

Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2022

29-1131 Veterinarians

Diagnose, treat, or research diseases and injuries of animals. Includes veterinarians who conduct research and development, inspect livestock, or care for pets and companion animals.

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National estimates for Veterinarians:

Employment estimate and mean wage estimates for Veterinarians:

Employment (1)	Employment RSE (3)	Mean hourly wage	Mean annual wage (2)	Wage RSE (3)
78,810	1.1 %	\$ 62.07	\$ 129,110	4.3 %

Percentile wage estimates for Veterinarians:

Percentile	10%	25%	50% (Median)	75%	90%
Hourly Wage	\$ 29.98	\$ 39.70	\$ 49.64	\$ 63.93	\$ 83.89
Annual Wage (2)	\$ 62,350	\$ 82,580	\$ 103,260	\$ 132,980	\$ 174,500

Industry profile for Veterinarians:

Industries with the highest published employment and wages for Veterinarians are provided. For a list of all industries with employment in Veterinarians, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.

Industries with the highest levels of employment in Veterinarians:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
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Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	72,750	8.84	\$ 62.65	\$ 130,320
Social Advocacy Organizations	1,130	0.48	\$ 52.48	\$ 109,150
Federal Executive Branch (OEWS Designation)	1,100	0.05	\$ 48.76	\$ 101,410
Other Personal Services	770	0.21	\$ 54.31	\$ 112,950
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	610	0.02	\$ 50.36	\$ 104,750

Industries with the highest concentration of employment in Veterinarians:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	72,750	8.84	\$ 62.65	\$ 130,320
Social Advocacy Organizations	1,130	0.48	\$ 52.48	\$ 109,150
Other Personal Services	770	0.21	\$ 54.31	\$ 112,950
Support Activities for Animal Production	60	0.20	\$ 48.09	\$ 100,030
Museums, Historical Sites, and Similar Institutions	220	0.14	\$ 46.15	\$ 95,990

Top paying industries for Veterinarians:

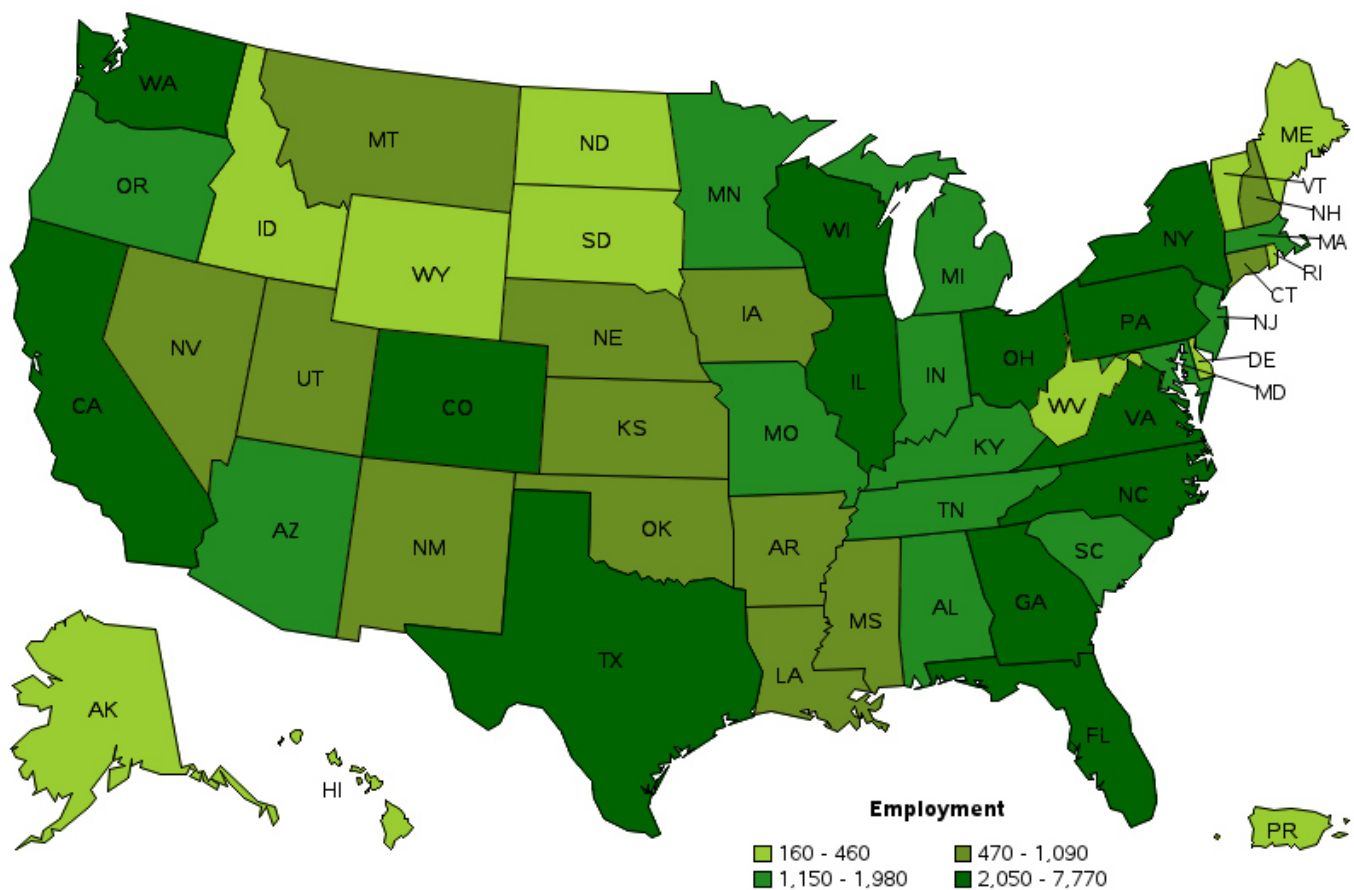
Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	40	(7)	\$ 76.83	\$ 159,810
Scientific Research and Development Services	410	0.05	\$ 75.65	\$ 157,340
Spectator Sports	50	0.04	\$ 65.42	\$ 136,070

Other Miscellaneous Retailers	130	0.03	\$ 63.52	\$ 132,120
Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	72,750	8.84	\$ 62.65	\$ 130,320

Geographic profile for Veterinarians:

States and areas with the highest published employment, location quotients, and wages for Veterinarians are provided. For a list of all areas with employment in Veterinarians, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.

Employment of veterinarians, by state, May 2022

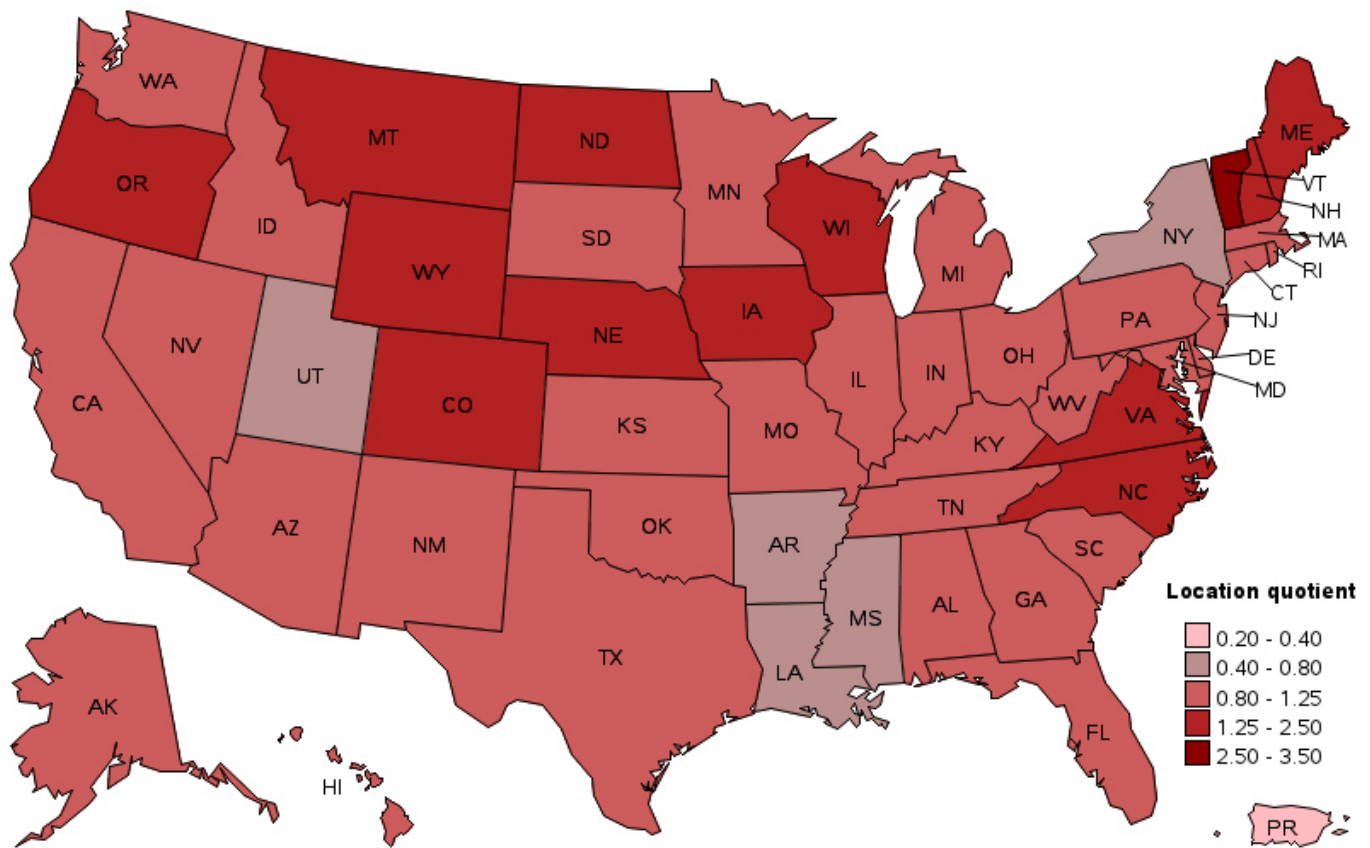


States with the highest employment level in Veterinarians:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand	Location quotient	Hourly mean	Annual mean
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		jobs	(9)	wage	wage (2)
California	7,770	0.44	0.83	\$ 64.52	\$ 134,190
Texas	5,580	0.43	0.81	\$ 57.28	\$ 119,130
Florida	4,580	0.50	0.93	\$ 55.48	\$ 115,400
New York	3,810	0.42	0.78	\$ 64.97	\$ 135,130
Pennsylvania	3,160	0.54	1.02	\$ 56.27	\$ 117,050

Location quotient of veterinarians, by state, May 2022



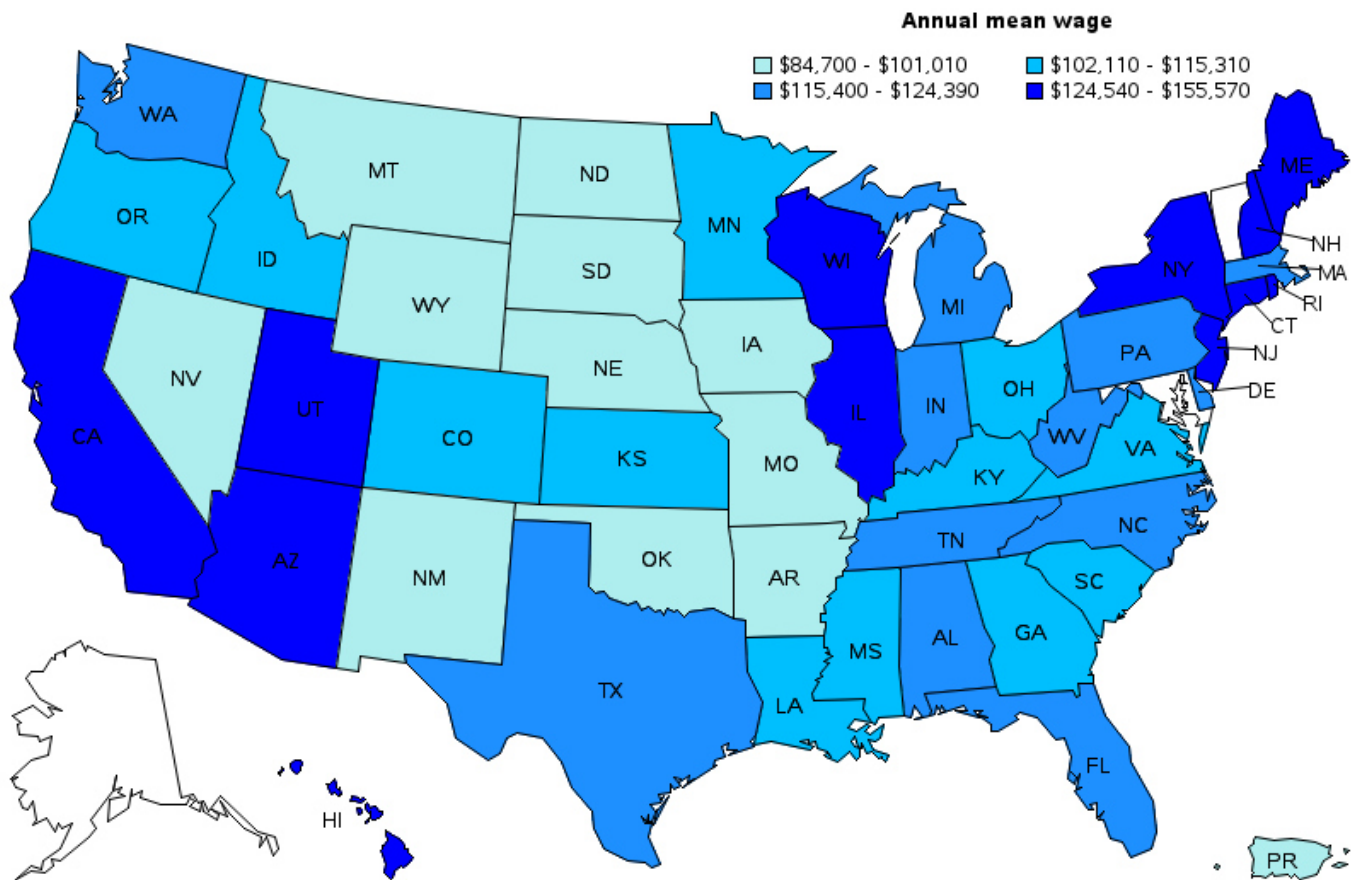
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States with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in Veterinarians:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Vermont	400	1.35	2.54	(8)	(8)
Montana	540	1.10	2.06	\$ 40.94	\$ 85,160
Colorado	2,340	0.84	1.58	\$ 49.85	\$ 103,700

Oregon	1,560	0.82	1.54	\$ 53.99	\$ 112,310
Nebraska	780	0.80	1.51	\$ 42.04	\$ 87,440

Annual mean wage of veterinarians, by state, May 2022

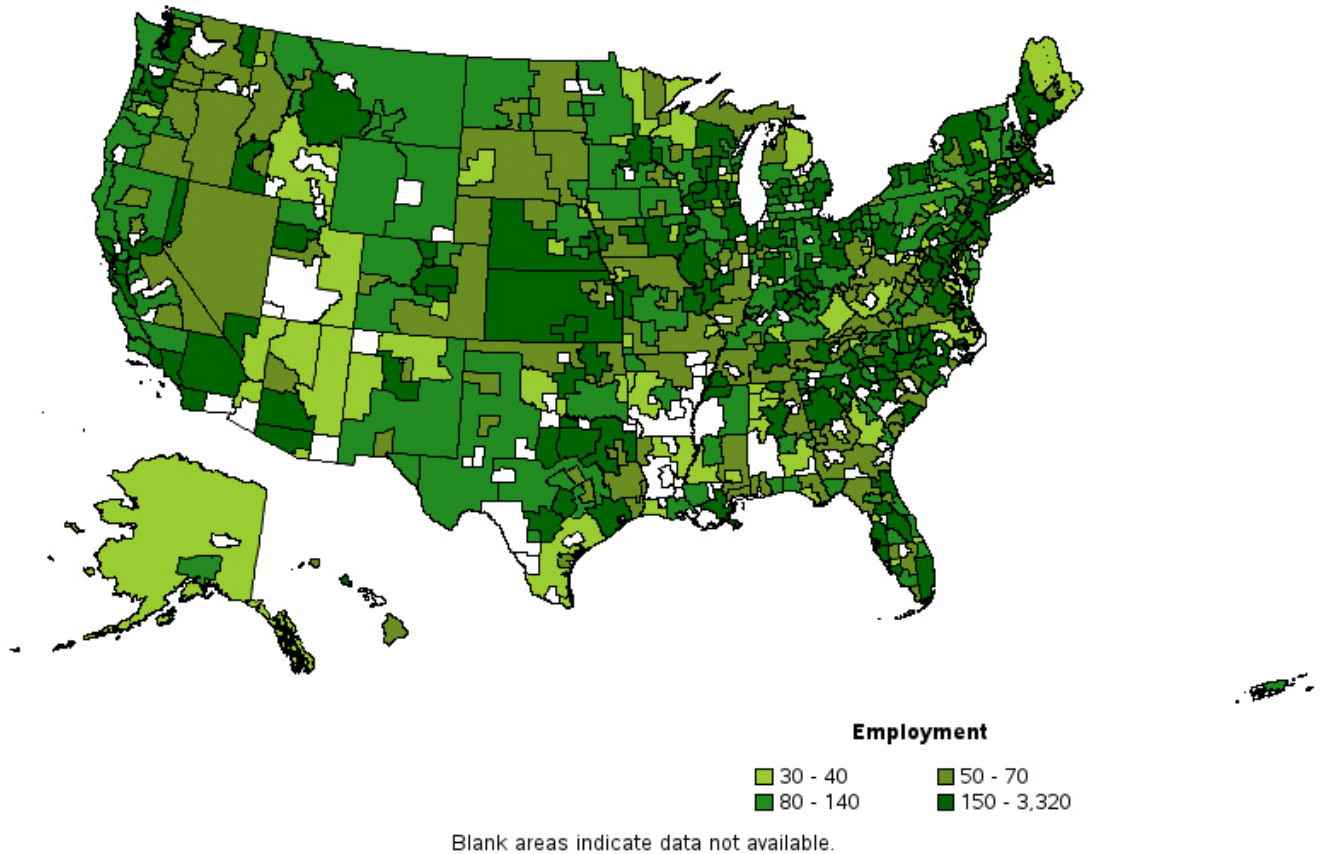


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Top paying states for Veterinarians:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Hawaii	300	0.51	0.96	\$ 74.79	\$ 155,570
Wisconsin	2,120	0.75	1.41	\$ 71.48	\$ 148,680
Connecticut	900	0.55	1.04	\$ 66.68	\$ 138,700
New Jersey	1,980	0.48	0.90	\$ 65.98	\$ 137,230
Arizona	1,580	0.52	0.98	\$ 65.76	\$ 136,780

Employment of veterinarians, by area, May 2022

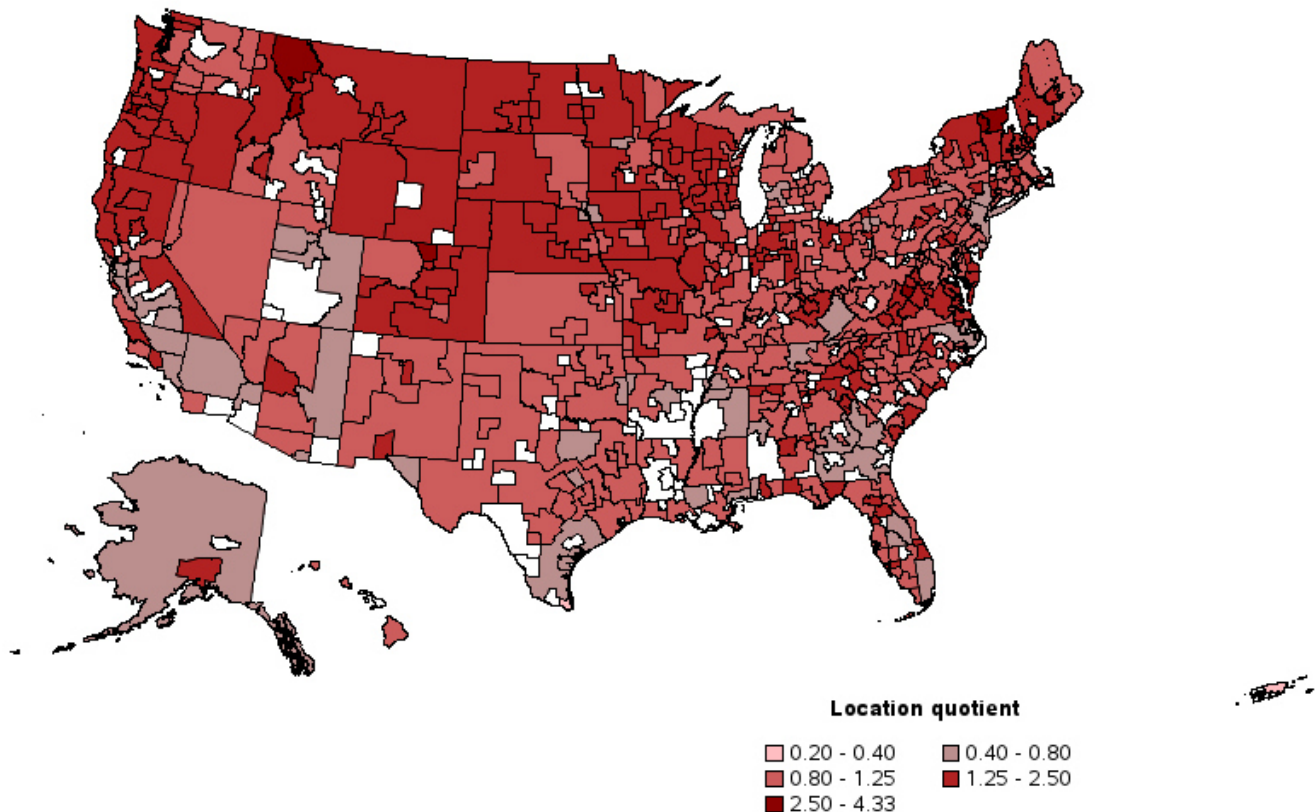


Metropolitan areas with the highest employment level in Veterinarians:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	3,320	0.36	0.68	\$ 69.02	\$ 143,560
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	2,480	0.41	0.76	\$ 65.79	\$ 136,850
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	2,100	0.48	0.89	\$ 66.40	\$ 138,120
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	1,880	0.62	1.16	(8)	(8)
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	1,570	0.57	1.06	\$ 60.35	\$ 125,520

Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	1,500	0.39	0.74	\$ 58.63	\$ 121,950
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	1,400	0.51	0.96	\$ 57.11	\$ 118,780
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	1,340	0.44	0.82	\$ 58.12	\$ 120,900
Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH	1,300	0.48	0.90	\$ 60.65	\$ 126,150
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	1,200	0.78	1.46	\$ 51.79	\$ 107,720

Location quotient of veterinarians, by area, May 2022



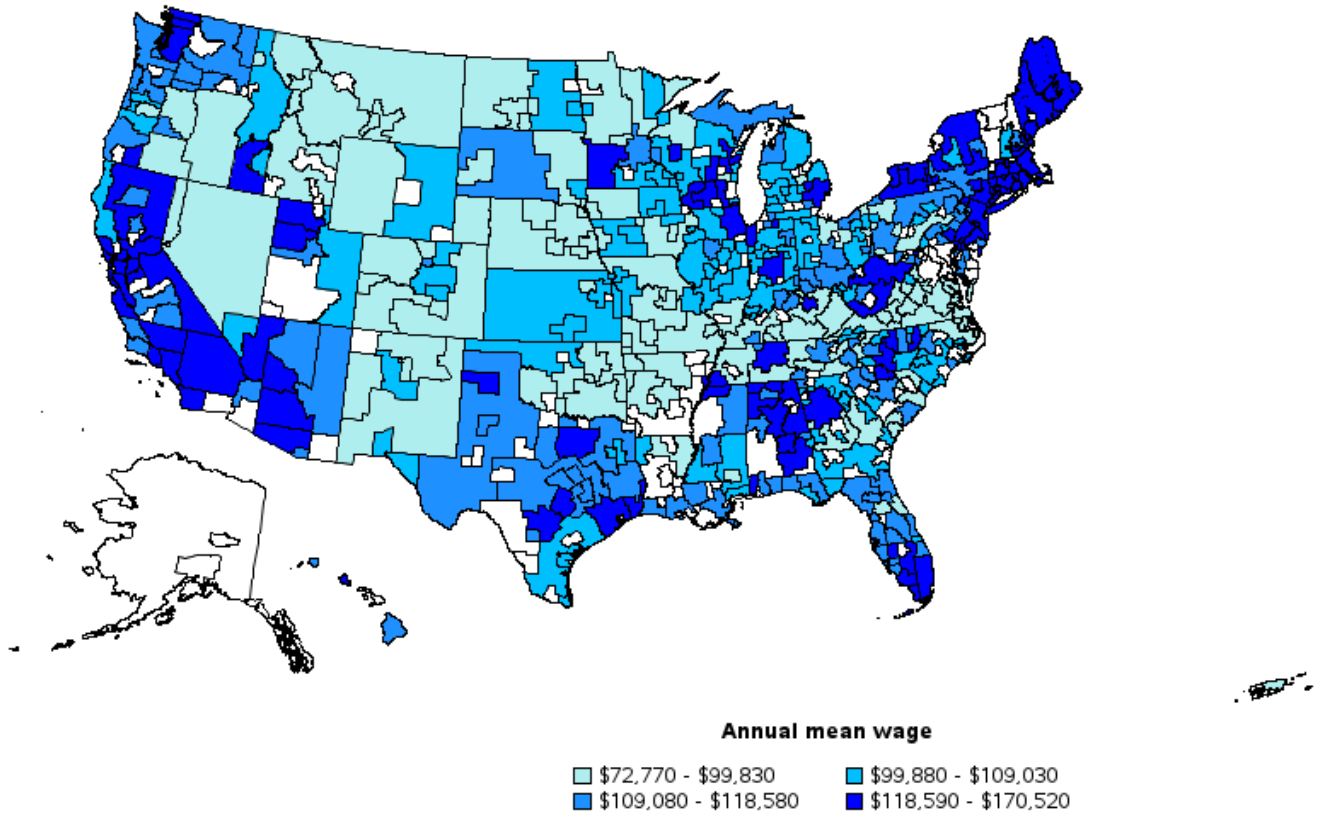
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Metropolitan areas with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in Veterinarians:

Metropolitan	Employment	Employment	Location	Hourly	Annual
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area	(1)	per thousand jobs	quotient (9)	mean wage	mean wage (2)
Ames, IA	110	2.31	4.33	\$ 36.49	\$ 75,900
Corvallis, OR	60	1.71	3.21	\$ 50.06	\$ 104,120
Burlington-South Burlington, VT	180	1.51	2.83	(8)	(8)
Staunton-Waynesboro, VA	70	1.36	2.55	\$ 44.23	\$ 92,010
Fort Collins, CO	230	1.36	2.55	\$ 48.00	\$ 99,830
Manhattan, KS	50	1.32	2.47	\$ 38.69	\$ 80,480
Ocala, FL	150	1.30	2.45	\$ 43.00	\$ 89,430
Auburn-Opelika, AL	80	1.28	2.40	\$ 53.72	\$ 111,730
Dover, DE	80	1.21	2.26	\$ 54.00	\$ 112,330
Dover-Durham, NH-ME	60	1.20	2.26	\$ 60.55	\$ 125,940

Annual mean wage of veterinarians, by area, May 2022



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Top paying metropolitan areas for Veterinarians:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Urban Honolulu, HI	220	0.53	0.99	\$ 81.98	\$ 170,520
Madison, WI	380	0.97	1.82	\$ 78.01	\$ 162,250
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	310	0.28	0.53	\$ 73.07	\$ 151,990
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	990	0.42	0.78	\$ 71.72	\$ 149,180
Appleton, WI	90	0.78	1.46	\$ 69.07	\$ 143,660
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	3,320	0.36	0.68	\$ 69.02	\$ 143,560
Danbury, CT	50	0.71	1.34	\$ 68.93	\$ 143,380
Bangor, ME	50	0.76	1.43	\$ 68.39	\$ 142,240
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	1,120	0.50	0.95	\$ 67.91	\$ 141,250
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	110	1.12	2.09	\$ 67.68	\$ 140,780

Nonmetropolitan areas with the highest employment in Veterinarians:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Kansas nonmetropolitan area	240	0.62	1.17	\$ 48.51	\$ 100,900
North Northeastern Ohio nonmetropolitan area (noncontiguous)	210	0.66	1.25	\$ 47.24	\$ 98,250
South Central Wisconsin nonmetropolitan area	210	1.03	1.94	\$ 57.75	\$ 120,130

South Nebraska nonmetropolitan area	190	1.30	2.44	\$ 34.99	\$ 72,770
Southeast Iowa nonmetropolitan area	170	0.82	1.54	\$ 45.44	\$ 94,510

Nonmetropolitan areas with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in Veterinarians:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
West Montana nonmetropolitan area	120	1.56	2.93	\$ 41.18	\$ 85,650
Northern Vermont nonmetropolitan area	100	1.44	2.69	(8)	(8)
East-Central Montana nonmetropolitan area	80	1.32	2.47	\$ 37.97	\$ 78,970
South Nebraska nonmetropolitan area	190	1.30	2.44	\$ 34.99	\$ 72,770
Southern Vermont nonmetropolitan area	120	1.19	2.24	(8)	(8)

Top paying nonmetropolitan areas for Veterinarians:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Southwest Minnesota nonmetropolitan area	90	0.77	1.44	\$ 80.65	\$ 167,760
Connecticut nonmetropolitan area	40	1.14	2.14	\$ 68.18	\$ 141,810
Northwest Alabama nonmetropolitan area	30	0.47	0.87	\$ 67.77	\$ 140,960
Southern West Virginia nonmetropolitan area	40	0.53	0.99	\$ 64.91	\$ 135,010
Northeast Alabama nonmetropolitan area	70	0.45	0.85	\$ 61.72	\$ 128,370

[About May 2022 National, State, Metropolitan, and Nonmetropolitan Area Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates](#)

These estimates are calculated with data collected from employers in all industry sectors, all metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and all states and the District of Columbia. The top employment and wage figures are provided above. The complete list is available in the [downloadable XLS files](#).

The percentile wage estimate is the value of a wage below which a certain percent of workers fall. The median wage is the 50th percentile wage estimate—50 percent of workers earn less than the median and 50 percent of workers earn more than the median. [More about percentile wages](#).

(1) Estimates for detailed occupations do not sum to the totals because the totals include occupations not shown separately. Estimates do not include self-employed workers.

(2) Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a "year-round, full-time" hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.

(3) The relative standard error (RSE) is a measure of the reliability of a survey statistic. The smaller the relative standard error, the more precise the estimate.

(7) The value is less than .005 percent of industry employment.

(8) Estimate not released.

(9) The location quotient is the ratio of the area concentration of occupational employment to the national average concentration. A location quotient greater than one indicates the occupation has a higher share of employment than average, and a location quotient less than one indicates the occupation is less prevalent in the area than average.

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