

“CEOs of the largest U.S. companies made 354 times what the average worker was paid in 2012—the widest pay gap in the world—according to a new analysis by the AFL-CIO.... Ordinary rank-and-file workers took home around \$34,645 per year.”¹

How much did the CEOs of the largest companies earn per year? Take a guess at what one of these CEOs earns in an hour. If they made that amount and work about 50 hours per week for 52 weeks a year, would they earn 354 times what the average worker was paid? How much do they earn per hour? Justify your opinion using math.

Be prepared to explain your work. Did you use any diagrams to understand the problem? Was there something else that you did that helped? What did you try that wasn't as useful? What were your “a-ha” moments? If you used multiplication, which type or types of multiplication situations were happening? How did you recognize the type or types? If you used a calculator or some other tool, when did you use it and how?

¹ <http://www.shrm.org/hrdisciplines/compensation/articles/pages/ceo-to-worker-disparity.aspx>