

What States Pay the Highest and Lowest Nursing Salaries

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Every nurse is interested in knowing how their salary compares to that of others. The new grad who is searching for that first job wants to know where the highest paying jobs are. Based on data provided by more than 18,000 nurse respondents in the allnurses Salary Survey, below you will find some general figures to help guide you.

As with any job, salaries for nurses vary greatly from state to state and even city to city within the same state. Below are listed average high and low state salaries by degree based on the results of the allnurses salary survey. In order to find the "best" state to work in, more than just the numbers below have to be considered.

These figures represent nurses of all levels of experience, age, position, specialty area, work setting, etc. The figures also do not account for the cost of living indexes.

Cost of Living

We all know that the cost of living index greatly affects the value of the salary and what that salary will buy.

Generally, the cost of living is highest on the West Coast and in the Northeast. The states in the South, Midwest, and sections of the Mountain West have the lowest cost of living.

Based on cost of living data provided by research conducted by the Council for Community and Economic Research, the cost of living indexes for the highest and lowest states are as follows.

States with the Highest Cost of Living:

HAWAII: 167.1
WASHINGTON DC: 144.8
CONNECTICUT: 132.7
ALASKA: 134.5
NEW YORK: 130.4

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States with the Lowest Cost of Living:

TENNESSEE: 90.6
KENTUCKY: 91
ARKANSAS: 91.5
INDIANA: 91.7
KANSAS: 91.9

Top 8 States By Salary (ALL Degrees)

California	\$81,200
Hawaii	\$80,500
Alaska	\$75,300
Oregon	\$73,000
Massachusetts	\$71,200
New Jersey	\$70,100
Connecticut	\$69,550
New York	\$69,450

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How does your salary stack up to the ones listed?

Are you thinking about moving in search of a higher salary?

Remember.....it's more than the numbers that count.

Top 8 States By Salary (DIPLOMA Degree Only)

Alaska	\$69,000
Massachusetts	\$64,800
Oregon	\$59,200
Connecticut	\$58,450
New Jersey	\$54,400
Hawaii	\$49,500
New York	\$49,000
California	\$47,700

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Top 8 States By Salary (Associate Degree Only)

California	\$81,500
Alaska	\$80,400
Hawaii	\$75,000
New Jersey	\$69,500
Massachusetts	\$67,200
Oregon	\$66,771
Connecticut	\$62,400
New York	\$61,000

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Top 8 States By Salary (BSN Degree Only)

California	\$86,800
Hawaii	\$79,850
New York	\$76,150
Oregon	\$75,300
Alaska	\$72,900
Connecticut	\$71,800
Massachusetts	\$70,650
New Jersey	\$68,800

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Top 8 States By Salary (MSN Degree Only)

Hawaii	\$108,000
Connecticut	\$106,500
Arkansas	\$102,750
Massachusetts	\$100,000
Oregon	\$97,000
New York	\$96,500
New Jersey	\$95,000
South Carolina	\$92,262

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Bottom 6 States By Salary (ALL Degrees)

Kansas	\$50,500
Iowa	\$50,000
Mississippi	\$49,700
Alabama	\$48,750
South Dakota	\$48,200
Arkansas	\$48,125

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Bottom 6 States By Salary (DIPLOMA Degree)

Arkansas	\$41,650
Iowa	\$38,800
South Dakota	\$37,600
Alabama	\$37,200
Kansas	\$36,000
Mississippi	\$34,400

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Bottom 6 States By Salary (ASSOCIATE Degree)

Mississippi	\$50,800
Alabama	\$49,000
Iowa	\$48,800
Kansas	\$48,600
South Dakota	\$48,200
Arkansas	\$45,750

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Bottom 6 States By Salary (BSN Degree)

Arkansas	\$56,200
Iowa	\$54,000
Kansas	\$53,000
Mississippi	\$52,400
Alabama	\$51,200
South Dakota	\$45,850

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Bottom 6 States By Salary (MSN Degree)

Oklahoma	\$66,500
Wyoming	\$66,350
North Dakota	\$65,000
Alabama	\$62,000
Maine	\$61,350
Mississippi	\$52,840

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