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.

WHERE YOU WORK MATTERS
The average salary of an interior designer changes based on location.
**JOB FUNCTION MATTERS**
Respondents who reported themselves to be in the executive job category reported the highest median salary of $115,000.

**EXECUTIVES**
$115,000

**SENIOR DESIGNERS/ARCHITECTS**
$74,000

**ARCHITECTS**
$65,500

**DESIGNERS**
$55,000

**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?**

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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.