

Celebrity & Real People Salary Comparison (2013 and 2014)

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In November 2014, I read in the newspaper that the Miami Marlins signed outfielder Giancarlo Stanton to a record 13-year, \$325 million contract. Upset at why our society pays such exorbitant salaries to professional ball players, I decided to look at various stars and then regular people to compare salaries. Teachers could use these salaries to have their students compute a daily wage or a wage per game/per movie/per school day/etc. These wages (especially for the real people) might be useful for students to study as they prepare for their own jobs. Here are some of the results from the newspaper (*The Coloradoan*), the internet (www.mywage.org, www.aflcio.org, www.spotracc.com), and Parade magazine:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Profession</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Giancarlo Stanton	Baseball Player (Miami Marlins)	\$325 million for 13 years
Mike Trout	Baseball Player (Miami Marlins)	\$144.5 million for 6 years
Colin Kaepernick	Football Player (San Francisco)	\$61 million for 1 year
Carmello Anthony	Basketball Player (New York Knicks)	\$124 million for 5 years
Alex Ovechkin	Hockey Player (Washington Capitals)	\$124 million for 13 years
Micheal Essien	Soccer Player (Milan)	\$3,400,000 per year
Jay Cutler	Football Player (Chicago Bears)	\$126.7 million for 7 years
Gerald McCoy	Football Player (Tampa Bay)	\$92.5 million for 6 years
Eli Manning	Football Player (New York Giants)	\$97.5 million for 6 years
Peyton Manning	Football Player (Denver Broncos)	\$96 million for 5 years
Johnny Manziel	Football Player (Cleveland Browns)	\$8.25 million for 4 years
Clayton Kershaw	Baseball Player (L.A. Dodgers)	\$215 million for 7 years
Justin Verlander	Baseball Player (Detroit Tigers)	\$180 million for 7 years
Kobe Bryant	Basketball Player (L.A. Lakers)	\$48.5 million for 2 years
LeBron James	Basketball Player (Cleveland Cavaliers)	\$42.22 million for 2 years
Kevin Durant	Basketball Player (Oklahoma City Thunder)	\$89,163,134 for 5 years
Shea Weber	Hockey Player (Nashville Predators)	\$110 million for 14 years
Ricardo Kaka	Soccer Player (Orlando City)	\$6,600,000 per year
Nick Saban	Football Coach (Alabama)	\$7.2 million per year
Mark Dantonio	Football Coach (Michigan State)	\$5.6 million per year
Bob Stoops	Football Coach (Oklahoma)	\$5 million per year
Kevin Sumlin	Football Coach (Texas A&M)	\$5 million per year
Charlie Strong	Football Coach (Texas)	\$5 million per year
Urban Meyer	Football Coach (Ohio State)	\$4.5 million per year

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Barack Obama	President of the United States	\$400,000 per year
John Boehner	Speaker of the House of Representatives	\$174,000 per year
Pope Francis	Pope of the Catholic Church	\$0.00 per year
Hillary Clinton	Public Speaker (former Secretary of State)	\$5,000,000 per year
Vladimir Putin	President of Russia	\$280,395 per year
John McClain	U.S. Senator (Arizona)	\$174,000 per year
Angelina Jolie	Actress	\$18,000,000 per year
Harrison Ford	Actor	\$65,000,000 per year
Daniel Radcliffe	Actor	\$86,888,889 per year
Jennifer Aniston	Actress	\$32,000,000 per year
Madonna	Singer	\$125,000,000 per year
Beyonce Knowles	Singer	\$115,000,000 per year
Oprah Winfrey	Talk Show Host	\$82,000,000 per year
50 Cent	Musician	\$8,000,000 per year
J.K. Rowling	Writer	\$14,000,000 per year
Charif Souki	CEO of CHENIERE ENERGY INC	\$141,949,280 per year
Mario J. Gabelli	CEO of GAMCO INVESTORS INC	\$85,049,800 per year
Leslie Moonves	CEO of CBS CORP	\$66,932,581 per year
Jeffrey Weiner	CEO of LINKEDIN CORP	\$49,071,363 per year
Robert A. Iger	CEO of WALT DISNEY CO	\$34,321,055 per year
Hock E. Tan	CEO of AVAGO TECHNOLOGIES LTD	\$31,867,129 per year
Brian L. Roberts	CEO of COMCAST CORP	\$31,367,254 per year
Marillyn A. Hewson	CEO of LOCKHEED MARTIN CORP	\$25,155,799 per year
Marissa A. Mayer	CEO of YAHOO INC	\$24,935,712 per year
Steve Ells	CEO of CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC	\$25,116,871 per year
Bill Gates	Co-founder of Microsoft	\$8,000,000 per year
Warren Buffett	CEO of Berkshire Hathaway	\$100,000 per year
Alex Denison	Trout Farm Owner (Nantahala, NC)	\$12,700 per year
Anne Carole Butler	Costume Designer (Atlanta, GA)	\$30,000 per year
AnnMarie McCoy	Special Education Teacher (Riverside, CA)	\$80,800 per year
Betsy Chapman	Communication Manager (Oxford, MS)	\$20,800 per year
Bob Jensen	Glazier (Lewiston, ID)	\$29,000 per year
Anna Norton	Operations Manager (Cary, NC)	\$40,000 per year
Brenda Thomas	Windjammer Captain (Rockland, ME)	\$12,000 per year

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Charley Vannice	Railroad Conductor (Molalla, OR)	\$120,000 per year
Cheryl McPherson	Pediatric Nurse (Sayreville, NJ)	\$85,000 per year
Colin T. McDonald	Fashion Publicist (New York City, NY)	\$75,000 per year
Craig Whipple	State Parks Director (Barre, VT)	\$73,749 per year
Joseph Ortiz	Food and Beverage Worker (Orlando, FL)	\$23,000 per year
Dawn Hoover	Relief Veterinarian (Fairhope, AL)	\$65,000 per year
Donald Ricklin	Museum Exhibit Builder (Worcester, MA)	\$29,000 per year
Donna DeForbes	Writer and Designer (Warwick, RI)	\$30,000 per year
Dorothy Thompson	Director of Marketing (Richland Center, WI)	\$48,357 per year
Gerry Smith	Oil Industry Inspector (Fairbanks, AK)	\$130,000 per year
Gil Rodriguez	Fire Chief (Murray, UT)	\$110,000 per year
Gloria Ross	Obituary Writer (St. Louis, MO)	\$13,000 per year
Harry Pecci	Stadium Beer Vendor (Richboro, PA)	\$12,000 per year
Heather Proctor	Short-Order Cook (Malvern, AR)	\$19,000 per year
Janette McCalvy	School Supervisor (Cottage Grove, MN)	\$25,000 per year
Jeanie Forrester	State Senator (Meredith, NH)	\$100 per year
Jerry Li	Aircraft Maintenance Tech. (New York, NY)	\$75,000 per year
Jerry McKenna	Sculptor (Boerne, TX)	\$85,000 per year
Joe Commodore	Oil and Gas Consultant (Boulder, WY)	\$50,000 per year
Jeremy Hurd	School Principal (Box Elder, SD)	\$60,500 per year
Joseph Hughes	Accordionist (Abingdon, MD)	\$6,000 per year
Karla Turney	Clinical Pharmacist (North Liberty, IA)	\$104,472 per year
Karleen Hultquist	Office Manager (Wailuku, HI)	\$41,040 per year
Ken Howatt	Driving Instructor (Las Vegas, NV)	\$40,850 per year
Kindle Shaw	Assistant to the Mayor (Seattle, WA)	\$80,000 per year
Kristin Schuett	Riding Instructor (Loveland, CO)	\$18,000 per year
Lara Kibler	English Teacher (Lincoln, NE)	\$48,248 per year
Lee Chapman	Firefighter (Bloomington, IN)	\$52,000 per year
Leslie Lindsay	ESL Coordinator and Teacher (Round Rock, TX)	\$46,500 per year
Linda Mitchell	Parent Educator (O'Fallon, IL)	\$23,795 per year
Lyn Barela	Speech & Language Pathologist (Berthold, ND)	\$52,500 per year
Mark McDevitt	Banquet Captain (Phoenix, AZ)	\$66,000 per year
Martin Leake	Riverboat Captain (Ashland, KY)	\$133,357 per year
Mary Stenger	Library Director (Lost Creek, WV)	\$8,840 per year
Matthew Wolfe	Fisheries Biologist (North Canton, OH)	\$56,000 per year

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Mike Kuzma	Justice of the Peace (Newport News, VA)	\$12,500 per year
Michelle Ernsdorff	Founder of compasstocare.org (Chicago, IL)	\$48,000 per year
Monica Johnson	Deputy Sheriff (Columbia, SC)	\$44,200 per year
Nancy Chavez-Berg	Owner, Retail Fish Market (Albuquerque, NM)	\$40,000 per year
Caleb Ogborn	Sign Technician (Lawrence, KS)	\$28,000 per year
Patrick Garner	Thomas Edison Impersonator (Montclair, NJ)	\$75,000 per year
Peter Waugh	Municipal Recreation Director (Ossipee, NH)	\$46,916 per year
Randye Kaye	Voice Actress (Trumbull, CT)	\$90,000 per year
Richard Lizerbram	Podiatrist (Newtown, PA)	\$145,000 per year
Roslyn Guillory Phillip	Security Guard (Lake Charles, LA)	\$25,000 per year
Shaun Hoolahan	Petroleum Engineer (Opportunity, MT)	\$134,100 per year
Starr Mikkelson	Montessori Teacher (Idaho Falls, ID)	\$26,000 per year
Stefanie Juliano	Mental Health Counselor (Rio Rancho, NM)	\$31,200 per year
Terri Rees	Personal Chef (Wyoming, MI)	\$10,000 per year
Thad Balkman	District Judge (Norman, OK)	\$124,373 per year
Tom Egly	Background Actor (Alexandria, VA)	\$5,000 per year
Tracey M. Phillips	College Professor (Summerville, S.C.)	\$96,771 per year
Valerie Leffler	Cheese Worker (Richland Center, WI)	\$46,800 per year
W.L. McMicheal	Veterans Employment Rep. (Cordova, TN)	\$34,034 per year
Yvonne Lander	Truck Driver (Dayton, OH)	\$75,000 per year
Karen DeBoer	Non-Union Voiceover Talent (Lincoln, NE)	\$50,000 per year