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## 2007 AFT Public Employees Compensation Survey Private Sector vs. State Employee Average Salary Comparisons, 2007

Private Sector		State Employee		Private Sector Salary Advantage
Job Title	Avg. Salary <sup>1</sup>	Job Title	Avg. Salary <sup>2</sup>	
Accountants & Auditors	\$57,026	Accountant	\$43,805	30.2%
Agric. Inspector	\$21,895	Agric. Inspector	\$40,788	-46.3%
Architect	\$68,231	Architect	\$63,378	7.7%
Biologist	\$73,239	Biologist	\$45,156	62.2%
Buyer, Wholesale & Retail	\$60,275	Buyer	\$39,677	51.9%
Chemist	\$70,626	Chemist	\$44,252	59.6%
Civil Engineer	\$73,844	Civil Engineer	\$56,348	31.0%
Computer Programmer	\$70,076	Programmer/Analyst	\$51,678	35.6%
Computer Systems Analyst	\$78,745	Systems Analyst	\$57,834	36.2%
Construction Inspector	\$54,512	Bridge Inspector	\$46,349	17.6%
Economist	\$78,100	Economist	\$51,562	51.5%
General Office Clerk	\$29,148	Data Processing Clerk	\$26,071	11.8%
Geologists & Geodesists	\$83,711	Geologist	\$46,965	78.2%
Lawyer	\$131,188	Attorney	\$66,423	97.5%
Librarian	\$60,590	Librarian	\$44,186	37.1%
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$38,033	Licensed Practical Nurse	\$36,349	4.6%
Personnel Specialist	\$55,013	Personnel Analyst	\$47,423	16.0%
Psychologist	\$47,104	Psychologist	\$54,343	-13.3%
Registered Nurse	\$59,634	Register Nurse	\$51,259	16.3%
Social Worker	\$37,579	Social Worker	\$42,163	-10.9%
Median				30.6%
Average				28.7%

<sup>1</sup>Source: 2005 National Compensation Survey ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)), updated to March 2007 using the Employment Cost Index

<sup>2</sup>Source: 2007 AFT Public Employees Compensation Survey, page 5