

New Hampshire's Highest and Lowest Paid Jobs in 1999

Surgeons topped the list for the job with the highest mean hourly wage, \$68.53 in 1999. Surgeons are in the *Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations* major group*. Seven other high paying jobs fall into this major group. Jobs in this major group had higher wages than jobs in the other groups represented in the table, but employment was lower.

Estimated employment for the 25 highest paid jobs in the state was about 40,000, over six percent of total state-wide employment in 1999. General and operations managers, with an average wage of \$29.84, claimed nearly 40 percent of the total employment for these highest paying jobs.

Most of the highest paid jobs require at least a Bachelor's degree. Additional training, certification, or professional licensing may also be required.

Legislators, mostly Town Selectmen, had the lowest mean hourly wage in 1999, \$5.75. They are the only occupation from the Management occupations major group to make this list. Seventeen of the 25 lowest paid jobs in the state can be found in *Personal care and services occupations* and *Food preparation and serving related occupations* groups.

Many of the lowest paying jobs are typically in the Services and Trade industries and usually include many part-time positions. In general, most of the

25 Jobs With Highest Hourly Wages in 1999

SOC Code	Occupation	Mean Wage	Emp.
29-1067	Surgeons	\$68.53	n
29-1066	Psychiatrists	59.84	80
29-1020	Dentists	50.83	550
29-1063	Internists, general	50.63	560
23-1011	Lawyers	49.18	1,910
29-1062	Family and general practitioners	48.33	n
11-1011	Chief executives	44.36	3,090
29-1065	Pediatricians, general	41.23	n
13-1111	Management analysts	38.25	2,370
11-9041	Engineering managers	36.41	1,230
11-2021	Marketing managers	33.98	1,320
15-1011	Computer and information scientists, research	33.78	n
11-2022	Sales managers	33.69	1,580
11-9121	Natural sciences managers	32.76	90
13-1031	Claims adjusters, examiners, and investigators	32.09	1,000
11-3021	Computer and information systems managers	32.03	1,620
13-2052	Personal financial advisors	31.90	480
17-2071	Electrical engineers	31.63	480
15-1031	Computer software engineers, applications	31.55	2,590
29-1131	Veterinarians	31.49	220
17-2072	Electronics engineers, except computer	31.23	470
29-1051	Pharmacists	30.49	660
17-2199	Engineers, all other	30.07	1,230
17-2061	Computer hardware engineers	29.91	270
11-1021	General and operations managers	29.84	13,960

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SOC Code	Occupation	Mean Wage	Emp.
11-1031	Legislators	\$5.75	310
51-6041	Shoe and leather workers and repairers	6.27	n
39-3031	Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers	6.32	280
35-9011	Dining room and cafeteria attendants and bartender helpers	6.49	1,220
35-3031	Waiters and waitresses	6.55	13,010
35-3022	Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concession, & coffee shop	6.56	1,350
51-3093	Food cooking machine operators and tenders	6.61	430
39-6011	Baggage porters and bellhops	6.72	70
31-9096	Veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers	6.74	350
53-3099	Motor vehicle operators, all other	6.99	730
35-9021	Dishwashers	7.06	2,700
39-6032	Transportation attendants, ex. flight attendants & porters	7.12	n
53-6021	Parking lot attendants	7.18	n
35-3021	Combined food preparation & serving workers, inc. fast food	7.19	8,910
35-3011	Bartenders	7.20	3,020
39-3093	Locker room, coatroom, and dressing room attendants	7.20	n
35-2011	Cooks, fast food	7.21	1,090
35-3041	Food servers, nonrestaurant	7.22	520
39-6021	Tour guides and escorts	7.29	140
41-2011	Cashiers	7.30	20,670
39-5092	Manicurists and pedicurists	7.31	n
39-3091	Amusement and recreation attendants	7.34	n
53-6031	Service station attendants	7.41	210
39-9021	Personal and home care aides	7.48	940
35-2015	Cooks, short order	7.53	2,180

n = data items are not releasable because of confidentiality

lowest paid jobs don't require formal post-secondary education, but some may require on-the-job training.

Estimated employment for the 25 lowest paid jobs in the state was roughly

60,000, about 10 percent of total state-wide employment in 1999. Cashiers and Waiters and waitresses claimed over half of the total employment for these lowest paid jobs.

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* The 1999 Employment and Wage data for New Hampshire was collected during the fourth quarter. Occupations were classified using the new Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) System. The SOC classifies workers at four levels of aggregation: 1) major group; 2) minor group; 3) broad occupation; and 4) detailed occupation. All occupations are clustered into one of 23 major groups. Within these major groups are 96 minor groups, 449 broad occupations, and 821 detailed occupations. Occupations with similar skills or work activities are grouped at each of the four levels of hierarchy to facilitate comparisons.

For example, *Life, Physical and Social Science Occupations* major group (19-0000) is divided into four minor groups, *Life Scientists* (19-1000), *Physical Scientists* (19-2000), *Social Scientists and Related Workers* (19-3000), and *Life, Physical and Social Science Technicians* (19-4000). *Life Scientists* contains broad occupations such as *Agriculture and Food Scientists* (19-1010), and *Biological Scientists* (19-1020). The broad occupation *Biological Scientists* includes detailed occupations such as *Biochemists and Biophysicists* (19-1021), and *Microbiologists* (19-1022).