

Economic Development

Workforce & Employment

2008 Selected Hourly Wage Rates

Wage Rates ¹			
Occupation Cluster	Occupation	St. Louis MSA Median Annual ² Wage	US Median Annual Wage
		Median	Median
Management	General & Operations Managers	\$85,090	\$91,570
	Marketing Managers	\$117,410	\$108,580
	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$106,950	\$112,210
	Financial Managers	\$115,590	\$99,330
	Industrial Production Managers	\$95,150	\$83,290
	Transportation, Storage & Distribution Managers	\$80,240	\$79,000
	Construction Managers	\$87,780	\$70,860
	Food Service Managers	\$52,550	\$46,320
	Medical & Health Service Managers	\$82,090	\$80,240
Business & Financial Operations	Accountants and Auditors	\$63,020	\$59,430
	Financial Analysts	\$78,500	\$73,150
	Insurance Underwriters	\$63,600	\$56,790
Computer & Mathematical	Computer Programmers	\$68,390	\$69,620
	Computer Support Specialists	\$44,790	\$43,450
	Computer Systems Analysts	\$74,860	\$75,500
	Database Administrators	\$62,110	\$69,740
	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$67,490	\$66,310
Architecture & Engineering	Civil Engineers	\$73,620	\$74,600
	Electrical Engineers	\$77,900	\$82,160
	Industrial Engineers	\$75,040	\$73,820
	Mechanical Engineers	\$75,560	\$74,920
	Electrical and Electronics Drafters	\$51,800	\$51,320
	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	\$51,850	\$53,240
	Industrial Engineering Technicians	\$47,340	\$47,180
	Mechanical Engineering Technicians	\$50,660	\$48,130
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	Physician Assistants	\$68,130	\$81,230
	Registered Nurses	\$57,940	\$62,450
	Occupational Therapists	\$60,410	\$66,780
	Physical Therapists	\$61,710	\$72,790
	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$53,290	\$53,500
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	Dental Hygienists	\$60,740	\$66,570
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$25,650	\$27,710
	Dental Assistants	\$35,090	\$32,380
Food Preparation & Serving Related	Chefs and Head Cooks	\$40,940	\$38,770
	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	\$33,330	\$28,970
	Cooks, Fast Food	\$17,710	\$16,880
	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	\$21,860	\$22,210
	Cooks, Restaurant	\$22,600	\$21,990
	Cooks, Short Order	\$20,640	\$19,260
	Food Preparation Workers	\$19,060	\$18,630
Sales & Related	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	\$40,640	\$35,310
	Cashiers	\$18,870	\$17,670
	Retail Salespersons	\$25,540	\$20,510
	Insurance Sales Agents	\$55,620	\$45,430
	Telemarketers	\$23,480	\$21,960
Office & Administrative Support	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$49,750	\$45,790
	Bill and Account Collectors	\$30,520	\$30,630

	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	\$33,930	\$32,510
	Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	\$35,950	\$34,810
	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$42,930	\$40,480
	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	\$29,400	\$27,660
	Legal Secretaries	\$41,020	\$39,860
	Medical Secretaries	\$29,270	\$29,680
	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$30,750	\$29,050
Construction & Extraction	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$70,840	\$58,140
	Brickmasons and Blockmasons	\$55,910	\$45,630
	Carpenters	\$53,130	\$38,940
	Construction Laborers	\$45,050	\$28,250
	Electricians	\$62,300	\$46,420
	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$62,650	\$45,640
	Roofers	\$49,710	\$33,630
	Sheet Metal Workers	\$53,880	\$40,290
	Structural Iron and Steel Workers	\$60,300	\$43,010
Production	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	\$58,770	\$50,440
	Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	\$30,650	\$27,730
	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	\$31,590	\$27,490
	Electromechanical Equipment Assemblers	\$28,730	\$29,360
	Engine and Other Machine Assemblers	\$25,880	\$32,660
	Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	\$40,770	\$32,400
	Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	\$25,040	\$28,030
	Team Assemblers	\$26,510	\$25,620
	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	\$36,590*	\$27,820
	Machinists	\$41,820	\$36,210
	Tool and Die Makers	\$53,500	\$46,430
	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$34,840	\$33,560

(1) Local wage rates are for St. Louis Region
(2) Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by 2,080 hours; where an hourly mean wage is not published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.
*St. Louis MSA Median Annual Wage for 2006

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Occupational Employment Statistics
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