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By county population, region, metro status, and form of government, United States, July-November 2006

	Number of counties	Salary levels			Number of counties	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median
All counties, total	391	\$70,041	\$63,637	50,000 to 99,999, total	51	\$70,311	\$69,492
<u>Region</u>				<u>Region</u>			
Northeast	15	77,739	67,200	North Central	17	66,872	66,354
North Central	165	63,787	58,799	South	28	73,802	72,598
South	159	70,590	67,275	West	4	71,465	69,889
West	52	85,984	82,112	<u>County type</u>			
<u>County type</u>				Metro	22	72,776	67,777
Metro	142	93,046	88,857	Nonmetro	29	68,441	69,492
Nonmetro	249	56,921	55,440	<u>Form of government</u>			
<u>Form of government</u>				County commission	26	65,338	66,457
County commission	239	58,438	55,666	Council-manager/administrator	14	72,331	71,040
Council-manager/administrator	85	92,288	84,204	Council-elected executive	11	79,494	76,560
Council-elected executive	67	83,205	76,590	25,000 to 49,999, total	89	63,839	60,280
Population over 1,000,000, total	9	163,910	133,274	<u>Region</u>			
<u>Region</u>				North Central	48	64,895	59,989
North Central	3	122,002	118,860	South	34	63,604	62,339
West	4	195,678	191,323	West	6	61,212	56,012
<u>County type</u>				<u>County type</u>			
Metro	9	163,910	133,274	Metro	20	71,394	69,076
<u>Form of government</u>				Nonmetro	69	61,649	58,873
Council-manager/administrator	6	171,398	168,384	<u>Form of government</u>			
500,000 to 1,000,000, total	13	116,559	114,558	County commission	60	60,044	56,559
<u>Region</u>				Council-manager/administrator	21	74,099	71,963
Northeast	3	117,733	123,030	Council-elected executive	8	65,370	62,618
North Central	3	125,135	129,946	10,000 to 24,999, total	104	54,165	53,512
South	4	132,652	130,603	<u>Region</u>			
West	3	85,349	98,325	North Central	50	53,310	53,482
<u>County type</u>				South	45	53,758	53,448
Metro	13	116,559	114,558	West	7	55,510	50,830
<u>Form of government</u>				<u>County type</u>			
County commission	4	107,095	103,512	Metro	9	64,375	60,492
Council-manager/administrator	5	100,472	67,200	Nonmetro	95	53,197	53,404
Council-elected executive	4	146,130	145,801	<u>Form of government</u>			
250,000 to 499,999, total	30	107,868	102,318	County commission	79	51,674	51,745
<u>Region</u>				Council-manager/administrator	9	67,841	70,404
North Central	9	103,096	90,720	Council-elected executive	16	58,771	58,335
South	14	113,852	118,393	5,000 to 9,999, total	33	46,499	40,740
West	5	110,519	92,069	<u>Region</u>			
<u>County type</u>				North Central	18	45,081	40,488
Metro	30	107,868	102,318	South	9	39,883	29,544
<u>Form of government</u>				West	5	60,607	51,068
County commission	11	83,285	90,720	<u>County type</u>			
Council-manager/administrator	11	132,250	125,005	Nonmetro	32	47,047	45,498
Council-elected executive	8	108,146	102,318	<u>Form of government</u>			
100,000 to 249,999, total	45	88,005	87,025	County commission	29	45,731	40,740
<u>Region</u>				Council-elected executive	3	56,923	43,045
Northeast	4	74,165	77,315				
North Central	11	83,306	81,894				
South	19	85,566	85,835				
West	11	101,948	93,540				
<u>County type</u>							
Metro	38	88,125	87,402				
Nonmetro	7	87,349	92,348				
<u>Form of government</u>							
County commission	13	77,196	78,276				
Council-manager/administrator	17	93,367	87,025				
Council-elected executive	15	91,295	88,705				

See notes at end of table.

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	Number of counties	Salary levels	
		Mean	Median
2,500 to 4,999, total	10	\$47,508	\$35,465
<u>Region</u>			
North Central	4	33,629	34,146
South	3	33,966	34,682
West	3	79,556	57,000
<u>County type</u>			
Nonmetro	10	47,508	35,465
<u>Form of government</u>			
County commission	10	47,508	35,465
Under 2,500, total	7	41,285	38,029
<u>Region</u>			
West	4	43,739	45,200
<u>County type</u>			
Nonmetro	7	41,285	38,029
<u>Form of government</u>			
County commission	6	38,999	37,218

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 3,040 counties surveyed, 634 returned the questionnaires for a response rate of 21%. Classifications having less than three counties reporting are excluded by the Source because meaningful statistics cannot be computed. Consequently, the number reporting in subcategories does not always add to the total reporting. The mean is calculated by dividing the total number of salaries into the total amount paid in salaries. The median is the salary that marks the point below which and above which 50% of all the salaries fall. When there is an even number of observations, the mean of the two middle observations is reported. For definitions of terms, a list of States in regions, and detail of survey response rates, see [Appendix 2](#).

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