



Salaries of Supreme Court Justices in The 13 Comparable States

State	Supreme Court Justice Annual Salary	Chief Justice Annual Salary
California	210,000	220,000
Illinois	189,000	189,000
Michigan	165,000	165,000
Washington	155,557	155,557
Iowa	147,000	153,000
Indiana	147,000	150,000
Minnesota	142,000	156,000
Arizona	142,000	145,000
Nevada	140,000 – 171,000	140,000 – 171,000
Utah	138,000	140,000
Wisconsin	137,000	145,000
Colorado	129,000	132,000
Oregon	122,000	125,000
Idaho	116,000	118,000

Prior commissions have considered data from the 13 states utilized by the Department of Personnel in its salary and benefits studies. This list has remained relatively stable over time, providing for continuity of data and decision-making. The states were selected on the basis of economic comparability with Washington and include:

- Per capita state expenditures;
- Per capita income;
- Average hourly earnings;
- Number of full-time equivalent (full-time) state employees per capita; and
- Per capita state expenditures for education.

Notes:

1. Source of data: Council of State Governments, January 2008 Survey
2. Salary shown for Washington is as of 9/1/2007. The current (9/1/08) salary for Supreme Court Justice is \$164,221.