

Wage Information for Job Seekers

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Las Cruces MSA

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solution's Economic Research and Analysis Bureau produced this pamphlet to serve the needs of people in the Las Cruces Metropolitan Statistical Area, including all of Doña Ana County. It is designed to help job seekers and those just looking for general wage information on the Las Cruces, New Mexico area. 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 the Department of Workforce Solutions' website at:

www.dws.state.nm.us/eds

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Major Group	Las Cruces MSA - June 2009 Job Title or Occupation Title	Starting wages are generally about	About half of the workers in this occupation earn between		
Construction & Extraction Occupations	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$30,160	\$32,820	to	\$47,450
	Rotary Drill Operators, Oil & Gas	\$44,300	\$44,890	to	\$58,170
	Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	\$25,490	\$27,410	to	\$35,420
	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas & Mining	\$35,900	\$40,840	to	\$51,160
Installation, Maintenance & Repair Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$40,740	\$47,930	to	\$79,430
	Automotive Body & Related Repairers	\$29,730	\$32,240	to	\$39,660
	Automotive Service Techs	\$18,670	\$20,320	to	\$44,940
	Bus, Truck & Diesel Engine Techs	\$37,210	\$41,930	to	\$60,750
	Commercial & Industrial Equipment Techs	\$41,780	\$44,010	to	\$50,840
	Computerized Office Machine Repairers	\$30,030	\$31,360	to	\$49,600
	Control & Valve Techs	\$23,740	\$23,880	to	\$33,770
	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$40,580	\$49,360	to	\$95,840
	Helpers--Installation, Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$17,300	\$18,930	to	\$27,560
	HVAC Techs	\$37,250	\$38,140	to	\$61,190
	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$30,490	\$34,000	to	\$45,940
	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$25,500	\$29,880	to	\$50,710
	Maintenance Workers, Machinery	\$19,830	\$22,910	to	\$33,670
	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$37,410	\$42,240	to	\$53,710
Telecommunications Equipment Techs	\$41,820	\$45,270	to	\$56,900	
Production Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Production & Operating Workers	\$35,000	\$40,430	to	\$66,770
	Bakers	\$15,070	\$15,080	to	\$21,040
	Butchers & Meat Cutters	\$18,800	\$21,270	to	\$38,480
	Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	\$20,200	\$21,300	to	\$34,450
	Coating, Painting & Spraying Machine Operators	\$23,370	\$24,840	to	\$34,370
	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic	\$21,210	\$25,940	to	\$33,530
	Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters, Operators & Tenders, Metal & Plastic	\$23,460	\$25,390	to	\$31,180
	Dental Laboratory Technicians	\$29,060	\$37,260	to	\$49,160
	Inspectors & Testers	\$22,000	\$24,020	to	\$36,970
	Machinists	\$31,240	\$35,150	to	\$68,340
	Petroleum Pump System & Refinery Operators	\$17,660	\$17,930	to	\$52,960
	Team Assemblers	\$18,300	\$19,500	to	\$25,330
	Water/Waste Water Plant & System Operators	\$23,020	\$24,230	to	\$59,530
	Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	\$26,280	\$29,360	to	\$67,790
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Helpers & Laborers	\$28,880	\$29,860	to	\$51,780
	1st-Line Spvrs of Transportation & Material Handlers	\$40,430	\$44,910	to	\$82,570
	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$25,240	\$27,840	to	\$41,910
	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$16,760	\$17,900	to	\$32,470
	Crane & Tower Operators	\$45,570	\$44,740	to	\$51,310
	Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	\$19,490	\$20,490	to	\$30,700
Pump Operators	\$26,760	\$34,340	to	\$45,600	



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Manager Occupations	General & Operations Managers	\$47,930	\$58,360	to \$107,670
	Administrative Services Managers	\$37,660	\$44,110	to \$86,850
	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$61,640	\$69,670	to \$92,420
	Construction Managers	\$46,760	\$49,770	to \$122,440
	Education Administrators, Elem & Secondary	\$65,330	\$68,980	to \$87,610
	Engineering Managers	\$109,000	\$118,630	to **
	Financial Managers	\$38,910	\$42,810	to \$103,910
	Human Resources Managers	\$60,790	\$69,070	to \$87,220
	Industrial Production Managers	\$57,700	\$66,980	to \$117,150
	Marketing Managers	\$38,720	\$40,330	to \$78,850
	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$53,940	\$60,270	to \$87,760
	Social & Community Service Managers	\$20,150	\$20,890	to \$44,650
	Transportation & Distribution Managers	\$62,790	\$69,630	to \$107,310
Business Occupations	Accountants & Auditors	\$37,270	\$39,650	to \$82,330
	Appraisers & Assessors of Real Estate	\$29,460	\$33,540	to \$71,410
	Budget Analysts	\$36,940	\$38,480	to \$54,420
	Compensation, Benefits & Job Analysis Specialists	\$41,410	\$45,610	to \$61,800
	Compliance Officers	\$36,420	\$38,710	to \$69,200
	Cost Estimators	\$28,590	\$31,660	to \$58,370
	Employment, Recruitment & Placement Specialists	\$24,870	\$26,370	to \$37,330
	Purchasing Agents	\$35,830	\$40,240	to \$73,910
	Training & Labor Relations Specialists	\$49,250	\$52,190	to \$75,910
Computer Occupations	Computer Support Specialists	\$25,240	\$30,930	to \$57,940
	Computer Systems Analysts	\$91,180	\$111,360	to \$130,650
	Database Administrators	\$40,310	\$47,380	to \$67,530
	Network & Computer Systems Administrators	\$51,820	\$59,250	to \$82,490
	Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	\$33,650	\$35,990	to \$59,210
	Civil Engineering Technicians	\$29,330	\$33,650	to \$50,400
Engineers & Related Occupations	Civil Engineers	\$49,960	\$60,730	to \$109,100
	Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	\$46,730	\$48,070	to \$62,060
	Electrical Engineers	\$74,140	\$73,920	to \$86,870
	Environmental Engineers	\$59,490	\$58,580	to \$84,040
	Mechanical Drafters	\$24,180	\$25,580	to \$50,940
	Mechanical Engineers	\$76,240	\$79,610	to \$111,830
	Mining Safety Engineers	\$57,500	\$60,990	to \$80,430
	Petroleum Engineers	\$87,760	\$99,610	to \$127,490
	Surveying & Mapping Technicians	\$18,700	\$20,090	to \$41,890
	Surveyors	\$32,860	\$37,530	to \$51,910
Life, Physical & Social Science Occupations	Child, Family & School Social Workers	\$25,470	\$28,130	to \$44,350
	Conservation Scientists	\$35,090	\$36,970	to \$61,910
	Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	\$30,670	\$37,570	to \$60,970
	Geoscientists	\$55,910	\$62,650	to \$120,090
	Health Educators	\$17,970	\$18,250	to \$24,450
	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$22,370	\$22,450	to \$52,430
	Probation Officers & Correctional Treatment Specialists	\$26,500	\$28,090	to \$42,830
Legal Occs	Lawyers	\$30,710	\$31,490	to \$101,420
	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$28,530	\$28,120	to \$34,220
	Title Examiners, Abstractors & Searchers	\$24,190	\$27,920	to \$42,140
Education Occupations	Adult Literacy, Remedial Education & GED Teachers & Instructors	\$19,090	\$18,600	to \$23,190
	Elementary School Teachers	\$41,740	\$43,640	to \$53,130
	Instructional Coordinators	\$34,480	\$39,920	to \$61,940
	Kindergarten Teachers	\$37,270	\$41,650	to \$51,720
	Middle School Teachers	\$41,440	\$43,260	to \$51,770
	Preschool Teachers	\$16,240	\$16,780	to \$20,330
	Secondary School Teachers	\$40,200	\$42,870	to \$52,250
	Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten & Elementary School	\$38,090	\$41,350	to \$53,140
	Teacher Assistants	\$15,020	\$14,800	to \$19,840
	Vocational Education Teachers, Secondary School	\$39,940	\$44,830	to \$53,620
Arts, Design & Entertainment Occupations	Coaches & Scouts	\$14,890	\$14,320	to \$15,570
	Floral Designers	\$17,990	\$19,470	to \$29,020
	Graphic Designers	\$25,350	\$28,930	to \$53,950
Public Relations Specialists	Public Relations Specialists	\$20,540	\$23,880	to \$49,820
	Dental Assistants	\$21,320	\$23,180	to \$32,980
	Dietitians & Nutritionists	\$16,440	\$17,390	to \$46,460
	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$29,070	\$32,530	to \$55,590
	Home Health Aides	\$16,870	\$17,500	to \$29,030
	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$33,020	\$38,620	to \$49,140
	Medical Assistants	\$20,860	\$22,800	to \$31,650
	Medical Records Technicians	\$24,040	\$26,510	to \$40,340
	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$19,120	\$20,420	to \$25,910
	Occupational Health & Safety Specialists	\$49,130	\$57,650	to \$79,620

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Healthcare Occupations	Occupational Therapists	\$34,490	\$34,080	to \$74,280	
	Opticians, Dispensing	\$20,030	\$21,230	to \$36,900	
	Pharmacists	\$91,590	\$101,780	to \$136,480	
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$19,320	\$22,670	to \$35,590	
	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$37,420	\$43,480	to \$51,610	
	Physical Therapists	\$39,190	\$43,430	to \$83,180	
	Physician Assistants	\$71,580	\$72,870	to \$96,430	
	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	\$42,460	\$44,990	to \$59,210	
	Registered Nurses	\$51,740	\$55,570	to \$68,190	
	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$52,890	\$55,290	to \$75,950	
	Veterinary Assistants	\$17,060	\$17,880	to \$25,560	
	Protective Service Occs	1st-Line Spvrs of Police & Detectives	\$53,870	\$56,620	to \$71,790
		Detectives & Criminal Investigators	\$39,360	\$44,770	to \$59,480
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers		\$38,260	\$40,890	to \$61,060	
Security Guards		\$15,490	\$16,000	to \$22,710	
Food Preparation & Services Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Food Prep & Servers	\$19,490	\$22,390	to \$35,690	
	Chefs & Head Cooks	\$15,230	\$15,470	to \$41,040	
	Cooks, Restaurant	\$16,150	\$16,860	to \$23,560	
	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria & Coffee Shop	\$14,870	\$14,440	to \$16,190	
	Dining Room & Bartender Helpers	\$14,980	\$14,590	to \$16,740	
	Food Preparation Workers	\$15,080	\$14,780	to \$17,160	
Other Service Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Housekeepers & Janitors	\$16,870	\$18,530	to \$32,100	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Landscapers & Groundskeepers	\$29,280	\$34,210	to \$51,530	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Personal Service Workers	\$21,870	\$22,310	to \$34,350	
	Child Care Workers	\$16,560	\$17,610	to \$26,700	
	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$15,200	\$15,730	to \$27,000	
	Personal & Home Care Aides	\$18,310	\$19,010	to \$24,830	
	Recreation Workers	\$15,230	\$15,810	to \$26,120	
Sales & Related Occupations	Ushers, Lobby Attendants & Ticket Takers	\$14,700	\$14,380	to \$15,790	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Non-Retail Sales Workers	\$23,620	\$25,120	to \$53,520	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	\$19,490	\$21,150	to \$38,000	
	Cashiers	\$14,630	\$14,400	to \$17,470	
	Counter & Rental Clerks	\$15,300	\$15,760	to \$27,220	
	Insurance Sales Agents	\$21,610	\$23,100	to \$37,050	
	Parts Salespersons	\$25,420	\$28,850	to \$39,830	
	Retail Salespersons	\$15,200	\$15,730	to \$28,210	
	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$31,230	\$34,650	to \$55,310	
	Office & Administrative Occupations	1st-Line Spvrs of Office Support Workers	\$26,670	\$29,890	to \$47,330
Bill & Account Collectors		\$25,400	\$26,770	to \$32,450	
Billing & Posting Clerks		\$20,750	\$22,780	to \$33,120	
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks		\$18,950	\$21,420	to \$37,100	
Couriers & Messengers		\$15,540	\$16,350	to \$45,170	
Court, Municipal & License Clerks		\$27,930	\$27,910	to \$34,650	
Customer Service Representatives		\$17,610	\$18,610	to \$37,340	
Executive Secretaries & Admin Assistants		\$28,960	\$32,420	to \$50,560	
File Clerks		\$16,640	\$17,020	to \$36,050	
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks		\$14,950	\$15,120	to \$18,960	
Human Resources Assistants		\$22,410	\$25,570	to \$40,220	
Insurance Claims & Policy Processing Clerks		\$20,400	\$22,520	to \$33,210	
Library Assistants, Clerical		\$17,300	\$17,960	to \$29,890	
Office Clerks, General		\$15,240	\$15,880	to \$25,130	
Order Clerks		\$15,720	\$16,160	to \$28,970	
Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks		\$21,990	\$24,870	to \$36,890	
Police, Fire & Ambulance Dispatchers		\$27,320	\$28,270	to \$35,660	
Production, Planning & Expediting Clerks		\$29,650	\$32,300	to \$68,210	
Receptionists & Information Clerks		\$16,240	\$16,940	to \$24,630	
Secretaries		\$19,410	\$21,350	to \$31,740	
Construction & Extraction Occupations	Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	\$16,440	\$17,870	to \$31,720	
	Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$15,710	\$16,360	to \$32,090	
	Tellers	\$17,430	\$17,390	to \$21,540	
	1st-Line Spvrs of Construction & Extraction Workers	\$41,210	\$45,180	to \$87,550	
	Brickmasons & Blockmasons	\$37,850	\$38,460	to \$47,640	
	Carpenters	\$27,370	\$28,860	to \$39,850	
	Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	\$27,120	\$27,800	to \$35,280	
	Construction & Building Inspectors	\$40,070	\$43,520	to \$63,940	
	Construction Laborers	\$19,220	\$20,580	to \$31,890	
	Derrick Operators, Oil & Gas	\$40,180	\$43,420	to \$51,950	
	Drywall & Ceiling Tile Installers	\$24,100	\$24,840	to \$37,830	
	Electricians	\$36,850	\$39,980	to \$52,300	
	Construction Equipment Operators	\$31,600	\$35,170	to \$52,630	
Painters, Construction & Maintenance	\$27,480	\$29,310	to \$38,340		
Paving & Tamping Equipment Operators	\$34,210	\$34,680	to \$40,370		
Plasterers & Stucco Masons	\$29,580	\$28,930	to \$35,070		