

ORISE Releases Salary Information for Health Physicists

Health physicists have had a five to six percent increase in salaries since last year according to a recent survey. (Compare to survey in *Newsletter*, November 1998, page 18.) From a survey of personnel working as health physicists and nuclear engineers for June 1999, the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) reports salary information for personnel at the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. levels with zero, one, three, four to seven, and eight to ten years of professional work experience.

Information is provided for utilities and nonutilities.

Nonutilities include private sector organizations and U.S. Department of Energy contractor-operated facilities. Government agencies, the military, academic organizations, and medical facilities are excluded.

Tables 1 and 2 present the salary information for health physicists only. To obtain a copy of the complete ORISE report, which includes salary information for nuclear engineers and a listing of survey respondents, contact Duveen Shirley by phone at 423-576-3409 or by email at <shirleyd@ora.gov>.

**Table 1. Utilities Salary Information
June 1999**

total number of responding utilities = 15

Health Physicists

Annual Salary (rounded to the nearest hundred)

B.S.-Degree-Level Personnel					
Experience:	0 <u>Years</u>	1 <u>Year</u>	3 <u>Years</u>	4-7 <u>Years</u>	8-10 <u>Years</u>
Total Received:	8	7	8	10	11
Mean:	\$41,600	\$46,900	\$51,900	\$57,700	\$65,200
Median:	\$42,800	\$44,600	\$52,000	\$58,200	\$64,900
S.D.:	\$4,800	\$9,400	\$7,400	\$7,500	\$8,100
High:	\$46,400	\$67,000	\$63,300	\$68,300	\$77,000
Low:	\$33,300	\$36,600	\$39,100	\$42,800	\$52,300

M.S.-Degree-Level Personnel					
Experience:	0 <u>Years</u>	1 <u>Year</u>	3 <u>Years</u>	4-7 <u>Years</u>	8-10 <u>Years</u>
Total Received:	5	6	6	6	8
Mean:	\$45,100	\$48,200	\$54,400	\$57,400	\$67,500
Median:	\$43,700	\$48,100	\$52,700	\$56,700	\$67,800
S.D.:	\$4,600	\$4,200	\$9,300	\$7,100	\$9,000
High:	\$53,100	\$53,100	\$69,100	\$68,000	\$80,000
Low:	\$41,600	\$43,300	\$44,900	\$49,400	\$53,900

Ph.D.-Degree-Level Personnel					
Experience:	0 <u>Years</u>	1 <u>Year</u>	3 <u>Years</u>	4-7 <u>Years</u>	8-10 <u>Years</u>
Total Received:	4	5	4	5	6
Mean:	\$48,400	\$50,900	\$54,800	\$58,900	\$67,300
Median:	\$48,400	\$52,000	\$53,700	\$56,400	\$65,000
S.D.:	\$4,300	\$3,100	\$7,800	\$7,700	\$11,000
High:	\$53,100	\$54,000	\$65,000	\$71,000	\$81,000
Low:	\$43,700	\$46,300	\$46,800	\$51,800	\$54,900

**Table 2. Nonutilities Salary Information
June 1999**

total number of responding organizations = 41

Health Physicists

Annual Salary (rounded to the nearest hundred)

B.S.-Degree-Level Personnel					
Experience:	0 <u>Years</u>	1 <u>Year</u>	3 <u>Years</u>	4-7 <u>Years</u>	8-10 <u>Years</u>
Total Received:	17	15	16	18	26
Mean:	\$38,100	\$41,200	\$44,900	\$49,900	\$60,400
Median:	\$39,000	\$40,200	\$44,000	\$50,000	\$59,800
S.D.:	\$4,800	\$6,900	\$6,600	\$6,500	\$8,000
High:	\$45,000	\$57,600	\$58,200	\$61,900	\$75,600
Low:	\$26,000	\$30,000	\$33,000	\$36,000	\$48,100

M.S.-Degree-Level Personnel					
Experience:	0 <u>Years</u>	1 <u>Year</u>	3 <u>Years</u>	4-7 <u>Years</u>	8-10 <u>Years</u>
Total Received:	14	11	12	16	19
Mean:	\$43,500	\$45,500	\$49,200	\$56,900	\$66,400
Median:	\$44,100	\$44,500	\$50,000	\$56,500	\$67,000
S.D.:	\$5,600	\$8,100	\$6,600	\$7,200	\$9,600
High:	\$53,000	\$61,700	\$58,600	\$68,800	\$85,700
Low:	\$31,000	\$33,000	\$36,500	\$39,000	\$50,400

Ph.D.-Degree-Level Personnel					
Experience:	0 <u>Years</u>	1 <u>Year</u>	3 <u>Years</u>	4-7 <u>Years</u>	8-10 <u>Years</u>
Total Received:	13	9	10	10	14
Mean:	\$53,000	\$53,900	\$58,700	\$66,200	\$73,800
Median:	\$52,300	\$51,400	\$58,400	\$67,600	\$76,500
S.D.:	\$6,500	\$7,000	\$6,700	\$8,000	\$10,400
High:	\$65,000	\$67,300	\$71,800	\$83,200	\$86,600
Low:	\$44,600	\$44,600	\$49,300	\$55,200	\$50,000