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This graph is of total real (inflation adjusted) “compensation” and so incorporates the trend in fringe benefits as well as the trend in pay rates. Moreover, because employer benefits, especially employer health care costs, grew faster than earnings, CBO median compensation grew approximately 8 percentage points higher than median real earnings from 1979 to 2013.

[Note: 1979 is the first year that the U.S. Congressional Budget Office enhanced data on compensation was available.]

### Increases in Compensation for Workers by Level of Education, 1979–2013

