

Wage Information for Job Seekers

2009 Edition

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Office & Administrative Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Office Support Workers	\$26,950	\$30,420	to	\$50,530
	Bill & Account Collectors	\$21,600	\$24,140	to	\$32,850
	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	\$21,580	\$24,760	to	\$39,290
	Court, Municipal & License Clerks	\$24,870	\$26,730	to	\$34,870
	Customer Service Representatives	\$18,670	\$20,340	to	\$32,940
	Desktop Publishers	\$15,290	\$15,600	to	\$20,490
	Executive Secretaries	\$30,340	\$34,130	to	\$50,690
	Human Resources Assistants	\$23,570	\$26,230	to	\$48,020
	Library Assistants, Clerical	\$16,070	\$16,800	to	\$24,230
	Meter Readers, Utilities	\$20,110	\$22,880	to	\$39,500
	Office Clerks, General	\$16,040	\$16,780	to	\$28,100
	Order Clerks	\$18,760	\$21,390	to	\$38,030
	Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks	\$21,430	\$24,630	to	\$36,980
	Police, Fire & Ambulance Dispatchers	\$20,760	\$23,160	to	\$33,260
	Procurement Clerks	\$18,640	\$20,740	to	\$39,610
	Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$16,960	\$18,710	to	\$28,210
	Secretaries	\$19,440	\$21,990	to	\$33,390
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	\$19,180	\$21,000	to	\$33,370	
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$16,020	\$16,780	to	\$28,020	
Tellers	\$17,110	\$17,870	to	\$25,220	
Construction & Extraction Occupations	1-Line Spvrs of Construction & Extraction Workers	\$37,870	\$41,900	to	\$75,020
	Carpenters	\$24,900	\$27,460	to	\$41,270
	Carpet Installers	\$19,900	\$21,800	to	\$49,480
	Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	\$26,150	\$27,880	to	\$36,610
	Construction Equipment Operators	\$29,500	\$33,010	to	\$49,200
	Construction Laborers	\$19,640	\$21,310	to	\$31,250
	Electricians	\$34,760	\$36,940	to	\$50,930
	Ordnance Handling Experts & Blasters	\$52,530	\$53,340	to	\$62,110
	Painters, Construction & Maintenance	\$26,190	\$28,190	to	\$39,470
	Pipelayers	\$30,040	\$31,980	to	\$48,900
	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$27,720	\$31,610	to	\$46,890
	Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	\$25,640	\$27,700	to	\$37,880
	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas & Mining	\$35,570	\$40,250	to	\$51,040
	Sheet Metal Workers	\$30,080	\$30,930	to	\$46,120
Structural Iron & Steel Workers	\$30,220	\$31,870	to	\$48,420	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair Occupations	1-Line Spvrs of Installers & Repairers	\$33,720	\$38,100	to	\$69,030
	Automotive Body Repairers	\$24,990	\$27,990	to	\$40,700
	Automotive Service Technicians	\$19,310	\$22,320	to	\$45,510
	Bus, Truck & Diesel Engine Techs	\$33,210	\$38,150	to	\$59,760
	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$37,950	\$44,100	to	\$64,370
	Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Techs	\$29,730	\$34,520	to	\$56,250
	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$20,970	\$24,020	to	\$41,100
	Motorcycle Mechanics	\$18,520	\$19,760	to	\$33,430
	Security & Fire Alarm Systems Installers	\$21,290	\$23,570	to	\$55,240
	Telecommunications Equipment Techs	\$42,780	\$50,050	to	\$63,370
Production Occupations	Butchers & Meat Cutters	\$18,930	\$21,680	to	\$37,460
	Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	\$23,120	\$26,470	to	\$39,360
	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators	\$21,210	\$25,940	to	\$33,530
	Jewelers & Precious Stone & Metal Workers	\$14,830	\$15,300	to	\$31,750
	Machinists	\$30,550	\$34,830	to	\$70,130
	Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians	\$21,840	\$24,890	to	\$39,660
	Petroleum Refinery Operators	\$17,100	\$18,210	to	\$48,010
	Power Plant Operators	\$45,410	\$49,770	to	\$63,380
	Water & Waste Treatment System Operators	\$22,010	\$24,590	to	\$42,580
	Welders	\$18,480	\$18,660	to	\$25,890
	Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	\$25,480	\$28,930	to	\$63,930
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	Bus Drivers, Transit & Intercity	\$22,030	\$22,960	to	\$30,290
	Crane & Tower Operators	\$45,560	\$44,720	to	\$51,280
	Excavating Operators	\$28,160	\$29,000	to	\$39,990
	Gas Compressor & Pumping Station Operators	\$35,170	\$34,920	to	\$40,610
	Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	\$19,990	\$21,700	to	\$30,760
	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$24,720	\$27,320	to	\$41,240



Northern WIA Area

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions' Economic Research and Analysis Bureau produced this pamphlet to serve the needs of people in the Northern workforce investment region. It is designed to help job seekers and those just looking for general information about northern New Mexico wages. 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 the State of New Mexico 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 our website at:

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Manager Occupations	General & Operations Managers	\$43,160	\$48,940	to	\$107,100
	Administrative Services Managers	\$42,680	\$51,190	to	\$90,180
	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$52,470	\$61,390	to	\$122,230
	Construction Managers	\$45,480	\$50,840	to	\$83,840
	Education Administrators, Elem & Secondary	\$59,200	\$63,520	to	\$81,820
	Engineering Managers	\$78,860	\$90,300	to	\$142,520
	Financial Managers	\$49,910	\$57,640	to	\$106,850
	Human Resources Managers	\$42,840	\$44,890	to	\$65,420
	Lodging Managers	\$29,130	\$30,790	to	\$48,780
	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$52,480	\$63,290	to	\$93,930
	Property & Real Estate Managers	\$29,800	\$32,590	to	\$56,150
	Public Relations Managers	\$40,540	\$45,520	to	\$75,820
	Sales Managers	\$39,150	\$43,440	to	\$105,010
	Business Occupations	Accountants & Auditors	\$37,410	\$41,100	to
Appraisers & Assessors of Real Estate		\$25,500	\$27,470	to	\$50,150
Budget Analysts		\$43,110	\$47,730	to	\$67,280
Business Operations Specialists		\$36,420	\$42,390	to	\$65,730
Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators		\$46,370	\$51,990	to	\$75,670
Compensation & Job Analysis Specialists		\$35,300	\$38,180	to	\$58,790
Compliance Officers		\$32,200	\$35,410	to	\$55,280
Cost Estimators		\$32,680	\$38,360	to	\$73,210
Employment & Recruitment Specialists		\$27,130	\$29,810	to	\$46,270
Management Analysts		\$39,730	\$43,530	to	\$80,930
Personal Financial Advisors		\$41,820	\$50,740	to	\$128,170
Training & Development Specialists		\$32,660	\$36,890	to	\$63,030
Training & Labor Relations Specialists		\$34,700	\$38,330	to	\$53,520
Computer Occupations		Applications Software Engineers	\$60,860	\$70,770	to
	Computer Programmers	\$50,920	\$60,610	to	\$104,610
	Computer Support Specialists	\$27,850	\$31,880	to	\$52,950
	Computer Systems Analysts	\$42,900	\$47,910	to	\$82,010
	Database Administrators	\$39,510	\$45,040	to	\$66,770
	Network & Computer Systems Administrators	\$29,840	\$34,290	to	\$62,440
	Systems Software Engineers	\$65,470	\$70,510	to	\$93,440
Engineers & Related Occupations	Architects	\$28,980	\$37,140	to	\$67,330
	Architectural & Civil Drafters	\$30,060	\$34,930	to	\$60,700
	Civil Engineering Technicians	\$32,200	\$35,000	to	\$48,940
	Civil Engineers	\$57,030	\$66,440	to	\$94,700
	Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	\$44,560	\$50,890	to	\$77,750
	Electrical Engineers	\$71,470	\$73,440	to	\$97,000
	Environmental Engineers	\$55,420	\$60,750	to	\$89,060
	Industrial Engineers	\$51,390	\$54,840	to	\$81,240
	Landscape Architects	\$35,000	\$37,150	to	\$72,370
	Mechanical Engineers	\$56,440	\$62,550	to	\$91,480
	Mining & Geological Engineers	\$57,250	\$61,710	to	\$89,840
	Petroleum Engineers	\$87,950	\$99,770	to	\$130,190
	Surveying & Mapping Technicians	\$23,280	\$26,110	to	\$41,100
	Surveyors	\$34,860	\$39,740	to	\$62,730
Life, Physical & Social Services Occupations	Child, Family & School Social Workers	\$21,350	\$23,430	to	\$37,610
	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$35,780	\$37,770	to	\$58,570
	Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	\$33,460	\$37,760	to	\$59,390
	Environmental Scientists & Specialists	\$46,060	\$51,820	to	\$77,150
	Forest & Conservation Technicians	\$26,650	\$27,690	to	\$40,960
	Geoscientists	\$56,170	\$61,320	to	\$107,540
	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Wrkrs	\$27,160	\$33,450	to	\$50,810
	Probation & Correctional Specialists	\$27,870	\$28,730	to	\$38,110
	Rehabilitation Counselors	\$33,280	\$35,780	to	\$48,370
Legal Occs	Lawyers	\$45,760	\$61,640	to	\$109,430
	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$28,290	\$30,380	to	\$44,800
	Title Examiners, Abstractors & Searchers	\$28,060	\$33,460	to	\$51,330
Education Occupations	Adult Literacy & Remedial Education Teachers	\$22,660	\$27,010	to	\$56,800
	Elementary School Teachers	\$37,510	\$40,050	to	\$53,330
	Kindergarten Teachers	\$30,270	\$36,100	to	\$52,000
	Librarians	\$30,960	\$35,120	to	\$58,120
	Library Technicians	\$18,050	\$19,980	to	\$32,180

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Education Occupations	Middle School Teachers	\$37,180	\$40,190	to	\$53,160
	Preschool Teachers	\$17,400	\$18,630	to	\$34,120
	Secondary School Teachers	\$35,440	\$40,070	to	\$57,050
	Special Education Teachers, P-K & Elementary	\$37,680	\$41,240	to	\$58,980
	Teacher Assistants	\$15,080	\$15,230	to	\$21,820
	Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	\$24,010	\$28,820	to	\$58,210
	Arts, Design & Entertainment Occupations	Audio & Video Equipment Technicians	\$26,570	\$30,560	to
Camera Operators, Television & Motion Picture		\$18,000	\$17,750	to	\$23,470
Graphic Designers		\$30,600	\$35,890	to	\$54,000
Interior Designers		\$24,520	\$31,270	to	\$51,090
Producers & Directors		\$22,580	\$26,970	to	\$54,170
Public Relations Specialists		\$26,490	\$32,320	to	\$75,460
Technical Writers		\$53,980	\$60,530	to	\$144,740
Healthcare Occupations		Dental Assistants	\$24,860	\$27,210	to
	Dietitians & Nutritionists	\$24,710	\$30,900	to	\$63,540
	EMTs & Paramedics	\$22,460	\$23,650	to	\$41,310
	Family & General Practitioners	\$92,090	\$102,310	to	**
	Home Health Aides	\$17,800	\$17,790	to	\$21,410
	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$29,690	\$34,290	to	\$48,620
	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$25,080	\$27,600	to	\$45,330
	Medical Assistants	\$21,130	\$22,770	to	\$31,780
	Medical Records Technicians	\$23,800	\$26,550	to	\$39,350
	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$16,590	\$17,960	to	\$26,250
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$21,000	\$23,420	to	\$34,300
	Physical Therapist Aides	\$21,680	\$22,590	to	\$37,860
	Physician Assistants	\$45,660	\$56,620	to	\$87,710
	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	\$41,270	\$44,580	to	\$61,970
	Registered Nurses	\$46,330	\$50,700	to	\$70,150
	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$50,930	\$55,180	to	\$83,960
Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$26,910	\$28,220	to	\$37,640	
Protective Service Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Correctional Officers	\$34,540	\$36,240	to	\$51,320
	1st-Line Spvrs of Fire Fighters	\$39,050	\$42,400	to	\$55,440
	1st-Line Spvrs of Police & Detectives	\$40,020	\$46,420	to	\$68,100
	Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$22,170	\$24,250	to	\$32,470
	Detectives & Criminal Investigators	\$39,990	\$44,550	to	\$61,300
	Fire Fighters	\$21,040	\$23,620	to	\$34,050
	Fire Inspectors & Investigators	\$29,870	\$33,190	to	\$51,900
	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$30,840	\$33,690	to	\$50,130
Security Guards	\$16,590	\$17,960	to	\$40,480	
Food Preparation & Services Occupations	1-Line Spvrs of Food Prep & Servers	\$21,140	\$23,530	to	\$33,850
	Chefs & Head Cooks	\$23,110	\$25,570	to	\$50,650
	Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	\$15,830	\$16,590	to	\$25,050
	Cooks, Restaurant	\$16,620	\$17,670	to	\$25,090
	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria & Coffee Shop	\$14,930	\$14,970	to	\$19,540
	Dining Room Attendants	\$14,990	\$14,780	to	\$20,250
	Food Preparation Workers	\$15,100	\$15,510	to	\$23,040
Other Service Occupations	Child Care Workers	\$16,270	\$17,180	to	\$24,710
	Funeral Attendants	\$18,660	\$20,670	to	\$37,460
	Janitors & Cleaners	\$16,220	\$17,160	to	\$26,920
	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$16,180	\$17,220	to	\$29,850
	Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$15,340	\$15,920	to	\$22,290
	Personal & Home Care Aides	\$17,900	\$17,810	to	\$21,670
	Recreation Workers	\$15,210	\$15,330	to	\$23,960
Sales & Related Occupations	1-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	\$23,110	\$25,920	to	\$41,870
	Cashiers	\$14,630	\$14,900	to	\$21,250
	Counter & Rental Clerks	\$14,680	\$15,230	to	\$27,590
	Financial Services Sales Agents	\$31,900	\$33,400	to	\$111,500
	Insurance Sales Agents	\$22,270	\$24,710	to	\$40,320
	Parts Salespersons	\$19,880	\$22,480	to	\$37,460
	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$19,590	\$23,340	to	\$63,250
	Retail Salespersons	\$16,040	\$17,040	to	\$27,130
	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Mfg	\$27,620	\$31,270	to	\$50,310
	Telemarketers	\$18,230	\$17,380	to	\$19,640