

# Local Government Compensation Limits by Year

## Local Government

Effective Date	Compensation Limit*	CPI-U Increase
01/01/2019	\$175,621	2.5%
01/01/2018	\$171,338	2.0%
01/01/2017	\$167,978	1.6%
01/01/2016	\$165,333	0.2%
01/01/2015	\$165,003	1.7%
01/01/2014	\$162,245	1.0%
01/01/2013	\$160,639	2.2%
01/01/2012	\$157,181	3.5%
01/01/2011	\$151,866	1.2%
01/01/2010	\$150,065	0.0%
01/01/2009	\$150,065	3.7%
01/01/2008	\$144,711	3.5%
01/01/2007	\$139,817	1.3%
01/01/2006	\$138,023	4.3%
08/01/2005	\$132,333	—

\*Unless increased in accordance with Minnesota Statute 43A.17 Subd. 9(e)

Minnesota State Statute 43A.17 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=43a.17>) limits the salary and the value of all other forms of compensation of a person employed by a political subdivision of this state, excluding school districts starting in 2005. The statute establishes that the limits are adjusted on January 1 of each year based on the Consumer Price Index increase. The new limit is equal to the limit for the prior year and increased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all-urban consumers (CPI-U) from October of the second prior year to October of the immediately prior year. **The Bureau of Labor Statistics releases the monthly readings for the Consumer Price Index in the second half of the following month. The October readings are typically released after November 15th, therefore Minnesota Management and Budget will calculate and post the salary limit for the next calendar year in late November of each year.** Refer to Subdivision 9 of State Statute 43A.17 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=43a.17>) for complete text.

The employee's salary includes deferred compensation and payroll allocations to purchase an individual annuity contract. The value of other forms of compensation is defined as the annual cost to the political subdivision for the provision of the compensation. Other forms of compensation which must be included to determine an employee's total compensation for the limit are all other direct and indirect items of compensation which are not specifically excluded by the subdivision. Other forms of compensation which must not be included in a determination of an employee's total compensation limit are: employee benefits that are also provided for the majority of all other full-time employees of the political subdivision, vacation and sick leave allowances, health and dental insurance, disability insurance, term life insurance, and pension benefits or like benefits the cost of which is borne by the employee or which is not subject to tax as income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; dues paid to organizations that are of a civic, professional, educational, or governmental nature; and reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by the employee which the governing body determines to be directly related to the performance of job responsibilities, including any relocation expenses paid during the initial year of employment.

## Compensation Limit Increase Process

The total value of compensation may not exceed the limits as shown in the chart above without a compensation limit increase from the Commissioner of MMB. The Commissioner may increase the limit for a position if the commissioner determines the position requires special expertise and needs a higher salary to attract and retain a qualified candidate. The Commissioner shall also consider the salary rates paid to other persons with similar responsibilities in the decision

a compensation limit increase for a position may do so by filling out the [Compensation Limit Increase Request Form](#) ([Word version](#)) ([mmb/assets/ig/complimitwaiverform.tcm1059-128233.docx](#)) ([pdf version](#)) ([mmb/assets/ig-comp-lmit-waiver-form.tcm1059-128232.pdf](#)). The questionnaire may be sent to the Commissioner of Minnesota Management & Budget. If a local government receives a compensation limit increase for a position, the limit is increased annually by the amount of the CPI-U increase in the chart.

# **m** MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

December 5, 2018

Greg Hubinger  
Legislative Coordinating Commission  
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**RE: Total Compensation Limit Increases for Local Government Jurisdictions**

Dear Mr. Hubinger:

This letter notifies you that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 43A.17, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) has received multiple requests from local jurisdictions to increase the political subdivision compensation limit for various positions. As of December 1, 2018 we have received requests from eight jurisdictions to increase the compensation limit for a total of 41 separate positions. MMB has determined that 22 (53.7%) of the positions warrant an increase to the compensation limit. (See Table 1.) The remaining 19 (46.3%) of the positions do not warrant a compensation limit increase, and salaries must remain at or lower than the statutory limit of \$171,338 through the remainder of 2018; as of January 1, 2019 the statutory limit will increase to \$175,621.

**Statutory Basis and Empirical Support for an Increase to the Local Government Waiver Limit**

Total compensation for positions in local government is limited by the requirements listed in Minn. Stat. § 43A.17, Subd. 9 to a current level of \$171,338 (\$175,621 in 2019), adjusted annually for inflation. The statute allows the Commissioner, MMB to increase the limit if special expertise is required, resulting in the need for a higher salary to attract or retain a qualified person for a specific position. When determining an appropriate increase, consideration is given to rates to other persons in the relevant state or national recruiting area.

**Empirical Support for Increase of Compensation Limit**

Minn. Stat. § 43A.17, Subd. 9(e) requires the Commissioner to give due consideration to salary rates paid to other persons with similar responsibilities in the state and nation. For the county Administrator and Deputy positions, the range maximums were determined through a regression analysis of Minnesota and national counties by population and operating budget. The remaining positions were analyzed through local and national salary survey sources, along with data provided by the individual jurisdictions. Based upon the data and the analysis by MMB, the increases listed in Table 1 are reasonable and are supported by statutory criteria.

The new salary limits are effective as of January 5, 2019. MMB's decision regarding increases were built upon the 2018 data provided, and the rates effective on January 5, 2019 reflect and incorporate the 2.5% Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U) increase to total compensation limit that will become effective on January 1, 2019.

Regards,

Myron Frans  
Commissioner, Minnesota Management and Budget

**Table 1.**

Jurisdiction	Position	Recommended Salary Limit
Hennepin County	County Administrator	\$250,100
Hennepin County	Deputy County Administrator	\$217,300
Hennepin County	Chief Financial Officer	\$190,000
Hennepin County	Chief Human Resources Officer	\$190,000
Hennepin County	Chief Information Officer	\$190,000
Hennepin County	Director, Human Services	\$190,000
Hennepin County	Director, Public Health	\$190,000
Ramsey County	County Manager	\$220,375
Ramsey County	Deputy County Manager	\$195,775
Dakota County	County Manager	\$198,794
Dakota County	Deputy County Manager	\$178,914
St. Louis County	County Administrator	\$188,600
Metropolitan Council	General Manager—Metro Transit	\$297,250
Metropolitan Council	General Manager—Environmental Services	\$235,750
Metropolitan Council	Regional Administrator	\$246,000
Metropolitan Council	Deputy General Manager	\$230,625
Metropolitan Council	Chief Information Officer	\$190,000
Metropolitan Council	Chief Financial Officer	\$190,000
Metropolitan Council	General Counsel	\$190,000
Scott County	County Administrator	\$178,242
City of Rochester	City Administrator	\$194,750
City of Rochester	General Manager—Rochester Power	\$189,625



Date considered	Notes	Appointing Authority	Position	Current comp	Requestor's market rate	Request	Compensation recommended by Subc	Comp rec as % of gov salary	MMB/DOER action	Date of MMB/DOER action
71 11/30/2017	City of Minneapolis	City Coordinator		177,317	207,286-	200,000	No recommendation	200,000	12/7/2017	
72 11/30/2017	City of Minneapolis	City Attorney		173,355	187,526-	190,000	No recommendation	190,000	12/7/2017	
73 11/30/2017	City of Minneapolis	Asst Coordinator: Info Technology		167,978	161,048-	187,217	No recommendation	183,000	12/7/2017	
74 11/30/2017	City of Minneapolis	Asst Coordinator: Finance		164,854	169,146-	185,000	No recommendation	185,000	12/7/2017	
75 11/30/2017	City of Minneapolis	Asst Coordinator: Convention Center		173,355	159,913-	190,344	No recommendation	180,000	12/7/2017	
76 11/30/2017	Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board	Superintendent		166,958	194,399	194,399	No recommendation	194,399	12/7/2017	
77 11/30/2017	City of Eden Prairie	City Manager		170,000	182,543-	175,100	No recommendation	173,356	12/7/2017	

- (1) The dollar amount recommended by the Subcommittee and adopted by DOER includes up to \$1,200 in stability pay.  
 (2) No action taken by Subcommittee within 30 days. Considered positive recommendation under 43A.17.  
 (3) The Subcommittee's recommendation was expressed as a percent of the governor's salary, which equaled \$144,364. DOER's decision was expressed as \$ amount.  
 (4) The County requested a waiver for its compensation plan. The statute provides for waivers for individual positions only.  
 (5) Request submitted 6/18/03, and declined by DOER 8/19/03. DOER did not consult the Subcommittee, since not required if commissioner intends to decline request.  
 (6) No action taken by Subcommittee within 30 days. Considered under 43A.17 as no recommendation. DOER approve increase 12/22/03  
 (7) Request submitted 2/19/04, and declined by DOER 4/12/04. DOER did not consult the Subcommittee, since not required if commissioner intends to decline request.  
 (8) Request submitted 12/13/04, and declined by DOER 1/26/05. DOER did not consult the Subcommittee, since not required if commissioner intends to decline request.  
 (9) Request submitted 2/22/05 and declined by DOER 7/1/2005. DOER did not consult the Subcommittee, since not required if commissioner intends to decline request.  
 (10) Request submitted 10/1/2008, and declined by DOER 11/3/2008. DOER did not consult the Subcommittee, since not required if commissioner intends to decline request.

## 2017 CAO Salary and Compensation Survey Summary Report of Results

### Introduction

Each year, ICMA conducts a survey of member chief administrative officers (CAOs) to collect information on the salary and compensation of public managers across the United States. Launched in November 2017, the 2017 CAO Salary and Compensation Survey was emailed to 3,073 ICMA member CAOs and completed by 1,090 members, yielding a response rate of 35.5%. The survey was administered electronically, via an email invitation containing a hyperlink to the online questionnaire. Of the 1,090 respondents, 88.3% represented cities or city-type governments, 10.7% represented county governments, and 1.0% represented councils of government or special districts. The respondents represent 49 of the 50 states (no responses were received from North Dakota).

Topics covered in this survey include annual base salary, additional compensation, health insurance and other benefits, and compensation decision making and transparency. ICMA is pleased to provide the results of this survey as an exclusive member benefit.

### Survey Highlights

The key findings of ICMA's 2017 CAO Salary and Compensation Survey are as follows.

#### Base Salary

Among all survey respondents, the median annual base salary in 2017 was \$135,551, which is a 5% increase from 2016. Among city CAOs, the median base salary was \$134,875, an increase of 6.5% over the 2016 city median. Among county CAOs, the median base salary was \$145,986, an increase of 0.5% over the 2016 county median.

CAO Median Base Salary by Government Type and Population, 2017 (n=1060)			
Population Group	City	County	All
Total	\$134,875	\$145,986	\$135,551
250,000 and up	\$273,054	\$212,663	\$227,900
100,000 to 249,999	\$224,700	\$180,000	\$205,000
50,000 to 99,999	\$187,300	\$148,000	\$177,417
25,000 to 49,999	\$165,000	\$115,000	\$157,202
10,000 to 24,999	\$139,000	\$118,500	\$137,265
5,000 to 9,999	\$112,731	-	\$112,731
2,500 to 4,999	\$95,645	\$95,790	
Under 2,500		\$75,000	

**NEW FOR 2017: Results by gender.** The median base salary among male CAOs is \$136,309, while it is \$133,438 among female CAOs. This makes the gender pay gap among these responses 2.11%. In other words, on average, female CAOs were paid 97.89 cents for every dollar earned by male CAOs. This ratio is similar to the 2.2% controlled gender pay gap in the US, which is calculated by comparing salaries of equally

## Appendix A: City CAO Base Salaries by State and Population, 2017

Please provide the amount of your annual base salary. This amount is not necessarily your taxable income. It is your salary before any pre-tax contributions are deducted to arrive at taxable income.		No. responding	Mean	Median	Maximum
Alabama	Total	5	\$182,023	\$175,115	\$195,000
	50,000 - 99,999	3	\$181,667	\$175,000	\$195,000
	25,000 - 49,999	1	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$175,115	\$175,115	\$175,115
Alaska	Total	6	\$117,332	\$120,000	\$130,000
	5,000 - 9,999	2	\$123,500	\$123,500	\$130,000
	2,500 - 4,999	2	\$120,500	\$120,500	\$121,000
	Under 2,500	2	\$107,996	\$107,996	\$120,000
Arizona	Total	18	\$142,292	\$125,500	\$315,000
	100,000 - 1,000,000	3	\$260,333	\$248,000	\$315,000
	25,000 - 49,999	5	\$152,656	\$157,281	\$195,000
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$137,383	\$137,383	\$137,383
	5,000 - 9,999	3	\$106,536	\$114,608	\$125,000
	2,500 - 4,999	4	\$92,894	\$92,725	\$103,000
	Under 2,500	2	\$94,200	\$94,200	\$126,000
Arkansas	Total	2	\$124,795	\$124,795	\$126,402
	50,000 - 99,999	1	\$126,402	\$126,402	\$126,402
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$123,188	\$123,188	\$123,188
California	Total	85	\$209,764	\$212,500	\$425,000
	100,000 - 249,999	10	\$269,954	\$261,036	\$425,000
	50,000 - 99,999	18	\$224,068	\$228,614	\$260,000
	25,000 - 49,999	23	\$213,015	\$220,000	\$280,000
	10,000 - 24,999	19	\$188,557	\$188,482	\$247,017
	5,000 - 9,999	7	\$157,708	\$175,100	\$209,726
	2,500 - 4,999	6	\$183,917	\$190,000	\$235,000
	Under 2,500	2	\$203,891	\$203,891	\$305,282
Colorado	Total	36	\$149,582	\$150,000	\$256,087
	250,000 - 499,999	2	\$198,453	\$198,453	\$206,222
	100,000 - 249,999	3	\$226,612	\$223,749	\$256,087
	50,000 - 99,999	1	\$252,000	\$252,000	\$252,000
	25,000 - 49,999	6	\$168,825	\$170,000	\$185,000
	10,000 - 24,999	8	\$151,679	\$155,340	\$181,000
	5,000 - 9,999	8	\$120,876	\$115,620	\$150,000
	2,500 - 4,999	2	\$130,500	\$130,500	\$155,000
	Under 2,500	6	\$100,305	\$98,915	\$118,000
Connecticut	Total	7	\$132,468	\$130,000	\$168,921
	25,000 - 49,999	2	\$137,875	\$137,875	\$140,750
	10,000 - 24,999	2	\$148,861	\$148,861	\$168,921
	5,000 - 9,999	3	\$117,934	\$123,844	\$130,000
Delaware	Total	5	\$101,808	\$107,661	\$141,261
	5,000 - 9,999	2	\$124,461	\$124,461	\$141,261
	2,500 - 4,999	2	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$110,000
	Under 2,500	1	\$70,120	\$70,120	\$70,120

Florida	Total	59	\$149,571	\$140,000	\$336,749
	100,000 - 249,999	3	\$209,406	\$199,000	\$256,183
	50,000 - 99,999	13	\$197,537	\$186,000	\$336,749
	25,000 - 49,999	7	\$174,947	\$188,475	\$206,000
	10,000 - 24,999	17	\$139,000	\$137,200	\$182,000
	5,000 - 9,999	8	\$122,252	\$120,541	\$168,000
	2,500 - 4,999	6	\$105,639	\$105,068	\$148,000
	Under 2,500	5	\$85,748	\$84,000	\$100,000
Georgia	Total	19	\$146,951	\$150,654	\$235,000
	50,000 - 99,999	3	\$183,333	\$175,000	\$235,000
	25,000 - 49,999	6	\$161,493	\$162,877	\$185,657
	10,000 - 24,999	5	\$158,800	\$160,000	\$184,000
	5,000 - 9,999	3	\$103,800	\$85,000	\$145,000
	2,500 - 4,999	1	\$75,705	\$75,705	\$75,705
	Under 2,500	1	\$92,000	\$92,000	\$92,000
Idaho	Total	3	\$100,129	\$103,000	\$130,345
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$103,000	\$103,000	\$103,000
	Under 2,500	2	\$98,693	\$98,693	\$130,345
Illinois	Total	69	\$153,172	\$151,840	\$232,863
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$206,353	\$206,353	\$206,353
	50,000 - 99,999	10	\$194,153	\$188,490	\$232,863
	25,000 - 49,999	15	\$164,826	\$160,000	\$221,722
	10,000 - 24,999	24	\$153,132	\$150,448	\$212,000
	5,000 - 9,999	9	\$125,295	\$110,000	\$195,125
	2,500 - 4,999	7	\$104,022	\$85,581	\$149,940
	Under 2,500	3	\$139,206	\$120,390	\$226,847
Indiana	Total	3	\$89,145	\$92,000	\$99,990
	25,000 - 49,999	1	\$99,990	\$99,990	\$99,990
	5,000 - 9,999	1	\$92,000	\$92,000	\$92,000
	2,500 - 4,999	1	\$75,444	\$75,444	\$75,444
	Total	29	\$124,265	\$107,120	\$221,692
Kansas	50,000 - 99,999	4	\$190,751	\$182,780	\$221,692
	25,000 - 49,999	3	\$178,833	\$178,500	\$189,000
	10,000 - 24,999	5	\$145,071	\$144,200	\$173,500
	5,000 - 9,999	7	\$108,275	\$105,877	\$123,600
	2,500 - 4,999	7	\$85,845	\$86,500	\$98,430
	Under 2,500	3	\$73,333	\$90,000	\$90,000
	Total	24	\$102,682	\$99,055	\$223,687
Kentucky	100,000 - 249,999	2	\$179,594	\$179,594	\$223,687
	25,000 - 49,999	2	\$145,491	\$145,491	\$156,231
	10,000 - 24,999	3	\$118,527	\$102,939	\$150,785
	5,000 - 9,999	2	\$112,911	\$112,911	\$120,000
	2,500 - 4,999	8	\$96,441	\$95,127	\$123,000
	Under 2,500	7	\$65,898	\$65,000	\$82,180
	Total	4	\$128,075	\$125,000	\$159,848
Louisiana	25,000 - 99,999	2	\$131,152	\$131,152	\$159,848
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
	5,000 - 9,999	1	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
	Total	1	\$67,000	\$67,000	\$67,000
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$67,000	\$67,000	\$67,000

Maine	Total	10	\$97,396	\$101,295	\$124,000
	10,000 - 49,999	3	\$121,333	\$120,000	\$124,000
	5,000 - 9,999	3	\$107,530	\$102,000	\$120,000
	2,500 - 4,999	3	\$73,125	\$76,000	\$80,375
	Under 2,500	1	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000
Maryland	Total	13	\$132,779	\$125,000	\$190,000
	50,000 - 99,999	2	\$177,059	\$177,059	\$190,000
	25,000 - 49,999	3	\$131,333	\$135,000	\$167,000
	10,000 - 24,999	3	\$153,408	\$146,771	\$189,000
	5,000 - 9,999	1	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
	2,500 - 4,999	3	\$90,798	\$86,923	\$105,000
	Under 2,500	1	\$120,393	\$120,393	\$120,393
Massachusetts	Total	38	\$153,678	\$153,680	\$204,250
	25,000 - 49,999	9	\$179,909	\$183,306	\$204,000
	10,000 - 24,999	19	\$152,830	\$152,360	\$204,250
	5,000 - 9,999	9	\$133,620	\$140,039	\$157,235
	2,500 - 4,999	1	\$114,240	\$114,240	\$114,240
Michigan	Total	52	\$98,202	\$93,179	\$215,000
	100,000 - 249,999	2	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$215,000
	50,000 - 99,999	2	\$140,450	\$140,450	\$146,432
	25,000 - 49,999	7	\$120,931	\$120,000	\$150,000
	10,000 - 24,999	11	\$110,968	\$111,150	\$138,224
	5,000 - 9,999	12	\$89,469	\$90,500	\$124,887
	2,500 - 4,999	8	\$80,773	\$83,216	\$94,000
	Under 2,500	10	\$65,865	\$64,650	\$81,600
Minnesota	Total	38	\$124,849	\$124,723	\$173,356
	50,000 - 99,999	3	\$165,661	\$168,626	\$173,356
	25,000 - 49,999	7	\$150,412	\$148,526	\$173,356
	10,000 - 24,999	11	\$128,960	\$128,752	\$146,868
	5,000 - 9,999	8	\$110,383	\$109,510	\$124,610
	2,500 - 4,999	8	\$99,345	\$97,655	\$120,700
	Under 2,500	1	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$98,000
Mississippi	Total	1	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$138,000
Missouri	Total	24	\$128,330	\$123,700	\$205,000
	100,000 - 249,999	2	\$184,500	\$184,500	\$205,000
	50,000 - 99,999	2	\$159,500	\$159,500	\$172,000
	25,000 - 49,999	4	\$155,713	\$161,425	\$170,000
	10,000 - 24,999	7	\$108,814	\$113,300	\$125,000
	5,000 - 9,999	4	\$135,547	\$132,062	\$176,064
	2,500 - 4,999	5	\$93,038	\$93,500	\$128,035
Montana	Total	3	\$133,748	\$133,619	\$137,000
	50,000 - 99,999	2	\$135,310	\$135,310	\$137,000
	5,000 - 9,999	1	\$130,625	\$130,625	\$130,625
Nebraska	Total	11	\$109,228	\$104,087	\$150,000
	10,000 - 99,999	4	\$122,639	\$125,278	\$150,000
	5,000 - 9,999	2	\$91,544	\$91,544	\$104,087
	2,500 - 4,999	4	\$110,876	\$112,471	\$120,000
	Under 2,500	1	\$84,365	\$84,365	\$84,365
Nevada	Total	2	\$222,500	\$222,500	\$245,000
	100,000 - 1,000,000	2	\$222,500	\$222,500	\$245,000

Pennsylvania	Total	34	\$128,161	\$133,750	\$187,300
	50,000 - 99,999	1	\$187,300	\$187,300	\$187,300
	25,000 - 49,999	6	\$139,955	\$142,250	\$157,732
	10,000 - 24,999	17	\$138,703	\$145,000	\$173,700
	5,000 - 9,999	7	\$97,592	\$92,465	\$165,267
	2,500 - 4,999	3	\$96,452	\$103,452	\$105,372
Rhode Island	Total	3	\$122,374	\$125,600	\$126,896
	10,000 - 24,999	2	\$126,248	\$126,248	\$126,896
	5,000 - 9,999	1	\$114,625	\$114,625	\$114,625
South Carolina	Total	16	\$123,452	\$120,565	\$203,874
	25,000 - 49,999	3	\$174,692	\$175,203	\$203,874
	10,000 - 24,999	4	\$144,346	\$146,400	\$159,452
	5,000 - 9,999	4	\$102,625	\$106,250	\$110,000
	2,500 - 4,999	4	\$86,817	\$78,750	\$129,768
	Under 2,500	1	\$116,000	\$116,000	\$116,000
South Dakota	Total	4	\$104,286	\$104,110	\$125,756
	10,000 - 24,999	2	\$121,374	\$121,374	\$125,756
Tennessee	Under 2,500	2	\$87,198	\$87,198	\$91,229
	Total	16	\$137,555	\$138,303	\$180,000
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
	50,000 - 99,999	2	\$161,803	\$161,803	\$180,000
	25,000 - 49,999	6	\$149,300	\$156,538	\$170,456
	10,000 - 24,999	4	\$125,612	\$124,500	\$149,500
	5,000 - 9,999	3	\$116,340	\$114,000	\$156,702
Texas	Total	73	\$175,097	\$161,000	\$450,000
	500,000 - over 1 million	3	\$315,833	\$375,000	\$450,000
	250,000 - 499,999	2	\$304,174	\$304,174	\$311,348
	100,000 - 249,999	6	\$238,233	\$231,500	\$266,000
	50,000 - 99,999	6	\$232,601	\$212,000	\$300,452
	25,000 - 49,999	13	\$192,705	\$190,000	\$255,000
	10,000 - 24,999	16	\$154,371	\$150,000	\$230,000
	5,000 - 9,999	11	\$141,596	\$153,700	\$198,500
	2,500 - 4,999	9	\$121,625	\$115,000	\$179,837
Utah	Under 2,500	7	\$110,569	\$95,000	\$189,814
	Total	14	\$124,162	\$128,500	\$170,000
	50,000 - 99,999	1	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$170,000
	25,000 - 49,999	3	\$142,956	\$139,869	\$155,000
	10,000 - 24,999	4	\$129,960	\$127,527	\$147,077
	5,000 - 9,999	4	\$113,480	\$105,210	\$158,000
	2,500 - 4,999	1	\$95,645	\$95,645	\$95,645
	Under 2,500	1	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
Vermont	Total	5	\$89,172	\$90,993	\$105,768
	5,000 - 9,999	3	\$97,920	\$97,000	\$105,768
	2,500 - 4,999	2	\$76,050	\$76,050	\$80,000
Virginia	Total	15	\$152,878	\$150,000	\$259,000
	50,000 - 249,999	3	\$228,000	\$225,000	\$259,000
	25,000 - 49,999	2	\$180,022	\$180,022	\$195,044
	10,000 - 24,999	4	\$147,870	\$149,439	\$157,000
	5,000 - 9,999	4	\$119,660	\$120,000	\$150,000
	2,500 - 4,999	1	\$97,000	\$97,000	\$97,000
	Under 2,500	1	\$82,000	\$82,000	\$82,000

<b>Washington</b>	Total	17	\$167,070	\$172,190	\$272,975
100,000 - 249,999	1	\$272,975	\$272,975	\$272,975	\$272,975
50,000 - 99,999	2	\$185,309	\$185,309	\$193,000	\$193,000
25,000 - 49,999	4	\$183,400	\$179,300	\$210,000	\$210,000
10,000 - 24,999	7	\$157,713	\$159,504	\$182,000	\$182,000
5,000 - 9,999	3	\$119,667	\$108,000	\$144,000	\$144,000
<b>West Virginia</b>	Total	4	\$81,056	\$78,750	\$132,725
25,000 - 49,999	1	\$132,725	\$132,725	\$132,725	\$132,725
2,500 - 4,999	1	\$107,500	\$107,500	\$107,500	\$107,500
Under 2,500	2	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Total	30	\$104,851	\$101,405	\$153,749
50,000 - 99,999	2	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$145,000	\$145,000
25,000 - 49,999	1	\$153,749	\$153,749	\$153,749	\$153,749
10,000 - 24,999	9	\$116,484	\$120,000	\$134,000	\$134,000
5,000 - 9,999	7	\$97,720	\$93,091	\$123,839	\$123,839
2,500 - 4,999	7	\$97,002	\$86,066	\$142,099	\$142,099
Under 2,500	4	\$73,844	\$74,439	\$80,000	\$80,000
<b>Wyoming</b>	Total	2	\$68,031	\$68,031	\$75,000
2,500 - 4,999	1	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Under 2,500	1	\$61,061	\$61,061	\$61,061	\$61,061

## Appendix B: County CAO Base Salaries by State and Population, 2017

Please provide the amount of your annual base salary. This amount is not necessarily your taxable income. It is your salary before any pre-tax contributions are deducted to arrive at taxable income.		No. responding	Mean	Median	Maximum
Alaska	Total	1	\$107,500	\$107,500	\$107,500
	2,500 - 4,999	1	\$107,500	\$107,500	\$107,500
Arizona	Total	2	\$179,110	\$179,110	\$186,000
	100,000 - 249,999	2	\$179,110	\$179,110	\$186,000
California	Total	4	\$245,244	\$269,236	\$279,302
	250,000 - 499,999	3	\$272,591	\$279,000	\$279,302
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$163,200	\$163,200	\$163,200
Colorado	Total	3	\$154,000	\$155,000	\$185,000
	500,000 - 1,000,000	1	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
	250,000 - 499,999	1	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$185,000
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$122,000	\$122,000	\$122,000
Florida	Total	8	\$192,847	\$212,663	\$228,800
	500,000 - 1,000,000	1	\$227,000	\$227,000	\$227,000
	250,000 - 499,999	3	\$218,042	\$213,000	\$228,800
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$220,000
	50,000 - 99,999	1	\$177,216	\$177,216	\$177,216
	25,000 - 49,999	2	\$132,217	\$132,217	\$134,725
Georgia	Total	8	\$149,689	\$150,408	\$237,700
	100,000 - 499,999	3	\$190,880	\$186,439	\$237,700
	50,000 - 99,999	2	\$161,158	\$161,158	\$170,000
	25,000 - 49,999	1	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
	10,000 - 24,999	2	\$101,277	\$101,277	\$108,000
Hawaii	Total	1	\$141,551	\$141,551	\$141,551
Idaho	Total	1	\$141,551	\$141,551	\$141,551
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$173,000	\$173,000	\$173,000
Illinois	Total	4	\$151,190	\$143,000	\$185,400
	250,000 - 499,999	1	\$185,400	\$185,400	\$185,400
	100,000 - 249,999	2	\$136,681	\$136,681	\$140,000
	2,500 - 4,999	1	\$146,000	\$146,000	\$146,000
Iowa	Total	1	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Kansas	Total	2	\$133,515	\$133,515	\$164,278
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$164,278	\$164,278	\$164,278
	25,000 - 49,999	1	\$102,752	\$102,752	\$102,752
Kentucky	Total	1	\$145,972	\$145,972	\$145,972
Maine	Total	1	\$145,972	\$145,972	\$145,972
Maryland	Total	2	\$124,038	\$124,038	\$132,076
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$132,076	\$132,076	\$132,076
	25,000 - 49,999	1	\$116,000	\$116,000	\$116,000

Michigan	Total	9	\$109,403	\$100,000	\$146,175
	250,000 - 499,999	1	\$146,175	\$146,175	\$146,175
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$132,000	\$132,000	\$132,000
	50,000 - 99,999	3	\$114,845	\$115,000	\$130,686
	25,000 - 49,999	3	\$93,972	\$99,416	\$100,000
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$80,002	\$80,002	\$80,002
Minnesota	Total	6	\$135,356	\$124,500	\$173,000
	50,000 - 499,999	2	\$166,653	\$166,653	\$173,000
	25,000 - 49,999	4	\$119,708	\$117,500	\$129,000
Mississippi	Total	1	\$108,297	\$108,297	\$108,297
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$108,297	\$108,297	\$108,297
New Hampshire	Total	2	\$105,950	\$105,950	\$110,000
	25,000 - 249,999	2	\$105,950	\$105,950	\$110,000
New Jersey	Total	1	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000
New Mexico	Total	5	\$162,825	\$180,700	\$203,000
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$185,000
	50,000 - 99,999	2	\$140,350	\$140,350	\$180,700
	25,000 - 49,999	1	\$145,427	\$145,427	\$145,427
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$203,000	\$203,000	\$203,000
New York	Total	5	\$122,160	\$123,000	\$145,000
	50,000 - 99,999	3	\$136,933	\$142,800	\$145,000
	25,000 - 49,999	2	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
North Carolina	Total	9	\$148,589	\$154,000	\$205,000
	100,000 - 249,999	4	\$190,723	\$186,445	\$205,000
	50,000 - 99,999	2	\$135,754	\$135,754	\$154,000
	25,000 - 49,999	2	\$106,250	\$106,250	\$110,000
Oregon	Total	2	\$90,405	\$90,405	\$90,405
	250,000 - 499,999	2	\$203,500	\$203,500	\$207,000
Pennsylvania	Total	2	\$112,450	\$112,450	\$122,400
	250,000 - 499,999	1	\$122,400	\$122,400	\$122,400
South Carolina	Total	4	\$134,162	\$93,323	\$275,000
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$102,500	\$102,500	\$102,500
	250,000 - 499,999	1	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000
	25,000 - 49,999	2	\$93,323	\$93,323	\$106,646
Utah	Total	1	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
	25,000 - 49,999	1	\$153,000	\$153,000	\$153,000
Virginia	Total	16	\$179,228	\$165,268	\$274,000
	250,000 - over 1 million	3	\$262,985	\$264,000	\$274,000
	100,000 - 249,999	1	\$208,000	\$208,000	\$208,000
	50,000 - 99,999	5	\$170,017	\$175,000	\$205,000
Wisconsin	Total	2	\$155,222	\$154,700	\$170,000
	10,000 - 24,999	2	\$122,250	\$122,250	\$126,000
	100,000 - 249,999	2	\$133,551	\$124,000	\$185,700
	50,000 - 99,999	1	\$159,184	\$159,184	\$185,700
	25,000 - 49,999	1	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$150,013
Wyoming	Total	1	\$117,158	\$117,473	\$124,000
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$140,381	\$140,381	\$140,381
	10,000 - 24,999	1	\$140,381	\$140,381	\$140,381



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## 2017 Non profit CEO Compensation

### American Public Media Group

#### Company financial details

- \$168M** in revenue  
25.22% change from 2016
- 138.4M in expenses
- \$29.6M in excess

#### Leadership details

- Jon McTaggart  
President/CEO
- \$690k** in compensation  
7.12% change from 2016  
0.5% of expenses

### YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities

#### Company financial details

- \$153.7M** in revenue  
5.37% change from 2016
- 149.2M in expenses
- \$4.5M in excess

#### Leadership details

- Glen Gunderson  
President/CEO
- \$574.2k** in compensation  
7.99% change from 2016  
0.38% of expenses

## Planned Parenthood MN/ND/SD

### Company financial details

**\$40.9M** in revenue  
-7.98% change from 2016  
**84.7M** in expenses  
-\$43.8M in excess

### Leadership details

Sarah Stoesz  
President/CEO  
**\$464.2k** in compensation  
-4.9% change from 2016  
0.55% of expenses

## Greater Twin Cities United Way

### Company financial details

**\$87.9M** in revenue  
-10.81% change from 2016  
**94.3M** in expenses  
-\$6.4M in excess

### Leadership details

Sarah Caruso  
President/CEO  
**\$450.3k** in compensation  
8.61% change from 2016  
0.48% of expenses

## Twin Cities Public Television

### Company financial details

**\$40.6M** in revenue  
12.79% change from 2016  
**33M** in expenses  
\$7.6M in excess

### **Leadership details**

James Pagliarini  
President/CEO

**\$430.5k** in compensation

7.49% change from 2016

1.3% of expenses

### **Nexus**

Community-based youth and family services, foster care/adoption programs, short and long-term residential and group home programs with year-round onsite education, transition and independent living programs, and psychiatric inpatient treatment. [Notes](#)  
Healthcare 2016 ranking: **53** Plymouth [nexustreatment.org](http://nexustreatment.org)

### **Company financial details**

**\$67.2M** in revenue

-11.71% change from 2016

65.9M in expenses

\$1.3M in excess

### **Leadership details**

David Hutchinson  
former President/CEO

**\$425.6k** in compensation

0.41% change from 2016

0.65% of expenses

### **Minnesota Masonic Charities**

**\$42.3M** in revenue

11.78% change from 2016

42M in expenses

\$204.5k in excess

### **Leadership details**

Eric J. Neetenbeek  
President/CEO

**\$413.3k** in compensation

4.57% change from 2016

0.98% of expenses

## Minnesota Historical Society

### Company financial details

**\$59.4M** in revenue  
-6.68% change from 2016  
**57.2M** in expenses  
**\$2.1M** in excess

### Leadership details

D. Stephen Elliott  
Director and CEO

**\$341.9K** in compensation  
1.39% change from 2016  
0.6% of expenses

## Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

### Company financial details

**\$133.1M** in revenue  
4.8% change from 2016  
**131.4M** in expenses  
**\$1.7M** in excess

### Leadership details

Jodi Harpstead  
CEO

**\$332.2K** in compensation  
0.69% change from 2016  
0.25% of expenses

## Second Harvest Heartland

### Company financial details

**\$144.5M** in revenue  
18.75% change from 2016  
**140.7M** in expenses

\$3.8M in excess

#### Leadership details

Rob Zeaske  
CEO

**\$324.4k** in compensation  
28.48% change from 2016  
0.23% of expenses

#### Scholarship America

#### Company financial details

**\$201.5M** in revenue  
-4.2% change from 2016  
**205.7M** in expenses  
-\$4.3M in excess

#### Leadership details

Robert Ballard  
President/CEO

**\$322.5k** in compensation  
6.67% change from 2016  
0.16% of expenses

#### Pheasants Forever Inc.

#### Company financial details

**\$87.3M** in revenue  
28.35% change from 2016  
85.5M in expenses  
\$1.8M in excess

#### Leadership details

Howard Vincent  
President/CEO

**\$319.6k** in compensation  
4.77% change from 2016  
0.37% of expenses

## Amherst H Wilder Foundation

### Company financial details

**\$38.6M** in revenue  
-6.28% change from 2016  
**50.2M** in expenses  
-\$11.6M in excess

### Leadership details

MayKao Hang  
President/CEO  
**\$301.4K** in compensation  
13.17% change from 2016  
0.6% of expenses

## People Incorporated

Supports mental health and wellness through collaboration and integration of care. [Notes](#)  
Healthcare 2016 ranking: **83** St Paul [peopleincorporated.org](http://peopleincorporated.org)

### Company financial details

**\$45.6M** in revenue  
7.85% change from 2016  
**43.7M** in expenses  
\$1.9M in excess

### Leadership details

Jill Wiedemann-West  
CEO  
**\$287.3K** in compensation  
13.5% change from 2016  
0.66% of expenses

## Goodwill / Easter Seals Minnesota

### Company financial details

**\$52.1M** in revenue

-12.2% change from 2016  
56.5M in expenses  
-\$4.5M in excess

#### **Leadership details**

Michael Wirth-Davis  
President/CEO

**\$278k** in compensation  
3.79% change from 2016  
0.49% of expenses

#### **American Refugee Committee**

##### **Company financial details**

**\$40.6M** in revenue  
-15.3% change from 2016  
47.5M in expenses  
-\$7M in excess

#### **Leadership details**

Daniel Wordsworth  
President/CEO

**\$271.8k** in compensation  
2% change from 2016  
0.57% of expenses

#### **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis**

##### **Company financial details**

**\$65.9M** in revenue  
22.63% change from 2016  
50.7M in expenses  
\$15.2M in excess

#### **Leadership details**

Tim Marx  
President/CEO

**\$270.1k** in compensation

8.56% change from 2016

0.53% of expenses

### Minnesota Diversified Industries Inc.

Serve people with disabilities by offering inclusive employment opportunities and services. [Notes](#)

Social services 2016 ranking: **78** Minneapolis [mdi.org](#)

#### Company financial details

**\$39.6M** in revenue

-12.9% change from 2016

33.7M in expenses

\$5.9M in excess

#### Leadership details

Peter McDermott

President/CEO

**\$264.4K** in compensation

12.85% change from 2016

0.78% of expenses

### CommonBond Communities

Creates affordable housing communities and provides support services for residents. [Notes](#)

Other 2016 ranking: - St Paul [commonbond.org](#)

#### Company financial details

**\$59.9M** in revenue

70.1M in expenses

-\$10.2M in excess

#### Leadership details

Deidre Schmidt

President/CEO

**\$254.8K** in compensation

13.57% change from 2016

0.36% of expenses

## Lifeworks Services Inc.

Serves 2,500 individuals with disabilities and their families through fiscal support, employment, and day services. [Notes](#)  
Social services 2016 ranking: **62** Eagan [lifeworks.org](http://lifeworks.org)

### Company financial details

- \$63.6M** in revenue
- 4.12% change from 2016
- 61.6M in expenses
- \$2M in excess

### Leadership details

Judy Lysne  
President/CEO

- \$253.6k** in compensation
- 2.78% change from 2016
- 0.41% of expenses

## Opportunity Partners Inc.

Partners with business and community to provide employment, job training and residential choices for people with disabilities [Notes](#)

Social services 2016 ranking: **95** Minnetonka [opportunities.org](http://opportunities.org)

### Company financial details

- \$33.7M** in revenue
- 5.41% change from 2016
- 33.7M in expenses
- \$67k in excess

### Leadership details

Armando Camacho  
President/CEO

- \$228.9k** in compensation
- 4.33% change from 2016
- 0.68% of expenses

## MRCI WorkSource

A human service organization devoted to providing genuine and innovative opportunities for individuals with disabilities and disadvantages to engage in their communities. [Notes](#)

Other 2016 ranking: **55** Mankato [mrciworksource.org](http://mrciworksource.org)

### Company financial details

**\$76.1M** in revenue

6.95% change from 2016

74.7M in expenses

\$1.5M in excess

### Leadership details

Brian Benshoof

Chief Executive Officer

**\$171.9K** in compensation

10.05% change from 2016

0.23% of expenses