



# THE BIG PICTURE

IIDA Interior Design  
Compensation  
Report

The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) sponsored a survey to gather information about compensation and benefits in the Interior Design industry. Salary results are based on over 3,000 responding IIDA Members who are employed or self-employed full time in the design industry or a design-related position.



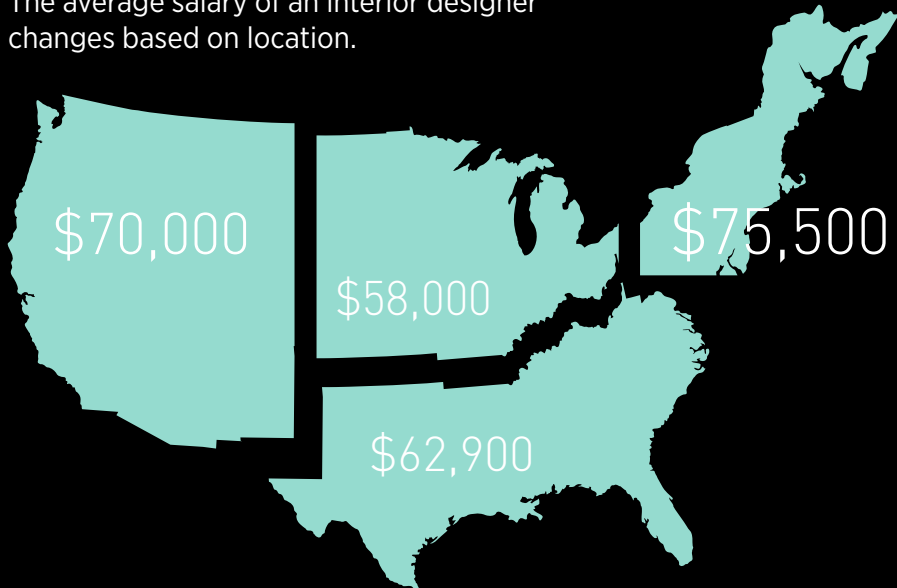


The salary spread in the Interior Design industry is wide with strong correlations between salary and industry tenure, education, professional credentials, job function, supervisory responsibility, and geography, among other variables.



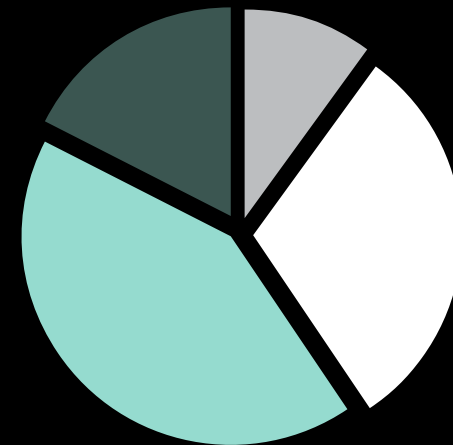
### WHERE YOU WORK MATTERS

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



### INTERIOR DESIGNER'S INCOME

MEDIAN INCOME: \$65,000





## JOB FUNCTION MATTERS



Not surprisingly, principals reported the highest median salary at \$110,000, but these firm leaders also had the widest range of salaries among respondents.



## WHO PARTICIPATED?



## CERTIFICATION MATTERS

Holding at least one design credential or certification can make a big difference in salary.

# \$56K

NO CREDENTIALS OR CERTIFICATION

# \$70K

ONE OR MORE CREDENTIALS

# 3,447\*

IIDA MEMBERS

# 39

MEDIAN AGE

# 85%

FEMALE

# 14%

DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS

# 44%

NCIDQ-CERTIFICATION HOLDERS

# 58%

AT LEAST ONE DESIGN CREDENTIAL

\*2016 compensation results based on 3,345 respondents who are employed full time.





# INDUSTRY FORECAST

## IIDA Interior Design Compensation Report

The *IIDA Interior Design Compensation Report* allows leaders in design to monitor the state of the industry, inform strategic business and hiring decisions, retain talent, and recruit top designers. The report also reveals that designers are in high demand, making it clear that competitive salaries are key to ensuring that interior design remains a viable profession for innovative, driven, and creative individuals.

