

Wage Information for Job Seekers

2009 Edition

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Construction & Extraction Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Construction & Extraction Wrkrs	\$37,450	\$40,850	to	\$64,980
	Carpenters	\$24,060	\$26,540	to	\$44,240
	Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	\$23,230	\$25,580	to	\$34,240
	Construction Equipment Operators	\$29,000	\$30,140	to	\$39,800
	Construction Laborers	\$15,960	\$16,650	to	\$28,350
	Drywall & Ceiling Tile Installers	\$24,260	\$26,140	to	\$45,950
	Electricians	\$31,890	\$35,810	to	\$57,600
	Glaziers	\$21,450	\$22,390	to	\$30,970
	Helpers--Electricians	\$19,910	\$21,470	to	\$38,050
	Helpers--Plumbers & Pipefitters	\$20,420	\$22,280	to	\$32,030
	Insulation Workers, Floor, Ceiling & Wall	\$23,910	\$24,400	to	\$36,710
	Painters, Construction & Maintenance	\$21,490	\$23,120	to	\$32,990
	Pipelayers	\$25,780	\$27,860	to	\$61,490
	Plasterers & Stucco Masons	\$24,430	\$26,690	to	\$35,670
	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$26,400	\$29,580	to	\$57,400
	Sheet Metal Workers	\$26,010	\$28,120	to	\$51,540
Installation, Maintenance & Repair Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Installers & Repairers	\$34,570	\$40,630	to	\$65,430
	ATM Repairers	\$25,050	\$27,620	to	\$44,520
	Automotive Body Repairers	\$26,090	\$27,200	to	\$41,690
	Automotive Service Technicians	\$21,200	\$24,410	to	\$42,990
	Bus, Truck & Diesel Engine Technicians	\$32,040	\$34,460	to	\$47,520
	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$40,370	\$44,990	to	\$58,430
	Helpers--Installation & Repair Workers	\$16,670	\$18,110	to	\$27,180
	Home Entertainment Equipment Technicians	\$23,080	\$24,160	to	\$32,590
	Industrial Electronic Equipment Repairers	\$48,740	\$55,320	to	\$64,970
	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$25,900	\$29,740	to	\$48,090
	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$20,210	\$22,650	to	\$38,110
	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$29,630	\$32,520	to	\$48,840
	Power Equipment & +Small Engine Mechanics	\$19,920	\$20,920	to	\$31,080
	Security & Fire Alarm Systems Installers	\$26,230	\$29,050	to	\$46,670
	Telecommunications Equipment Technicians	\$28,790	\$33,480	to	\$61,040
Telecommunications Line Installers & Repairers	\$26,030	\$27,170	to	\$38,120	
Production Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Production Workers	\$30,530	\$34,870	to	\$64,310
	Bakers	\$17,090	\$18,620	to	\$26,870
	Butchers & Meat Cutters	\$20,650	\$23,850	to	\$37,120
	Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	\$22,720	\$22,990	to	\$30,040
	Dental Laboratory Technicians	\$22,550	\$26,010	to	\$36,040
	Inspectors & Testers	\$25,400	\$28,370	to	\$40,750
	Jewelers & Precious Stone & Metal Workers	\$20,270	\$21,920	to	\$37,220
	Machinists	\$25,450	\$28,830	to	\$43,970
	Structural Metal Fabricators & Fitters	\$22,690	\$24,660	to	\$33,460
	Team Assemblers	\$17,150	\$18,280	to	\$29,210
	Water, Waste Water Plant Operators	\$23,510	\$27,780	to	\$38,320
	Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	\$24,700	\$27,060	to	\$39,120
	Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Transportation & Material-Moving Machine & Vehicle Operatc	\$33,250	\$38,010	to
Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors		\$32,830	\$34,100	to	\$43,620
Bus Drivers, Transit & Intercity		\$22,410	\$23,300	to	\$31,740
Driver/Sales Workers		\$21,330	\$23,910	to	\$42,440
Excavating Machine Operators		\$23,140	\$24,520	to	\$42,690
Gas Compressor & Pumping Station Operators		\$42,570	\$43,770	to	\$54,690
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators		\$21,730	\$24,110	to	\$35,880
School Bus Drivers		\$16,920	\$17,790	to	\$26,330
Traffic Technicians		\$28,080	\$34,300	to	\$41,940
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer		\$27,460	\$30,610	to	\$47,930
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services		\$17,500	\$19,120	to	\$33,050



Central WIA/Albuquerque

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions' Economic Research and Analysis Bureau produced this pamphlet to serve the needs of people in the Central Workforce Investment Region (WIA)/Albuquerque Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). It is designed to help job seekers, businesses and those just looking for general wage information in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area. The pamphlet features typical starting wages and a broad range of average wage information on almost 200 occupations. Almost four out of five people in this area work in one of the occupations listed in this pamphlet.

Occupations are consolidated into major groups, with each group containing workers with similar job duties or work environments. Typical starting wages are rounded to the nearest \$10 and are expressed as an annual wage. To convert annual wages to hourly wages, divide the annual wage by 2080.

Average wages are expressed as annual wages rounded to the nearest \$10 in the two columns labeled "About half of the workers in this occupation earn between." These two columns represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of wage data for the occupation. The bounds of the 25th and 75th percentiles cover the middle of the range of wages for each occupation and should help you get a sense of what most people in the occupation are earning. The wage estimates are current as of May 2009.

If you need wage information on an occupation that is not covered in this pamphlet or would like more detail on one that is, visit the Department of Workforce Solutions' website at:

www.dws.state.nm.us/eds

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Major Group	Job Title or Occupation Title	generally about	occupation earn between	
Manager Occupations	General & Operations Managers	\$49,550	\$59,640	to \$120,750
	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$62,360	\$72,190	to \$117,820
	Construction Managers	\$45,080	\$47,470	to \$79,660
	Education Administrators, Elem & Secondary	\$57,410	\$65,230	to \$83,300
	Engineering Managers	\$103,390	\$113,790	to \$157,030
	Financial Managers	\$47,240	\$53,680	to \$108,330
	Lodging Managers	\$34,630	\$38,960	to \$55,390
	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$55,070	\$68,030	to \$118,160
	Natural Sciences Managers	\$62,600	\$69,570	to \$99,910
	Purchasing Managers	\$49,160	\$54,420	to \$107,420
	Social & Community Service Managers	\$35,450	\$39,470	to \$60,770
	Training & Development Managers	\$37,630	\$42,990	to \$82,290
	Transportation, Storage & Distribution Managers	\$50,800	\$58,950	to \$100,210
Business Occupations	Accountants & Auditors	\$40,920	\$44,550	to \$71,730
	Appraisers & Assessors of Real Estate	\$29,190	\$30,590	to \$72,280
	Budget Analysts	\$47,510	\$52,020	to \$75,660
	Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators	\$39,830	\$42,660	to \$64,730
	Compensation, Benefits & Job Analysis Specialists	\$35,630	\$38,440	to \$66,950
	Compliance Officers, Except Agriculture, Const, Health & Safety & Transport	\$29,560	\$31,530	to \$67,910
	Cost Estimators	\$37,960	\$43,290	to \$71,860
	Management Analysts	\$46,190	\$53,810	to \$101,300
	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail & Farm Products	\$36,540	\$42,150	to \$80,750
	Training & Development Specialists	\$33,010	\$41,440	to \$66,590
Computer Occupations	Applications Software Engineers	\$48,300	\$59,200	to \$100,490
	Computer Programmers	\$51,230	\$57,460	to \$105,520
	Computer Support Specialists	\$30,090	\$35,530	to \$56,010
	Computer Systems Analysts	\$51,390	\$58,730	to \$98,810
	Database Administrators	\$38,760	\$43,530	to \$75,820
	Network & Computer Systems Administrators	\$42,850	\$48,560	to \$81,820
	Operations Research Analysts	\$49,830	\$54,690	to \$115,310
	System Software Engineers	\$71,340	\$82,600	to \$122,490
Engineers & Related Occupations	Aerospace Engineering Technicians	\$24,680	\$26,250	to \$54,230
	Aerospace Engineers	\$72,270	\$82,250	to \$140,660
	Architects	\$39,680	\$44,200	to \$78,960
	Architectural & Civil Drafters	\$28,320	\$31,560	to \$47,990
	Civil Engineers	\$56,150	\$61,960	to \$101,340
	Electrical & Electronic Technicians	\$42,730	\$48,440	to \$72,790
	Electrical Engineers	\$66,470	\$71,250	to \$103,660
	Electro-Mechanical Technicians	\$40,140	\$45,940	to \$66,230
	Electronics Engineers	\$71,230	\$81,250	to \$120,110
	Environmental Engineers	\$52,940	\$59,690	to \$115,170
Industrial Engineers	\$68,480	\$75,450	to \$115,830	
Mechanical Engineers	\$64,550	\$74,720	to \$113,970	
Life, Physical & Social Services Occupations	Chemists	\$41,000	\$45,700	to \$117,520
	Child, Family & School Social Workers	\$22,150	\$26,150	to \$49,170
	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$37,350	\$41,600	to \$76,330
	Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	\$28,790	\$34,800	to \$87,400
	Forest & Conservation Technicians	\$25,970	\$27,420	to \$45,360
	Geoscientists	\$57,020	\$68,320	to \$104,390
	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$23,410	\$25,260	to \$44,800
	Social & Human Service Assistants	\$19,020	\$20,690	to \$32,970
Legal Occs	Law Clerks	\$28,570	\$29,560	to \$43,540
	Lawyers	\$60,760	\$67,350	to \$108,490
	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$30,040	\$31,110	to \$42,850
	Title Examiners, Abstractors & Searchers	\$20,680	\$23,760	to \$41,110
Education Occupations	Adult Literacy & Remedial Education Teachers	\$30,700	\$33,900	to \$48,190
	Elementary School Teachers	\$38,270	\$42,020	to \$55,610
	Kindergarten Teachers	\$43,540	\$48,150	to \$64,040
	Librarians	\$38,650	\$42,050	to \$58,120
	Middle School Teachers	\$39,200	\$41,410	to \$56,010
	Preschool Teachers	\$15,970	\$16,600	to \$26,120
	Secondary School Teachers	\$42,260	\$46,970	to \$75,930
	Special Education Teachers, P-K & Elementary	\$43,650	\$48,120	to \$80,230
	Teacher Assistants	\$14,760	\$14,490	to \$18,000
	Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	\$33,430	\$34,800	to \$47,520
Arts, Design & Entertainment Occupations	Camera Operators, Television, Video & Motion Picture	\$29,750	\$32,720	to \$79,530
	Coaches & Scouts	\$23,630	\$27,780	to \$54,480
	Film & Video Editors	\$22,910	\$23,950	to \$58,340
	Graphic Designers	\$33,420	\$37,730	to \$53,770
	Interior Designers	\$41,480	\$52,770	to \$62,490
	Producers & Directors	\$31,270	\$36,550	to \$71,930
	Public Relations Specialists	\$34,810	\$41,830	to \$71,320
	Technical Writers	\$38,040	\$43,620	to \$85,420

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Healthcare Occupations	Dental Assistants	\$25,710	\$27,330	to \$35,510
	Family & General Practitioners	\$114,050	\$137,400	to **
	Home Health Aides	\$17,330	\$17,490	to \$21,120
	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$43,730	\$45,810	to \$64,290
	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$25,670	\$28,320	to \$54,580
	Medical Assistants	\$21,020	\$22,680	to \$31,170
	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$19,040	\$20,360	to \$27,730
	Optometrists	\$62,470	\$73,680	to \$111,510
	Pharmacists	\$80,680	\$89,860	to \$114,540
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$22,280	\$24,100	to \$33,810
	Physical Therapists	\$37,990	\$43,820	to \$79,020
	Physician Assistants	\$33,250	\$37,660	to \$69,820
	Psychiatric Technicians	\$25,860	\$26,920	to \$33,280
	Registered Nurses	\$52,140	\$56,120	to \$76,320
	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$36,170	\$46,520	to \$70,150
	Pharmacists	\$82,610	\$91,550	to \$119,310
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$21,560	\$23,680	to \$33,690
	Physical Therapists	\$39,460	\$46,330	to \$79,860
	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	\$40,660	\$44,170	to \$61,600
	Registered Nurses	\$47,610	\$52,040	to \$73,700
	Veterinarians	\$38,140	\$40,910	to \$84,820
	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$25,750	\$26,970	to \$36,760
	Protective Service Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Correctional Officers	\$28,910	\$28,780
Correctional Officers & Jailers		\$22,650	\$24,080	to \$31,180
Detectives & Criminal Investigators		\$46,540	\$52,210	to \$90,200
Fire Fighters		\$28,030	\$29,610	to \$39,520
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers		\$36,010	\$37,350	to \$49,460
Security Guards	\$17,950	\$18,640	to \$25,600	
Food Preparation & Services Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$19,270	\$20,600	to \$32,810
	Chefs & Head Cooks	\$22,740	\$23,560	to \$39,110
	Combined Food Prep & Servers	\$15,040	\$14,600	to \$16,700
	Cooks, Restaurant	\$16,580	\$17,450	to \$24,840
	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria & Coffee Shop	\$14,900	\$14,740	to \$18,640
Other Service Occupations	Amusement & Recreation Attendants	\$15,230	\$15,810	to \$23,400
	Child Care Workers	\$15,510	\$16,060	to \$19,920
	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$16,290	\$16,810	to \$22,980
	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$16,430	\$17,300	to \$25,430
	Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$15,130	\$15,520	to \$19,690
Personal & Home Care Aides	\$17,780	\$17,860	to \$21,650	
Sales & Related Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	\$21,900	\$24,620	to \$44,790
	Cashiers	\$14,680	\$14,970	to \$20,750
	Financial Services Sales Agents	\$31,870	\$35,080	to \$118,280
	Insurance Sales Agents	\$27,110	\$32,350	to \$68,260
	Parts Salespersons	\$17,420	\$18,940	to \$33,770
	Retail Salespersons	\$15,740	\$16,360	to \$26,930
	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Mfg	\$29,870	\$35,280	to \$68,460
	Telemarketers	\$16,930	\$18,720	to \$26,960
Office & Administrative Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Administrative Support Workers	\$28,170	\$31,540	to \$51,920
	Billing & Posting Clerks	\$21,820	\$23,710	to \$32,830
	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	\$20,250	\$23,630	to \$36,950
	Couriers & Messengers	\$17,640	\$17,890	to \$23,640
	Court, Municipal & License Clerks	\$22,110	\$24,540	to \$34,040
	Customer Service Representatives	\$21,110	\$22,560	to \$31,880
	Data Entry Keyers	\$15,340	\$16,130	to \$29,080
	Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$27,000	\$29,340	to \$46,420
	File Clerks	\$15,540	\$16,290	to \$25,270
	Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	\$15,620	\$16,210	to \$20,810
	Human Resources Assistants	\$26,560	\$29,670	to \$42,240
	Insurance Claims & Policy Processing Clerks	\$21,610	\$22,930	to \$32,740
	Legal Secretaries	\$26,390	\$28,080	to \$38,320
	Library Assistants, Clerical	\$14,920	\$14,810	to \$23,150
	Loan Interviewers & Clerks	\$18,490	\$20,520	to \$31,290
	Mail Clerks, General	\$18,390	\$19,560	to \$27,440
	Medical Secretaries	\$22,690	\$25,290	to \$35,010
	Meter Readers, Utilities	\$20,730	\$22,680	to \$35,610
	Office Clerks, General	\$16,410	\$17,340	to \$29,460
	Order Clerks	\$18,040	\$19,530	to \$25,900
	Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks	\$17,740	\$20,690	to \$35,570
	Police, Fire & Ambulance Dispatchers	\$23,460	\$25,600	to \$32,750
	Production, Planning & Expediting Clerks	\$29,170	\$32,490	to \$54,830
	Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$16,510	\$17,700	to \$27,470
	Secretaries, General	\$19,130	\$21,560	to \$33,600
	Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	\$20,060	\$22,070	to \$32,140
	Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$16,720	\$17,510	to \$25,360
	Tellers	\$17,540	\$18,280	to \$24,870