



THE BIG PICTURE

IIDA Interior Design
Compensation
Overview
2019

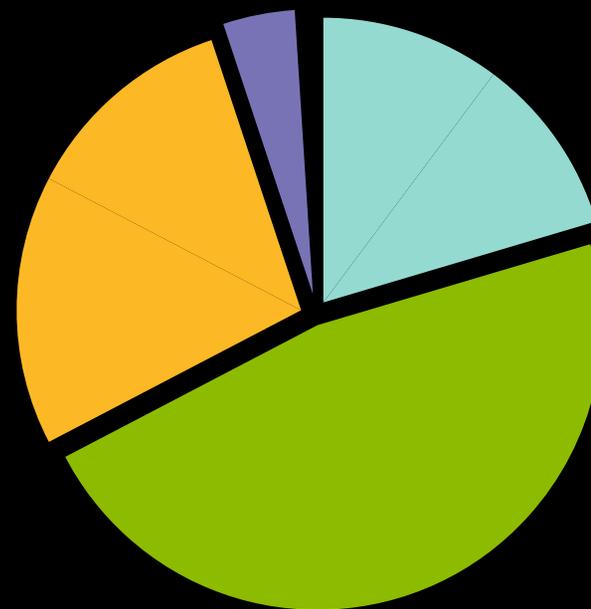
The *IIDA Interior Design Compensation Report* was developed through a survey sponsored by IIDA to gather information about compensation and benefits in the interior design industry. Salary results are based on over 2,000 responding IIDA members who are employed or self-employed full time in the design industry or a design-related position in the United States.





The salary spread in the interior design industry is wide with strong correlations between salary and industry tenure, education, professional credentials, job function, supervisory responsibility, and geography, among other variables.

INTERIOR DESIGNERS' INCOME

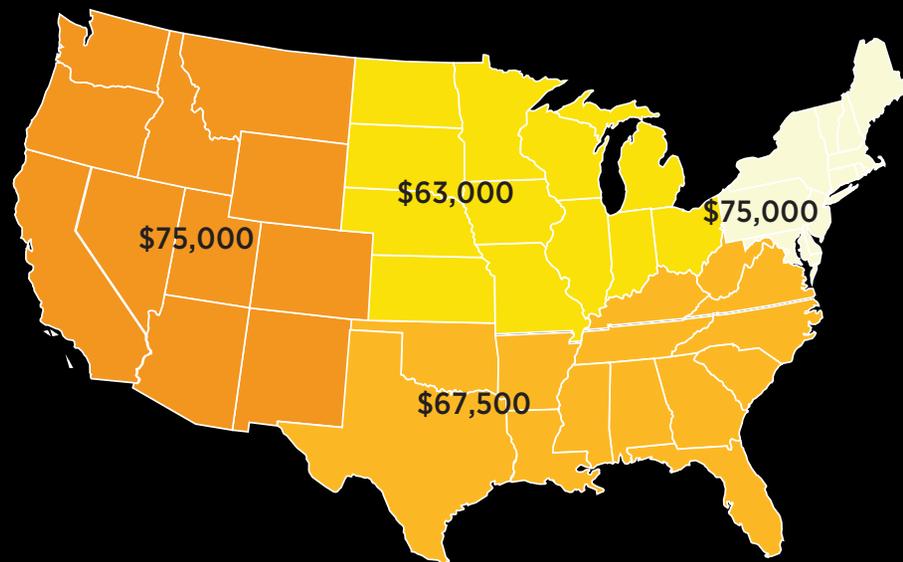


2018
MEAN: \$78,100
MEDIAN: \$69,000

2016
MEAN: \$73,300
MEDIAN: \$65,000

WHERE YOU WORK MATTERS

The average salary of an interior designer changes based on location.



2016
West - \$70,000
Midwest - \$58,000
South - \$62,900
Northeast - \$75,500





JOB FUNCTION MATTERS

Respondents who reported themselves to be in the executive job category reported the highest median salary of \$115,000.

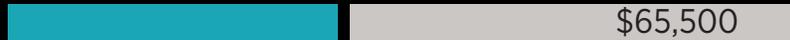
EXECUTIVES



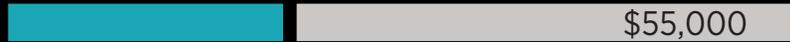
SENIOR DESIGNERS/ARCHITECTS



ARCHITECTS



DESIGNERS



CERTIFICATION MATTERS

Holding at least one design credential—like NCIDQ, LEED, or CID certification—can make a difference in salary.

\$60K

NO CREDENTIALS
OR CERTIFICATIONS

\$75K

ONE OR MORE
CREDENTIALS

WHO PARTICIPATED?

2,208^{*}
IIDA MEMBERS

87%
FEMALE

49%
NCIDQ-
CERTIFICATION
HOLDERS

39
MEDIAN
AGE

15%
DIVERSE
BACKGROUNDS

61%
AT LEAST ONE
DESIGN
CREDENTIAL

*2018 compensation results based on 2,208 respondents employed or self-employed in the design industry or in a design-related position in the United States.



INDUSTRY FORECAST

The *IIDA Interior Design Compensation Report* allows designers and A&D professionals to better value their skills and experience, negotiate salaries and raises, and make smart choices about their careers. The report's findings indicate that the industry is healthy, with salaries and cash compensations increasing. Beyond paycheck and employee benefits, the numbers also indicate that the interior design field continues to draw people who are passionate about the profession and satisfied in their careers.

