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By city population, region, city type, and form of government, United States, July-November 2005

	Number of cities	Salary levels			Number of cities	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median
All cities, total	1,616	\$72,489	\$69,608	50,000 to 99,999, total	110	\$104,618	\$103,782
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	217	92,536	89,250	Northeast	14	103,440	98,668
North Central	564	65,395	63,868	North Central	37	102,493	101,832
South	662	63,901	58,446	South	34	98,391	101,747
West	173	103,328	98,592	West	25	116,892	116,897
<u>City type</u>				<u>City type</u>			
Central	177	101,911	99,750	Central	59	99,672	98,027
Suburban	747	85,670	84,231	Suburban	51	110,340	110,032
Independent	692	50,734	48,814				
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>Form of government</u>			
Mayor-council	590	60,438	54,538	Mayor-council	27	93,296	91,848
Council-manager	969	79,261	75,840	Council-manager	82	107,976	107,289
Commission	24	74,117	67,598				
Town meeting	23	82,838	86,600	25,000 to 49,999, total	209	95,664	93,385
Representative town meeting	10	99,538	102,004	<u>Region</u>			
Over 1,000,000, total	3	165,403	168,396	Northeast	35	99,993	96,000
<u>City type</u>				North Central	73	90,122	90,000
Central	3	165,403	168,396	South	72	92,430	89,250
500,000 to 1,000,000, total	5	131,951	115,508	West	29	112,417	109,512
<u>Region</u>				<u>City type</u>			
South	3	144,191	142,064	Central	43	88,708	86,607
<u>City type</u>				Suburban	132	101,555	99,708
Central	5	131,951	115,508	Independent	34	81,587	80,826
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>Form of government</u>			
Mayor-council	3	134,061	138,174	Mayor-council	47	87,498	86,322
250,000 to 499,999, total	6	116,977	117,266	Council-manager	156	97,953	96,160
<u>City type</u>				Representative town meeting	4	109,987	107,883
Central	6	116,977	117,266	10,000 to 24,999, total	470	82,192	78,279
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Mayor-council	4	107,486	104,556	Northeast	115	93,151	87,793
100,000 to 249,999, total	64	120,304	115,916	North Central	146	76,816	74,850
<u>Region</u>				South	153	73,882	71,173
Northeast	4	130,622	121,428	West	56	96,412	90,872
North Central	15	103,191	102,461	<u>City type</u>			
South	24	111,420	113,344	Central	12	75,207	75,026
West	21	140,715	138,434	Suburban	314	88,468	86,661
<u>City type</u>				Independent	144	69,089	68,671
Central	48	115,181	113,792	<u>Form of government</u>			
Suburban	16	135,672	127,273	Mayor-council	129	80,373	75,458
<u>Form of government</u>				Council-manager	305	82,974	78,784
Mayor-council	15	106,286	100,755	Commission	15	71,588	67,000
Council-manager	47	125,621	125,200	Town meeting	16	86,235	87,690
				Representative town meeting	5	100,341	98,890
				5,000 to 9,999, total	234	65,645	61,302
				<u>Region</u>			
				Northeast	43	81,653	68,517
				North Central	74	62,479	59,871
				South	91	58,155	57,366
				West	26	74,394	72,286
				<u>City type</u>			
				Suburban	116	73,445	67,115
				Independent	118	57,977	58,158
				<u>Form of government</u>			
				Mayor-council	83	65,823	59,000
				Council-manager	143	65,173	62,252
				Town meeting	6	77,752	74,766

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	Number of cities	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median
2,500 to 4,999, total	146	\$53,455	\$52,359
<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	3	55,804	59,000
North Central	52	56,256	55,790
South	83	49,720	48,776
West	8	73,120	77,084
<u>City type</u>			
Suburban	59	57,296	56,848
Independent	86	50,813	50,325
<u>Form of government</u>			
Mayor-council	46	53,631	55,042
Council-manager	98	53,495	51,746
Under 2,500, total	369	38,718	36,996
<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	3	73,041	59,000
North Central	163	35,230	33,758
South	198	39,952	37,884
West	5	82,923	63,551
<u>City type</u>			
Suburban	59	52,765	48,984
Independent	310	36,044	34,986
<u>Form of government</u>			
Mayor-council	235	34,584	33,204
Council-manager	132	45,793	44,154

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 2005. Of the 8,676 cities surveyed, 2,234 returned the questionnaires for a response rate of 26%. 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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