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By city population, region, city type, and form of government, United States, July-December 2007

	Number of cities	Salary levels			Number of cities	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median
All cities, total	1,505	\$72,684	\$67,536	50,000 to 99,999, total	81	\$111,721	\$109,759
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	140	83,180	81,630	North Central	24	111,362	115,551
North Central	545	70,014	65,416	South	41	106,318	104,057
South	715	69,738	62,837	West	14	129,037	120,999
West	105	92,610	81,013	<u>City type</u>			
<u>City type</u>				Central	50	102,162	100,301
Central	123	107,430	101,628	Suburban	31	127,139	120,000
Suburban	735	80,944	77,438	<u>Form of government</u>			
Independent	647	56,696	53,536	Mayor-council	17	99,325	98,435
<u>Form of government</u>				Council-manager	64	115,014	114,292
Mayor-council	576	62,988	57,608	25,000 to 49,999, total	136	102,240	101,511
Council-manager	870	78,896	74,323	<u>Region</u>			
Commission	28	68,115	60,869	Northeast	14	104,237	103,845
Town meeting	24	79,006	82,238	North Central	44	100,205	100,494
Representative town meeting	7	95,114	97,677	South	69	101,352	101,021
Over 1,000,000, total	3	162,114	168,504	West	9	115,888	117,790
<u>Region</u>				<u>City type</u>			
South	3	162,114	168,504	Central	29	92,565	91,083
<u>City type</u>				Suburban	83	110,358	107,016
Central	3	162,114	168,504	Independent	24	85,856	81,882
500,000 to 1,000,000, total	4	154,064	152,810	<u>Form of government</u>			
<u>Region</u>				Mayor-council	23	94,418	93,360
South	4	154,064	152,810	Council-manager	109	104,236	104,628
<u>City type</u>				10,000 to 24,999, total	329	84,391	83,013
Central	4	154,064	152,810	<u>Region</u>			
<u>Form of government</u>				Northeast	46	95,556	95,499
Council-manager	4	154,064	152,810	North Central	119	84,518	85,842
250,000 to 499,999, total	5	132,031	136,981	South	149	78,794	76,243
<u>Region</u>				West	15	104,733	102,043
South	3	126,288	136,981	<u>City type</u>			
<u>City type</u>				Central	5	84,913	79,058
Central	5	132,031	136,981	Suburban	209	90,633	90,856
<u>Form of government</u>				Independent	115	73,023	72,369
Council-manager	4	131,536	137,532	<u>Form of government</u>			
100,000 to 249,999, total	38	127,152	127,722	Mayor-council	109	80,654	80,724
<u>Region</u>				Council-manager	201	85,879	83,521
Northeast	3	150,351	136,500	Commission	7	70,542	68,000
North Central	6	115,627	111,311	Town meeting	9	96,838	98,430
South	21	120,332	121,500	Representative town meeting	3	115,383	108,733
West	8	144,999	148,825	5,000 to 9,999, total	294	67,833	66,615
<u>City type</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Central	26	122,004	119,553	Northeast	34	81,276	75,012
Suburban	12	138,306	133,426	North Central	96	68,287	67,825
<u>Form of government</u>				South	139	62,413	60,258
Mayor-council	9	126,635	117,000	West	25	77,942	75,730
Council-manager	27	128,498	130,440	<u>City type</u>			
				Suburban	145	74,972	72,322
				Independent	149	60,886	61,000
				<u>Form of government</u>			
				Mayor-council	114	65,607	65,142
				Council-manager	162	69,003	67,132
				Commission	9	64,066	57,992
				Town meeting	8	79,160	77,816

See notes at end of table.

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	Number of cities	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median
2,500 to 4,999, total	330	\$55,610	\$53,548
<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	33	57,857	56,000
North Central	130	58,294	57,460
South	149	51,410	49,553
West	18	66,883	63,437
<u>City type</u>			
Suburban	148	61,530	59,636
Independent	181	50,735	49,870
<u>Form of government</u>			
Mayor-council	155	52,745	51,903
Council-manager	163	58,247	54,859
Commission	7	52,676	55,124
Town meeting	5	62,579	56,000
Under 2,500, total	285	48,360	45,614
<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	8	56,916	53,098
North Central	124	47,659	46,800
South	137	46,908	43,995
West	16	61,947	57,763
<u>City type</u>			
Suburban	107	54,333	49,226
Independent	178	44,769	43,267
<u>Form of government</u>			
Mayor-council	147	44,294	43,260
Council-manager	134	52,794	49,353

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 2007. Of the 8,675 cities surveyed, 1,897 returned the questionnaires for a response rate of 22%. 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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