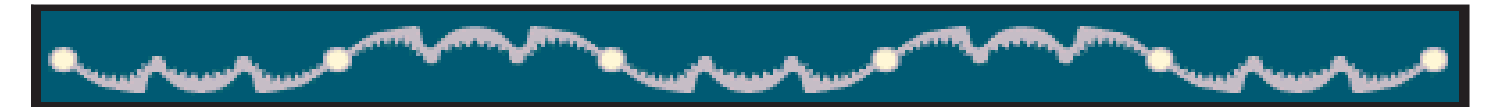


Wage Information for Job Seekers

2009 Edition



Eastern 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 Eastern workforce investment area. It is designed to help job seekers, businesses and those just looking for general wage information in eastern New Mexico. The pamphlet features typical starting wages and a broad range of average wage information on about 170 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:

www.dws.state.nm.us/eds

Please drop us a note or give us a call if you have any ideas or comments that can help us make the next version of this pamphlet more useful.

For further information contact:

New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions
Bureau of Economic Research and Analysis
Post Office Box 1928
Albuquerque, NM 87103

(505) 841-8647



Major Group	Eastern WIA Area - 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	Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$27,430	\$30,640 to \$43,380
	File Clerks	\$16,130	\$16,730 to \$21,140
	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll & Timekeeping	\$19,280	\$22,130 to \$36,380
	Library Assistants, Clerical	\$16,450	\$17,420 to \$27,990
	Meter Readers, Utilities	\$19,550	\$22,140 to \$34,440
	Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks	\$21,220	\$23,780 to \$32,080
	Police, Fire & Ambulance Dispatchers	\$21,250	\$22,970 to \$31,120
	Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$16,070	\$16,690 to \$23,670
	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical & Executive	\$17,710	\$19,570 to \$30,810
	Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	\$18,720	\$20,540 to \$33,060
	Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$15,620	\$16,240 to \$23,780
Tellers	\$17,540	\$17,940 to \$23,360	
Ag Occs	1st-Line Spvrs of Farming, Fishing & Forestry Workers	\$18,670	\$19,780 to \$44,450
	Agricultural Equipment Operators	\$20,850	\$22,470 to \$36,660
	Farmworkers & Laborers, Crop, Nursery & Greenhouse	\$15,140	\$15,560 to \$23,680
	Farmworkers, Farm & Ranch Animals	\$14,960	\$14,430 to \$15,930
Construction & Extraction Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$33,570	\$39,550 to \$71,040
	Carpenters	\$23,400	\$26,560 to \$40,430
	Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	\$17,660	\$18,150 to \$31,840
	Derrick Operators, Oil & Gas	\$27,220	\$29,410 to \$61,330
	Electricians	\$40,740	\$43,830 to \$55,420
	Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$27,370	\$28,880 to \$43,980
	Painters, Construction & Maintenance	\$22,020	\$24,840 to \$34,650
	Paving, Surfacing & Tamping Equipment Operators	\$27,140	\$27,540 to \$32,050
	Pipelayers	\$26,980	\$27,810 to \$33,860
	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$28,420	\$29,690 to \$48,720
	Rotary Drill Operators, Oil & Gas	\$38,960	\$43,020 to \$62,470
	Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	\$23,040	\$26,990 to \$39,760
	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas & Mining	\$34,060	\$36,530 to \$61,490
Installation, Maintenance & Repair Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$30,870	\$33,940 to \$59,080
	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$40,730	\$43,480 to \$51,250
	Automotive Body & Related Repairers	\$25,630	\$27,300 to \$44,590
	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$18,250	\$20,520 to \$38,660
	Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	\$21,340	\$23,350 to \$34,050
	Control & Valve Installers & Repairers, Except Mechanical Door	\$35,610	\$38,840 to \$64,820
	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$34,470	\$40,120 to \$63,040
	Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$28,020	\$30,710 to \$50,080
	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$26,420	\$29,150 to \$52,280
	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$20,230	\$23,130 to \$37,770
	Maintenance Workers, Machinery	\$18,160	\$19,300 to \$58,210
	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$30,650	\$33,940 to \$50,160
	Outdoor Power Equipment & Other Small Engine Mechanics	\$18,760	\$22,170 to \$32,330
	Security & Fire Alarm Systems Installers	\$23,570	\$24,380 to \$42,670
	Telecommunications Equipment Installers & Repair, Except Line Installers	\$37,820	\$45,650 to \$67,770
Telecommunications Line Installers & Repairers	\$23,490	\$26,050 to \$47,450	
Production Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Production & Operating Workers	\$29,770	\$36,530 to \$72,220
	Butchers & Meat Cutters	\$17,780	\$19,280 to \$39,490
	Gas Plant Operators	\$47,500	\$47,000 to \$63,270
	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	\$23,230	\$26,470 to \$38,330
	Machinists	\$32,760	\$35,820 to \$49,240
	Mixing & Blending Machine Setters, Operators & Tenders	\$22,410	\$26,290 to \$57,100
	Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators & Gaugers	\$46,800	\$51,080 to \$65,030
	Power Plant Operators	\$31,140	\$35,960 to \$74,540
	Sep, Filter, Clarify, Precip & Still Machine Setters, Operators & Tenders	\$27,360	\$27,160 to \$31,680
	Team Assemblers	\$15,080	\$15,650 to \$23,430
	Water & Liquid Waste Treatment Plant & System Operators	\$20,000	\$21,780 to \$31,550
	Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	\$25,060	\$28,540 to \$48,230
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Helpers, Laborers & Material Movers, Hand	\$21,060	\$22,380 to \$43,830
	1st-Line Spvrs of Trans & Material-Moving Machine & Vehicle Operators	\$33,270	\$37,720 to \$75,610
	Air Traffic Controllers	\$42,680	\$53,090 to \$80,640
	Bus Drivers, School	\$18,270	\$20,420 to \$24,560
	Bus Drivers, Transit & Intercity	\$18,700	\$18,450 to \$22,760
	Excavating & Loading Machine & Dragline Operators	\$33,550	\$37,450 to \$70,620
	Gas Compressor & Gas Pumping Station Operators	\$43,520	\$45,300 to \$59,030
	Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	\$22,150	\$25,380 to \$38,440
	Machine Feeders & Offbearers	\$14,780	\$15,140 to \$30,980
	Pump Operators, Except Wellhead Pumps	\$32,010	\$36,440 to \$73,850
	Refuse & Recyclable Material Collectors	\$18,360	\$20,080 to \$30,810
	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$21,590	\$24,250 to \$39,870
	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$17,590	\$19,210 to \$32,740
Wellhead Pumps	\$24,380	\$30,550 to \$49,340	

Eastern WIA Area - June 2009		Starting wages are	About half of the workers in this		
Major Group	Job Title or Occupation Title	generally about	occupation earn between		
Manager Occupations	General & Operations Managers	\$41,880	\$50,460	to	\$111,860
	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$47,670	\$50,110	to	\$97,120
	Construction Managers	\$25,760	\$33,920	to	\$70,430
	Education Administrators, Elem & Secondary	\$61,630	\$67,890	to	\$85,200
	Engineering Managers	\$71,420	\$74,550	to	\$99,390
	Financial Managers	\$43,150	\$48,330	to	\$102,840
	Human Resources Managers	\$35,330	\$38,950	to	\$72,430
	Industrial Production Managers	\$42,480	\$50,310	to	\$117,190
	Lodging Managers	\$28,690	\$30,030	to	\$40,630
	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$29,930	\$32,090	to	\$77,350
	Sales Managers	\$37,150	\$44,310	to	\$92,190
	Social & Community Service Managers	\$20,840	\$22,400	to	\$50,290
	Business Occupations	Accountants & Auditors	\$32,450	\$36,440	to
Business Operations Specialists		\$30,480	\$37,250	to	\$72,260
Management Analysts		\$39,190	\$42,940	to	\$92,740
Compliance Officers		\$44,300	\$60,710	to	\$87,320
Purchasing Agents		\$34,760	\$39,930	to	\$62,080
Appraisers & Assessors of Real Estate		\$19,840	\$24,700	to	\$42,660
Training & Development Specialists		\$24,480	\$28,050	to	\$47,670
Budget Analysts		\$35,920	\$38,200	to	\$55,330
Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators		\$31,110	\$37,790	to	\$66,050
Cost Estimators		\$28,320	\$32,940	to	\$60,230
Employment, Recruitment & Placement Specialists		\$21,690	\$24,090	to	\$48,160
Human Resources, Training & Labor Relations Specialists		\$29,340	\$35,660	to	\$62,760
Wholesale & Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products		\$23,590	\$25,080	to	\$37,140
Compensation, Benefits & Job Analysis Specialists		\$31,200	\$33,340	to	\$43,150
Emergency Management Specialists		\$28,170	\$32,060	to	\$53,640
Financial Analysts		\$45,200	\$50,200	to	\$102,820
Tax Examiners, Collectors & Revenue Agents		\$23,010	\$24,630	to	\$34,850
Computer Occupations		Computer Programmers	\$47,000	\$52,300	to
	Systems Software Engineers	\$51,880	\$56,860	to	\$70,690
	Computer Support Specialists	\$25,920	\$29,430	to	\$53,160
	Computer Systems Analysts	\$41,230	\$47,330	to	\$82,930
	Database Administrators	\$35,860	\$40,490	to	\$65,530
	Network & Computer Systems Administrators	\$42,340	\$44,900	to	\$60,770
	Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	\$39,030	\$43,450	to	\$57,290
	Engineers & Related Occupations	Architectural & Civil Drafters	\$23,000	\$24,200	to
Civil Engineering Technicians		\$25,480	\$27,080	to	\$40,100
Civil Engineers		\$55,460	\$57,930	to	\$76,100
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians		\$40,050	\$46,380	to	\$61,830
Electrical Engineers		\$50,060	\$55,810	to	\$79,380
Environmental Engineering Technicians		\$47,880	\$51,930	to	\$64,470
Environmental Engineers		\$73,640	\$86,170	to	\$149,120
Mechanical Engineers		\$71,920	\$74,590	to	\$101,140
Petroleum Engineers		\$44,590	\$58,700	to	\$100,930
Surveying & Mapping Technicians		\$22,870	\$26,370	to	\$41,810
Surveyors		\$34,460	\$37,590	to	\$60,170
Life, Physical & Social Services Occupations	Anthropologists & Archeologists	\$43,780	\$47,520	to	\$70,230
	Chemists	\$31,140	\$31,140	to	\$60,720
	Child, Family & School Social Workers	\$23,420	\$28,870	to	\$56,210
	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$32,370	\$37,220	to	\$62,610
	Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	\$34,700	\$38,620	to	\$65,970
	Environmental Scientists & Specialists, Including Health	\$43,770	\$48,260	to	\$69,510
	Geological & Petroleum Technicians	\$32,920	\$38,620	to	\$56,830
	Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists & Geographers	\$48,460	\$64,680	to	\$143,710
	Medical & Public Health Social Workers	\$36,850	\$43,290	to	\$54,960
	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$20,660	\$25,280	to	\$55,430
	Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors	\$21,990	\$24,310	to	\$33,620
	Legal Occs	Lawyers	\$54,600	\$69,120	to
Paralegals & Legal Assistants		\$29,690	\$29,870	to	\$38,270
Title Examiners, Abstractors & Searchers		\$17,620	\$19,740	to	\$31,520

Eastern WIA Area - June 2009		Starting wages are	About half of the workers in this			
Major Group	Job Title or Occupation Title	generally about	occupation earn between			
Education Occupations	Adult Literacy, Remedial Ed & GED Teachers & Instructors	\$29,380	\$41,190	to	\$37,720	
	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$38,560	\$41,790	to	\$63,910	
	Instructional Coordinators	\$36,290	\$43,350	to	\$72,170	
	Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	\$32,720	\$38,120	to	\$52,830	
	Librarians	\$28,990	\$36,180	to	\$63,930	
	Library Technicians	\$16,220	\$17,060	to	\$23,460	
	Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Ed	\$34,770	\$38,700	to	\$56,400	
	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$15,070	\$15,480	to	\$49,240	
	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Ed	\$36,810	\$42,390	to	\$57,630	
	Special Ed Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten & Elementary School	\$21,120	\$28,500	to	\$55,630	
	Teacher Assistants	\$15,050	\$15,410	to	\$23,170	
	Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	\$34,690	\$40,050	to	\$61,620	
Arts, Design & Entertainment Occupations	Audio & Video Equipment Technicians	\$16,330	\$16,290	to	\$55,140	
	Coaches & Scouts	\$14,880	\$14,640	to	\$46,810	
	Graphic Designers	\$19,460	\$20,640	to	\$48,500	
	Interior Designers	\$19,070	\$21,470	to	\$28,820	
	Producers & Directors	\$25,740	\$35,410	to	\$57,910	
	Public Relations Specialists	\$24,070	\$29,250	to	\$52,950	
Healthcare Occupations	Dental Assistants	\$22,990	\$23,730	to	\$31,510	
	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$23,480	\$26,130	to	\$37,300	
	Family & General Practitioners	\$83,840	\$83,890	to	**	
	Home Health Aides	\$16,960	\$16,940	to	\$20,340	
	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$29,360	\$32,700	to	\$43,600	
	Medical Assistants	\$18,530	\$20,210	to	\$30,250	
	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$16,690	\$17,290	to	\$29,420	
	Medical Transcriptionists	\$21,430	\$21,590	to	\$26,480	
	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$17,570	\$17,930	to	\$23,680	
	Pharmacists	\$80,350	\$95,990	to	\$126,770	
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$18,770	\$20,770	to	\$33,150	
	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28,880	\$29,150	to	\$59,020	
	Physical Therapists	\$48,410	\$52,230	to	\$84,370	
	Physician Assistants	\$52,210	\$55,470	to	\$79,110	
	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	\$34,090	\$37,310	to	\$56,580	
	Registered Nurses	\$43,050	\$46,030	to	\$64,500	
	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$37,520	\$41,870	to	\$68,220	
	Veterinarians	\$60,860	\$62,070	to	\$77,060	
Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$24,730	\$26,140	to	\$33,330		
Protective Service Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Correctional Officers	\$30,310	\$32,600	to	\$50,190	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$36,330	\$37,330	to	\$45,300	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Police & Detectives	\$46,140	\$49,550	to	\$69,710	
	Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$22,840	\$23,790	to	\$31,160	
	Detectives & Criminal Investigators	\$40,230	\$42,980	to	\$59,620	
	Fire Fighters	\$22,230	\$25,170	to	\$38,610	
	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$29,320	\$30,700	to	\$41,030	
	Security Guards	\$16,960	\$17,460	to	\$24,350	
	Food Preparation & Services Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$18,040	\$19,500	to	\$32,710
Chefs & Head Cooks		\$18,640	\$19,800	to	\$31,820	
Cooks, Restaurant		\$15,000	\$15,160	to	\$20,250	
Food Preparation Workers		\$14,990	\$15,290	to	\$21,060	
Other Service Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Personal Service Workers	\$17,850	\$18,690	to	\$33,510	
	Amusement & Recreation Attendants	\$17,290	\$17,990	to	\$23,840	
	Child Care Workers	\$15,020	\$15,320	to	\$19,420	
	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$15,770	\$16,420	to	\$23,970	
	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$16,760	\$17,610	to	\$24,920	
	Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$14,920	\$14,590	to	\$17,230	
	Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	\$14,970	\$15,590	to	\$22,600	
	Personal & Home Care Aides	\$16,410	\$17,100	to	\$20,110	
	Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers & Applicators, Vegetation	\$15,330	\$14,970	to	\$21,100	
	Ushers, Lobby Attendants & Ticket Takers	\$14,860	\$14,360	to	\$15,730	
	Sales & Related Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	\$19,410	\$21,130	to	\$37,320
		1st-Line Spvrs of Non-Retail Sales Workers	\$28,110	\$31,460	to	\$66,720
Cashiers		\$14,630	\$14,520	to	\$18,820	
Counter & Rental Clerks		\$14,670	\$15,090	to	\$19,710	
Parts Salespersons		\$14,410	\$14,550	to	\$29,540	
Retail Salespersons		\$14,680	\$15,120	to	\$21,690	
Insurance Sales Agents		\$21,540	\$23,970	to	\$31,920	
Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Agents		\$36,930	\$45,490	to	\$145,210	
Sales Reps, Wholesale & Manufacturing, Except Tech & Scien Products		\$25,270	\$31,470	to	\$67,800	
Real Estate Brokers		\$24,020	\$28,170	to	\$66,760	
Telemarketers		\$14,770	\$15,330	to	\$18,940	
Office & Administrative Occupations		1st-Line Spvrs of Office & Administrative Support Workers	\$25,330	\$28,350	to	\$45,300
	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	\$17,790	\$20,330	to	\$31,630	
	Couriers & Messengers	\$17,290	\$17,980	to	\$35,850	
	Court, Municipal & License Clerks	\$19,190	\$21,260	to	\$34,400	
	Customer Service Representatives	\$17,840	\$19,620	to	\$33,700	
	Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire & Ambulance	\$20,720	\$23,180	to	\$43,740	