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Paying**



**Jobs  
in Maine**

**Including:**

- **Estimated employment**
- **Annual job openings**

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# Highest Paying Jobs in Maine

Occupation	Wage <sup>1</sup>			Estimated <sup>2</sup> Employment	Annual Job Openings <sup>3</sup>
	Average	Entry Level	Experienced		
Surgeons	\$92.63	\$90.00	\$93.94	308	6
Dentists, General	87.91	75.93	93.89	580	12
Internists, General	70.88	53.12	79.75	448	9
Pediatricians, General	66.59	48.43	75.67	200	5
Family & General Practitioners	63.89	41.78	74.94	782	19
Optometrists	55.28	35.95	64.94	106	5
Chief Executives	52.85	28.70	64.92	1,387	39
Personal Financial Advisors	46.77	20.73	59.79	534	16
Pharmacists	46.64	37.70	51.11	985	40
Engineering Managers	44.90	33.25	50.73	769	16
Podiatrists	42.23	29.45	48.62	147	5
Lawyers	41.93	24.14	50.83	2,972	73
Computer & Information Systems Mgr.	38.24	23.73	45.50	1,026	32
General & Operations Managers	38.07	19.67	47.27	10,273	325
Securities/Finan. Serv. Sales Agents	37.75	19.00	47.13	879	27
Physician Assistants	37.26	29.77	41.00	736	35
Natural Sciences Managers	36.99	27.81	41.59	203	6
Sales Managers	36.96	20.88	45.00	1,309	43
Real Estate Brokers	36.35	14.92	47.07	1,201	36
Chemical Engineers	36.13	26.82	40.79	173	5
Marketing Managers	35.85	21.11	43.22	748	27
Electronics Engineers, Excl. Comp.	35.65	25.80	40.58	301	8
Medical & Health Services Managers	34.81	22.72	40.86	1,544	55
Industrial Production Managers	34.33	20.04	41.47	702	14
Financial Managers	33.65	20.83	40.05	2,832	74
Construction Managers	33.40	18.89	40.66	1,968	43
Purchasing Managers	33.15	23.29	38.08	311	7
Veterinarians	32.81	24.03	37.20	422	20
Computer Soft. Eng., Systems	32.57	22.18	37.76	324	13
Computer Soft. Eng., Applications	32.55	23.76	36.95	978	35
Electrical Engineers	32.33	24.97	36.01	323	8
Public Relations Managers	31.83	18.78	38.36	249	7
Compensation & Benefits Managers	31.49	21.82	36.33	296	8

<sup>1</sup> 2005 Maine hourly wages. Only annual wages are available for educational occupations. See notes on back panel for definitions of entry-level and experienced wages. Wages do not include self-employed.

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Financial Analysts	\$31.25	\$19.22	\$37.27	337	9
Industrial Engineers	31.11	22.26	35.53	435	12
Mechanical Engineers	31.08	22.84	35.21	638	18
Civil Engineers	31.08	22.08	35.58	779	16
Sales Engineers	30.96	22.44	35.21	140	6
Training & Development Managers	30.72	20.39	35.88	184	7
Computer Systems Analysts	30.25	21.92	34.42	1,186	31
Chiropractors	29.92	22.40	33.68	386	14
Education Admin., Elem./Sec. School	61,750	45,800	69,720	1,462	37
Environmental Engineers	29.68	21.10	33.97	332	12
Network Sys. & Data Comm. Analysts	29.42	18.60	34.83	521	28
Physical Therapists	29.31	22.54	32.70	1,094	34
Transportation/Storage/Distrib. Mgr.	29.28	18.09	34.88	612	18
Operations Research Analysts	29.16	20.09	33.70	162	5
Farm, Ranch, & Other Agricultural Mgr.	29.03	23.09	32.01	518	20
Biological Science Teachers, Postsec.	60,190	41,510	69,530	187	7
Clinical/Counsel/Schl. Psychologists	28.83	18.58	33.95	776	27
Education Administrators, Postsec.	28.62	16.30	34.78	627	20
Architects, Excl. Landscape & Naval	28.26	20.33	32.22	369	7
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	27.79	22.86	30.25	139	6
Management Analysts	27.71	19.44	31.84	1,829	26
Database Administrators	27.26	17.39	32.20	321	12
Funeral Directors	26.97	18.28	31.32	179	8
History Teachers, Postsecondary	55,460	39,820	63,270	110	5
Occup. Health & Safety Specialists	26.52	20.02	29.76	203	5
Advertising & Promotions Managers	26.42	17.15	31.06	388	15
Administrative Services Managers	26.40	16.91	31.15	1,079	30
Producers & Directors	26.03	12.03	33.02	161	5
Telecomm. Line Installers & Repairers	26.00	16.96	30.52	681	19
Dental Hygienists	25.87	20.13	28.75	813	29
Art Directors	25.71	19.86	28.63	130	5
Network & Computer Systems Admin.	25.62	18.34	29.25	993	37
First-Line Supvr./Police & Detect.	25.49	19.24	28.61	412	20
Registered Nurses	25.40	19.39	28.41	13,837	568

<sup>2</sup>Estimated Employment derived from base year of 2004-2014 projections.

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Business Teachers, Postsecondary	\$52,340	\$33,940	\$61,550	341	12
Computer Programmers	25.10	17.70	28.80	854	20
Sales Rep., Wh./Mfg., Tech./Sci.	24.88	15.84	29.39	864	35
Loan Officers	24.86	15.61	29.49	1,258	25
English Lang. & Lit.Tchr, Postsec.	51,680	37,500	58,770	272	9
Health Spec. Teachers, Postsec.	51,590	34,200	60,280	259	10
Occupational Therapists	24.75	18.93	27.66	649	19
Postmasters & Mail Superintendents	24.38	19.44	26.85	390	7
Accountants & Auditors	24.33	16.11	28.45	3,587	90
Market Research Analysts	24.23	15.02	28.83	263	12
Math. Science Teachers, Postsec.	50,290	37,710	56,580	197	6
Multi-Media Artists & Animators	24.15	13.47	29.49	188	7
Insurance Underwriters	24.04	16.17	27.98	623	11
Fine Artists	24.03	16.17	27.96	995	36
Detectives & Criminal Investigators	23.91	17.90	26.92	326	13
Cost Estimators	23.83	16.15	27.67	651	23
Foresters	23.76	18.17	26.56	159	5
Phil. & Religion Teachers, Postsec.	48,660	31,450	57,270	159	6
Zoologists & Wildlife Biologists	23.33	17.44	26.27	185	7
First-Line Supvr. Mech./Install./Rep.	23.30	16.01	26.95	2,246	76
Power Plant Operators	23.23	14.70	27.49	243	7
Speech-Language Pathologists	23.19	16.19	26.70	762	23
Sales Rep., Wh./Mfg., Excl. Tech.	23.17	12.58	28.47	5,043	202
Captains/Mates/Pilots of Water Vess.	23.12	11.27	29.05	233	9
Mechanical Drafters	23.12	18.51	25.43	797	22
Control/Valve Install. & Repair	23.10	17.39	25.95	271	7
Elec. Repairers, Comm. & Ind. Equip.	23.09	17.41	25.93	281	6
First-Line Supvr. Non-Retail Workers	23.07	12.05	28.57	1,661	38
Foreign Lang. & Lit. Tchr, Postsec.	47,910	36,330	53,700	120	5
Nursing Instr. & Tchr., Postsec.	47,910	33,870	54,930	252	9
Clergy	22.95	17.24	25.80	2,208	48
Insurance Sales Agents	22.75	12.83	27.71	3,347	80
First-Line Supvr. of Transportation & Mat. Moving Machine Operators	22.72	15.05	26.56	830	29

<sup>3</sup>These tables reflect anticipated annual openings between 2004-2014. They do not represent actual, current job openings.

**Average Weekly Wages in Maine  
by County, 2005**

Androscoggin	\$595
Aroostook	511
Cumberland	709
Franklin	560
Hancock	562
Kennebec	599
Knox	565
Lincoln	524
Oxford	537
Penobscot	582
Piscataquis	479
Sagadahoc	681
Somerset	561
Waldo	524
Washington	484
York	574
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$617</b>

**Average Weekly Wages in Maine  
by Industry, 2005**

Natural Resources and Mining	\$555
Construction	682
Manufacturing	810
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	535
Information	776
Financial Activities	850
Professional & Business Services	754
Education & Health Services	647
Leisure & Hospitality	280
Other Services	460
State Government	727
Local Government	571

*Note: Average wages may be influenced by seasonal factors, bonus and retroactive payments, high proportions of part-time workers, or large amounts of overtime work.*

## A note about the information

The **Highest Paying Jobs in Maine** table lists 100 of Maine's highest paying occupations with five or more projected annual openings. Occupations were selected based on their 2004 average hourly wages, and then sorted with the highest paying at the top. The **Entry-Level** and **Experienced Wages** have also been provided. These wages were not determined as part of the Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, but were calculated from the distribution of wages reported for each occupation. By definition, the **Entry-Level Wage** is the mean (average) of the lower third of the wage distribution and the **Experienced Wage** is the mean (average) of the upper two-thirds of the wage distribution.

The **Estimated Employment** column represents 2004 estimated base year employment, obtained from 2004-2014 Occupational Employment Projections. The **Annual Job Openings** column is an estimate of expected job openings per year. It combines expected new job openings with openings to replace those who leave an occupation. However, the **Annual Job Openings** column does not display actual, current job openings.

The **Average Weekly Wages in Maine by County, 2005** table shows that wages in Maine vary from county to county. This table displays those differences without regard to a specific occupation or industry. Wage rates do vary by industry, as well as by occupation and geography. Industry variations are displayed in the **Average Weekly Wages in Maine by Industry, 2005** table. Industry sectors are shown by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

For more information on *Highest Paying Jobs in Maine*, please contact John Roberts at the Division of Labor Market Information Services at (207) 621-5174 or at [www.Maine.gov/labor/lmis](http://www.Maine.gov/labor/lmis). For help in finding a job, we recommend a visit to your nearest CareerCenter.



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