every other week.
- 37,000 / 26 = \$1,423.08 is her biweekly salary.



### Example 2 - semimonthly

Manny is paid semimonthly. His semimonthly salary is \$1,239. What is his annual salary?

**SOLUTION:** 

Manny received 24 paychecks per year since he is paid twice each month.

\$1,239 \* 24 = \$29,736 is his annual salary.



### Example 3 - weekly pay

- Maureen is a manager at a local restaurant. Her regular hourly wage is \$15.70. If she regularly works 40 hours per week, what is her regular weekly pay?
- **SOLUTION:**

\$15.70 \* 40 hours = <u>\$628 weekly pay</u>

#### Example 4 - overtime

If Maureen from Example #3 works overtime, she receives an hourly rate of 1 ½ times her regular hourly rate. What is Maureen's hourly overtime rate?

**SOLUTION:** 

\$15.70 \* 1.5 - \$23.55 per hour overtime rate per hour



#### Example 5 - more overtime

- Janice earns \$16 per hour. If her regular hours are 40 hours per week, and she receives time-and-a-half (1 ½) overtime, find her total pay for a week in which she works 45 hours.
- **SOLUTION:** 
  - \$16 \* 40 hours = \$640 regular pay
  - 45 hours total 40 regular hours = 5 overtime hours
  - \$16 \* 1.5 (time-and-a-half) = \$24 per overtime hour
  - \$24 \* 5 overtime hours = \$120 overtime pay only
  - \$640 regular pay + \$120 overtime pay = \$760 total pay for 45 hours of work

## Example 6 - hourly rate (backwards, using an equation)

- Sam is a waitress who worked 40 regular hours and 7 more overtime hours and her gross pay (before taxes and other withholdings) was \$611.05. What was her regular hourly rate?
- **SOLUTION:** 
  - Regular pay + overtime pay = total pay
  - 40 hours (x dollars per hour) + 7 hours (1.5x time-and-a-half) = \$611.05 total
  - ▶ 40x + 10.5x = \$611.05
  - ▶ 50.5x = \$611.05
  - x = \$12.10 regular pay per hour

multiplied 7 times 1.5x combined like terms divided both sides by 50.5

#### Example #8 - salary increase/raise

Michaela signed a 5-year contract for her new job and her starting salary is \$67K (\$67,000) per year. If she gets a good review of her work, at the end of each year, she will receive a 3% raise. What will her salary be in 5 years to the nearest dollar?

**SOLUTION:** 

- General equation is future salary = starting salary \*  $(1 + raise)^{-1}$
- Michaela's salary in five years = \$67,000 (1 + .03)<sup>5-1</sup> no raise first year
- Michaela's salary in five years =  $(1.03)^4$
- Michaela's salary in five years  $\approx$  **\$75,409 rounded to nearest dollar**

### Do #23 & #26 together in class 1st

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Cynthia's semimonthly salary is \$1,371.50. What is her annual salary?

- 5. Baseball player Alex Rodriguez earned \$20,000,000.00 in 2016. He played in 65 games. What was his salary per game to the nearest thousand dollars?
- 10. Justin is a golf pro. He works eight months per year, and is paid \$76,000. During the winter months, he teaches golf privately and earns another \$12,500. What is his average monthly salary based on his total yearly earnings?
- 12. Hector works in a gas station and earns \$15.50 per hour. Last week he worked 29 hours. What was his gross pay?
  - 14. Lynn regularly works a 40-hour week and earns \$16 per hour. She receives time-and-a-half pay for each hour of overtime she works. Last week she worked 43 hours.
    - a. What was her regular gross pay?
    - b. What was her hourly overtime rate?
    - c. What was her overtime pay?

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d. What was her total pay for the week?

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- 16. Tom earns \$15.50 per hour at the Yankee Bowling Alley. He regularly works 40 hours per week. He is paid time-and-a-half for each hour of overtime work. Last week he worked 42 hours. What was his gross pay for the week?
- 18. Colby and Cheryl work in different local factories. Colby regularly earns \$18 per hour, and he is paid time-and-a-half for each hour of overtime he works. Cheryl regularly earns \$16.60 per hour, and she is paid double time for an hour of overtime. Who earns more for one hour of overtime? \_\_\_\_\_ Mow much more?
- 22. Julianne works as a waitress. She earns \$13 per hour plus tips.
  - > a. Today, she worked x hours. Express her pay for these hours algebraically using x.
  - b. She served nine tables. The total bill for these nine tables was y dollars. Julianne receive 18% in tips from these bills. Express the amount she received in tips algebraically.
  - c. Express Julianne's total earnings for the day algebraically.

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	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	н
1	Hours Worked	Regular Hours	Hourly Rate	Regular Gross Pay	Overtime Hours	Time-and-a- Half Overtime Rate	Total Overtime Pay	Total Gross Pay
2	42	40	16.00					
3	44	40	19.00					
4	45	40	15.80					

a. Write the formula to compute the regular gross pay in cell D2.

b. Write the formula to compute the overtime hours in cell E2.

c. Write the formula to compute the time-and-a-half overtime hourly rate in cell F2.

d. Write the formula to find the total overtime pay in cell G2.

e. Write the formula to compute the total weekly pay in cell H2.

28. Melissa has bought a \$2 state lottery ticket every week for the past 20 years. This week, she won for the first time - \$2,000. Compare these winnings to her total expenditures and explain whether or not it was worth it and why.