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**TURNPIKE EMPLOYEES MAKE NEARLY 50 PERCENT MORE THAN
PRIVATE SECTOR WORKERS**

June 15, 2011—COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions has added salary data from 2010 for the Ohio Turnpike's employees to the State Salary database.

An analysis of the data shows the average gross wage for a full time turnpike worker is \$59,655; up from \$53,299 in 2006, with the highest paid turnpike employee making \$157,457. Turnpike workers make almost 20 percent more than average state worker and almost 50 percent more than the average private sector worker.

Below are the average gross wages for selected Turnpike job descriptions:

- Toll Collector- \$53,954
- Janitor/Custodian- \$60,042
- Mechanic- \$57,269
- Secretary- \$51,320
- Landscaper- \$52,739
- Plumber- \$54,470

The Turnpike salary data can be found at: <http://buckeyeinstitute.org/state-salary>

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