



Highest Paid Salaries

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

If money is one of your key values and your long-term goals lead you to desire increased wages (and hopefully enjoyable work) here are the 111 highest paying occupations by median hourly wages for 2008 (awaiting 2009 data):

Occupation	Median wages, 2008	
	Hourly	Annual
1 Anesthesiologists	\$80.00+	\$166,400+
2 Internists, General	\$80.00+	\$166,400+
3 Obstetricians and Gynecologists	\$80.00+	\$166,400+
4 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons	\$80.00+	\$166,400+
5 Orthodontists	\$80.00+	\$166,400+
6 Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	\$80.00+	\$166,400+
7 Prosthodontists	\$80.00+	\$166,400+
8 Surgeons	\$80.00+	\$166,400+
9 Chief Executives	\$76.23	\$158,600
10 Family and General Practitioners	\$75.60	\$157,200
11 Psychiatrists	\$74.13	\$154,200
12 Pediatricians, General	\$70.21	\$146,000
13 Dentists, General	\$68.69	\$142,900
14 Dentists, All Other Specialists	\$66.33	\$138,000
15 Engineering Managers	\$55.42	\$115,300
16 Podiatrists	\$54.60	\$113,600
17 Natural Sciences Managers	\$54.23	\$112,800
18 Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$53.95	\$112,200
19 Air Traffic Controllers	\$53.78	\$111,900
20 Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	N/A	\$111,700
21 Lawyers	\$53.17	\$110,600
22 Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Magistrates	\$52.99	\$110,200
23 Marketing Managers	\$52.20	\$108,600
24 Petroleum Engineers	\$51.93	\$108,000
25 Pharmacists	\$51.16	\$106,400
26 Political Scientists	\$50.06	\$104,100

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27 Physicists	\$49.47	\$102,900
28 Astronomers	\$48.70	\$101,300
29 Financial Managers	\$47.76	\$99,300
30 Computer and Information Scientists, Research	\$47.10	\$98,000
31 Computer Hardware Engineers	\$46.83	\$97,400
32 Sales Managers	\$46.76	\$97,300
33 Nuclear Engineers	\$46.68	\$97,100
34 Optometrists	\$46.31	\$96,300
35 Human Resources Managers, All Other	\$46.22	\$96,100
36 Mathematicians	\$45.75	\$95,200
37 Law Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$93,200
38 Aerospace Engineers	\$44.48	\$92,500
39 Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	\$44.44	\$92,400
40 General and Operations Managers	\$44.02	\$91,600
41 Physical Scientists, All Other	\$43.99	\$91,500
42 Managers, All Other	\$43.38	\$90,200
43 Public Relations Managers	\$43.00	\$89,400
44 Purchasing Managers	\$42.86	\$89,100
45 Engineers, All Other	\$42.58	\$88,600
46 Training and Development Managers	\$42.16	\$87,700
47 Compensation and Benefits Managers	\$41.59	\$86,500
48 Electronics Engineers, Except Computer	\$41.52	\$86,400
49 Psychologists, All Other	\$41.41	\$86,100
50 Computer Software Engineers, Applications	\$41.07	\$85,400
51 Actuaries	\$40.77	\$84,800
52 Chemical Engineers	\$40.71	\$84,700
53 Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$84,400
54 Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	N/A	\$83,900
55 Economists	\$40.19	\$83,600
56 Industrial Production Managers	\$40.04	\$83,300
57 Sales Engineers	\$39.95	\$83,100
58 Biochemists and Biophysicists	\$39.83	\$82,800
59 Engineering Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$82,800
60 Electrical Engineers	\$39.50	\$82,200
61 Materials Engineers	\$39.34	\$81,800
62 Atmospheric and Space Scientists	\$39.08	\$81,300

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63 Physician Assistants	\$39.05	\$81,200
64 Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$38.79	\$80,700
65 Medical and Health Services Managers	\$38.58	\$80,200
66 Advertising and Promotions Managers	\$38.57	\$80,200
67 Materials Scientists	\$38.57	\$80,200
68 Economics Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$80,100
69 Construction Managers	\$38.39	\$79,900
70 Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers	\$38.06	\$79,200
71 Veterinarians	\$38.01	\$79,100
72 Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$37.98	\$79,000
73 Biomedical Engineers	\$37.21	\$77,400
74 Industrial-Organizational Psychologists	\$37.03	\$77,000
75 Art Directors	\$37.01	\$77,000
76 Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators, and Hearing Officers	\$36.99	\$76,900
77 Atmospheric, Earth, Marine, and Space Sciences Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$76,100
78 Mining and Geological Engineers, Including Mining Safety Engineers	\$36.52	\$76,000
79 Computer Systems Analysts	\$36.30	\$75,500
80 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Police and Detectives	\$36.29	\$75,500
81 Computer Specialists, All Other	\$36.13	\$75,200
82 Mechanical Engineers	\$36.02	\$74,900
83 Civil Engineers	\$35.87	\$74,600
84 Agricultural Sciences Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$74,400
85 Physics Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$74,400
86 Marine Engineers and Naval Architects	\$35.64	\$74,100
87 Environmental Engineers	\$35.59	\$74,000
88 Industrial Engineers	\$35.49	\$73,800
89 Management Analysts	\$35.37	\$73,600
90 Administrative Services Managers	\$35.35	\$73,500
91 Nuclear Power Reactor Operators	\$35.25	\$73,300
92 Financial Analysts	\$35.17	\$73,200
93 Radiation Therapists	\$35.05	\$72,900
94 Physical Therapists	\$35.00	\$72,800
95 Statisticians	\$34.91	\$72,600
96 Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$34.90	\$72,600
97 Health and Safety Engineers, Except Mining Safety Engineers and Inspectors	\$34.85	\$72,500

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98 Architecture Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$71,700
99 Education Administrators, All Other	\$34.44	\$71,600
100 Hydrologists	\$34.35	\$71,400
101 Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	\$34.18	\$71,100
102 Financial Examiners	\$34.10	\$70,900
103 Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$70,700
104 Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	\$33.81	\$70,300
105 Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	\$33.75	\$70,200
106 Database Administrators	\$33.53	\$69,700
107 Computer Programmers	\$33.47	\$69,600
108 Elevator Installers and Repairers	\$33.35	\$69,400
109 Personal Financial Advisors	\$33.20	\$69,100
110 Operations Research Analysts	\$33.17	\$69,000
111 Agricultural Engineers	\$33.04	\$68,700