DLT Department of Labor and Training
RHODE ISLAND

2020 Average Annual Wage - Private Sector

U.S. Average Annual Wage - $64,238

Rank	State	Annual Wage
1	MA	$85,218
2	NY	$84,747
3	CA	$79,746
4	WA	$77,771
5	CT	$76,346
6	NJ	$74,082
7	CO	$67,444
8	IL	$66,975
9	MD	$66,359
10	NH	$66,012
11	VA	$65,241
12	MN	$64,651
13	TX	$63,879
14	DE	$62,538
15	PA	$61,941
16	AK	$60,865
17	GA	$59,805
18	MI	$59,463
19	OR	$58,967
20	RI	$58,727
21	AZ	$58,165
22	NC	$56,520
23	ND	$56,071
24	TN	$55,610
25	FL	$55,404
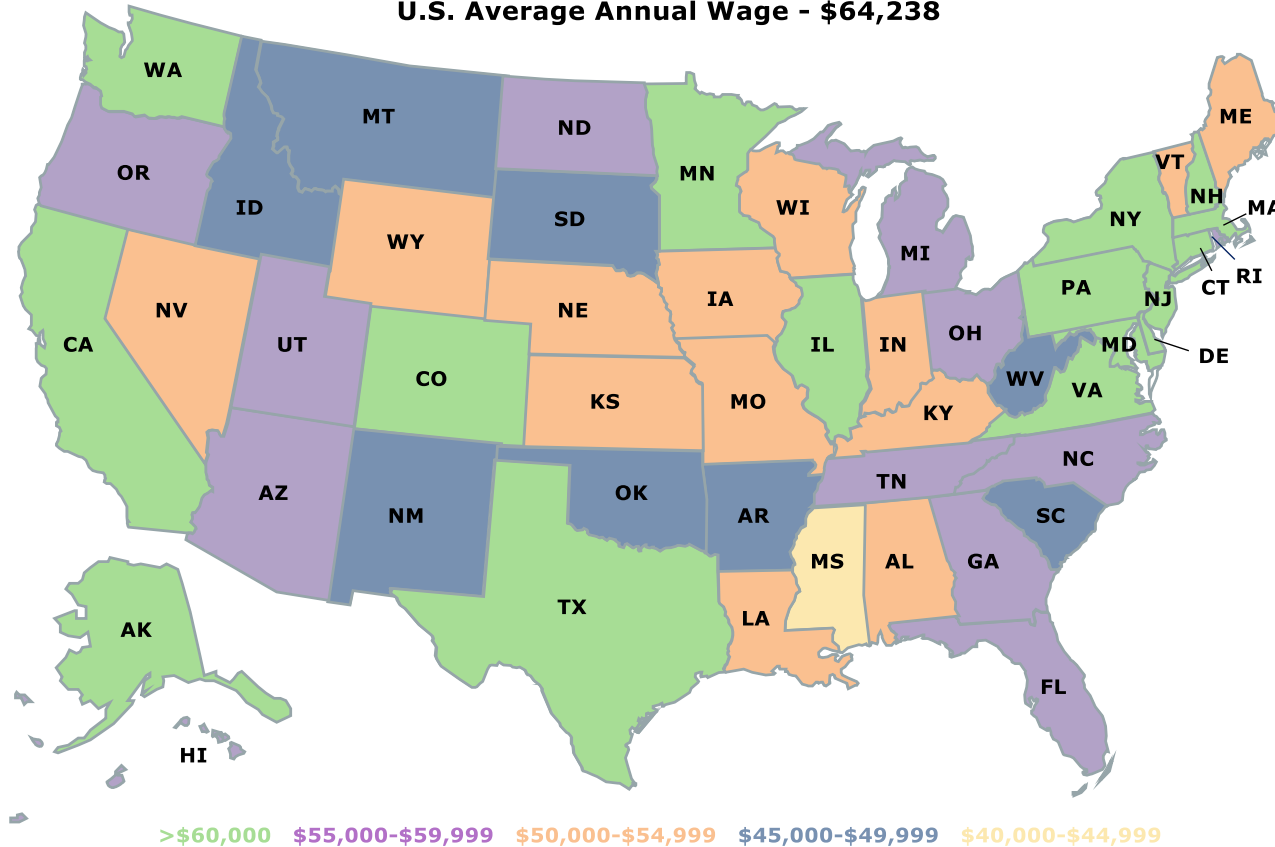
Rank	State	Annual Wage
26	OH	$55,378
27	UT	$55,152
28	HI	$55,030
29	NV	$54,856
30	MO	$54,766
31	WI	$53,909
32	VT	$53,259
33	KS	$52,734
34	LA	$52,264
35	IN	$52,210
36	IA	$51,978
37	ME	$51,797
38	AL	$51,384
39	NE	$51,374
40	KY	$50,932
41	WY	$50,241
42	SD	$49,497
43	OK	$49,154
44	SC	$49,025
45	AR	$48,705
46	NM	$48,700
47	ID	$47,798
48	WV	$47,716
49	MT	$47,486
50	MS	$42,551

Legend: >$60,000 | $55,000-$59,999 | $50,000-$54,999 | $45,000-$49,999 | $40,000-$44,999

The average annual wage in Rhode Island's private sector averaged $58,727 in 2020, the 20th highest annual wage in the nation. Rhode Island's 2020 annual wage was 8.6 percent less than the national average of $64,238. Across the country, the private sector annual wage averaged from a high of $85,218 in Massachusetts, to a low of $42,551 in Mississippi. Within New England, Rhode Island had the fourth highest annual wage, trailing Massachusetts, Connecticut ($76,346) and New Hampshire ($66,012). Annual wages in Vermont and Maine averaged $53,259 and $51,797, respectively.

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