

Wage Information for Job Seekers - Las Cruces MSA

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions' Economic Research and Analysis Bureau produced this publication to serve the needs of people in the Las Cruces MSA. It is designed to help job seekers, businesses, and those just looking for general information about the Las Cruces MSA wages. The publication 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 publication.

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 2,080.

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 November 2011.

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Major Group	Las Cruces MSA-2011 Job Title or Occupation Title	Starting wages are generally about	About half of the workers in this occupation earn between		
Construction & Extraction Occupations	Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	\$22,220	\$23,650	to	\$33,800
	Construction & Building Inspectors	\$29,470	\$39,330	to	\$59,300
	Construction Equipment Operators	\$23,640	\$26,250	to	\$40,540
	Electricians	\$32,900	\$38,480	to	\$57,280
	Helpers--Carpenters	\$17,680	\$17,680	to	\$22,680
	Helpers--Electricians	\$20,090	\$21,250	to	\$31,390
	Helpers--Painters, Paperhangers, Plasterers & Stucco Masons	\$17,280	\$17,530	to	\$25,320
	Helpers--Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$16,980	\$17,290	to	\$28,390
	Painters, Construction & Maintenance	\$19,050	\$19,960	to	\$29,200
	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$28,610	\$31,210	to	\$44,380
	Roofers	\$21,170	\$25,730	to	\$31,740
	Sheet Metal Workers	\$23,660	\$27,420	to	\$38,310
	Supervisors of Construction & Extraction Workers	\$31,210	\$33,350	to	\$52,670
Installation, Maintenance & Repair Occupations	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$47,480	\$49,860	to	\$57,170
	Automotive Service Technicians	\$17,170	\$18,100	to	\$40,470
	Coin, Vending & Amusement Machine Technicians	\$23,730	\$25,520	to	\$35,180
	Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technicians	\$24,770	\$27,970	to	\$41,970
	Helpers--Installation, Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$16,990	\$17,190	to	\$25,760
	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$18,270	\$19,620	to	\$31,700
	Maintenance Workers, Machinery	\$20,150	\$22,930	to	\$30,730
	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$28,280	\$33,230	to	\$48,900
	Security & Fire Alarm Systems Installers	\$17,360	\$18,190	to	\$27,930
	Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$31,330	\$35,650	to	\$61,000
	Telecommunications Equipment Technicians	\$29,450	\$33,800	to	\$60,430
	Tire Repairers & Changers	\$17,560	\$18,490	to	\$32,610
	Production Occupations	Butchers & Meat Cutters	\$17,760	\$18,180	to
Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Operators		\$21,720	\$22,180	to	\$33,170
Food Batchmakers		\$17,610	\$17,520	to	\$22,210
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers		\$20,420	\$21,810	to	\$39,790
Laundry & Dry-Cleaning Workers		\$17,590	\$17,020	to	\$19,430
Molding, Coremaking & Casting Machine Operators		\$16,330	\$16,230	to	\$19,240
Photographic Process Workers & Processing Machine Operators		\$17,750	\$17,380	to	\$21,040
Prepress Technicians & Workers		\$24,990	\$25,360	to	\$34,920
Printing Press Operators		\$17,880	\$18,710	to	\$34,570
Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers		\$23,300	\$26,470	to	\$47,520
Team Assemblers		\$17,550	\$17,460	to	\$22,060
Water, Waste Water Treatment Plant & System Operators		\$20,480	\$21,400	to	\$32,780
Transportation & Material Handling Occupations		Cleaners of Vehicles & Equipment	\$17,570	\$16,860	to
	Excavating & Loading Machine & Dragline Operators	\$21,340	\$23,250	to	\$30,160
	Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	\$17,720	\$18,230	to	\$23,870
	Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	\$17,290	\$17,040	to	\$22,000
	Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$17,250	\$16,870	to	\$20,510
	Service Station Attendants	\$17,390	\$17,410	to	\$22,890
	Supervisors of Helpers, Laborers & Material Movers, Hand	\$23,300	\$24,240	to	\$38,460
	Supervisors of Transportation & Material-Moving Machine & Vehicle Operators	\$30,040	\$32,110	to	\$56,240
	Taxi Drivers & Chauffeurs	\$17,760	\$17,700	to	\$21,390
	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$17,570	\$18,820	to	\$53,830

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Managers	General & Operations Managers	\$44,620	\$51,850	to	\$95,420
	Administrative Services Managers	\$37,420	\$42,860	to	\$73,520
	Compensation & Benefits Managers	\$37,150	\$38,390	to	\$72,300
	Construction Managers	\$37,360	\$40,030	to	\$89,080
	Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary	\$73,810	\$76,700	to	\$94,430
	Engineering Managers	\$77,560	\$87,940	to	\$147,120
	Financial Managers	\$53,430	\$60,400	to	\$116,700
	Industrial Production Managers	\$56,890	\$61,870	to	\$94,080
	Lodging Managers	\$29,460	\$30,790	to	\$39,170
	Purchasing Managers	\$64,480	\$65,850	to	\$99,910
	Sales Managers	\$45,660	\$51,330	to	\$103,520
	Transportation, Storage & Distribution Managers	\$60,210	\$62,200	to	\$94,200
	Business Occupations	Accountants & Auditors	\$39,740	\$43,050	to
Appraisers & Assessors of Real Estate		\$20,220	\$22,060	to	\$51,970
Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators		\$48,590	\$52,220	to	\$93,950
Compliance Officers		\$34,210	\$38,790	to	\$65,050
Financial Analysts		\$58,730	\$62,750	to	\$96,490
Loan Officers		\$33,520	\$38,490	to	\$70,970
Management Analysts		\$40,880	\$48,020	to	\$80,270
Application Software Engineers		\$61,280	\$67,220	to	\$107,000
Computer Occupations	Computer Programmers	\$58,140	\$63,220	to	\$103,830
	Database Administrators	\$39,770	\$42,280	to	\$66,560
	Network & Computer Systems Administrators	\$52,850	\$57,480	to	\$94,550
	Systems Software Engineers	\$47,160	\$51,230	to	\$84,900
	Engineering & Related Occupations	Aerospace Engineers	\$53,190	\$54,090	to
Civil Engineering Technicians		\$32,380	\$35,780	to	\$52,620
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians		\$42,540	\$51,870	to	\$74,620
Electrical Engineers		\$57,350	\$62,140	to	\$89,620
Mechanical Engineering Technicians		\$36,260	\$40,170	to	\$57,120
Life, Physical & Social Occs	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$28,330	\$32,010	to	\$55,750
	Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	\$52,040	\$57,810	to	\$86,140
	Medical & Public Health Social Workers	\$24,800	\$27,940	to	\$52,130
	Mental Health Counselors	\$39,420	\$39,840	to	\$46,560
Legal Occs	Lawyers	\$38,220	\$40,060	to	\$95,470
	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$27,440	\$29,290	to	\$37,440
	Title Examiners, Abstractors & Searchers	\$27,360	\$28,890	to	\$42,180
Educational Occupations	Elementary School Teachers	\$51,610	\$52,920	to	\$80,180
	Instructional Coordinators	\$51,180	\$56,940	to	\$100,610
	Librarians	\$44,410	\$47,190	to	\$68,410
	Preschool Teachers	\$20,830	\$22,250	to	\$59,930
	Secondary School Teachers	\$46,040	\$48,510	to	\$68,680
	Special Education Teachers, P-K & Elementary	\$48,210	\$53,000	to	\$81,390
	Teacher Assistants	\$17,610	\$18,120	to	\$27,230
Health Care Occupations	Dental Hygienists	\$37,160	\$44,350	to	\$70,640
	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$18,030	\$17,320	to	\$19,710
	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$19,210	\$20,130	to	\$27,530
	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$19,020	\$19,670	to	\$23,760
	Occupational Therapist Assistants	\$29,580	\$39,330	to	\$51,880
	Pharmacists	\$118,060	\$122,960	to	\$143,130
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$19,890	\$21,220	to	\$29,670
	Physical Therapist Aides	\$19,330	\$20,370	to	\$26,320
	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29,160	\$30,660	to	\$40,180
	Registered Nurses	\$45,020	\$47,560	to	\$69,040
	Respiratory Therapists	\$40,440	\$42,960	to	\$54,330
	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$53,710	\$61,090	to	\$86,000

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Health Care Occs	Veterinarians	\$60,740	\$68,280	to	\$86,810
	Veterinary Assistants	\$16,160	\$16,120	to	\$19,310
	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$17,610	\$17,710	to	\$25,440
Food Prep & Service Occupations	Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$16,480	\$16,110	to	\$18,360
	Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	\$17,500	\$18,060	to	\$24,620
	Cooks, Short Order	\$17,490	\$16,900	to	\$19,200
	Dishwashers	\$17,240	\$16,530	to	\$18,550
	Hosts & Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge & Coffee Shop	\$16,700	\$16,150	to	\$18,660
	Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$17,530	\$17,980	to	\$31,760
	Waiters & Waitresses	\$16,810	\$16,250	to	\$18,710
	Other Services Occupations	Child Care Workers	\$17,130	\$16,540	to
Coaches & Scouts		\$21,930	\$23,770	to	\$67,580
Floral Designers		\$17,880	\$18,830	to	\$25,570
Graphic Designers		\$20,770	\$22,140	to	\$33,950
Interpreters & Translators		\$17,610	\$17,530	to	\$22,750
Janitors & Cleaners		\$17,470	\$17,340	to	\$21,950
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers		\$17,290	\$17,070	to	\$21,420
Nonfarm Animal Caretakers		\$16,540	\$16,240	to	\$20,810
Personal & Home Care Aides		\$17,410	\$17,020	to	\$20,950
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers		\$37,010	\$39,220	to	\$51,960
Security Guards		\$18,040	\$18,980	to	\$29,160
Supervisors of Farming, Fishing & Forestry Workers		\$26,280	\$28,660	to	\$37,470
Supervisors of Personal Service Workers		\$19,870	\$21,960	to	\$29,730
Sales & Related Occupations	Advertising Sales Agents	\$20,760	\$21,600	to	\$56,600
	Cashiers	\$16,850	\$16,460	to	\$20,040
	Counter & Rental Clerks	\$17,520	\$17,450	to	\$25,370
	Insurance Sales Agents	\$27,880	\$28,410	to	\$35,810
	Parts Salespersons	\$17,360	\$18,140	to	\$31,410
	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$27,470	\$29,700	to	\$71,110
	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$23,610	\$25,890	to	\$52,700
	Office & Administrative Support Occupations	Supervisors of Office & Administrative Support Workers	\$25,150	\$27,660	to
Bill & Account Collectors		\$19,530	\$20,620	to	\$29,110
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks		\$19,800	\$21,730	to	\$34,160
Couriers & Messengers		\$17,120	\$16,630	to	\$19,170
Court, Municipal & License Clerks		\$23,080	\$25,610	to	\$39,850
Customer Service Representatives		\$20,630	\$20,740	to	\$24,240
Data Entry Keyers		\$17,770	\$18,550	to	\$23,790
Dispatchers		\$17,990	\$19,370	to	\$38,390
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs		\$22,830	\$25,540	to	\$34,110
Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants		\$30,800	\$33,530	to	\$46,270
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks		\$17,170	\$16,560	to	\$18,740
Human Resources Assistants		\$22,110	\$24,490	to	\$39,930
Loan Interviewers & Clerks		\$18,590	\$19,600	to	\$35,020
New Accounts Clerks		\$28,130	\$27,420	to	\$31,920
Office Clerks, General		\$16,820	\$16,510	to	\$22,700
Office Machine Operators		\$17,510	\$17,470	to	\$23,950
Order Clerks		\$17,470	\$17,000	to	\$20,270
Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks		\$21,580	\$23,610	to	\$37,740
Procurement Clerks		\$25,010	\$27,990	to	\$42,200
Production, Planning & Expediting Clerks		\$24,770	\$25,810	to	\$49,160
Receptionists & Information Clerks		\$17,250	\$17,150	to	\$22,960
Secretaries		\$19,230	\$20,950	to	\$34,020
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers		\$17,260	\$17,240	to	\$23,290
Switchboard Operators	\$17,620	\$17,410	to	\$23,120	
Tellers	\$17,880	\$17,690	to	\$21,670	