

Wage Information for Job Seekers

2009 Edition



Southwestern 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 Southwestern WIA area. It is designed to help job seekers, businesses and those just looking for general wage information in southwestern New Mexico. The pamphlet features typical starting wages and a broad range of average wage information on almost 200 occupations. About 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 our website at:

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Major Group	Southwestern WIA Area - June 2009 Job Title or Occupation Title	Starting wages are generally about	About half of the workers in this occupation earn between		
Sales & Related Occupations	Parts Salespersons	\$15,800	\$17,200	to	\$28,500
	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$19,890	\$24,920	to	\$39,320
	Retail Salespersons	\$15,050	\$15,550	to	\$21,770
	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Mfg	\$18,060	\$20,190	to	\$40,840
	Telemarketers	\$14,580	\$14,030	to	\$15,290
Office & Administrative Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Office Support Workers	\$23,440	\$26,330	to	\$46,150
	Bill & Account Collectors	\$18,940	\$20,460	to	\$28,970
	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	\$17,530	\$19,530	to	\$31,840
	Court, Municipal & License Clerks	\$21,310	\$23,560	to	\$36,040
	Customer Service Representatives	\$16,880	\$18,480	to	\$29,820
	Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$27,620	\$30,570	to	\$46,020
	Human Resources Assistants	\$23,720	\$26,240	to	\$37,950
	Insurance Claims & Policy Processing Clerks	\$17,070	\$18,500	to	\$29,860
	Library Assistants, Clerical	\$16,790	\$17,250	to	\$20,410
	Meter Readers, Utilities	\$22,100	\$24,590	to	\$34,350
	Office Clerks, General	\$14,940	\$15,350	to	\$21,630
	Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks	\$20,540	\$23,730	to	\$35,230
	Procurement Clerks	\$25,060	\$27,760	to	\$40,530
	Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$16,270	\$16,840	to	\$22,790
	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical & Executive	\$17,480	\$19,140	to	\$31,030
	Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	\$16,130	\$17,130	to	\$25,440
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$15,750	\$16,280	to	\$21,930	
Construction & Extraction Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Construction & Extraction Workers	\$31,220	\$34,890	to	\$55,820
	Carpenters	\$21,400	\$23,590	to	\$32,880
	Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	\$20,640	\$22,700	to	\$31,690
	Construction & Building Inspectors	\$27,720	\$34,160	to	\$52,750
	Drywall & Ceiling Tile Installers	\$23,020	\$24,560	to	\$30,890
	Electricians	\$32,910	\$34,820	to	\$49,780
	Construction Equipment Operators	\$25,070	\$27,030	to	\$39,050
	Painters, Construction & Maintenance	\$17,170	\$18,530	to	\$25,800
	Pipelayers	\$17,660	\$18,150	to	\$29,500
	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$24,060	\$26,510	to	\$41,300
	Sheet Metal Workers	\$24,570	\$29,850	to	\$38,800
Installation, Maintenance & Repair Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$29,590	\$33,240	to	\$58,640
	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$29,570	\$31,330	to	\$44,950
	Automotive Body & Related Repairers	\$22,680	\$24,420	to	\$31,960
	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$17,100	\$18,980	to	\$43,830
	Bus, Truck & Diesel Engine Specialists	\$24,770	\$29,280	to	\$40,980
	Computer & Office Machine Repairers	\$19,240	\$21,350	to	\$38,060
	Helpers--Installation, Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$16,570	\$17,220	to	\$23,290
	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$36,120	\$39,710	to	\$51,420
	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$17,470	\$19,390	to	\$31,380
	Maintenance Workers, Machinery	\$21,690	\$27,460	to	\$42,000
	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$22,440	\$27,860	to	\$43,150
	Security & Fire Alarm Systems Installers	\$17,760	\$19,150	to	\$28,210
	Telecommunications Equipment Techs	\$47,840	\$55,530	to	\$63,990
Production Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Production & Operating Workers	\$22,710	\$25,220	to	\$55,320
	Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	\$17,770	\$17,960	to	\$25,910
	Inspectors & Testers	\$18,590	\$20,200	to	\$39,160
	Jewelers & Precious Stone & Metal Workers	\$18,460	\$19,260	to	\$23,870
	Power Plant Operators	\$42,890	\$43,820	to	\$50,460
	Water & Waste Water Plant & System Operators	\$19,830	\$21,330	to	\$32,740
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	\$25,230	\$27,130	to	\$41,220
	1st-Line Spvrs of Helpers & Laborers	\$21,660	\$23,800	to	\$44,640
	1st-Line Spvrs of Transportation & Material-Movers	\$21,740	\$25,300	to	\$56,230
	Ambulance Drivers & Attendants	\$16,480	\$17,680	to	\$25,820
	Bus Drivers, Transit & Intercity	\$20,860	\$22,550	to	\$33,360
	Driver/Sales Workers	\$17,170	\$18,460	to	\$25,290
	Excavating Machine Operators	\$18,950	\$20,050	to	\$29,180
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	\$17,140	\$17,670	to	\$23,200	
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$23,640	\$25,930	to	\$36,400	

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Manager Occupations	General & Operations Managers	\$39,200	\$45,600	to	\$89,570
	Construction Managers	\$44,700	\$49,680	to	\$96,490
	Education Administrators, Elem & Secondary	\$63,070	\$69,520	to	\$86,430
	Engineering Managers	\$61,430	\$69,420	to	\$136,100
	Financial Managers	\$44,230	\$49,530	to	\$95,620
	Human Resources Managers	\$51,780	\$56,790	to	\$77,040
	Industrial Production Managers	\$42,580	\$48,110	to	\$81,150
	Marketing Managers	\$41,660	\$46,820	to	\$74,070
	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$50,410	\$60,100	to	\$125,450
	Property & Real Estate Managers	\$23,020	\$24,070	to	\$34,840
	Public Relations Managers	\$34,420	\$42,510	to	\$66,160
	Purchasing Managers	\$31,140	\$33,080	to	\$70,370
	Social & Community Service Managers	\$34,830	\$38,260	to	\$54,140
	Transportation, Storage & Distribution Managers	\$46,850	\$51,660	to	\$84,760
Business Occupations	Accountants & Auditors	\$32,400	\$34,990	to	\$52,870
	Appraisers & Assessors of Real Estate	\$24,800	\$30,310	to	\$44,030
	Budget Analysts	\$44,800	\$48,810	to	\$79,460
	Business Operations Specialists	\$33,620	\$43,640	to	\$75,060
	Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators	\$43,330	\$47,720	to	\$74,500
	Compensation, Benefits & Job Analysis Specialists	\$31,900	\$35,790	to	\$57,080
	Compliance Officers	\$31,820	\$37,500	to	\$61,730
	Cost Estimators	\$32,140	\$38,340	to	\$58,550
	Employment, Recruitment & Placement Specialists	\$27,220	\$31,970	to	\$44,760
	Training & Labor Relations Specialists	\$31,850	\$34,790	to	\$65,550
	Management Analysts	\$40,790	\$47,480	to	\$69,660
	Training & Development Specialists	\$25,180	\$27,850	to	\$48,340
	Computer Occupations	Applications Software Engineers	\$56,050	\$61,870	to
Computer Programmers		\$40,790	\$48,490	to	\$76,490
Computer Support Specialists		\$30,640	\$34,910	to	\$50,000
Computer Systems Analysts		\$40,000	\$42,980	to	\$87,210
Database Administrators		\$37,860	\$40,760	to	\$65,410
Network & Computer Systems Administrators		\$42,090	\$49,450	to	\$88,580
System Software Engineers		\$54,010	\$61,690	to	\$106,950
Engineers & Related Occupations	Aerospace Engineers	\$68,670	\$73,550	to	\$107,310
	Architects	\$44,820	\$56,090	to	\$81,480
	Architectural & Civil Drafters	\$23,670	\$25,120	to	\$39,780
	Civil Engineering Technicians	\$29,960	\$33,580	to	\$47,050
	Civil Engineers	\$41,670	\$50,930	to	\$80,000
	Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	\$27,910	\$39,260	to	\$69,030
	Electrical Engineers	\$54,650	\$56,830	to	\$76,080
	Environmental Engineering Technicians	\$27,190	\$30,440	to	\$49,840
	Environmental Engineers	\$50,260	\$53,770	to	\$77,650
	Health & Safety Engineers	\$45,680	\$46,480	to	\$66,820
	Industrial Engineers	\$44,780	\$49,050	to	\$82,570
	Materials Engineers	\$60,760	\$59,970	to	\$80,790
	Mechanical Drafters	\$31,090	\$32,570	to	\$45,090
	Mechanical Engineering Technicians	\$35,380	\$39,370	to	\$56,300
	Mechanical Engineers	\$56,650	\$61,770	to	\$96,330
	Mining & Geological Engineers	\$60,300	\$59,110	to	\$72,900
	Surveying & Mapping Technicians	\$21,990	\$22,530	to	\$33,160
Surveyors	\$38,520	\$46,520	to	\$67,700	
Life, Physical & Social Services Occupations	Anthropologists & Archeologists	\$48,700	\$51,370	to	\$70,290
	Biological Technicians	\$24,070	\$25,480	to	\$39,410
	Child, Family & School Social Workers	\$20,450	\$23,300	to	\$41,540
	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$32,400	\$35,310	to	\$53,400
	Conservation Scientists	\$45,910	\$53,150	to	\$76,900
	Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	\$32,250	\$44,540	to	\$73,950
	Environmental Scientists & Specialists	\$37,330	\$39,750	to	\$56,850
	Forest & Conservation Technicians	\$23,550	\$24,910	to	\$38,880
	Geological & Petroleum Technicians	\$38,000	\$37,260	to	\$45,400
	Geoscientists	\$50,180	\$53,070	to	\$68,570
	Health Educators	\$30,150	\$31,300	to	\$47,260
	Mental Health Counselors	\$42,040	\$43,960	to	\$60,700
	Rehabilitation Counselors	\$24,480	\$24,870	to	\$42,740
	Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors	\$26,500	\$28,180	to	\$38,470

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Education Occupations	Elementary School Teachers	\$40,160	\$42,760	to	\$66,030	
	Instructional Coordinators	\$44,320	\$51,110	to	\$80,750	
	Kindergarten Teachers	\$35,600	\$39,430	to	\$66,160	
	Librarians	\$31,580	\$39,510	to	\$60,490	
	Library Technicians	\$21,280	\$22,740	to	\$30,350	
	Middle School Teachers	\$50,180	\$55,140	to	\$79,560	
	Preschool Teachers	\$17,080	\$19,100	to	\$33,170	
	Secondary School Teachers	\$40,270	\$43,540	to	\$69,130	
	Special Education Teachers, Middle School	\$52,390	\$57,380	to	\$77,890	
	Teacher Assistants	\$15,450	\$16,090	to	\$25,020	
	Vocational Education Teachers, Secondary School	\$40,380	\$43,350	to	\$73,980	
	Arts, Design & Entertainment Occupations	Coaches & Scouts	\$16,430	\$17,470	to	\$48,830
		Graphic Designers	\$20,180	\$21,790	to	\$30,590
Public Relations Specialists		\$30,180	\$34,380	to	\$67,300	
Radio & Television Announcers		\$17,600	\$18,400	to	\$31,980	
Healthcare Occupations	Technical Writers	\$39,420	\$46,020	to	\$70,560	
	Dental Assistants	\$20,330	\$21,710	to	\$33,640	
	Dietitians & Nutritionists	\$20,280	\$21,310	to	\$37,550	
	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$17,640	\$17,840	to	\$34,370	
	Family & General Practitioners	\$83,890	\$121,180	to	**	
	Home Health Aides	\$15,250	\$15,860	to	\$22,420	
	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$32,920	\$35,370	to	\$42,710	
	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$44,330	\$46,650	to	\$59,840	
	Medical Assistants	\$17,970	\$20,050	to	\$28,820	
	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$16,900	\$18,110	to	\$26,310	
	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$18,010	\$18,090	to	\$22,820	
	Occupational Therapists	\$47,860	\$51,710	to	\$78,310	
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$23,440	\$25,050	to	\$32,080	
	Physical Therapists	\$33,260	\$41,010	to	\$72,170	
	Physician Assistants	\$51,210	\$54,790	to	\$81,180	
	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	\$37,210	\$39,640	to	\$52,960	
	Registered Nurses	\$46,820	\$48,850	to	\$71,850	
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$50,880	\$56,200	to	\$78,660		
Surgical Technologists	\$25,490	\$27,160	to	\$37,750		
Veterinary Assistants	\$15,010	\$14,950	to	\$18,920		
Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$17,660	\$19,780	to	\$27,210		
Protective Service Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Correctional Officers	\$35,930	\$42,470	to	\$52,420	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$32,500	\$34,320	to	\$50,860	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Police & Detectives	\$52,630	\$60,880	to	\$77,630	
	Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$24,880	\$26,570	to	\$34,540	
	Detectives & Criminal Investigators	\$41,240	\$43,170	to	\$58,010	
	Fire Fighters	\$25,620	\$28,110	to	\$39,460	
	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$28,740	\$31,790	to	\$47,810	
	Security Guards	\$16,740	\$18,310	to	\$27,760	
	Food Preparation & Services Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Food Prep & Servers	\$17,080	\$18,000	to	\$32,800
Chefs & Head Cooks		\$21,640	\$22,020	to	\$30,630	
Cooks, Restaurant		\$15,040	\$15,320	to	\$20,980	
Dining Room & Cafeteria Attendants		\$15,020	\$14,560	to	\$16,590	
Food Preparation Workers		\$15,100	\$15,050	to	\$19,710	
Other Service Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Housekeeping & Janitorial Workers	\$22,040	\$24,860	to	\$40,880	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Landscapers & Groundskeepers	\$23,380	\$28,030	to	\$40,600	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Personal Service Workers	\$21,050	\$23,820	to	\$31,850	
	Child Care Workers	\$15,050	\$14,610	to	\$16,560	
	Janitors & Cleaners	\$15,400	\$15,990	to	\$21,210	
	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$15,310	\$15,870	to	\$20,770	
	Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$15,090	\$14,840	to	\$18,310	
	Personal & Home Care Aides	\$16,030	\$16,750	to	\$20,720	
	Recreation Workers	\$16,630	\$17,500	to	\$28,460	
Sales & Related Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	\$19,290	\$21,140	to	\$37,520	
	Advertising Sales Agents	\$17,370	\$18,140	to	\$25,990	
	Cashiers	\$14,590	\$14,420	to	\$18,230	
	Counter & Rental Clerks	\$14,620	\$14,490	to	\$22,970	
	Insurance Sales Agents	\$22,910	\$26,300	to	\$35,710	