

Wage Information for Job Seekers

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The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions' Economic Research and Analysis Bureau produced this pamphlet to serve the needs of people in New Mexico. It is designed to help job seekers and those just looking for general information about 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 the Department of Workforce Solution's website at:

www.dws.state.nm.us/eds

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Major Group	Statewide - June 2009 Job Title or Occupation Title	Starting wages are generally about	About half of the workers in this occupation earn between		
Office & Administrative Occupations	Production & Expediting Clerks	\$28,070	\$31,790	to	\$54,740
	Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$16,480	\$17,490	to	\$26,510
	Secretaries	\$18,740	\$20,890	to	\$32,790
	Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	\$19,050	\$21,070	to	\$31,960
	Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$16,280	\$17,000	to	\$25,330
	Tellers	\$17,330	\$17,910	to	\$24,460
Construction & Extraction Occupations	1st-Line Spvr of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$35,840	\$40,310	to	\$67,340
	Carpenters	\$23,690	\$26,220	to	\$41,140
	Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	\$21,180	\$23,910	to	\$34,190
	Construction Laborers	\$16,700	\$18,170	to	\$29,150
	Derrick Operators, Oil & Gas	\$28,480	\$31,730	to	\$57,790
	Drywall & Ceiling Tile Installers	\$24,020	\$25,800	to	\$41,450
	Electricians	\$33,700	\$37,240	to	\$54,620
	Helpers--Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$18,350	\$20,590	to	\$30,410
	Highway Maintenance Workers	\$22,370	\$23,520	to	\$32,300
	Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$27,630	\$29,630	to	\$42,860
	Painters, Construction & Maintenance	\$21,280	\$23,540	to	\$35,170
	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$26,750	\$29,700	to	\$51,890
	Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	\$23,500	\$27,110	to	\$39,250
	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas & Mining	\$34,070	\$37,440	to	\$56,120
Sheet Metal Workers	\$26,410	\$28,870	to	\$49,990	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair Occupations	1st-Line Spvr of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$32,330	\$36,930	to	\$65,130
	Automotive Body & Related Repairers	\$25,520	\$27,070	to	\$40,590
	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$19,410	\$22,620	to	\$42,870
	Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	\$25,830	\$29,510	to	\$51,170
	Computer, Automated Teller & Office Machine Repairers	\$24,780	\$28,530	to	\$57,270
	Electrical & Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation & Relay	\$40,750	\$43,430	to	\$76,800
	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$37,370	\$43,330	to	\$61,140
	Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$26,110	\$29,630	to	\$45,220
	Helpers--Installation, Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$16,250	\$17,300	to	\$27,700
	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$20,070	\$22,680	to	\$38,280
	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$30,630	\$34,200	to	\$50,770
Production Occupations	1st-Line Spvr of Production & Operating Workers	\$28,690	\$33,520	to	\$64,210
	Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	\$21,580	\$22,660	to	\$31,370
	Electrical & Electronic Equipment Assemblers	\$20,800	\$23,490	to	\$36,540
	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	\$24,060	\$26,950	to	\$40,210
	Jewelers & Precious Stone & Metal Workers	\$17,590	\$19,600	to	\$35,350
	Machinists	\$27,280	\$31,110	to	\$49,930
	Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators & Gaugers	\$35,890	\$45,170	to	\$64,110
	Power Plant Operators	\$44,530	\$47,860	to	\$62,560
	Team Assemblers	\$16,940	\$17,770	to	\$26,980
	Water & Liquid Waste Treatment Plant & System Operators	\$21,060	\$24,120	to	\$38,230
	Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	\$25,120	\$27,900	to	\$49,030
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	Air Traffic Controllers	\$44,410	\$60,720	to	\$130,170
	Ambulance Drivers & Attendants, Except Emergency Medical Technicians	\$16,230	\$17,020	to	\$23,080
	Crane & Tower Operators	\$42,160	\$44,390	to	\$51,930
	Excavating & Loading Machine & Dragline Operators	\$26,660	\$30,310	to	\$62,240
	Gas Compressor & Gas Pumping Station Operators	\$35,970	\$37,860	to	\$54,150
	Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	\$15,880	\$16,530	to	\$25,510
	Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$15,000	\$14,810	to	\$20,230
	Pump Operators, Except Wellhead Pumps	\$30,370	\$36,100	to	\$63,940
	Refuse & Recyclable Material Collectors	\$19,330	\$21,520	to	\$35,470
	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$24,920	\$27,870	to	\$43,400
Wellhead Pumps	\$27,210	\$33,720	to	\$51,060	



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Major Group	Job Title or Occupation Title	generally about	occupation earn between		
Manager Occupations	General & Operations Mgrs	\$37,960	\$45,960	to	\$80,860
	Administrative Services Mgrs	\$46,570	\$52,810	to	\$82,860
	Compensation & Benefits Mgrs	\$58,870	\$69,510	to	\$110,920
	Computer & Information Systems Mgrs	\$42,560	\$47,470	to	\$80,450
	Construction Mgrs	\$45,480	\$51,950	to	\$134,900
	Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$47,260	\$53,580	to	\$106,340
	Financial Mgrs	\$44,920	\$51,850	to	\$112,280
	Lodging Mgrs	\$30,020	\$32,570	to	\$50,960
	Medical & Health Services Mgrs	\$47,210	\$59,440	to	\$102,530
	Purchasing Mgrs	\$42,470	\$48,460	to	\$96,860
	Sales Mgrs	\$41,540	\$48,270	to	\$98,180
	Social & Community Service Mgrs	\$30,520	\$34,730	to	\$55,070
	Business Occupations	Accountants & Auditors	\$37,910	\$42,000	to
Business Operations Specialists		\$37,020	\$44,340	to	\$80,000
Compensation, Benefits & Job Analysis Specialists		\$34,840	\$37,620	to	\$60,580
Compliance Officers		\$30,820	\$34,390	to	\$71,360
Management Analysts		\$41,370	\$47,280	to	\$95,770
Purchasing Agents		\$35,480	\$40,450	to	\$74,070
Computer Occupations	Computer Programmers	\$50,280	\$56,170	to	\$101,080
	Computer Support Specialists	\$29,460	\$34,330	to	\$54,250
	Database Administrators	\$38,390	\$42,850	to	\$70,720
	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$33,010	\$38,470	to	\$68,680
	System Software Engineers	\$65,600	\$76,180	to	\$118,430
Engineers & Related Occupations	Aerospace Engineers	\$71,190	\$80,360	to	\$132,670
	Architectural & Civil Drafters	\$27,380	\$30,740	to	\$49,030
	Civil Engineers	\$54,370	\$61,020	to	\$97,040
	Electrical Engineers	\$56,130	\$63,400	to	\$97,760
	Environmental Engineers	\$54,740	\$61,450	to	\$112,440
Mechanical Engineers	\$63,480	\$72,000	to	\$109,870	
Life, Physical & Social Science Occupations	Child, Family & School Social Workers	\$21,180	\$24,360	to	\$43,670
	Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	\$31,110	\$37,300	to	\$69,260
	Environmental Scientists & Specialists	\$39,910	\$44,260	to	\$74,020
	Forest & Conservation Technicians	\$25,270	\$26,600	to	\$40,830
	Medical & Public Health Social Workers	\$20,790	\$23,040	to	\$46,060
	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$24,230	\$26,480	to	\$49,100
	Probation Officers & Correctional Treatment Specialists	\$28,120	\$29,330	to	\$40,110
	Social & Human Service Assistants	\$18,880	\$20,850	to	\$32,820
Legal Occs	Lawyers	\$52,270	\$63,390	to	\$107,320
	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$29,420	\$30,670	to	\$41,650
	Title Examiners, Abstractors & Searchers	\$20,530	\$23,340	to	\$41,340
Education Occupations	Adult Literacy, Remedial Education & GED Teachers	\$24,250	\$28,160	to	\$51,630
	Elementary School Teachers	\$38,290	\$41,650	to	\$57,490
	Instructional Coordinators	\$31,500	\$35,140	to	\$66,880
	Kindergarten Teachers	\$36,700	\$41,810	to	\$61,040
	Librarians	\$34,370	\$40,050	to	\$59,120
	Middle School Teachers	\$39,040	\$42,060	to	\$60,950
	Preschool Teachers	\$15,950	\$16,710	to	\$31,230
	Secondary School Teachers	\$38,550	\$42,860	to	\$65,390
	Special Education Teachers, Middle School	\$41,340	\$44,750	to	\$69,180
Teacher Assistants	\$14,880	\$14,870	to	\$21,660	
Arts, Design & Entertainment Occupations	Audio & Video Equipment Technicians	\$23,520	\$26,140	to	\$40,530
	Editors	\$30,250	\$34,540	to	\$60,890
	Graphic Designers	\$26,630	\$31,080	to	\$52,280
	Interior Designers	\$29,390	\$33,320	to	\$60,620
	Producers & Directors	\$28,780	\$33,690	to	\$68,200
	Public Relations Specialists	\$30,690	\$37,860	to	\$70,150
Technical Writers	\$40,000	\$46,880	to	\$83,810	
Healthcare Occupations	Dental Assistants	\$24,080	\$26,170	to	\$35,520
	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$20,150	\$21,940	to	\$37,110
	Home Health Aides	\$17,430	\$17,530	to	\$21,030
	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$34,220	\$38,730	to	\$54,580
	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$28,460	\$33,250	to	\$57,110
	Medical Assistants	\$20,180	\$21,960	to	\$30,990
	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$19,850	\$22,370	to	\$36,940
Medical Transcriptionists	\$23,350	\$25,070	to	\$32,480	

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Healthcare Occupations	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$17,740	\$18,800	to	\$25,870
	Occupational Therapists	\$34,830	\$45,210	to	\$74,870
	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
	Protective Service Occupations	1st-Line Sprvsrs/Mgrs of Police & Detectives	\$43,060	\$49,270	to
Correctional Officers & Jailers		\$22,610	\$24,240	to	\$31,560
Detectives & Criminal Investigators		\$41,320	\$43,750	to	\$60,610
Fire Fighters		\$24,560	\$27,650	to	\$38,450
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers		\$31,840	\$34,590	to	\$48,040
Security Guards	\$17,360	\$18,410	to	\$27,590	
Food Preparation & Service Occupations	1st-Line Spvr of Food Prep & Servers	\$19,090	\$20,620	to	\$33,120
	Bartenders	\$15,040	\$14,650	to	\$16,950
	Chefs & Head Cooks	\$21,900	\$23,470	to	\$40,660
	Combined Food Preparation & Servers	\$15,010	\$14,590	to	\$16,690
	Restaurant Cooks	\$15,710	\$16,400	to	\$23,920
	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria & Coffee Shop	\$14,940	\$14,780	to	\$18,520
	Food Preparation Workers	\$15,480	\$16,060	to	\$21,570
	Hosts & Hostesses	\$15,070	\$14,920	to	\$18,630
Waiters & Waitresses	\$15,020	\$14,600	to	\$16,730	
Other Service Occupations	Janitors & Cleaners	\$16,060	\$16,690	to	\$23,860
	Personal & Home Care Aides	\$17,290	\$17,540	to	\$21,010
	Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$15,030	\$15,240	to	\$19,860
	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$16,180	\$16,960	to	\$25,920
	Child Care Workers	\$15,020	\$15,420	to	\$20,260
Recreation Workers	\$15,220	\$15,820	to	\$27,420	
Hairdressers, Hairstylists & Cosmetologists	\$15,190	\$15,580	to	\$34,450	
Sales & Related Occupations	1st-Line Spvr of Non-Retail Sales Workers	\$27,650	\$32,800	to	\$65,410
	1st-Line Spvr of Retail Sales Workers	\$20,990	\$23,690	to	\$41,480
	Advertising Sales Agents	\$23,710	\$27,310	to	\$58,740
	Cashiers	\$14,640	\$14,770	to	\$20,210
	Insurance Sales Agents	\$23,710	\$26,570	to	\$49,950
	Parts Salespersons	\$16,700	\$18,510	to	\$33,770
	Real Estate Brokers	\$23,070	\$28,370	to	\$101,860
	Retail Salespersons	\$15,480	\$16,040	to	\$25,330
	Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Agents	\$31,640	\$34,740	to	\$121,240
	Telemarketers	\$15,330	\$15,800	to	\$24,370
Office & Administrative Occupations	1st-Line Spvs of Office & Admin Support Wrkrs	\$26,530	\$30,090	to	\$50,100
	Bill & Account Collectors	\$21,840	\$23,840	to	\$33,020
	Billing & Posting Clerks	\$20,700	\$22,520	to	\$32,610
	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	\$19,570	\$22,550	to	\$36,110
	Computer Operators	\$25,420	\$28,300	to	\$43,890
	Customer Service Representatives	\$20,500	\$22,190	to	\$31,940
	Data Entry Keyers	\$15,770	\$16,520	to	\$26,150
	Dispatchers	\$19,800	\$22,930	to	\$39,990
	Executive Secretaries & Admin Assts	\$27,510	\$30,610	to	\$48,050
	File Clerks	\$16,050	\$16,860	to	\$25,560
	General Office Clerks	\$15,930	\$16,620	to	\$27,710
	Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	\$15,200	\$15,730	to	\$21,470
	Human Resources Assistants	\$24,680	\$27,690	to	\$42,060
	Insurance Processing Clerks	\$21,370	\$22,820	to	\$32,780
	Legal Secretaries	\$25,700	\$27,380	to	\$37,270
	Library Assistants, Clerical	\$15,020	\$15,430	to	\$23,980
	Loan Interviewers & Clerks	\$18,660	\$20,610	to	\$30,640
	Medical Secretaries	\$19,920	\$22,070	to	\$32,600
	Meter Readers, Utilities	\$20,370	\$22,670	to	\$35,710
	Order Clerks	\$17,350	\$19,010	to	\$30,030
	Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks	\$19,310	\$22,630	to	\$34,940
	Police, Fire & Ambulance Dispatchers	\$21,570	\$23,760	to	\$32,020