

Health Physics Salaries*

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Since there are a very limited number of health physicists, it is difficult to find information on their salaries. We have recently made a study on a limited group, i.e. employees of state regulatory agencies. Also included were New York City, Los Angeles County and the District of Columbia. This is a limited sample but it has advantages in that in almost all cases the requirements and salary structures are well specified and are public knowledge.

Letters were sent to the heads of the 53 agencies specified above as taken from a recent HEW report⁽¹⁾. We received 42 responses to our requests for information. Some of these could not be used for various reasons, e.g. no positions for health physicists, job description currently being revised, or no fixed requirements for the position. This left usable data for 33 of the participants. The results are collected in Fig. 1. The numbers on the bars identify the participant from the list in Table 1.

The bar indicates the starting and maximum salary for each position. The years of experience is defined as years after completion of the Bachelor's degree and a Masters' degree is assumed to be equal to one year's experience. The positions marked with a "T" are trainee positions.

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1. DHWE Publication No (FDA) 73-8001, "Directory of Personnel Responsible for Radiological Health Programs," (1972).

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Table 1

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| 1. Alabama | 28. Nevada |
| 3. Arizona | 29. New Hampshire |
| 4. Arkansas | 30. New Jersey |
| 5. California | 32. New York |
| 6. Colorado | 33. North Carolina |
| 9. Florida | 36. Oklahoma |
| 12. Idaho | 37. Oregon |
| 13. Illinois | 38. Pennsylvania |
| 15. Iowa | 42. Tennessee |
| 16. Kansas | 44. Utah |
| 17. Kentucky | 45. Vermont |
| 18. Louisiana | 46. Virginia |
| 20. Maryland | 47. Washington |
| 21. Massachusetts | 48. West Virginia |
| 24. Mississippi | 52. New York City |
| 26. Montana | 53. Los Angeles County |
| 27. Nebraska | |

