



Austin average salary in top 30 of 938 US metro areas

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Private sector employees in Austin have an average salary of \$45,500, putting the metro area in the top 30 average salaries nationwide.

In total, the 646,082 employees in the region earned a total of \$29.4 billion in 2009, based on an analysis of the latest U.S. Census Bureau data by The Business Journals' On Numbers, a division of American City Business Journals.

Austin's average salary ranks 28th in the country, closer to the average salary of \$46,200 in Dallas-Fort Worth, which ranks 25th. Houston salaries ranked No. 12 with \$51,300 per employee, and San Antonio salaries rank 189th at \$36,000.

Nationwide, private-sector payrolls carry a combined value of \$4.6 trillion in the country's 938 metropolitan and micropolitan areas.

San Jose has the nation's highest private-sector pay levels, with the typical worker earning \$75,800 per year. Next are Bridgeport-Stamford, Conn., at \$71,200, San Francisco-Oakland at \$61,900, and New York City at \$60,300.

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