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By city population, region, city type, and form of government, United States, July-November 2006

	Number of cities	Salary levels			Number of cities	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median
All cities, total	1,962	\$72,887	\$69,600	50,000 to 99,999, total	122	\$106,395	\$105,208
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	246	92,330	90,760	Northeast	17	105,805	98,911
North Central	682	66,681	64,690	North Central	34	106,772	108,230
South	857	66,367	59,688	South	51	102,308	100,860
West	177	101,339	94,432	West	20	116,676	114,908
<u>City type</u>				<u>City type</u>			
Central	191	103,599	100,000	Central	71	100,443	96,938
Suburban	941	84,596	83,652	Suburban	51	114,681	111,940
Independent	830	52,543	50,045				
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>Form of government</u>			
Mayor-council	735	61,214	55,219	Mayor-council	31	95,873	95,063
Council-manager	1,161	79,660	76,056	Council-manager	90	109,650	110,290
Commission	25	76,712	70,582				
Town meeting	28	83,506	88,963	25,000 to 49,999, total	234	98,110	96,459
Representative town meeting	13	97,713	90,056	<u>Region</u>			
Over 1,000,000, total	3	172,419	174,290	Northeast	41	102,167	97,677
<u>City type</u>				North Central	78	93,501	96,198
Central	3	172,419	174,290	South	86	95,280	92,494
500,000 to 1,000,000, total	6	145,717	150,030	West	29	113,159	111,445
<u>Region</u>				<u>City type</u>			
South	6	145,717	150,030	Central	47	90,067	90,000
<u>City type</u>				Suburban	151	104,315	102,991
Central	6	145,717	150,030	Independent	36	82,580	81,720
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>Form of government</u>			
Council-manager	5	138,635	119,551	Mayor-council	54	91,751	90,316
250,000 to 499,999, total	11	120,835	124,760	Council-manager	172	99,995	100,253
<u>Region</u>				Representative town meeting	6	106,290	102,245
North Central	3	127,161	136,095	10,000 to 24,999, total	549	84,784	81,817
South	3	123,336	133,027	<u>Region</u>			
West	4	117,041	124,303	Northeast	118	97,189	91,375
<u>City type</u>				North Central	181	81,354	79,954
Central	11	120,835	124,760	South	190	75,932	73,431
<u>Form of government</u>				West	60	98,765	93,375
Mayor-council	5	113,332	103,500	<u>City type</u>			
Council-manager	6	127,087	129,448	Central	8	76,676	75,867
100,000 to 249,999, total	62	121,451	119,206	Suburban	365	91,323	89,455
<u>Region</u>				Independent	176	71,591	70,768
Northeast	3	141,972	136,500	<u>Form of government</u>			
North Central	13	104,259	104,281	Mayor-council	154	81,138	79,253
South	30	113,210	113,484	Council-manager	362	85,841	82,917
West	16	147,023	149,340	Commission	12	80,862	82,095
<u>City type</u>				Town meeting	16	93,921	92,024
Central	44	114,379	112,347	Representative town meeting	5	100,674	70,019
Suburban	18	138,737	134,001	5,000 to 9,999, total	283	65,838	63,055
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Mayor-council	15	107,929	103,496	Northeast	40	82,251	70,719
Council-manager	45	126,734	123,996	North Central	88	64,049	62,785
				South	134	60,581	57,886
				West	21	75,620	73,292
				<u>City type</u>			
				Suburban	136	73,569	69,088
				Independent	147	58,686	58,635
				<u>Form of government</u>			
				Mayor-council	94	65,716	61,606
				Council-manager	177	65,084	63,055
				Commission	4	64,122	57,604
				Town meeting	7	86,577	82,500

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	Number of cities	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median
2,500 to 4,999, total	254	\$53,379	\$51,987
<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	20	51,735	51,649
North Central	91	55,685	56,000
South	131	50,252	48,996
West	12	72,766	71,279
<u>City type</u>			
Suburban	115	57,963	56,304
Independent	138	49,540	46,912
<u>Form of government</u>			
Mayor-council	106	53,141	54,021
Council-manager	142	53,929	51,663
Commission	3	37,887	37,161
Town meeting	3	51,239	51,678
Under 2,500, total	438	41,274	39,297
<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	6	66,209	60,578
North Central	194	38,079	38,318
South	224	41,757	39,595
West	14	67,145	61,950
<u>City type</u>			
Suburban	105	52,415	47,133
Independent	333	37,761	36,720
<u>Form of government</u>			
Mayor-council	274	37,239	36,000
Council-manager	160	47,994	45,654

Note: These data are from a survey of local government officials conducted by The Waters Consulting Group, Inc. for the International City/County Management Association beginning in July 2006. Of the 8,675 cities surveyed, 2,612 returned the questionnaires for a response rate of 30%. The mean salary level is calculated by dividing the total number of salaries into the total amount paid in salaries. The median salary level is the salary that marks the point below which and above which 50% of all salaries fall. When there is an even number of observations, the mean of the two middle observations is reported. Classifications having less than three cities reporting are excluded by the Source because meaningful statistics cannot be computed. Therefore, the number reporting in subcategories does not always add to the total reporting. The term "cities" refers to cities, villages, towns, townships, and boroughs. For definitions of terms, a list of States in regions, and detail of survey response rates, see [Appendix 2](#).

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