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By city population, region, city type, and form of government, United States, July-November 2004

	Number of cities	Salary levels			Number of cities	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median
All cities, total	1,432	\$73,334	\$69,837	50,000 to 99,999, total	124	\$97,288	\$95,925
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	219	82,264	80,075	Northeast	13	102,166	97,000
North Central	373	70,684	69,083	North Central	34	94,485	96,202
South	641	66,834	62,190	South	55	94,560	94,695
West	199	90,955	84,588	West	22	106,284	105,910
<u>City type</u>				<u>City type</u>			
Central	195	97,773	93,083	Central	72	93,073	90,208
Independent	448	55,173	52,736	Suburban	50	103,438	101,639
Suburban	789	77,731	75,520	<u>Form of government</u>			
<u>Form of government</u>				Council-manager	79	96,988	95,351
Commission	57	68,152	67,932	Mayor-council	45	97,805	95,925
Council-manager	805	73,702	69,864	25,000 to 49,999, total	192	91,274	89,742
Mayor-council	560	73,310	69,879	<u>Region</u>			
Representative town meeting	7	65,837	59,739	Northeast	32	93,907	86,268
Over 1,000,000, total	4	145,571	144,421	North Central	55	85,684	86,901
<u>Region</u>				South	73	87,375	86,836
South	3	144,022	138,623	West	32	109,123	105,397
<u>City type</u>				<u>City type</u>			
Central	4	145,571	144,421	Central	52	82,692	81,370
<u>Form of government</u>				Independent	28	79,026	73,411
Council-manager	3	138,882	138,623	Suburban	112	98,413	95,784
500,000 to 1,000,000, total	8	130,550	135,504	<u>Form of government</u>			
<u>Region</u>				Commission	5	93,467	90,289
South	6	129,900	135,504	Council-manager	121	90,063	89,757
<u>City type</u>				Mayor-council	65	92,983	87,000
Central	8	130,550	135,504	10,000 to 24,999, total	390	76,210	74,015
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Council-manager	7	129,914	136,008	Northeast	86	86,977	83,762
250,000 to 499,999, total	6	132,884	132,404	North Central	101	72,791	72,000
<u>Region</u>				South	164	69,525	66,300
West	3	142,284	143,562	West	39	91,429	93,604
<u>City type</u>				<u>City type</u>			
Central	6	132,884	132,404	Central	10	74,852	72,500
<u>Form of government</u>				Independent	123	63,345	62,570
Council-manager	3	125,023	125,863	Suburban	257	82,373	80,308
Mayor-council	3	140,745	136,236	<u>Form of government</u>			
100,000 to 249,999, total	66	117,823	116,688	Commission	21	81,493	81,544
<u>Region</u>				Council-manager	217	73,731	71,352
North Central	11	109,496	115,334	Mayor-council	148	79,219	75,754
South	33	110,049	111,903	Representative town meeting	4	77,881	77,609
West	22	135,297	139,000	5,000 to 9,999, total	354	61,680	58,640
<u>City type</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Central	43	112,681	111,594	Northeast	62	76,007	65,527
Suburban	23	128,364	123,239	North Central	99	60,884	58,644
<u>Form of government</u>				South	149	54,234	52,060
Council-manager	41	118,162	114,016	West	44	68,542	68,274
Mayor-council	23	121,231	122,911	<u>City type</u>			
				Independent	159	54,451	52,645
				Suburban	195	67,622	65,527
				<u>Form of government</u>			
				Commission	16	69,562	58,669
				Council-manager	190	59,494	57,406
				Mayor-council	147	63,782	59,640

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	Number of cities	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median
2,500 to 4,999, total	205	\$49,159	\$47,299
<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	22	60,998	56,379
North Central	51	53,824	53,303
South	112	43,633	42,000
West	20	53,899	56,932
<u>City type</u>			
Independent	104	43,946	41,316
Suburban	101	54,424	55,000
<u>Form of government</u>			
Commission	8	44,764	37,968
Council-manager	102	48,070	46,140
Mayor-council	94	50,520	48,496
Under 2,500, total	83	48,651	43,251
<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	4	48,269	53,523
North Central	20	47,457	43,251
South	44	44,136	39,396
West	15	63,209	52,509
<u>City type</u>			
Independent	32	43,560	39,698
Suburban	51	51,976	49,339
<u>Form of government</u>			
Commission	6	27,832	32,400
Council-manager	42	52,162	45,489
Mayor-council	33	47,019	41,833

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 2004. Of the 8,119 cities surveyed, 2,215 returned the questionnaires for a response rate of 27%. 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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