

# Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics



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## Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2022

### 39-5012 Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists

Provide beauty services, such as cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp. May shampoo hair, apply makeup, dress wigs, remove hair, and provide nail and skincare services. Excludes "Makeup Artists, Theatrical and Performance" (39-5091), "Manicurists and Pedicurists" (39-5092), and "Skincare Specialists" (39-5094).

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#### National estimates for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Employment estimate and mean wage estimates for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Employment (1)	Employment RSE (3)	Mean hourly wage	Mean annual wage (2)	Wage RSE (3)
298,050	3.2 %	\$ 18.71	\$ 38,910	1.0 %

Percentile wage estimates for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Percentile	10%	25%	50% (Median)	75%	90%
Hourly Wage	\$ 10.48	\$ 13.17	\$ 16.01	\$ 21.98	\$ 28.88
Annual Wage (2)	\$ 21,800	\$ 27,400	\$ 33,290	\$ 45,710	\$ 60,080

#### Industry profile for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Industries with the highest published employment and wages for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists are provided. For a list of all industries with employment in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.

Industries with the highest levels of employment in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Personal Care Services</a>	266,560	37.56	\$ 18.89	\$ 39,290
<a href="#">General Merchandise Retailers</a>	17,050	0.53	\$ 14.71	\$ 30,610
<a href="#">Health and Personal Care Retailers</a>	5,810	0.53	\$ 13.34	\$ 27,750
<a href="#">Motion Picture and Video Industries</a>	1,080	0.26	\$ 47.07	\$ 97,910
<a href="#">Traveler Accommodation</a>	840	0.05	\$ 17.46	\$ 36,310

Industries with the highest concentration of employment in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

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<a href="#">Technical and Trade Schools</a>	500	0.36	\$ 22.10	\$ 45,960
<a href="#">Motion Picture and Video Industries</a>	1,080	0.26	\$ 47.07	\$ 97,910

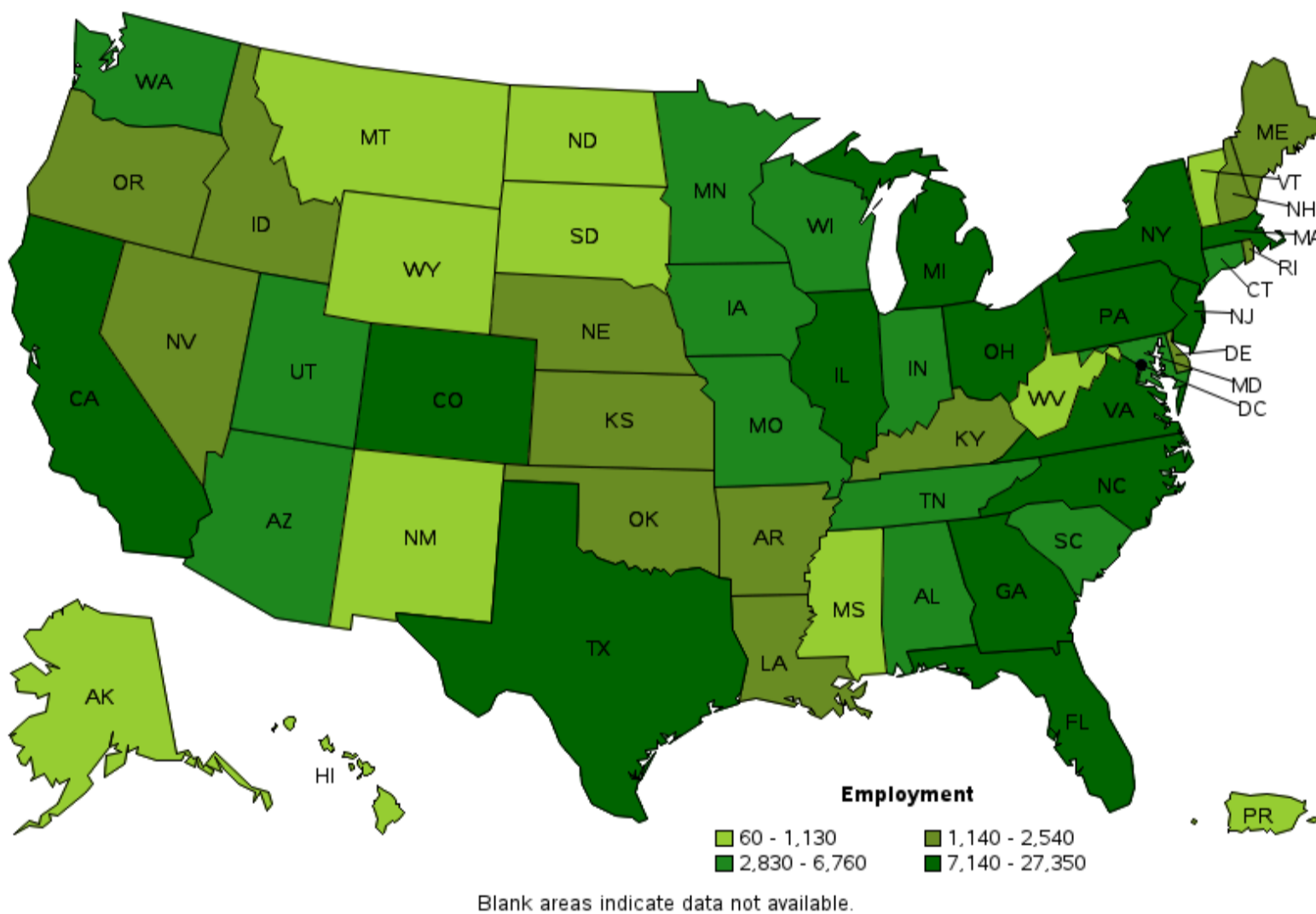
Top paying industries for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Motion Picture and Video Industries</a>	1,080	0.26	\$ 47.07	\$ 97,910
<a href="#">Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services</a>	220	0.03	\$ 37.02	\$ 77,000
<a href="#">Offices of Physicians</a>	300	0.01	\$ 29.75	\$ 61,890
<a href="#">Scientific Research and Development Services</a>	(8)	(8)	\$ 24.00	\$ 49,920
<a href="#">Other Amusement and Recreation Industries</a>	530	0.04	\$ 22.69	\$ 47,190

### Geographic profile for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

States and areas with the highest published employment, location quotients, and wages for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists are provided. For a list of all areas with employment in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.

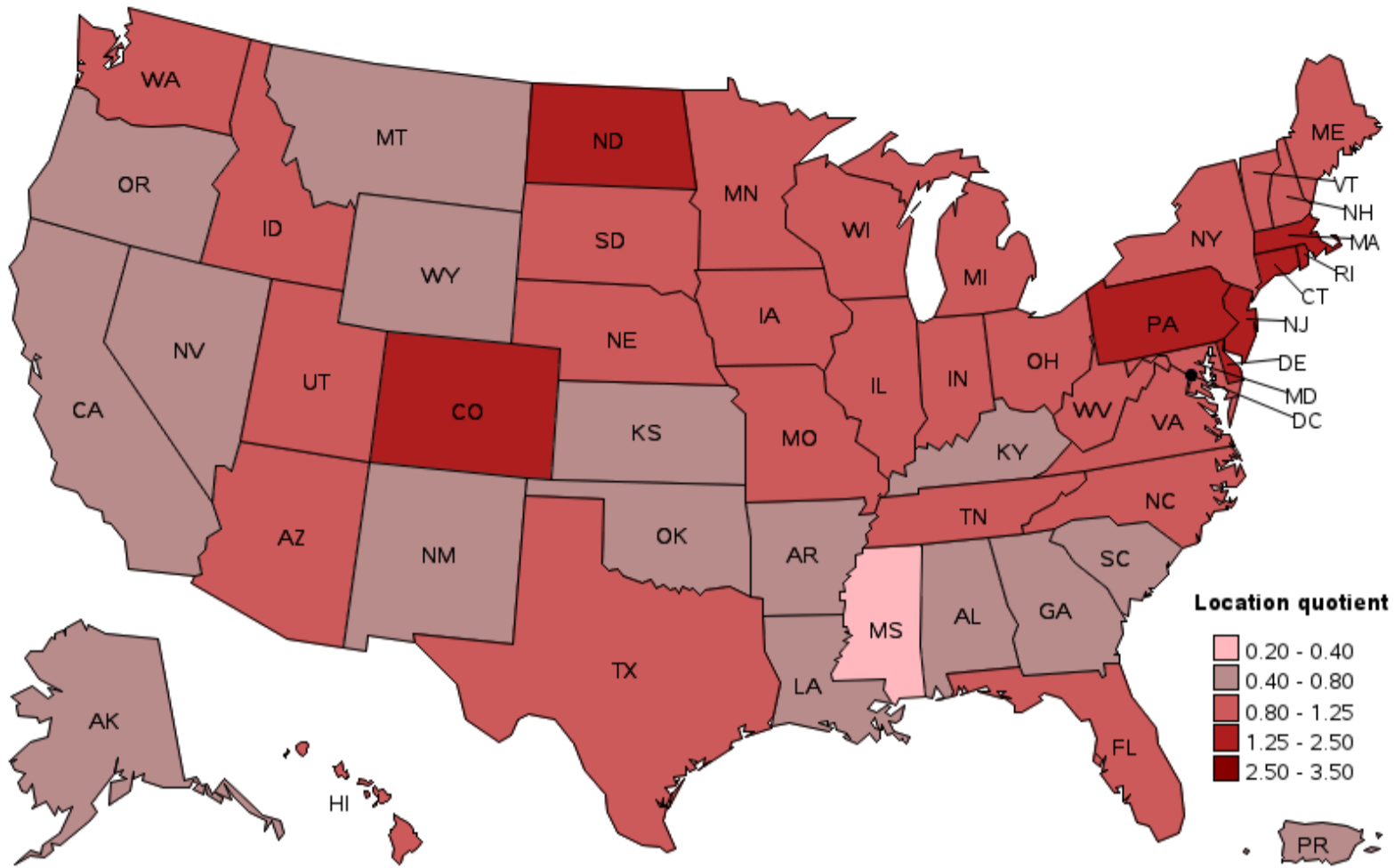
### Employment of hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists, by state, May 2022



States with the highest employment level in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Texas</a>	27,350	2.10	1.04	\$ 14.74	\$ 30,660
<a href="#">California</a>	23,170	1.31	0.65	\$ 21.64	\$ 45,020
<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	20,870	3.59	1.78	\$ 16.55	\$ 34,430
<a href="#">Florida</a>	20,410	2.22	1.10	\$ 16.84	\$ 35,040
<a href="#">New York</a>	18,160	1.99	0.99	\$ 20.68	\$ 43,010

## Location quotient of hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists, by state, May 2022

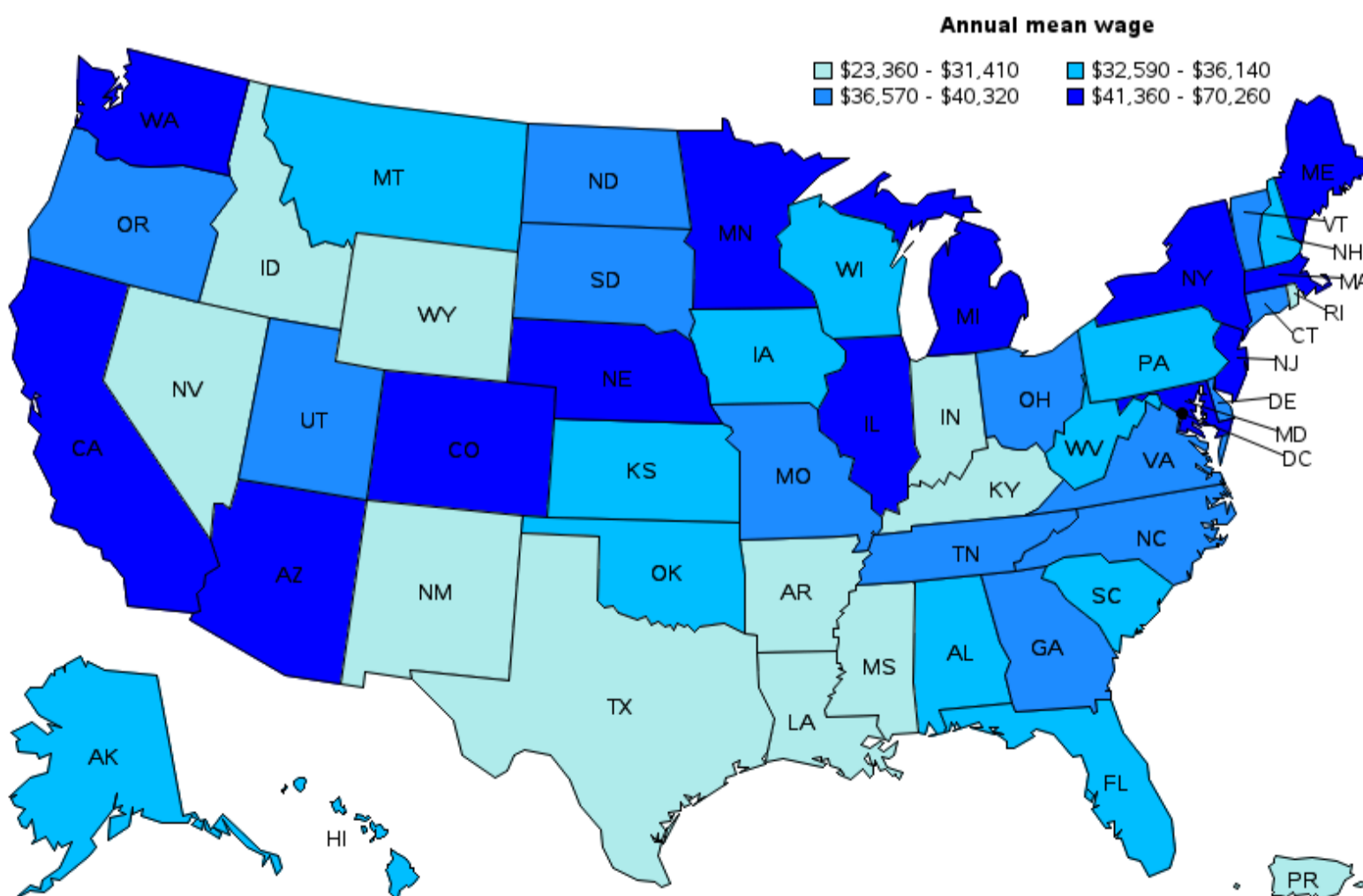


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States with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	15,070	3.67	1.82	\$ 20.29	\$ 42,210
<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	20,870	3.59	1.78	\$ 16.55	\$ 34,430
<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	1,660	3.47	1.72	\$ 14.93	\$ 31,050
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	1,580	3.47	1.72	\$ 18.28	\$ 38,020
<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	9,920	2.78	1.38	\$ 23.42	\$ 48,710

## Annual mean wage of hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists, by state, May 2022

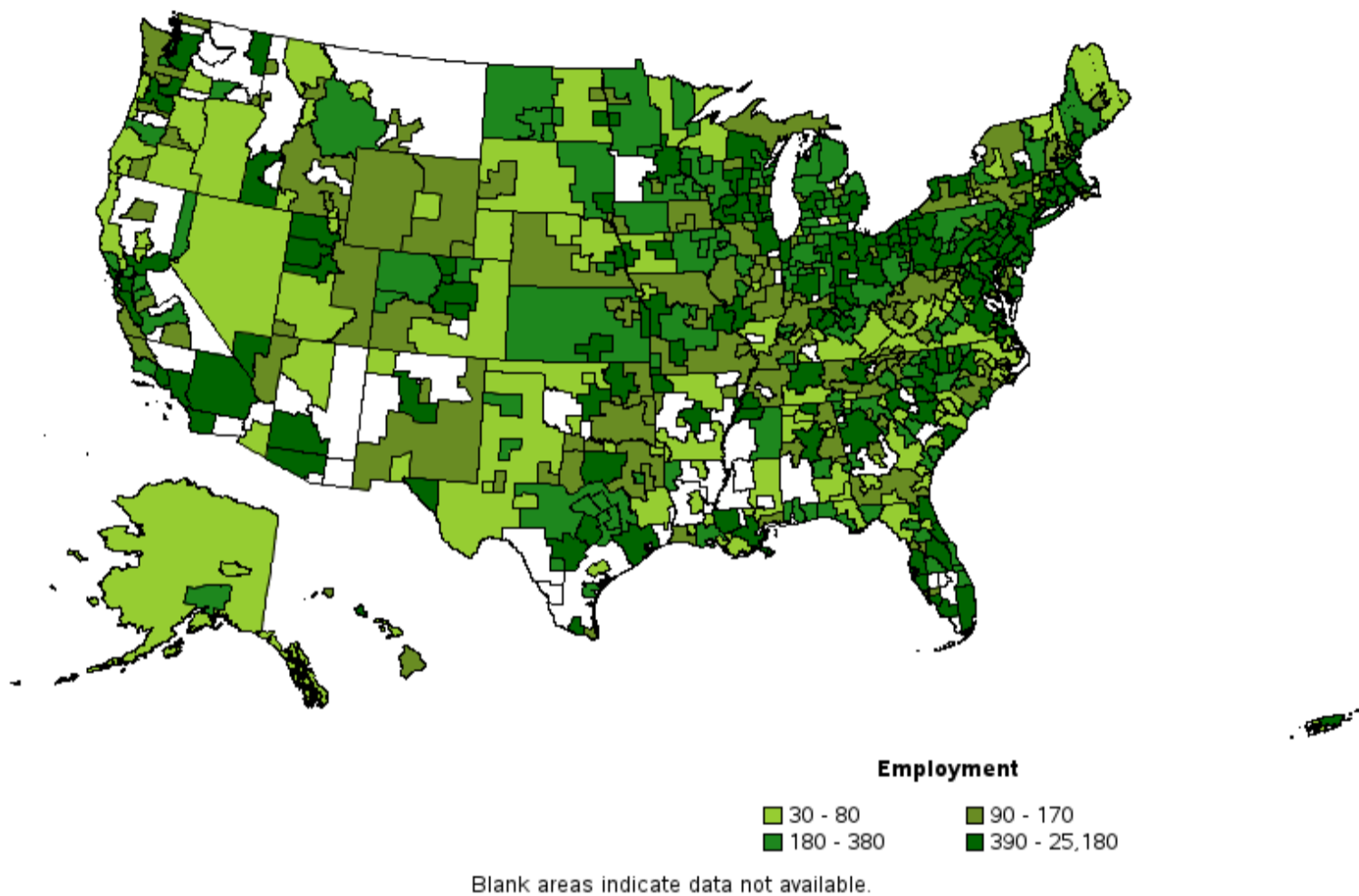


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Top paying states for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">District of Columbia</a>	590	0.85	0.42	\$ 33.78	\$ 70,260
<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	9,920	2.78	1.38	\$ 23.42	\$ 48,710
<a href="#">Washington</a>	6,570	1.93	0.96	\$ 23.06	\$ 47,970
<a href="#">Maine</a>	1,140	1.86	0.92	\$ 22.74	\$ 47,300
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	7,620	2.76	1.37	\$ 22.28	\$ 46,340

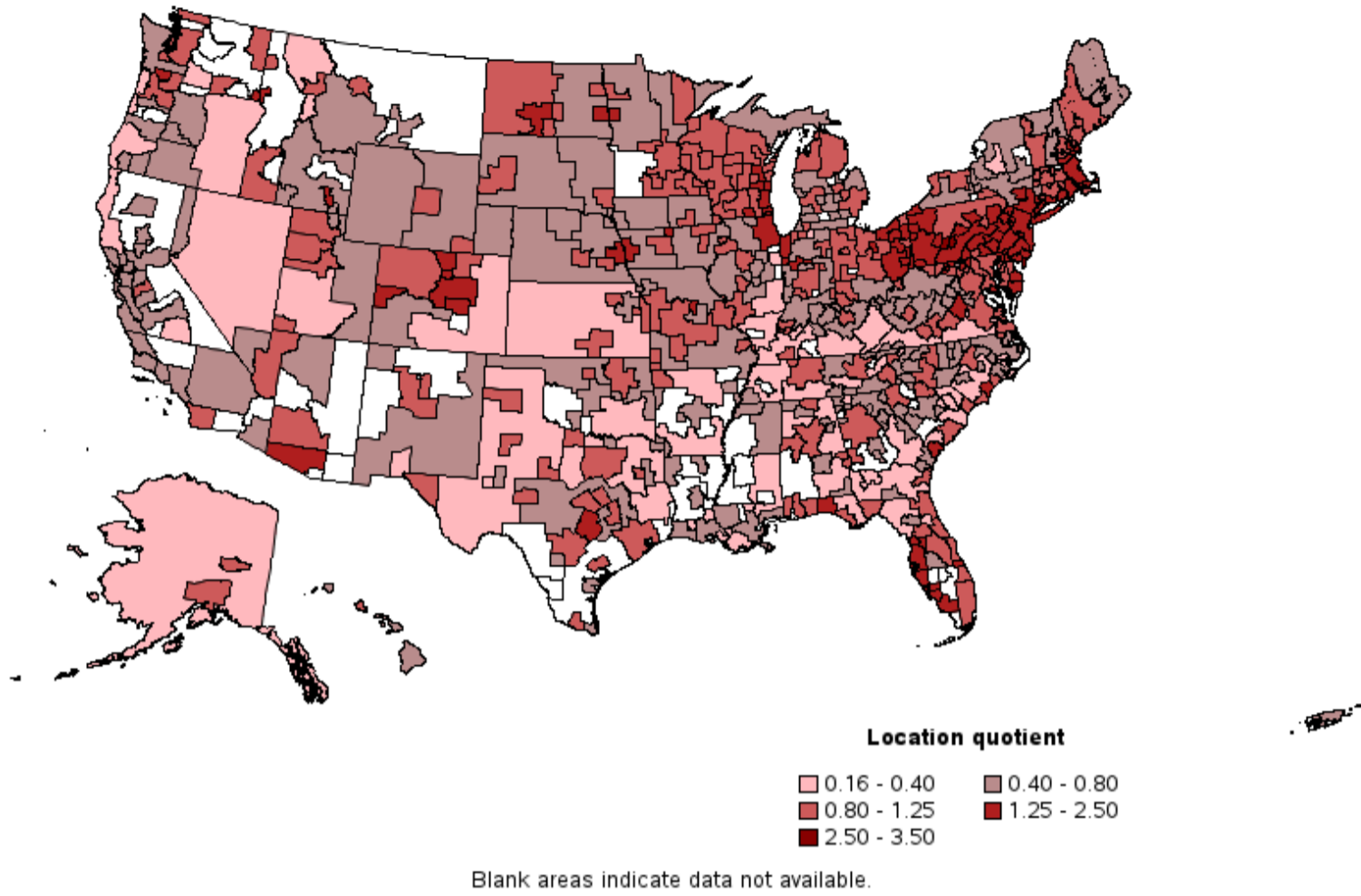
## Employment of hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists, by area, May 2022



Metropolitan areas with the highest employment level in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA</a>	25,180	2.74	1.36	\$ 20.85	\$ 43,370
<a href="#">Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI</a>	11,690	2.65	1.31	\$ 21.49	\$ 44,700
<a href="#">Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD</a>	10,780	3.89	1.93	\$ 17.70	\$ 36,820
<a href="#">Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX</a>	8,580	2.26	1.12	\$ 16.24	\$ 33,790
<a href="#">Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA</a>	8,370	1.37	0.68	\$ 22.18	\$ 46,140
<a href="#">Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH</a>	8,350	3.09	1.53	\$ 23.51	\$ 48,890
<a href="#">Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX</a>	6,980	2.29	1.13	\$ 13.81	\$ 28,720
<a href="#">Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV</a>	6,120	2.02	1.00	\$ 22.54	\$ 46,880
<a href="#">Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL</a>	5,440	2.07	1.03	\$ 15.37	\$ 31,970
<a href="#">Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA</a>	5,220	1.91	0.95	\$ 18.59	\$ 38,660

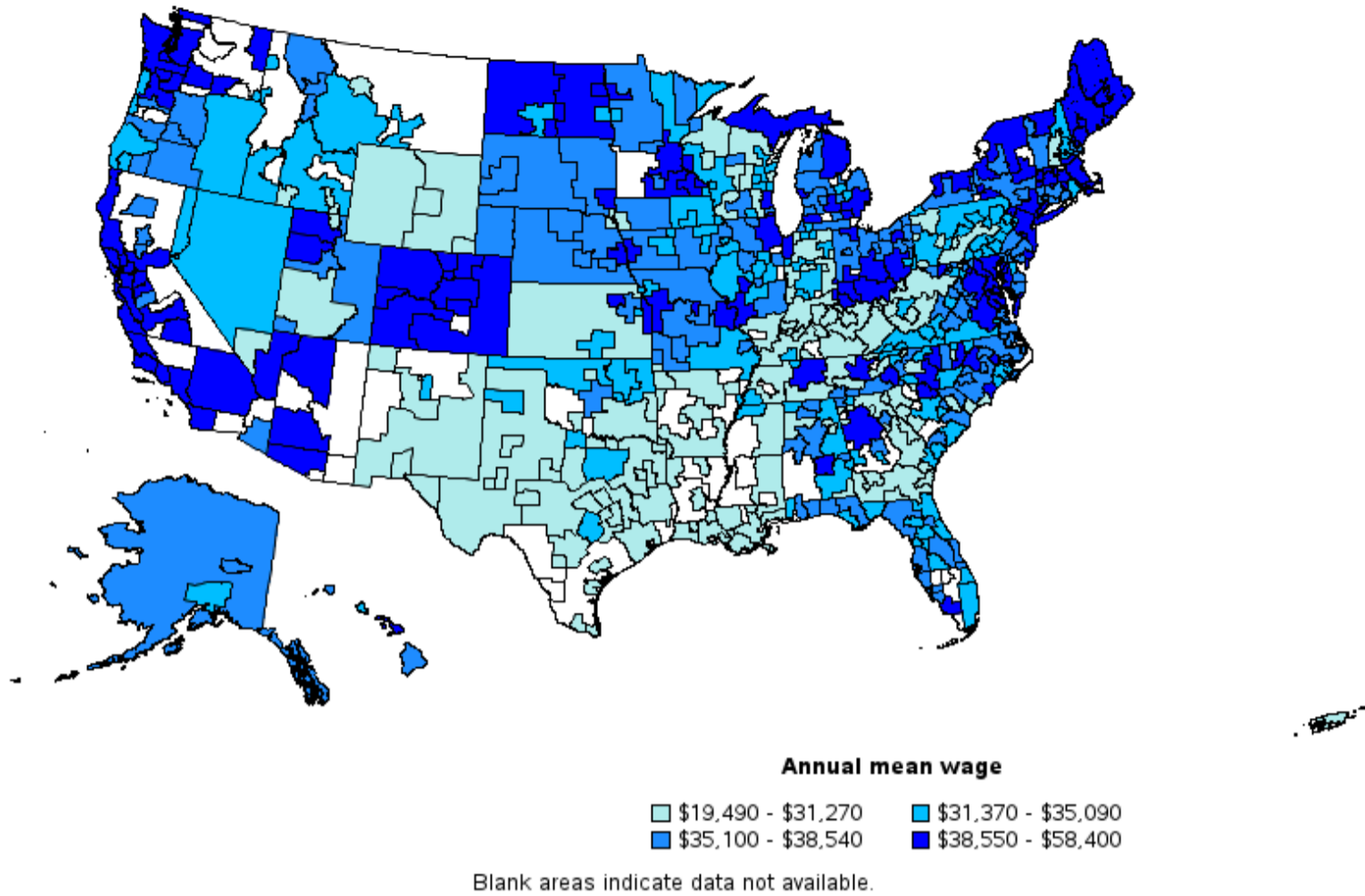
Location quotient of hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists, by area, May 2022



Metropolitan areas with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Altoona, PA</a>	330	5.85	2.90	\$ 14.57	\$ 30,300
<a href="#">Ocean City, NJ</a>	210	5.16	2.56	\$ 18.67	\$ 38,830
<a href="#">Johnstown, PA</a>	240	5.04	2.50	\$ 15.52	\$ 32,280
<a href="#">The Villages, FL</a>	170	4.57	2.27	\$ 16.81	\$ 34,970
<a href="#">Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL</a>	240	4.46	2.21	\$ 17.68	\$ 36,770
<a href="#">Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, FL</a>	680	4.30	2.13	\$ 20.24	\$ 42,110
<a href="#">Reading, PA</a>	710	4.28	2.12	\$ 16.28	\$ 33,860
<a href="#">Pittsburgh, PA</a>	4,360	4.12	2.05	\$ 16.69	\$ 34,700
<a href="#">Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ</a>	1,480	4.09	2.03	\$ 16.54	\$ 34,400
<a href="#">East Stroudsburg, PA</a>	220	4.06	2.02	\$ 15.68	\$ 32,620

## Annual mean wage of hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists, by area, May 2022



Top paying metropolitan areas for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Fort Collins, CO</a>	580	3.42	1.70	\$ 26.75	\$ 55,640
<a href="#">Muskegon, MI</a>	90	1.54	0.76	\$ 25.14	\$ 52,290
<a href="#">Portland-South Portland, ME</a>	500	2.46	1.22	\$ 24.68	\$ 51,330
<a href="#">Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA</a>	4,220	2.07	1.03	\$ 23.93	\$ 49,780
<a href="#">Boulder, CO</a>	610	3.17	1.57	\$ 23.64	\$ 49,170
<a href="#">Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH</a>	8,350	3.09	1.53	\$ 23.51	\$ 48,890
<a href="#">San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA</a>	3,120	1.30	0.65	\$ 23.34	\$ 48,550
<a href="#">Colorado Springs, CO</a>	880	2.89	1.43	\$ 23.17	\$ 48,200
<a href="#">Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV</a>	6,120	2.02	1.00	\$ 22.54	\$ 46,880
<a href="#">New Bedford, MA</a>	170	2.56	1.27	\$ 22.50	\$ 46,800

Nonmetropolitan areas with the highest employment in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">North Northeastern Ohio nonmetropolitan area (noncontiguous)</a>	660	2.05	1.02	\$ 17.79	\$ 37,000
<a href="#">Western Pennsylvania nonmetropolitan area</a>	510	3.67	1.82	\$ 14.89	\$ 30,960
<a href="#">Southern Pennsylvania nonmetropolitan area</a>	490	2.68	1.33	\$ 14.93	\$ 31,050
<a href="#">South Central Wisconsin nonmetropolitan area</a>	470	2.34	1.16	\$ 15.04	\$ 31,270
<a href="#">Northeastern Wisconsin nonmetropolitan area</a>	440	2.26	1.12	\$ 14.61	\$ 30,380

Nonmetropolitan areas with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Western Pennsylvania nonmetropolitan area</a>	510	3.67	1.82	\$ 14.89	\$ 30,960

<a href="#">Southern Pennsylvania nonmetropolitan area</a>	490	2.68	1.33	\$ 14.93	\$ 31,050
<a href="#">Eastern Ohio nonmetropolitan area</a>	340	2.58	1.28	\$ 28.08	\$ 58,400
<a href="#">Northeast Lower Peninsula of Michigan nonmetropolitan area</a>	180	2.43	1.20	\$ 19.72	\$ 41,010
<a href="#">South Central Wisconsin nonmetropolitan area</a>	470	2.34	1.16	\$ 15.04	\$ 31,270

Top paying nonmetropolitan areas for Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Eastern Ohio nonmetropolitan area</a>	340	2.58	1.28	\$ 28.08	\$ 58,400
<a href="#">Massachusetts nonmetropolitan area</a>	100	1.63	0.81	\$ 23.92	\$ 49,750
<a href="#">Northwest Colorado nonmetropolitan area</a>	220	1.76	0.87	\$ 22.56	\$ 46,920
<a href="#">Upper Peninsula of Michigan nonmetropolitan area</a>	150	1.39	0.69	\$ 21.91	\$ 45,580
<a href="#">Western Washington nonmetropolitan area</a>	170	1.36	0.67	\$ 21.62	\$ 44,960

[About May 2022 National, State, Metropolitan, and Nonmetropolitan Area Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates](#)

These estimates are calculated with data collected from employers in all industry sectors, all metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and all states and the District of Columbia. The top employment and wage figures are provided above. The complete list is available in the [downloadable XLS files](#).

The percentile wage estimate is the value of a wage below which a certain percent of workers fall. The median wage is the 50th percentile wage estimate—50 percent of workers earn less than the median and 50 percent of workers earn more than the median. [More about percentile wages](#).

(1) Estimates for detailed occupations do not sum to the totals because the totals include occupations not shown separately. Estimates do not include self-employed workers.

(2) Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a "year-round, full-time" hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.

(3) The relative standard error (RSE) is a measure of the reliability of a survey statistic. The smaller the relative standard error, the more precise the estimate.

(8) Estimate not released.

(9) The location quotient is the ratio of the area concentration of occupational employment to the national average concentration. A location quotient greater than one indicates the occupation has a higher share of employment than average, and a location quotient less than one indicates the occupation is less prevalent in the area than average.

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